



Terrorist attack in Pahalgam is an attack on India's integrity
No mercy for those who kill tourists based on religion

At Meet On J&K Attack, PM Gives Forces Full Operational Freedom



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In a decisive move following the deadly terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam that left 26 people dead, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has granted the Indian armed forces full operational freedom to determine the mode, timing, and targets of retaliation, top sources confirmed on Tuesday night. The high-level meeting chaired by the Prime Minister included Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, and Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan. According to sources, the Prime Minister reiterated India's firm resolve to "deliver a crushing blow to terrorism" and expressed complete confidence in the military's capability to respond effectively. Shortly after this security huddle, Home Minister Amit Shah and RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat also visited the PM's residence, signaling the gravity of the situation and the government's united stand on national security. The Cabinet Committee on Security, which is the government's apex decision-making body on matters of national security, is set to convene again on Wednesday for the second time in a week to further assess developments. Sources revealed that the recent terror attack was carried out by The Resistance Front, a proxy of the Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba. The incident is being described as the worst since the Pulwama bombing of 2019. Back then, India had responded with airstrikes on terror camps in Balakot,

Pakistan — a similar approach is being considered now. In response to the attack, the government has already begun a series of strong diplomatic measures. These include the cancellation of visas for Pakistani nationals, barring exceptions like Pakistani Hindus and long-term residents. Over the past few days, nearly 1,000 Pakistani citizens have exited India through border checkpoints including Attari-Wagah. Additionally, India has suspended the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT), a crucial water-sharing pact signed in 1960 that allows Pakistan access to 85% of river waters. Pakistan has called this move an "act of war" and retaliated by revoking visas for Indians and putting several bilateral agreements, including the Simla Agreement, on hold. Top diplomats from countries like the US, Russia, China, Japan, and key European nations have been briefed on the evidence linking the attack to Pakistani groups. This international outreach appears aimed at building consensus and diplomatic support ahead of any potential military move. Meanwhile, tensions are escalating on the other side of the border as well. Pakistan's Defence Minister Khawaja Muhammad Asif warned that "the next few days are crucial," in comments given to a media outlet whose broadcasts have now been banned in India. With the political and military temperature rising, all eyes are now on the Indian government's next steps in what could be a defining moment in regional security.

Rs. 50 lakh aid announced for Jana Sainik Madhusudan Rao's family

Kashmir will remain an integral part of India forever

If You Love Pakistan More, Go There

Dy CM Pawan Kalyan Condemns Pahalgam Attack

TPN Correspondent | Mangalagiri

Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister and Jana Sena Party President Pawan Kalyan strongly condemned the recent terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Kashmir, labeling it an assault on India's integrity. At a memorial meeting in Mangalagiri honoring 26 victims of the attack—including active Jana Sainik Somiseti Madhusudhan Rao—he declared that terrorism must be eradicated without mercy. He emphasized that questions like "Are you Hindu or Muslim?" asked by terrorists before firing, expose the true nature of religiously motivated brutality. Pawan Kalyan fiercely criticized those in India who sympathize with Pakistan, saying, "If you love Pakistan more, go there." He

stressed that even goodness can be dangerous if it blinds us to threats like terrorism, asserting that India must take a firm, united stand. He announced a financial aid of Rs. 50 lakh from the Jana Sena Party and Rs. 5 lakh from the party's insurance fund to Madhusudhan Rao's family, in addition to the Rs. 10 lakh compensation already declared by the state government. Recounting the family's trauma, he described how Madhusudhan was gunned down in front of his wife and children after being identified as a Hindu. "Forty bullets were fired into his head," he said with anguish, criticizing excessive tolerance towards terrorists. He recalled the exodus of Kashmiri Pandits in the 90s and urged the country to learn from the past. "Hindus have only one country. If they're not safe here,

where should they go?" he asked. He declared that Jana Sena would continue to uphold national integrity and criticized pseudo-secularists for downplaying the religious motives behind the killings. Civil Supplies Minister Nadendla Manohar noted that Jana Sena was the first to declare a three-day mourning, showing solidarity through statewide silent protests and human chains. State Tourism Minister Kandula Durgesh, Government Whip in the Legislative Council Pidugu Hariprasad, Legislative Council Member Konidala Nagababu, party MLAs, executive members, constituency in-charges, Veera Mahila regional coordinators, corporation chairpersons, directors, and Jana Sainiks participated in the program.

Be Like Dhoni in Opposition: Former CM YS Jagan's Call for Performance-Driven Leadership

Former CM Directs Leaders to be Proactive and People-focused

TPN Correspondent | Tadepalli

YSRCP chief YS Jagan Mohan Reddy convened a crucial meeting with the party's district presidents On Tuesday to strategize the strengthening of YSRCP at the grassroots level. Stressing the importance of opposition duties, Jagan gave a spirited call to action, urging leaders to become more visible and effective in addressing public issues.



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CRORES MINTED IN THE NAME OF ONLINE PhD

- Students are being buried under the name of Best University.
- Thousands of people have been cheated.
- Huge amounts of money have been collected online in the name of PhD programs.
- Fake certificates are being used to scam students.
- Cases have been registered against the administrators in the Telugu states.
- Cybercrime police are hunting for the accused



TPN Correspondent | Satya Sai Dist

Are you planning to do a PhD? If you go around asking for part-time or online courses, you will be cheated. They will dupe you under the name of Best Innovation University. They will rob you and issue fake certificates. They

Nagajyoti who acts as the Vice Chancellor of BESTIU, Victims said if Nagajyoti is caught, the real masterminds behind the scam will also be exposed.

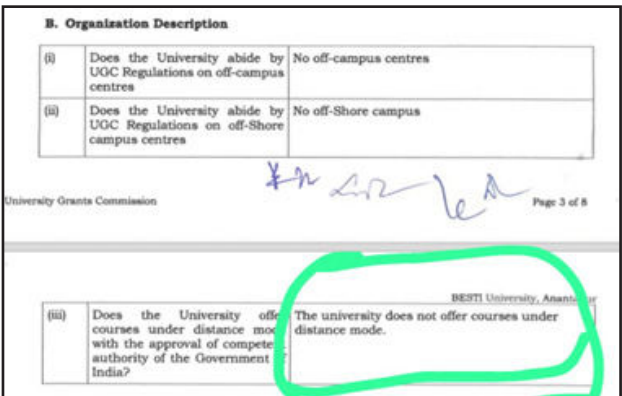


University administrators are operating with false addresses and without UGC permission.

create fake identities using the name of PhD. Thus, thousands of people in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh are being cheated and are circling police stations. Here is the evidence. Best Innovation

University made people believe it offers PhD courses. This university, which was first started in Ameerpet, became very popular in both states.

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However, once they met their targets, they shut down the operation after collecting lakhs in fees from hundreds of students. Later, they shifted the office to Nagole Moin Road and restarted the business with online classes. Behind this is a mastermind, a woman named Nagajyoti who acts as the Vice Chancellor, plays a key role. She is known for manipulating others with her words. No one is better than her when it comes to shifting offices frequently. Currently, she claims her office is in the Abacus Building next to Uppal IT Park in Nagole. But meeting her is nearly impossible. Everything is conducted online. Students receive numerous photos and videos via WhatsApp, claiming that the university has UGC certification and a license. However, there's a catch. Those who are fooled by Nagajyoti's words and spend lakhs are threatened not to post any class recordings or university-related content on social media—otherwise, they won't be given a certificate. The students, who had spent lakhs, were scared and kept this matter a secret. However, these facts have recently come to light. In reality, the organization doesn't have any legitimate office. They send someone to different locations, take a few photos, and upload them online as fake addresses. Since all the students who completed their so-called PhDs demanded certificates, the scammers had no option but to issue them. But when students applied for job promotions and government posts using these certificates, the truth was exposed. It was revealed that all those certificates were fake, the real Best Innovation University didn't have UGC approval, and that no such institutions or offices existed in the city. Importantly, a UGC Expert Committee report from April 2022 clearly stated that Best Innovation University does not offer any online or distance courses, exposing the fraud even further. Thousands of victims have now approached police stations across both Telugu states. They complained that if Nagajyoti is caught, the real masterminds behind the scam will also be exposed. Currently, police in both states are on the lookout for Nagajyoti. We must be cautious of universities that loudly advertise themselves with names like Best Innovation University, Butterfly University, and similar. Otherwise, we risk losing both money and lives to such scams. Who is behind Bestie U and Best Innovation University? How are they masterminding and deceiving people? The details of the culprits will be revealed in another article.

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Lashing out at the current government, Jagan declared that Chandrababu Naidu's administration has failed completely in sectors like education, health, and agriculture. "The so-called Red Book Constitution is being implemented in the state, and it is our responsibility to expose its failures to the people," he stated. He emphasized that each district president must take ownership of party activities in their region and not wait for top-down instructions. Comparing leadership in the opposition to a cricketer chasing a tough target, Jagan said, "Just like Dhoni shows his brilliance under pressure, our leadership skills should shine now. We must earn the people's respect through performance, not positions." He urged the district chiefs to stand by people in times of crisis and fight strongly against anti-people policies. "Do not waste this opportunity in opposition. It is the time to prove your worth and win public trust," he said, calling for swift completion of party structure formation across districts. Jagan also invoked the memory of his father, late YS Rajasekhara Reddy, saying that like his father's photo in every home, YSRCP leaders should aim to leave a lasting impact on the people through their service.

Minister Gottipati Ravi Kumar Orders Completion of Lift Irrigation Works Before Crop Season

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Power Minister Gottipati Ravi-kumar on Tuesday held a crucial meeting with Water Resources Department officials and farmers at his camp office in Tadepalli to address key issues under the Irrigation Development Corporation (IDC), with a focus on ongoing and pending lift irrigation projects in the Addanki constituency. Farmers shared their concerns and gave suggestions regarding various delays and hurdles in the execution of irrigation schemes. Minister Gottipati assured the farming community that their inputs would be taken seriously and that the government was committed to ensuring timely irrigation facilities ahead of the upcoming agricultural season. He directed officials to ensure that repair works of canals and other related tasks were carried out without inconvenience to farmers. Emphasizing the importance of timely execution, the minister



instructed immediate commencement of lift irrigation works in Thimmaipalem, Kamepalli, Tangedumilli, Kotavaripalem, Konidina, and Guntupalli regions. Taking serious note of pending works, the minister also ordered the concerned contractors to expedite the completion of lift irrigation schemes in Uppalapadu and Tammavaram. He reminded

the officials that no financial constraints exist for these projects and asked them to monitor the progress regularly to avoid delays. Minister Gottipati reiterated that the government is committed to strengthening agricultural infrastructure and that lift irrigation projects are vital to farmers in the Addanki region. He warned of strict action if timelines were not

met and instructed the department to maintain transparency and communication with local stakeholders. This high-level review reflects the state government's push to ensure irrigation readiness for farmers, aiming to reduce water scarcity and improve agricultural output across critical areas in Prakasam district.



AP Mega DSC: Relief for SC, ST, BC, Disabled Candidates

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The Andhra Pradesh government has issued a crucial order allowing SC, ST, BC, and Disabled candidates to apply for the Mega DSC-2025 with just 40 percent marks in their degree. This decision comes as a major relief for candidates who had earlier raised objections to the previously mandated 45 percent eligibility criterion. The government recently released a Mega DSC notification to fill 16,347 teacher posts across the state. Online applications began on April 20 and will be accepted until May 15. Following feedback from various sections, the state government revised its eligibility criteria, aligning the DSC requirements with those of B.Ed and TET, where 40 percent is the accepted minimum for these categories. As per the latest directive, general category candidates must still have a minimum of 50 percent marks in their degree. The revised rule now ensures inclusivity and increases the chances of qualified candidates from disadvantaged backgrounds to compete in the recruitment process. The School Education Department has already made the detailed notification available on the official website <https://apdsc.apcfss.in>. Hall tickets can be downloaded from May 30, and the examinations will be conducted from June 6 to July 6. This move is expected to significantly boost participation from marginalized communities and strengthen representation in the state's teaching sector.



Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu Reviews Irrigation Projects, Sets Strict Deadlines

- Special review on Veligonda, Polavaram, Handriniva works
- Agencies warned over slow progress and poor April targets
- Goal set: Handriniva by June 2025, others by June 2026

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

Minister for Water Resources Nimmala Ramanaidu held a key video conference from the Amaravati Secretariat on Tuesday to review the progress of major irrigation projects including Veligonda, Polavaram, Handriniva, and the Polavaram Left Canal. Top officials, including ENC M. Venkateswara Rao, Chief Engineers, Superintending Engineers, Executive Engineers, and representatives of executing agencies, participated in the meeting. Minister Nimmala, who recently inspected Handriniva and Polavaram Left Canal works, issued firm instructions to complete the first phase of the Handriniva Main Canal before the onset of the agricultural season. A sharp focus was placed on the sluggish progress of the Polavaram Left Canal, with the minister directing agencies to deploy the necessary machinery, dumpers, excavators, batching plants, and rollers to accelerate work and meet set targets.

Expressing dissatisfaction, the minister warned that strict action would be taken against both agencies and responsible officials if the works were not completed as per the timelines. He noted that while 217 meters of the Polavaram diaphragm wall had been constructed, the pace of benching and lining works in Tunnel-2 of the Veligonda project fell short of April's targets. He ordered tenders to be called within 10 days for Veligonda's feeder canal, lining, and retaining wall, instructing agencies to commence work immediately upon finalization. Nimmala emphasized that the department must work in mission mode to meet Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu's vision: completion of the Handriniva project by June 2025, and both the Polavaram Left Canal and Veligonda projects by June 2026. The minister concluded with a strong reminder that these irrigation projects are vital to the state's farmers and must be prioritized at every level.



AP Govt Extends Service for Contract Employees Until 2026

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

In a significant move to provide relief to contract employees, the Andhra Pradesh government has decided to extend the service period of contract workers across various government departments. This decision grants an additional year of service, extending their tenure until March 30, 2026. The tenure of many contract employees ended on March 31 this year. However, the government, through an order issued by the AP Finance Department Principal Secretary, Piyush Kumar, has ensured their continued service for another year. The extension, however, comes with a key condition. It will only apply to contract employees who were previously appointed with the explicit permission of the Finance Department. Employees who do not meet this criterion will not benefit from this extension. In addition, the government has clarified that any future contract appointments must be approved by the Finance Department before being finalized. This new rule mandates that no new contract workers should be hired without prior clearance from the department. This move is expected to provide stability for many contract employees and streamline future hiring processes in the state's public sector.



SC Adjourns Hearing on Avinash Reddy's Bail Cancellation to July End

- Avinash Reddy on anticipatory bail in Viveka murder case
- AP govt submits fresh report alleging witness tampering
- Supreme Court grants time to file counter, next hearing in July

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The Supreme Court has adjourned the hearing on the petition seeking cancellation of anticipatory bail granted to YSRCP MP YS Avinash Reddy in the sensational YS Vivekananda Reddy murder case. A bench headed by Chief Justice Sanjiv Khanna granted time for the filing of a counter affidavit and scheduled the next hearing for the last week of July.

Avinash Reddy's legal team requested time to respond to the additional affidavit filed by the Andhra Pradesh government, which the court accepted. However, Justice Khanna hinted that the matter may be transferred to another bench as he will demit office before the next hearing. During the proceedings, the AP government submitted a recent investigation report, accusing Avinash Reddy of influencing the probe by

allegedly fabricating a counter-case against CBI officer Ram Singh and the victim's daughter, Dr. Sunitha Reddy, along with her husband. Senior advocate Siddharth Luthra, appearing for Sunitha, argued that the incident demonstrated Avinash's attempts to obstruct justice and possibly intimidate witnesses. The court recorded the arguments and directed the matter to be listed again in July, leaving the final decision pending.

PM Modi’s Visit a Festival for AP - MP Kesineni Shivanath



TPN Correspondent | Ibrahimpatnam

Vijayawada MP Kesineni Shivanath (Chinni) has called for a grand welcome to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is set to lay the foundation stone for Amaravati’s capital reconstruction on May 2. Speaking at a coordination meeting with NDA allies at MVR Hall, Ibrahimpatnam, he stated that Modi’s arrival is like a festival for the state and a warning to those obstructing its development. Accompanied by Minister Savita and MLAs Vasanta Krishna Prasad and Aita-bathula Anand Rao, Shivanath criticized those who previously halted Amaravati’s progress and allegedly wrote to the World Bank against funding its revival. He emphasized that the central government has extended massive support to AP through projects like Polavaram, green energy, and Amaravati’s development. MLA Vasanta noted that the Mylavaram constituency stands to benefit greatly, with upcoming projects including a Sports City, Sports University, and a railway line connecting Amaravati via Damuluru. Minister Savita confirmed that PM Modi will inaugurate Rs. 1 lakh crore worth of capital works and unveil a pylon marking Amaravati’s revival. Highlighting CM Chandrababu Naidu’s efforts and Modi’s support, leaders slammed the previous YSRCP government for stalling development. They praised the farmers who gave land for Amaravati and vowed to honor their sacrifices. The proposed Greater Amaravati will integrate Vijayawada, Guntur, Mangalagiri, and Tadepalli as two corporations. The NDA leadership reiterated that the 2029 elections are crucial for AP’s future, calling for the complete defeat of the YSRCP to continue uninterrupted development. Amaravati, they affirmed, will be built into a world-class capital city with national pride.

Minister Kolusu Parthasarathy Orders Officials to Tackle Summer Woes with Urgency
TPN Correspondent | Eluru

Housing and I&PR Minister Kolusu Parthasarathy has directed officials to take strong, field-level measures to prevent drinking water shortages during the summer in Chatrai mandal under the Nuziveedu constituency. Speaking at a review meeting on Tuesday, he emphasized the importance of coordinated action among government departments, irrespective of political affiliations, to ensure the district’s development. The minister insisted that officials inspect ground realities to address issues like drinking water, employment under NREGS, and sanitation. He instructed that funds from panchayats be prioritized for drinking water and cleanliness instead of road construction. Highlighting poor waste management, he urged officials to clear garbage, control mosquitoes, and maintain canals properly. He also emphasized uninterrupted electricity supply, especially during peak summer, and called for the organization of buttermilk distribution and medical camps. In education, he stressed strict implementation of the “Matrutva Vandanam” scheme, ensuring all eligible beneficiaries are covered. Parthasarathy directed Anganwadi centers to provide Balamrutam nutritional food to children without fail. He warned that serious action would be taken against any negligence in disbursing pensions, housing benefits, or loans under SC, BC, Minority, and Kapu Corporations. The meeting was attended by MPDO Vijayalakshmi, departmental officials, and local representatives.

Assembly Committee Begins Work to Address Public Complaints - Raghu Rama Krishna Raju

- First Assembly Petition Committee meet held in Visakhapatnam
- Complaints must be routed through respective constituency MLAs
- Committee lacks power to take suo motu or direct action



TPN Correspondent | Visakhapatnam

AP Assembly Deputy Speaker Raghu Rama Krishna Raju stated that the government is committed to addressing public issues through the newly activated Legislative Assembly Petition Committee. The committee’s first meeting was held in Visakhapatnam on Tuesday under his chairmanship, with MLAs Ganta Srinivasa Rao, Vishnu Kumar Raju, Palla Srinivasa Rao, Jagannathan, and Konatala Ramakrishna participated. Speaking to the media, Deputy Speaker Raghu Rama Krishna Raju emphasized that many citizens and even legislators are unaware of how the committee functions. He clarified that this committee

has been part of the Assembly framework for several years but is now being brought into more active operation. The objective, he said, is to serve as a bridge between the public and the administration by collecting complaints routed through MLAs. He noted that the committee can forward issues to relevant officials and recommend follow-up action. However, it does not hold any direct executive authority or the power to take suo motu cognizance. Raghu Rama Krishna Raju added that despite some public petitions reaching the committee independently, only those formally submitted through elected representatives will be entertained. The Deputy Speaker said media involvement was crucial in raising

awareness about the committee’s role and procedures. He encouraged the public to approach their constituency MLAs with their grievances, who will then forward them officially to the committee for discussion. He assured that steps would be taken to enhance the effectiveness of the committee and increase public engagement with its mechanisms. The committee aims to ensure that grievances are addressed with transparency and accountability, working in coordination with government departments. The meeting marks a significant step in institutionalizing a systematic approach to public complaint redressal through legislative oversight.

Make Modi’s Visit a Grand Success: Minister Nadendla Manohar

- PM Modi to launch Amaravati reconstruction on May 2nd
- ₹10k crore sanctioned for Amaravati capital works
- 5 crore gunny bags ready for smooth paddy procurement



TPN Correspondent | Eluru

District In-charge Minister and Civil Supplies Minister Nadendla Manohar has appealed to people across Andhra Pradesh to ensure the grand success of Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s visit to Amaravati on May 2. Addressing a press conference at the government guest house in Eluru on Tuesday evening, he urged the public to participate in large numbers and

welcome the Prime Minister with respect. Manohar said PM Modi’s visit marks the formal restart of Amaravati capital reconstruction, which had been halted by the previous government. He recalled that 34,000 acres were generously donated by farmers for Amaravati, and the original foundation stone was laid by Modi himself. He emphasized that the current coalition government, under Chief

Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan, is reviving the capital with strong commitment and financial backing. The minister confirmed that the central government is providing ₹10k crore for the capital city’s development and reiterated the call for unity in welcoming the Prime Minister. Speaking on agricultural procurement, Manohar assured farmers that every grain of rice would be purchased. He noted a significant increase in paddy yield from 30–32 bags per acre earlier to 64–70 bags in some regions now. To handle this, 5 crore gunny bags have been readied. He praised the government’s prompt action in crediting payments to farmers within 24 hours of procurement, amounting to over ₹10k crore during the Rabi and Kharif seasons. The press meet was also attended by Ministers Kolusu Parthasarathy, MLAs Badeti Radhakrishnaiah, Songa Roshan Kumar, Pathsamatla Dharmaraju, and several party leaders including Housing Corporation Chairman Tatabbai and District TDP President Ganni Veeranjanyulu.

YSRCP Will Stand by Farmers in Crisis, Says Merugu Nagarjuna



TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

Bapatla District YSR Congress Party President and former minister Merugu Nagarjuna strongly criticized the state government for failing to support distressed farmers. Speaking at a media conference, Nagarjuna highlighted the dire conditions faced by rice and chilli farmers, claiming that some were even driven to suicide due to the lack of support. He stated that the government had misled chilli farmers by promising a support price which was never delivered. Referring to former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy’s visit to the chilli yard during his tenure, Nagarjuna said that YSRCP’s commitment to farmers was never limited to power, and that Jagan had also directed the party to stand with tobacco farmers facing similar struggles. “The plight of chilli farmers is beyond description. On Tuesday, rice farmers are hanging themselves. This is the ground reality,” he said. Nagarjuna accused the ruling coalition of turning a blind eye to the growing agricultural crisis and neglecting the promises made to the farming community. Reaffirming the party’s strength, he added, “The YSR Congress Party is not going anywhere. This is a vast ocean. People have unwavering faith in our leader.” He reiterated that the YSRCP, under Jagan’s guidance, would continue to fight for the welfare of the people, whether in government or opposition. The comments come amid rising farmer protests across the state and increasing criticism of the current government’s agricultural policies. Nagarjuna’s remarks reflect the YSRCP’s attempt to position itself as the voice of the farming community and maintain its grassroots support despite being out of power.

Chintamohan Holds Dharna at SV University, Slams Neelam Sanjeeva Reddy

TPN Correspondent | Tirupati

Former Union Minister and senior Congress leader Chintamohan led a dharna in front of the S.V. University administrative building on Tuesday, highlighting the injustice faced by the university’s staff and students. Addressing the media, he strongly criticized former President Neelam Sanjeeva Reddy, alleging that Reddy had betrayed Tirupati by diverting development projects elsewhere. Chintamohan accused Reddy of blocking the state’s capital from being established in Tirupati and instead giving the city “a building and a clock.” He demanded the removal of the name Neelam Sanjeeva Reddy Bhavan and proposed renaming it Tirupati Anyaya Bhavan to reflect the city’s deprivation. He further listed other stalled projects — including the international cricket stadium, Mannavaram plant, and Duggarajapatnam port — which were supposed to benefit Tirupati. Raising serious concerns about SV University’s administration, Chintamohan said that employees, including the Vice Chancellor, registrar, professors, and pensioners, had not received their salaries for the past three months. He also alleged that SC, ST, OBC, and minority students were not receiving their scholarships and mess charges on time, making it hard for them to continue their education. Taking a dig at the coalition government, he criticized their inability to support university students and questioned why basic welfare schemes were failing. He urged the Education Minister to personally meet students and their parents to understand the ground reality.

JanaSena Party Pays Tribute to Pahalgam Terror Attack Victims

Minister Nadendla Manohar expresses confidence in Centre’s response
Pawan Kalyan and Manohar attend tribute program for victims

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The JanaSena Party has condemned the recent terror attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, which resulted in the loss of several innocent lives, including that of an active party member, Somiseti Madhusudhana Rao. During a tribute program held in Mangalagiri, State Minister Nadendla Manohar expressed confidence that the Centre, under the leadership

of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, would give a strong response to the attack. Minister Manohar and JanaSena Party President, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, along with other party members, participated in the tribute event. Speaking at the occasion, Manohar highlighted the tragic death of Madhusudhana Rao, who was born into a family of ordinary banana

traders and had lived a successful life as a software engineer. His untimely death, alongside the harrowing accounts shared by his wife, deeply saddened the party members. JanaSena Party President Pawan Kalyan, who formed the party with a focus on promoting nationalism, led the party in declaring three days of mourning after the incident. In addition to the tribute programs, the party



organized a human chain to demonstrate the unity of Indians in the face of terrorism. Minister Manohar reiterated the party’s commitment to

standing together in solidarity with the victims and their families, as well as with the Indian government’s efforts to eradicate terrorism.

Capital Works to be Completed in Three Years, Says Minister Narayana

We will discuss Amaravati’s legal status with PM Modi
PM Modi to launch Rs. 43,000 crore Amaravati works on May 2
Legal status for Amaravati capital will be raised with Centre

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati
Municipal Administration Minister P. Narayana announced that the legality of Amaravati as Andhra Pradesh’s capital will be discussed with Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his visit on May 2nd. Minister Narayana stated that CM Chandrababu Naidu has directed the construction of Amaravati as an international capital and reiterated that the capital works will be completed within three years. On Tuesday, Minister Narayana inspected the arrangements for PM Modi’s visit, including the open meeting venue behind the Secretariat. He revealed that 90% of the arrangements are complete and the remaining work will be finished by tomorrow. The Prime Minister is expected to arrive in Amaravati at 3.25 PM on May 2 and will officially restart the capital’s development works. Narayana emphasized that a master plan, prepared in coordination with Singapore, envisions 365 km of trunk roads and



1,500 km of layout roads. He highlighted that work worth Rs. 41,000 crore had already started before 2019, and Rs. 5,000 crore in bills had been cleared. He blamed the previous YSRCP government for stalling progress by reversing tenders and introducing judicial previews. Minister Narayana also mentioned that Prime Minister Modi will inaugurate fresh development works worth Rs. 43,000 crore. He underscored that CM Chandrababu had in-

teracted with farmers from all 29 capital region villages and invited them to the Prime Minister’s program. The farmers reportedly appealed for a special law in Parliament to establish Amaravati as the legal capital. Narayana concluded that CM Chandrababu had instructed officials to examine all legal aspects regarding Amaravati’s status, adding that a positive decision from the Centre is expected soon.

AP Govt Signs Key Waste Management Pact With ITC and Reldon

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati
In a major step toward improving urban cleanliness and sustainability, the Andhra Pradesh government signed a key agreement on waste management with ITC and Reldon. The pact was formalized on Tuesday at the CDMA office in Tadepalli, in the presence of Swachh Andhra Corporation Chairman Komma Reddy Pattabhiram. As part of the agreement, ITC will extend its cooperation in managing

waste in 30 municipalities and corporations across the state. These include key urban centers such as Kuppam — represented by Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu — Pithapuram, Ongole, Tirupati, Kadapa, and Mangalagiri. ITC will implement its “Wellbeing Out of Waste” (WOW) program in these municipalities, aiming to boost public awareness about waste segregation and sustainable practices. In parallel, Reldon will handle electronic waste (e-waste) collec-

tion and processing. As part of a pilot initiative, Reldon will establish a dedicated e-waste collection center in Vijayawada, spread over 5,000 square feet. This center is expected to streamline the collection and proper disposal of electronic waste in the state. Officials stated that these partnerships are expected to significantly improve waste handling systems in AP’s urban areas, aligning with the state’s broader environmental and public health goals.

PM Modi to inaugurate missile test center in Krishna district on May 2nd

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Preparations are in full swing for the inauguration of the Central Government’s prestigious missile test center at Gullala Moda village in Nagayalanka mandal, Avanigadda constituency. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will formally inaugurate the center on May 2. Krishna District Collector D. Balaji and District SP R. Gangadhar Rao conducted an inspection of the center on Monday along with DRDO Project Manager Colonel Sameer Sharma.



They reviewed security and protocol arrangements and discussed the final schedule and logistics for the high-profile visit. District Collector Balaji stated that villagers and revenue officials will be allowed to attend the ceremony

as per directions from higher authorities. The center, established under the aegis of DRDO, is expected to enhance India’s strategic capabilities and contribute to advanced defense research in missile technology.

Traffic Diversions Announced Ahead of PM Modi’s Amaravati Visit

TPN Correspondent | Mangalagiri
In view of the Hon’ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s visit to Amaravati on May 2, 2025, for the foundation stone laying ceremony and public meeting, the Andhra Pradesh Police has announced extensive traffic diversions across key routes in the state to ensure smooth movement and public safety. Traffic restrictions will be enforced from 5:00 AM to 10:00 PM on the day of the visit. Heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) from Chennai to Visakhapatnam and towards Ibrahimpatnam via Vijayawada will be diverted at Throvagunta (Ongole district) via Chirala, Bapatla, Repalle, Avanigadda, Pamaru, Guduvada, and Hanuman Junction.

Vehicles from Chilakaluripet heading to Visakhapatnam must take an alternative route via Pedanandipadu, Kakumanu, Ponnur, and Penumudi Bridge. Similarly, vehicles from Guntur will be rerouted via Tenali, Vemuru, Kollur, and Avanigadda. Traffic from Gannavaram to Hyderabad is advised to go through Aagiripalli, Shobhanapuram, Ganapavaram, and Mylavaram. Vehicles from Visakhapatnam to Hyderabad should take the Nuziveedu-Mylavaram-Ibrahimpatnam route and vice versa.



Special instructions have been issued for multi-axle goods vehicles. Those traveling from Chennai to Visakhapatnam will be halted at Chilakaluripet, Ongole, and Nellore. Vehicles from Visakhapatnam to Chennai will be stopped at Hanuman Junction and Pottipadu Toll Gate. These halted vehicles will be permitted to proceed after 9:00 PM. The DGP’s office has appealed to the public to cooperate with the temporary arrangements. Media houses are also urged to widely publicize these changes for public awareness and safety.

Ministers Reviews Arrangements for PM Modi’s Amaravati Visit

Ministers and officials meet at Secretariat to discuss preparations
All arrangements to be completed by Wednesday morning
Drinking water and food arrangements for attendees emphasized

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati
Ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s visit to Amaravati on May 2, a review meeting was held at the Secretariat to finalize the arrangements. The meeting was attended by Ministers Narayana and Satya Prasad, Nodal Officer Veera Pandian, Law and Order ADG Madhusudhan Reddy, Guntur SP, NTR District Collector, and other senior officials. During the meeting, the ministers issued directives to ensure that all arrangements were completed by Wednesday morning,

emphasizing the importance of timely and efficient preparation. One of the key points of discussion was the provision of essential services for the public, with a focus on arranging adequate drinking water and food for the people attending the Prime Minister’s meeting. The review also focused on law and order measures, crowd management, and infrastructure readiness to accommodate the large number of attendees expected for the event. The officials were tasked with ensuring that all logistics, including transporta-



tion and safety measures, were properly organized for the smooth conduct of the visit. The Prime Minister’s visit is a significant event for the state, and officials have been instructed to ensure that every aspect is well-managed for a successful occasion.

Transport Employees Association Condemns Pahalgam Terror Attack

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada
The AP Transport Employees Association strongly condemned the recent terror attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, which claimed the lives of 26 innocent tourists. The attack, which took place in front of the victims’ families, has left the nation in shock, said RTO Venkateswara Rao during a tribute session held by the association at the local DTC office on Tuesday. Transport department officials and employees gathered during their lunch break to pay their respects to the martyrs. They held placards demanding an end to terrorism and prayed for peace for the victims. Venkateswara Rao expressed deep grief, stating that the brutal killings had caused immense emotional pain for the families of the victims, a pain that words could not capture. He stressed the need for strict action against the perpetrators and urged citizens to report any suspicious activity to local au-

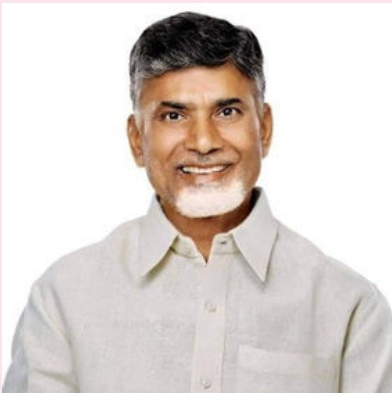
thorities. AP Transport Employees Association Zonal President M. Rajubabu expressed his outrage over the religious targeting of the victims, describing the act as a deliberate attempt to undermine national unity. He emphasized the need for a firm stance against countries supporting terrorism and stressed that no nation inciting violence should be forgiven. Rajubabu also called for solidarity among the people of India, regardless of religion, and a united front against communal violence. A two-minute silence was observed in memory of the martyrs, and well wishes were extended to those injured in the attack. Participants also expressed their gratitude to the Indian soldiers who protect the borders and face constant challenges to ensure the country’s safety. The event was attended by several association members, including Bhadrachalam (Raja) Avol Satyanarayana and others.



CM Chandrababu Hails Constable-Turned-IPS Udaya Krishna Reddy

Udaya Krishna Reddy secures AIR 350 in UPSC
Rose from constable to IPS through hard work
CM praises him for inspiring determination and grit

TPN Correspondent | Prakasam Dist
Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu lauded the inspiring success story of Udaya Krishna Reddy, a native of Ullapalem in Prakasam district, who overcame adversity to become an IPS officer.
Born into a very poor family and orphaned at a young age, Udaya Krishna Reddy was raised by his grandmother Ramanamme. Despite these hardships, he joined the police force as a constable and continued to pursue his dreams relentlessly.
His perseverance bore fruit when he secured an All India Rank of 350 in the UPSC Civil Services Examination, earning a place in the Indian Police Service (IPS).
Reacting to this remarkable achievement, CM Chandrababu Naidu praised Reddy's journey on social media, stating:



“The journey of Udaya Krishna Reddy, who rose from a constable to an IPS, proves that anything can be achieved with courage and continuous effort. The determination to achieve breaks every obstacle. It writes new history. The future belongs to those who work hard without giving up.”
The Chief Minister's message has struck a chord with many, with Reddy's story now serving as a beacon of hope and motivation for aspirants from humble backgrounds across the state.

Collector Vetriselvi Launches Sunburn Awareness Campaign in Eluru



TPN Correspondent | Eluru
Eluru District Collector K. Vetriselvi has urged citizens to take necessary precautions to prevent sunburn during the harsh summer season. On Tuesday, she unveiled a poster prepared by the Medical and Health Department at the Collectorate detailing safety measures against sunburn.
Speaking on the occasion, Collector Vetriselvi emphasized that symptoms such as headache, fatigue, sore throat, vomiting, and fever require immediate medical attention. She advised people to avoid direct exposure to sunlight and consume Oral Rehydration Solution (ORS) frequently to stay hydrated.

She also recommended that people step out only during early morning or late evening hours for essential work, while elderly individuals and children should remain indoors. If someone suffers from sunburn, they should be moved to a shaded area, their clothing loosened, and their body wiped with a wet cloth. Proper airflow and ventilation should be ensured for recovery.
NTR Arogyasri Coordinator Dr. Rajiv, District Education Officer M. Venkatalakshamma, ICDS Project Director P. Sarada, and DCPO Dr. Suryachakraveni, along with other medical and health officials, attended the program.

YCP Leader Slams MLA Madhavireddy Over Buggavanka Project Claims

TPN Correspondent | Kadapa
YCP leader and RTI District President Vellala Ramakrishna Reddy has criticized current MLA Madhavireddy for falsely claiming credit for the beautification of Buggavanka in Kadapa. Speaking at a press conference at the YCP office in Kadapa, Reddy pointed out that MLA Madhavireddy has misrepresented the efforts made to install fencing on the protective walls of Buggavanka.
Reddy emphasized that, as part of his role in the local governance, he had submitted proposals to the corporation meeting to secure the necessary funds for the project. He further noted the importance of community participation to prevent garbage, chicken waste,

and other pollutants from being dumped into Buggavanka and the canal, which was essential to reduce foul smells and prevent clogging.
He expressed displeasure over the MLA's claims of having done all the work on his own, calling it misleading. Reddy clarified that as a local corporator and YCP in-charge, he has consistently worked towards the development of his division. He added that under the YCP regime, Kadapa city had made significant progress, and it was inappropriate for the MLA to attribute all these achievements solely to himself.
Corporator Subbarayudu and several YCP leaders were present at the meeting where Reddy made these statements.



CM Naidu to Visit Nellore on May 1st, Security Tightened

Collector, SP review ASL security arrangements across key locations
CM to visit helipad, MSME Park, pension event, public platform
Rooftop surveillance, traffic control among top priorities

TPN Correspondent | Nellore
In preparation for Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu's visit to Nellore district on May 1, District Collector O. Anand and District SP G. Krishnakanth conducted a thorough review of security arrangements under the Advance Security Liaison (ASL) protocol.
The inspection covered every major point of the Chief Minister's itinerary, including the helipad, the route to various venues, the pension distribution site, MSME Park, public platform, and designated parking zones. Officials from the Intelligence Department, along with leaders and per-

sonnel from all relevant departments, joined the review to ensure coordination.
District SP Krishnakanth directed officials to implement comprehensive security measures, deploying special forces and conducting area-wise inspections. He emphasized the need for heightened surveillance on rooftops and strict regulation of traffic flow to ensure seamless movement during the CM's visit.
Collector Anand instructed officials to prepare designated parking areas to avoid congestion and to maintain constant communication for effective crowd and traffic manage-



ment.
Security teams are already in place to conduct pre-checks, and final rehearsals of the protocol are scheduled ahead

of the visit. The district administration is committed to ensuring a safe and smooth visit for the Chief Minister.

Free Sewing Machines Distributed to 75 Women with Support from Minister Nara Lokesh



TPN Correspondent | Mangalagiri
Minister Nara Lokesh's Stree Shakti Sankshema program reached a significant milestone on Tuesday, as 75 women from Mangalagiri town

and Mangalagiri Rural Mandal were provided free sewing machines and certificates. These women had successfully completed a 60-day training under the 69th batch of the program, aimed at empowering women

economically.
The sewing machines were distributed at the TDP office, MSS Bhavan, by Telugu Mahila President Arudra Bhulakshmi. Minister Nara Lokesh's initiative received heartfelt gratitude from the beneficiaries, who expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to gain self-employment.
State Telugu Women General Secretary Akula Jayasatya highlighted that the initiative would generate employment for many families in the constituency. He praised Minister Nara Lokesh for the con-

tinuous support provided to women, underscoring the coalition government's belief in economic development as the key to social progress. He also mentioned the distribution of free gas connections to 96.40 lakh women across the state.
The program was attended by several prominent leaders, including Mangalagiri Constituency Telugu Women President Arudra Bhulakshmi, General Secretary Manchikalapudi Vaishnavi, Urban Telugu Women Vice President Simhadri Baby Rani, and others.

MLA Mamidi Govinda Rao Launches Free Sewing Machine



TPN Correspondent | Srikakulam Dist
MLA Mamidi Govinda Rao inaugurated a free sewing machine training program for women at the high school in the Hiramandalam mandal center, Patapatnam constituency. The initiative, supported by the BC Finance Corporation and EWS, is designed to promote self-employment and economic empowerment for women in the region.
The 90-day training program will offer women four hours of tailoring instruction each day. After completing the course, participants will be given a sewing machine worth Rs. 24,000, enabling them to start their own businesses or engage in self-employment. MLA Govinda Rao highlighted the potential of the program to help women establish financial independence and contribute to local economic development.
During the inauguration, the MLA expressed his commitment to improving the lives of women in the community and praised the scheme's role in providing practical skills. Local NDA coalition leaders and activists also attended the event, showing strong community support for the initiative.

Huge Cannabis Seizure in Eluru District

TPN Correspondent | Eluru
A significant cannabis seizure was made by Eluru district police and the Eagle Team (Anti-Ganja Unit) during a joint operation. The action dealt a major blow to illegal drug transportation in the region.
Based on reliable information from Jangareddygudem Circle Inspector V. Krishna Babu, police and the Eagle Team conducted thorough inspections. Two suspicious vehicles were stopped at the Market Yard check post, situated on the road between Devarapalli and Tallada. Upon inspection, a large amount of ganja was found hidden in the vehicles.
Five individuals involved in the illegal transportation of the drugs were arrested. The operation was overseen by Eagle Team IG A.K. Ravi Krishna and Eluru District SP Kommi Prathapa Sivakishore, who shared the details of the operation at a media conference. The seized ganja and vehicles used for trafficking have been confiscated as part of the ongoing investigation.



MLA Vijayasri Inspects Vetagiri Palem Tank Embankment



TPN Correspondent | Vetagiri Palem
MLA Dr. Smt. Nelavala Vijayasri visited the Vetagiri Palem tank embankment on Tuesday, which had been flooded during the rainy season, causing concern among villagers. The embankment has now been fully constructed, addressing the issue temporarily. In response to requests from the local community, the MLA inspected the site to assess the situation.
Following the inspection, MLA Vijayasri assured the villagers that the matter had been brought to the attention of

the Collector. She mentioned that the RDO and Irrigation SE would be visiting soon to conduct a detailed assessment and submit their report. The MLA further assured that appropriate steps would be taken to ensure the villagers do not face any future flooding.
The inspection program was attended by MRO, Irrigation DE, Telugu Desam Party President Vemasani Srinivasulu Naidu, Sanchi Vijay, Nagen-dra Naidu, Pramillamma, Gonu Jakaraiah, Shabbir Ali, Prasad Reddy, and other local officials and villagers.



No Flood Data, New Dams: How India May Target Pak With Indus Treaty Suspension

India’s decision to suspend the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) of 1960 marks a significant escalation in its standoff with Pakistan, following the Pahalgam terror attack. The treaty, which has withstood multiple wars and decades of hostility, allocates roughly 80% of the western rivers’ waters—Indus, Jhelum, and Chenab—to Pakistan, while India retains control over the eastern rivers—Beas, Ravi, and Sutlej.

The move is a strategic blow aimed at Pakistan’s most vital resource. Referred to as Pakistan’s “jugular vein” by its Army Chief, General Asim Munir, the Indus River system sustains 80% of Pakistan’s agriculture and 25% of its GDP. India’s action may be only the first in a series of retaliatory steps, possibly including military options. In the short term, India can suspend data sharing, halt technical cooperation, and increase pressure through publicising dam projects, escalating fears in an already water-stressed Pakistan. Though India currently lacks the infrastructure to drastically divert river flows, it is positioned to accelerate dam projects on the western rivers. Projects like Pakal Dul, Ratle, Kiru, and Sawalkot on the Chenab River, as well as Kishenganga on the Jhelum, can gradually enhance India’s control. Even minor changes in storage and flow regulation can significantly impact Pakistan’s water availability during lean seasons.

India could also desilt existing dams to increase water retention and open sluice gates during monsoons to inflict sudden flood risks. In the long term, India’s expanding hydroelectric infrastructure could enable greater manipulation of river flows, further tightening the noose. Pakistan, meanwhile, faces limited retaliation options. Appeals to the World Bank or United Nations are unlikely to yield concrete results. A military response or proxy escalation in Kashmir is possible but risky. Internally, Pakistan may try to boost dam construction, but its poor water management and economic challenges hamper progress.

The IWT suspension is not an immediate attack but a slow, calculated threat to Pakistan’s water security. Unless Islamabad dismantles its jihadist networks, it risks facing an existential crisis. For now, New Delhi holds the upper hand—and the faucet.

Kerala’s Drug Crisis | A war on users, a win for cartels



Kerala’s intensifying war on drugs is fast becoming a war on users rather than the criminal networks that supply them. Recent high-profile arrests — including rapper Vedan, filmmaker Khalid Rahman, and actor Shine Tom Chacko — highlight a troubling trend: performative enforcement that prioritizes headlines over deep systemic reform. These celebrity arrests, often based on social media trails or public encounters, offer the illusion of action but fail to dent the thriving underground drug economy.

In Alappuzha, recent excise raids revealed WhatsApp chats linking prominent film industry figures to high-potency cannabis sourced from Southeast Asia. This points not just to personal use but to the growing reach of international trafficking syndicates. Rather than disrupt these networks, enforcement agencies appear to be targeting visible, easy-to-arrest users — particularly celebrities — likely because it delivers immediate public attention and political mileage. The real machinery behind synthetic drug distribution remains largely untouched, operating in the shadows of this noisy crackdown.

At the heart of the issue lies India’s outdated and flawed legal framework — the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985. Enacted under international pressure, particularly from the U.S. during Ronald Reagan’s global “War on Drugs,” the Act bypassed India’s constitutional structure. Regulation of intoxicants is a state subject under the Constitution, but the Centre used international treaty obligations to justify sweeping national laws through Article 253. This exceptional centralisation is now obsolete. The global stance has evolved. In 2020, the United Nations removed cannabis from the most dangerous category of the 1961 Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, acknowledging its therapeutic benefits and distinguishing it from deadly opioids. Yet, India clings to a legal and enforcement model frozen in the Cold War era.

Kerala’s current drug war reflects the outdated thinking embedded in this legal regime. Instead of addressing the supply chains and financial structures of drug cartels, the focus remains on spectacle — arrests of youth, celebrities, and minor offenders. Without structural reform and a pivot towards public health and supply-side enforcement, Kerala’s fight against drugs will continue to be loud but ultimately ineffective.

Is the Vatican Ready for a Black Pope?



As Catholics around the world mourn the passing of Pope Francis, the Vatican is now poised for a historic transition. With over 100 global dignitaries attending the funeral, the focus has quietly shifted to the forthcoming papal conclave—an ancient, secretive ritual where 135 cardinals under the age of 80 will gather in the Sistine Chapel to elect the next Pope. This will be the largest conclave in modern history, reflecting the truly global nature of today’s Catholic Church.

The question now reverberating within the Church and beyond is whether the world is ready for a Black Pope. While the Vatican has long been Eurocentric, Catholicism’s fastest growth has occurred in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. The Global South, particularly Africa, is now

central to the Church’s vitality, with soaring numbers of faithful and clergy alike. Yet, the papacy remains dominated by European figures.

Several African cardinals are emerging as serious contenders. Ghana’s Cardinal Peter Turkson is widely respected for his intellect and openness on social issues. Cardinal Fridolin Ambongo Besungu from the Democratic Republic of Congo has earned admiration for his leadership amid conflict. Other notable names include Cardinal Robert Sarah of Guinea and Cardinal Philippe Ouedraogo of Burkina Faso. Each brings a unique blend of theological conservatism and social engagement—reflective of Africa’s vibrant Catholicism.

While the media often frames the conclave as a battle between conservative and progressive forces, such labels rarely capture the nuanced realities of non-Western candidates. A Black Pope would not simply represent diversity; he would symbolize a shift in the Church’s spiritual center of gravity. Such an election could reaffirm Catholicism’s universality and challenge long-held assumptions of leadership.

Though tradition and internal politics may still favor a European candidate, the possibility of an African Pope feels more tangible than ever. If the conclave truly seeks to reflect the face of the global Church, the time for a Pope from the Global South—possibly Black—may well have arrived.

Why Liverpool is a great story of football romance

Where Football and the Beatles March Together

Liverpool, once a gritty maritime powerhouse, is now a city where football glory and cultural legacy walk side by side. With their latest English championship, Liverpool Football Club has once again electrified the city’s pulse, reinforcing its role as more than just a sports team—it’s a living, breathing extension of the city’s working-class soul. In Liverpool, pride flows as strongly as the Mersey, and the club truly “never walks alone.”

A walk through the Cavern Quarter, past its buzzing pubs and musical history, takes you down towards the Liverpool docks. As the wind rises off the Mersey River, your eyes are drawn to Pier Head, where four bronze figures stand frozen in time. There, John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Harrison, and Ringo Starr—Liverpool’s original global ambassadors—stroll in sculpted conversation, as if casually dreaming up their next classic hit.

The Beatles, born in the backstreets and basement clubs of this northern city, captured the imagination of the world. Yet,



their roots were always here, among the shipyards and terraced houses, where the same communities packed into Anfield on weekends to cheer for their beloved Reds.

Now, imagine rewinding the clock to the early 1960s. Three miles from the Cavern Club, in the heart of Anfield, crowds in thick coats sway to a different anthem—not just “You’ll Never Walk Alone,” but the fresh strains of “Love Me Do.” The terraces echoed with hope, rhythm,

and song, long before stadium speakers ever played pre-match tunes. Football and music merged in a distinctly Liverpoolian harmony. Today, Liverpool is a city transformed, but its spirit remains unchanged. Footballers are the new rock stars, and Anfield, like the Cavern Club before it, is a cathedral of passion. Between trophies and timeless tunes, Liverpool continues to tell the world that greatness can rise from grit, and that neither a club nor a band can ever truly walk alone here.

Waqf Stir Returns With New Strategy

After a brief pause to mourn the victims of the Pahalgam terror attack, the All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB) has resumed its nationwide “Save Waqf” campaign—but with a strategic shift in how it protests.

Instead of large-scale public demonstrations like those previously held in cities such as Patna, Hyderabad, Parbhani, and Vijayawada, the Board has now chosen to conduct its protests behind closed doors. The new approach includes meetings and protests held in stadiums and halls, a move aimed at preventing potential “unrest” and “disturbance” from unruly elements.

This revised format of protest is specifically intended for BJP-ruled States, where tensions around the amended Waqf Act have been high. The Board believes indoor gatherings are a safer and more effective way to raise awareness without risking public disorder. In contrast, in Opposition-ruled States—many of which have opposed the recent Waqf Act amendments—the AIMPLB plans to continue public rallies with large crowds.

The latest Waqf Act amendments



have stirred widespread concern within the Muslim community, particularly around the management and control of Waqf properties—land and assets historically donated for religious or charitable purposes. Protesters claim the new laws dilute community control and open doors for government interference.

Adding a symbolic element to the

campaign, the AIMPLB has now also called for a “Lights Off” protest. Supporters are being asked to switch off their lights for a specific duration as a peaceful yet powerful expression of dissent against the amended legislation.

The Board emphasizes that its primary goal remains the protection of Waqf properties and the rights of the Muslim communi-

ty. It has stressed the importance of maintaining peace during demonstrations and has urged all participants to abide by legal and non-violent means of protest.

As the Save Waqf campaign enters its next phase, the AIMPLB’s shift in strategy underscores a cautious yet determined approach in pushing back against the controversial changes to the Waqf law.



Justice BR Gavai Named 52nd CJ

Justice Bhushan Ramkrishna Gavai has been appointed as the 52nd Chief Justice of India (CJI), the Centre officially announced on Tuesday. He will assume office on May 14, a day after incumbent Chief Justice Sanjiv Khanna retires on May 13.

A notification from the Department of Justice confirmed, “In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (2) of Article 124 of the Constitution, the President is pleased to appoint Shri Justice Bhushan Ramkrishna Gavai, Judge of the Supreme Court, to be the Chief Justice of India with effect from 14th May, 2025.” President Droupadi Murmu will administer the oath at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

Justice Gavai, currently the senior-most judge of the Supreme Court, was elevated to the top court on May 24, 2019. His tenure as CJI will last just over six months, ending with his retirement on November 23, 2025.

Following convention, outgoing CJI Sanjiv Khanna had recommended Justice Gavai’s name as his successor earlier this month. While the seniority principle is typically observed in such appointments, there were exceptions in the 1970s with the appointments of Justices AN Ray and MH Beg, both of whom superseded senior colleagues.

Born on November 24, 1960, in Amravati, Maharashtra, Justice Gavai began his legal career in March 1985. He served as standing counsel for several civic bodies and worked as assistant government pleader and public prosecutor at the Nagpur Bench of the Bombay High Court. He was elevated to the High Court as an Additional Judge in 2003 and became a permanent judge in 2005.

Justice Gavai has played a key role in several major Supreme Court rulings. He was part of Constitution Benches that upheld the abrogation of Article 370, scrapped the electoral bonds scheme, and validated the 2016 demonetisation move. He also backed sub-classification within Scheduled Castes for reservations and led a Bench that ruled against demolitions without proper notice.

Delhi Moves to Regulate School Fees

The Delhi Cabinet has approved a draft bill aimed at regulating school fees in the national capital, covering all 1,677 private unaided and government-aided schools. Chief Minister Rekha Gupta announced the decision on Tuesday, highlighting growing concerns from parents about arbitrary and excessive fee hikes.

The move follows a wave of protests across Delhi, where parents staged demonstrations outside the Directorate of Education (DoE) office demanding a rollback of steep fee increases. In response, the DoE began cracking down on unaided private schools allegedly violating norms, with potential penalties including withdrawal of recognition and even takeover of school management.

At a press conference, CM Rekha Gupta revealed that the Delhi government had received a flood of complaints about misconduct in fee collection. “We realised there was no clear mechanism to monitor how schools were in-



creasing fees,” she said. District Magistrates were deployed to inspect schools, followed by official audits to assess financial practices.

The urgency to regulate came after several alarming reports surfaced. In one case, parents accused a private school in Dwarka of confining students to the library—what they called “library arrest”—to pressure families into paying the hiked fees. The school allegedly ignored orders from both the District Magistrate and local police, sparking outrage.

Earlier, in September 2024, parents at Maharaja Agrasen Model School in Pitampura protested against an 18–20% annual fee hike. They claimed the school issued School Leaving Certificates to students whose families could not pay, despite the Department of Education rejecting the proposed increase.

Another instance involved Vanasthali Public School in Mayur Vihar, which faced backlash for a 100% fee hike. Parents alleged students were struck off school rolls for non-payment, raising serious questions about the protection of the right to education.

The new bill aims to establish a formal framework for fee regulation, ensuring transparency and protecting students and parents from unjust financial demands. The Delhi government asserts that such a mechanism is vital to prevent harassment and restore trust between educational institutions and families.

PM Modi Congratulates Canada’s New PM Carney

- Modi Congratulates Canada’s New PM
- India Hopes For Better Ties
- Trudeau Era Ends With Strain
- Khalistan Backer Singh Resigns



Prime Minister Narendra Modi extended warm congratulations to Mark Carney on becoming the new Prime Minister of Canada, marking the Indian government’s first official outreach to Ottawa since a long period of strained bilateral ties under the leadership of Justin Trudeau.

In a message to Mr Carney, PM Modi said he looked forward to working together, highlighting the shared democratic values, rule of law, and vibrant people-to-people connections between the two nations. He expressed hope to strengthen the partnership and unlock new opportunities for their citizens.

This gesture comes after years of diplomatic frost. Tensions between India and Canada had significantly escalated during Trudeau’s tenure, particularly over his perceived support for extremist and separatist elements under the banner of free speech. India strongly objected to this, citing direct threats to its national security.

Relations hit rock bottom when Canadian authorities failed to act against threats faced by Indian diplomats. The situation deteriorated further after Trudeau’s government accused Indian officials of being linked to the killing of pro-Khalistan terrorists, declared some Indian

diplomats persona non grata, and triggered reciprocal expulsions from both sides. Diplomatic representation was scaled down drastically, and ties entered a deep freeze.

However, with Trudeau stepping down and Mark Carney assuming leadership of the Liberal Party, a new chapter may be beginning. Carney has previously indicated a willingness to repair ties with India, describing New Delhi as an important ally. He had promised to pursue a more balanced foreign policy if returned to power in the 2025 federal election.

The Liberal Party, now elected for a third consecutive term, will need to distance itself from Trudeau’s legacy if it hopes to rebuild relations with India. Encouragingly, Mark Carney is projected to have a stable government without relying on the support of the New Democratic Party, led by Jagmeet Singh — a known proponent of Khalistan-linked rhetoric.

In a significant political development, Jagmeet Singh resigned from his position after a major electoral defeat in his home province of British Columbia, where his party came in a distant third, marking a setback for Khalistan sympathisers in Canadian politics.

Shubhanshu Shukla Set for Spaceflight

- Shukla To Pilot Ax-4 Mission
- Launch Set For May 29
- ISRO–NASA Join For Mission
- India Returns To Space Orbit



Indian Air Force (IAF) Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla is all set to fly to the International Space Station (ISS) on May 29 as part of the Axiom Mission 4 (Ax-4), becoming the first Indian to do so. The mission, a private spaceflight organized by Axiom Space Inc, will be launched aboard a SpaceX Dragon spacecraft from NASA’s Kennedy Space Centre in Florida.

NASA confirmed that Shukla will serve as the Mission Pilot for the 14-day journey, joining a diverse international crew. Accompanying him are mission commander Peggy Whitson—a former NASA astronaut and veteran of three previous missions—Slawosz Uznanski-Wisniewski from Poland, and Tibor Kapu from Hungary.

Axiom Space announced the official launch time as 1:03 p.m. EDT (10:33 p.m. IST) on May 29. Once docked to the ISS, the crew will engage in various scientific experiments, outreach programs, and commercial activities. The mission is being jointly supported by NASA and the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), which views this as a stepping stone for its upcoming human spaceflight programs such as Gaganyaan and the Bharatiya Antariksha Station.

In an earlier interview, Union Minister of State for Science and Technology Dr. Jitendra Singh

stated that Shukla will focus on experiments related to space technology, bio-manufacturing, and bio-astronautics. These experiments are expected to offer insights critical for future long-duration space missions.

ISRO Chairman Dr. V Narayanan expressed full confidence in Shukla’s performance, describing him as an ideal candidate for India’s return to human spaceflight after four decades. The last Indian to venture into space was Wing Commander Rakesh Sharma in 1984 aboard a Soviet Soyuz spacecraft.

Peggy Whitson, who will command the mission, holds the American record for the longest cumulative time in space. For the European Space Agency, Uznanski will be the second Polish astronaut since 1978, while Kapu will be Hungary’s second astronaut since 1980.

Shukla’s participation in Ax-4 signifies India’s growing role in international space collaboration and strengthens its preparations for future indigenous space missions. The event will mark a historic moment for Indian space exploration and global cooperation in space science.



Mark Carney's Liberals Win Tight Canada Election

Liberals Secure Fourth Term After Defined By Trump's Threats

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Prime Minister Mark Carney's Liberal Party secured victory in Canada's federal election on April 28, 2025, marking a dramatic political comeback fueled by rising nationalism in the face of U.S. President Donald Trump's escalating threats. Though it remains uncertain whether the Liberals have won an outright majority in the 343-seat Parliament, they have clearly outpaced the Conservatives to earn a fourth consecutive term in office.

The Liberals were once headed for defeat, but Trump's provocative rhetoric — including threats to annex Canada and impose sweeping tariffs — shifted the political landscape. His remarks sparked outrage across Canada and unified voters around Carney, a former central banker who replaced Justin Trudeau after the former prime minister's resignation.

"We were dead and buried in December. Now we are going to form a government," said former Justice Minister David Lametti. Many credit Carney's leadership and Trump's interference for the unexpected reversal.

The Conservative leader, Pierre Poilievre, had hoped to make the election a referendum on Trudeau's decade in power, marked by inflation and housing costs. But Poilievre's Trump-like tone ultimately backfired. Trump's online provocations on election day — suggesting Canada should become the 51st U.S. state — reinforced fears of American interference.

Voter turnout was historic, with a record 7.3 million Canadians voting early. Many said they were motivated by Trump's aggressive behavior. "He sounds like mini-Trump to me," said Toronto voter Reid Warren of Poilievre. Historian Robert Bothwell bluntly observed, "Trump talking is not good for the Conservatives."

Despite the win, Carney faces major hurdles. If the Liberals fall short of a majority, they may need support from smaller parties like the separatist Bloc Québécois, as the New Democrats suffered losses and their leader Jagmeet Singh announced his resignation.

Canada's trade-heavy economy remains vulnerable to Trump's tariffs. Carney has pledged that all revenue from counter-tariffs will aid affected Canadian workers. He also promised tax cuts, expanded dental care, and increased funding for public broadcasting — policies aimed at stabilizing a country shaken by foreign pressure and internal challenges.

Pakistan Prepares Legal Challenge Against India Over Indus Waters Treaty Suspension

TPN Correspondent | Islamabad

Pakistan is preparing to launch international legal proceedings in response to India's suspension of the 1960 Indus Waters Treaty (IWT), a move triggered by a deadly terror attack in Indian-administered Kashmir. Aqeel Malik, Pakistan's Minister of State for Law and Justice, told Reuters that Islamabad is finalizing at least three legal avenues, including approaching the World Bank, the Permanent Court of Arbitration, and the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in The Hague.

"Legal strategy consultations are almost complete," Malik said, noting that a final decision on which forums to approach would be made soon. He added that Pakistan may pursue more than one legal route simultaneously, asserting that India's unilateral suspension of the treaty constitutes a breach of international law, including the 1960 Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties.

India last week announced it would halt its obligations under the World Bank-brokered IWT until Pakistan "credibly and irrevocably" ends its



support for cross-border terrorism. The move followed a terror attack in Pahalgam, Kashmir, which left 26 dead. India alleges that at least two of the three attackers were Pakistani nationals, a claim Islamabad strongly denies.

The Indus Waters Treaty governs the allocation of water from the Indus River and its tributaries, with Pakistan receiving the bulk of the water from the western rivers — Indus, Jhelum, and Chenab — which are crucial to its agriculture and hydro-

power. Despite multiple wars and ongoing hostility, the treaty had been respected by both sides for over six decades.

Pakistan's government has also suspended all trade with India and closed its airspace to Indian aircraft. Officials say diplomatic measures, including raising the issue at the United Nations Security Council, are also under consideration. Malik emphasized, "The treaty cannot be suspended unilaterally. There is no such provision within the treaty."

"Having A Lot Of Fun": Donald Trump On Completing 100 Days In Second Term

TPN Correspondent | Washington

After 100 days of political chaos and economic uncertainty that have sent his approval ratings into freefall, President Donald Trump is returning to familiar territory: a campaign-style rally in Michigan, the battleground state that helped secure his re-election. As his second term reaches this symbolic milestone, Trump hopes to revive the fervor of his base and reassert control over a presidency increasingly marked by unpredictability.

Speaking to The Atlantic, Trump reflected on the difference between his two terms. "The first time, I had to run the country and survive—I had all these crooked guys," he said, referring to former advisors he has since purged. "This time, I run the country and the world," he added boastfully. "I'm having a lot of fun."

Many of his loyal supporters remain steadfast. "He knows what he's doing," said Karen Miner, a wine shop owner in Nevada. "So far, I'm satisfied," added Frank Tuoti, a retired machinist in New Hampshire, though he admitted tariffs made him "a little concerned about the economy."

Trump's administration is now dominated by loyalists, giving him unchecked freedom to act on tariffs, foreign policy, and political retaliation. His press secretary, Karoline Leavitt, announced that the administra-



tion's latest focus would be on economic issues, while Tom Homan, overseeing the administration's hardline deportation policies, praised Trump's leadership as unmatched.

In a striking symbolic move, Trump removed a portrait of Barack Obama from the White House to replace it with a painting of himself surviving an assassination attempt. His Oval Office now gleams with golden ornaments, reflecting his signature taste.

Having signed over 140 executive orders, Trump has rolled back environmental pro-

tections, questioned birthright citizenship, attacked educational institutions, and empowered allies like Elon Musk to dismantle parts of the federal bureaucracy. Many of these orders face legal challenges, placing the executive branch in ongoing confrontation with the judiciary. Polls reflect growing disapproval. A recent Washington Post-ABC News survey found only 39% approve of his presidency, with 64% believing he is overreaching his powers. Despite his bluster, even Trump concedes some promises—like ending the Ukraine war in 24 hours—were said "in jest."

"Disappointed": Pro-Khalistan Leader Jagmeet Singh Loses Canada Polls, Quits As Party Leader



TPN Correspondent | Saskatoon

Jagmeet Singh, the leader of the New Democratic Party (NDP) and a known pro-Khalistan advocate, resigned on Tuesday after a disappointing defeat in Canada's federal elections. Singh, who was aiming for a third term, lost his Burnaby Central seat in British Columbia to Liberal candidate Wade Chang. While Singh garnered around 27% of the votes, Chang secured over 40%, marking a signif-

icant loss for the NDP. Under Singh's leadership, the NDP saw a steep decline in support, and the party appeared poised to lose its national status, which requires winning at least 12 seats. In a series of posts on X, Singh expressed his disappointment but remained hopeful about the party's future. He said, "I know this night is disappointing for New Democrats. But we are only defeated when we believe those that tell us we can never dream of a better Canada." Singh, who be-

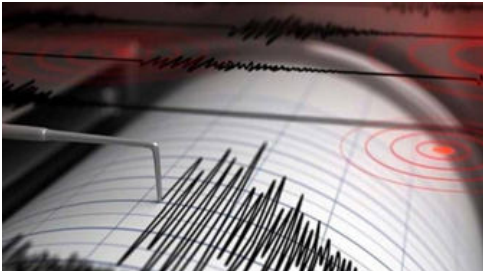
came NDP leader in 2017, urged his supporters to continue the fight for a better country. The 46-year-old leader reflected on the Sikh teaching of "Chardi Kala" (rising spirits), which he said kept him optimistic despite the loss. "Optimism over struggle. This is the spirit I carry tonight," he stated.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Mark Carney's Liberal Party, while retaining power, fell short of securing a majority government. The Liberals were leading or had won 164 seats, while the Conservatives trailed with 147 seats. The Liberals needed 172 seats for a majority but were still expected to form the next government, though they may need support from smaller parties to govern.

Carney, who replaced Justin Trudeau as prime minister amid a tariff war with U.S. President Donald Trump, had never held elected office before but previously served as the central bank governor in Canada and the UK. Conservative leader Pierre Poilievre, although falling short of the prime minister's office, was set to lead a strong opposition.

Twin Earthquakes Strike Near New Zealand, No Tsunami Warning Issued

A powerful 6.2-magnitude earthquake struck off the west coast of New Zealand early Tuesday morning, according to the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS). The quake occurred shortly after 1 a.m. local time and was centered about 300 kilometers southwest of Invercargill, at a shallow depth of 10 kilometers beneath the sea.



New Zealand monitoring agencies described the tremor as moderate, and there were no immediate reports of injuries or damage. Authorities confirmed that no tsunami warning was issued following the event.

The initial quake was soon followed by a second, stronger earthquake in the broader region. The USGS reported a 6.8-magnitude tremor in the Macquarie Island region, located over 1,200 kilometers northeast of Invercargill. This second earthquake struck at an even shallower depth—less than five kilometers beneath the ocean floor.

The twin tremors serve as a reminder of New Zealand's location along the seismically active "Ring of Fire," a horseshoe-shaped zone encircling the Pacific Ocean known for its frequent earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. This tectonic boundary is responsible

for nearly 90% of the world's seismic activity.

Though both earthquakes were considered strong by geological standards, the lack of significant structural damage or casualties appears to be due to their offshore locations and the sparsely populated areas nearby.

Emergency services remain on alert as aftershocks are a possibility. Officials have urged residents, especially those in coastal areas, to remain cautious and report any unusual land movements or damage to infrastructure. New Zealand is no stranger to seismic activity. The country experiences thousands of earthquakes each year, although only a small fraction are felt by the population. The most devastating in recent memory was the 2011 Christchurch earthquake, which claimed 185 lives and caused widespread destruction.

Markets Stay Range-Bound Amid Caution Ahead of Cabinet Meet; IT & Defense Stocks Shine

Domestic stock markets moved in a range on Wednesday. They ended flat. The reasons for this are mixed signals from global markets and the lack of any triggers to increase momentum. Investors remained cautious as the Union Cabinet Committee will meet tomorrow on India-Pakistan border tensions. IT, consumption, oil and defense stocks rose. Profit booking was seen in the rest. Overall, Nifty 7 and Sensex gained 70 points. For now, it is better to adopt the buy-on-dips approach.



The BSE Sensex, which closed at 80,218 in the previous session, opened at 80,396 on Tuesday. It touched an intraday low of 80,122. It reached an intraday high of 80,661. It finally closed at 80,288 with a gain of 70 points. The NSE Nifty, which opened at 24,370, touched a low of 24,290 and a high of 24,457. It closed at 24,335, up 7 points. The Nifty Bank fell 41 points to settle at 55,391.

In the Nifty50, 18 companies gained while 31 lost. Trent, BEL, Tech Mahindra, Reliance, Eternal were the top gainers. Sun Pharma, Ultratech Sem, Coalindia, ONGC, Dr. Reddy's lost the most. Today, IT, consumption, telecom, oil, and finance stocks rebounded. Pharma, metal, healthcare, media, FMCG, realty, auto, private bank, and PSU bank indices were mixed.

Today, the market breadth in NSE turned in favor of sellers. A total of 2933 shares were traded, of which 1365 rose. 1478 fell. 33 shares touched their 52-week high and 17 touched their 52-week low. 78 reached the upper circuit and 46 reached the lower circuit.

BPCL released its Q4 results today. Net profit fell by 30.9% to Rs. 3214 crore from Rs. 4649 crore. The rupee weakened by 22 paise to settle at 85.25 against the dollar. Trent revenue grew by 28.8% to Rs. 4,106 crore. Net profit is Rs. 354 crore. In the wake of the cabinet committee meeting tomorrow, shares of Paras Defense, BEL and other defense companies rose by 14% in two days. Morgan Stanley has given an overweight rating to PNB Housing with a target price of Rs 1350. Maharashtra Cabinet has approved the new EV policy. 86 lakh shares



changed hands in IDFC First Bank. 18 lakh shares changed hands in ITC. Ambuja Cement's net profit fell 55% to Rs 956 crore. Ather Energy IPO received a response of 0.25 times by the afternoon of the second day. 10 lakh shares changed hands in Infosys.

1. Tech Mahindra

Tech Mahindra's stock has shown resilience, maintaining stability amid market fluctuations. Analysts from Nomura have reiterated a 'Buy' rating, setting a target price of ₹1,630, indicating confidence in the company's growth trajectory.



2. Reliance Industries

Reliance Industries witnessed a significant surge, with its shares climbing up to 3.4% following robust Q4 earnings. The company's telecom and retail segments outperformed expectations, leading to positive analyst revisions. Jefferies highlighted potential tariff hikes and a possible listing of the telecom arm as future growth catalysts.



3. Infosys

Infosys has maintained a steady performance, reflecting



stability in its operations. The company's consistent delivery and strategic initiatives continue to instill investor confidence.

4. IndusInd Bank

IndusInd Bank faced challenges following the resignation of its CEO and Deputy CEO due to accounting discrepancies in its derivatives portfolio. The bank's shares have declined by approximately 8% since the disclosure. However, the institution is taking corrective measures, including appointing interim leadership and initiating external investigations to restore stakeholder trust.



5. HDFC Life

HDFC Life's stock experienced a slight decline, closing at ₹606.1, down 2.72% from the previous session. Despite this, analysts maintain a 'Buy' rating with a median target price of ₹807, suggesting a potential upside of over 33%. The company's strong revenue growth over the past three years underscores its robust business model.



Gold Prices Rebound but Remain Below Rs 1 Lakh Mark Amid Global Uncertainties



Gold prices rebounded after a brief dip on Tuesday morning, April 29, 2025. However, the yellow metal is still trading below the Rs 1 lakh mark, with 22-carat gold priced at Rs 89,800 per 10 grams in Mumbai, while 24-carat gold is priced at Rs 97,970 per 20 grams.

Gold prices had surged in recent months, fueled by global economic uncertainties and fears of a U.S. recession, crossing the Rs 1 lakh mark earlier. However, in the past couple of days, prices have dropped slightly due to profit-taking and renewed interest in the U.S. dollar, according to Satish Dondapati, Fund Manager at Kotak Mahindra AMC.

Dondapati explained that short-term gold prices will be influenced by upcoming economic data, including U.S. inflation and employment figures, which will impact the Federal Reserve's decision on interest rates. While the short-term outlook is uncertain, the long-term outlook for gold remains bullish, supported by strong central bank purchases and ongoing geopolitical uncertainties. Silver, too, has shown resilience due to industrial demand and its appeal as a safe-haven investment, with a continued upward trend expected for silver prices.

Here's a breakdown of gold prices across key cities in India (April 29, 2025):

Delhi: 22K Gold - Rs 89,950, 24K Gold - Rs 98,120
Jaipur: 22K Gold - Rs 89,950, 24K Gold - Rs 98,120
Ahmedabad: 22K Gold - Rs 89,850, 24K Gold - Rs 98,020
Patna: 22K Gold - Rs 89,850, 24K Gold - Rs 98,020
Mumbai: 22K Gold - Rs 89,800, 24K Gold - Rs 97,970
Hyderabad: 22K Gold - Rs 89,800, 24K Gold - Rs 97,970
Chennai: 22K Gold - Rs 89,800, 24K Gold - Rs 97,970
Bengaluru: 22K Gold - Rs 89,800, 24K Gold - Rs 97,970
Kolkata: 22K Gold - Rs 89,800, 24K Gold - Rs 97,970

Meanwhile, silver remained steady above the Rs 1 lakh level, trading at Rs 1,00,500 per kg in Mumbai.

Gold prices in India are influenced by international market trends, import duties, taxes, and fluctuations in exchange rates. The precious metal remains a key financial and cultural asset in India, with its role in celebrations, particularly weddings and festivals, making it a popular investment choice.

Industrial Growth Slows to 3% in March 2025, Consumer Non-Durables Drag Overall Output

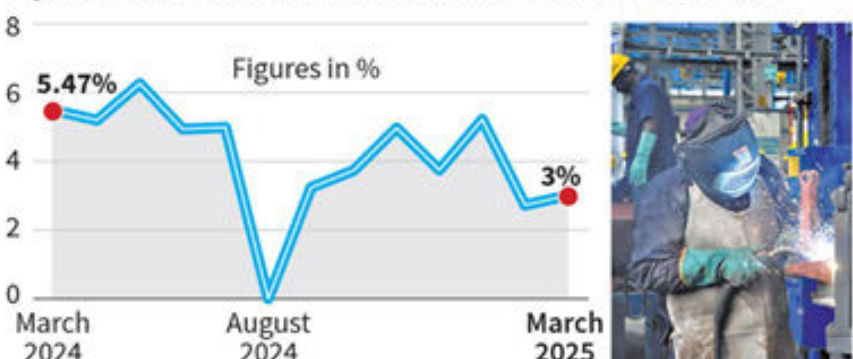
India's Index of Industrial Production (IIP) grew 3% in March 2025, driven by a surge in electricity demand and steady growth in manufacturing, according to data released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. However, the figure fell short of Reuters' forecast of 3.3% and reflects broader concerns about industrial momentum.

Electricity production recorded a strong 6.3% growth, a sharp rise from 3.6% in February, largely attributed to increased power demand due to rising temperatures. Manufacturing output also picked up, registering a 3% increase in March compared to 2.7% in the previous month, indicating improved factory activity. In contrast, the mining and quarrying sector showed signs of fatigue, slowing to 0.4% growth, down from 1.6% in February.

In the use-based classification, sectors related to consumption and infrastructure led the recovery. Consumer durables output grew by 6.6%, nearly doubling from 3.7% in February. Construction goods surged 8.8%, up from 6.8% the previous month, reflecting continued strength in infrastructure activity.

Primary goods and intermediate goods also posted marginally stronger growth at 3.1%

India's Index of Industrial Production (IIP) grew 3% in March, a gain from its six-month low of 2.7% recorded last month



and 2.3%, respectively. However, consumer non-durables remained a significant drag, contracting 4.7% in March, deepening the decline from February and marking the second straight quarter of shrinkage. Capital goods output, a proxy for investment sentiment, grew at a slower 2.4%, down sharply from 8.1% in February.

On an annual basis, IIP growth slowed to 4% for the fiscal year ending March 2025 — the slowest in four years. While consumer durables output rose 8% in 2024–25 compared to 3% the previous year, it was offset by a 1.6% contraction in consumer non-durables, the first annual decline in four years.

Experts caution that while domestic factors such as strong power demand and infrastructure spending offer support, global uncertainties and weak export demand could continue to weigh on industrial performance in the coming quarters.

Paytm's Subsidiary Faces GST Show-Cause Notice, Potential Liability of Rs 5,712 Crore

Paytm's parent company, One97 Communications Ltd (OCL), has announced that its subsidiary, First Games Technology Private Limited, received a show-cause notice (SCN) from the Directorate General of GST Intelligence (DGGI) on April 28, 2025. The notice pertains to an ongoing Goods and Services Tax (GST) dispute that has been under review across the online gaming industry for the past 18 months.

The DGGI has argued that GST should be levied at 28% on the total entry amount in online gaming, rather than the current 18% GST applied on platform fees or revenue earned by gaming companies. Paytm highlighted in its stock exchange filing that this issue is widespread within the industry, with several other online gaming operators having received similar notices in the past.

Currently, this matter is pending before the Supreme Court, which has granted interim relief by staying the proceedings on previously issued notices after hearing writ petitions filed by multiple gaming companies. In its filing, Paytm confirmed that First Games plans to file a writ petition challenging the SCN, citing legal grounds such as the retrospective application of the GST amendment made on October 1, 2023, and the interpretation of GST regulations before the amendment. The petition will seek interim relief, in line with relief granted to other gaming operators.



The SCN issued to First Games suggests a potential GST liability of Rs 5,712 crore, including applicable interest and penalties, for the period from January 2018 to March 2023. However, Paytm reassured investors that this issue does not affect its operations or activities.

Paytm clarified that First Games is treated as a joint venture for group consolidation under applicable accounting standards, and its revenues are not consolidated with OCL. The subsidiary contributed less than 1% to Paytm's consolidated profit or loss for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024. Additionally, the carrying value of Paytm's investment in First Games was nil as of March 31, 2024. As of December 31, 2024, OCL's financial exposure to First Games was approximately Rs 225 crore, primarily in the form of a shareholder loan.

Man Becomes Richest for Two Minutes

In 2013, Chris Reynolds, an ordinary resident of the United States, experienced something most people can only dream of. One morning, he logged into his PayPal account and was shocked to find a balance of \$92 quadrillion—briefly making him the richest person in history.



This figure was not just impressive—it was unbelievable. At that time, Carlos Slim held the title of the world's richest man, but even his wealth was minuscule in comparison. In fact, Chris's accidental fortune was one million times greater than Slim's net worth. Even today's financial giants like Elon Musk or Bernard Arnault wouldn't come close to that kind of money.

Naturally, such an amount was the result of a technical error. PayPal quickly realized the mistake and corrected it within two minutes. Just as suddenly as he had become the wealthiest man alive, Chris was back to his normal financial status.

When asked about the experience, Chris remained good-humored and grounded. He said that if he had actually received the money, he would have paid off the national debt. His light-hearted response showed that while the incident was surreal, he never took the moment too seriously.

This strange yet fascinating event quickly spread through news outlets and social media, amusing

people worldwide. It sparked conversations about wealth, technology, and how unpredictable life can be—even in the most ordinary moments.

Chris Reynolds's brief claim to fame serves as a reminder that life can throw the most unexpected surprises our way. But it also shows how fleeting such moments can be, especially when they're based on errors rather than effort. While most people fantasize about suddenly becoming rich, Chris's story reminds us that real satisfaction often lies not in imaginary wealth but in simple, everyday living.

In the end, Chris went back to his routine life, but with a remarkable story that still fascinates people years later—a two-minute journey to unimaginable riches that vanished as quickly as it appeared.

No Discount for South Asian Shoppers

A store in Istanbul, Turkey, has gone viral after a peculiar and direct sign targeting South Asian shoppers was spotted and shared online. The notice, placed inside the shop near the counter, read, "India, Pakistan and Bangladesh brothers, please don't ask for a discount."



The sign quickly caught the attention of social media users after being featured in a short Instagram reel uploaded on April 22. In the video, the camera moves through the shop before focusing on the bold sign. A caption on the clip stated, "I spotted a 'no discount' notice specifically for South Asian people in Istanbul."

The message humorously addressed a common stereotype—that customers from South Asian countries are known for bargaining and asking for discounts while shopping. With over 3 million views, the reel has sparked a wave of reactions, ranging from laughter to light criticism.

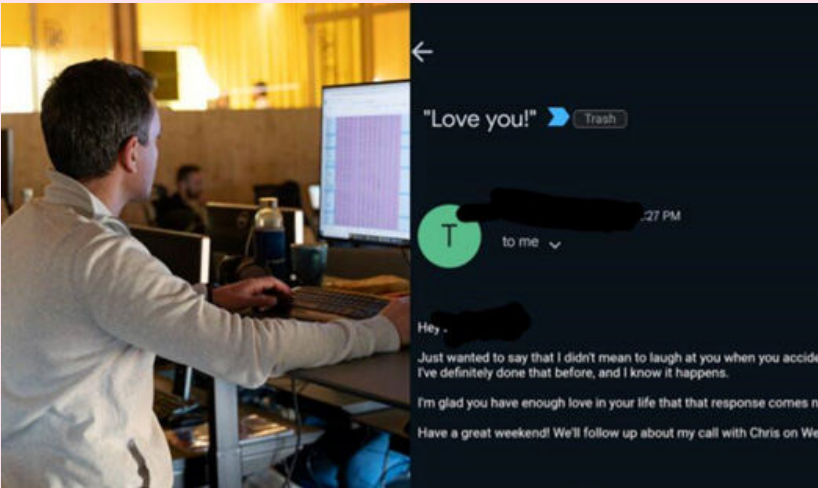
Many users responded with witty comments, embracing the stereotype in good humor. Some users from India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh joked that the sign wouldn't stop them from trying their luck at bargain-

ing. Others praised the store owner's honesty and creativity in handling a frequent situation with a touch of humor. The incident has opened up broader conversations about cultural norms, customer behavior, and how humor can be used in marketing. It also highlighted how a simple signboard, when shared online, can resonate across borders and spark millions of views and discussions.

This Istanbul store's notice may not offer any discounts, but it certainly succeeded in drawing global attention and providing a dose of entertainment. The viral moment reminds us how everyday interactions can become topics of international curiosity in the age of social media.

Employee Says 'Love You' to Client

Workplaces are often governed by professionalism, especially in corporate environments filled with calls, emails, and meetings. However, human emotions can slip through unexpectedly. A recent Reddit post has gone viral after an employee accidentally said "Love you" at the end of a call with an important client—leading to a surprisingly heartwarming exchange.



The employee shared their experience online, writing, "Accidentally said 'Love you!' at the end of a call with an important client yesterday. I heard him giggle as I hung up, and I was mortified. Today, I saw he emailed me this," followed by a screenshot of the client's response. The post, accompanied by the client's thoughtful reply, left internet users amused and touched. Many praised the client's emotional intelligence and kindness. Some users shared their own awkward but similar moments, particularly while working from home.

One commenter wrote, "Happens more if you are working from home, and your

wife/partner and kids are floating about. 99 per cent of people think it's funny or say they've done it too." Another added, "That was incredibly kind to break the ice and give such encouraging words."

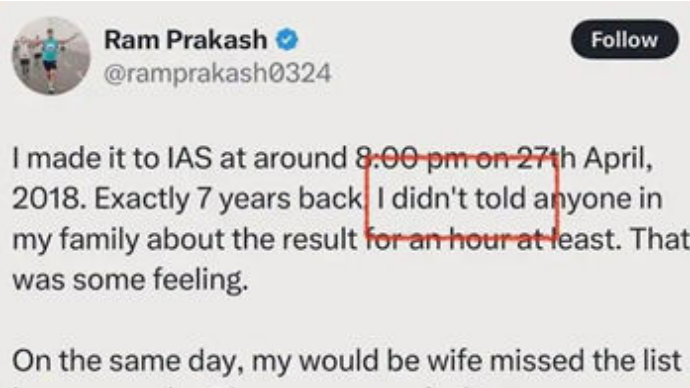
Others recalled their own experiences with accidental affectionate sign-offs during professional calls. One shared, "I told my supervisor I loved her at the end of our weekly touchpoint call—she chuckled and said she loved me too."

What began as an embarrassing slip turned into a wholesome moment, proving how empathy and humor can turn even awkward mistakes into stories that bring smiles to many.

IAS Officer Mocked for Grammar Error

An IAS officer's emotional social media post about clearing the UPSC exam has gone viral for an unexpected reason—an English grammar error. Ram Prakash, who cleared the exam on April 27, 2018, shared his memories on X (formerly Twitter), recalling the moment he found out about his result. However, instead of admiration, the post drew attention for a mistake in phrasing. His tweet read, "I made it to IAS at around 8:00 pm on 27th April 2018. Exactly 7 years back. I didn't told anyone in my family about the result for an hour at least. That was some feeling." The phrase "I didn't told anyone" quickly triggered reactions, with users correcting him and highlighting the incorrect verb usage.

One user replied with the correction: "I didn't tell," to which Ram Prakash simply acknowledged, "OK, my mistake." But the story didn't end there. A user posted a screenshot of the tweet, writing, "I know that English isn't our primary language, but if this is the level of IAS officers of our country, then I've zero hopes." This sparked a flood of responses online. Some criticized the officer, questioning the standards of top civil servants, while many others came to his defense. "He's an IAS officer, not an English teacher," one user responded, adding that English isn't a measure of intelligence or adminis-



trative capability.

Others pointed out that UPSC exams can be taken in regional languages and that fluency in English shouldn't overshadow a person's competence. A user wrote, "I've met terrible people who speak perfect English. That's no yardstick for being a great human or officer." The post, which has now crossed over 8 lakh views, has ignited a broader debate on language elitism and how social media reacts to small slip-ups. While some believe public figures must be cautious with language, others argue empathy and intent matter more than grammar in real leadership.

Siri Delayed, iPhone Gets AI Backup

Apple's Siri AI upgrade may be delayed until 2026, but iPhone users don't have to wait for smarter voice assistance. Third-party apps like Perplexity are stepping in to fill the gap, offering advanced AI-powered features already available for download.



Perplexity, a notable ChatGPT competitor, now provides iPhone users with a free voice assistant through its app on the App Store. Once installed, users can sign in using their Apple or Google accounts to activate the assistant. This AI tool goes beyond the basic tasks handled by Siri, offering a more intuitive and responsive experience.

The assistant can handle everyday tasks such as setting reminders, scheduling calendar events, and playing music. With the necessary permissions, it can also access the iPhone's calendar and show upcoming events, making it easier for users to manage their schedules.

Unlike Siri, which often requires specific voice commands, Perplexity allows for more natural conversation. Users can ask for directions or information without using rigid phrases. The app adapts to user behavior, becoming more efficient over time.

While some system-level features remain exclu-

sive to Siri due to Apple's platform restrictions, Perplexity offers a compelling alternative. It delivers much of the AI functionality iPhone users have been anticipating without the wait.

Google's Gemini app is another AI option, but its full Live feature is currently limited to Android users, giving Perplexity an advantage on iOS.

Apple had promised fast-paced AI innovation with the launch of the iPhone 16 series, but those features have yet to materialize. Frustrated consumers have even filed lawsuits, claiming the company misled them with advertisements for unavailable features.

Reckless Bike Stunt on Expressway Goes Viral

A viral video showing a man performing a dangerous stunt on the Delhi-Gurugram Expressway has sparked concern, leading to an ongoing police investigation. The footage captures the man attempting a stunt by standing on his moving motorcycle amidst heavy traffic. As he tries to sit back down, he loses his balance and falls off the bike. In a shocking twist, the bike continues moving, crashing into a car ahead of it.



This reckless act not only put the rider's life at risk but also endangered the lives of other road users. The video quickly gained traction on social media, drawing attention to the growing issue of dangerous stunts being performed for online fame. Sandeep Kumar, a spokesperson for the Gurugram Police, confirmed that their social media monitor-

ing team is looking into the video. "The investigation into the viral video is underway. We are working to identify the individual involved. Further action will follow once the youth is identified," Kumar stated in an official update. Authorities have urged citizens to report any similar activities to the nearest police station or through official online platforms. The Gurugram Police have assured the public that strict actions will be taken to deter similar stunts in the future.

Sunil Narine’s 3–Wicket Blitz Shatters DC’s Resistance

KKR keep playoff hopes alive

Sunil Narine produced a game-changing spell to script Kolkata Knight Riders’ (KKR) come-back win over Delhi Capitals (DC) in their IPL 2025 clash, taking three key wickets in just two overs. His strikes — removing Axar Patel, Tristan Stubbs and Faf du Plessis — helped KKR halt DC’s momentum at a crucial juncture, ensuring a 56-run victory at Eden Gardens.

Defending a solid 204/9, KKR were under pressure as DC seemed on course at 121/3 with Faf du Plessis anchoring the innings. However, Narine’s spell turned the game on its head. Faf, who struck a brilliant 62, was castled trying to accelerate further. Axar Patel, who fought through pain to score 37, was also undone by Narine’s variations.

After Narine’s breakthroughs, the rest of the DC line-up crumbled under pressure. Ashutosh Sharma and Vipraj Nigam were at the crease with the score at 148/6 after 16 overs, but Ashutosh’s early dismissal afterward ensured KKR’s path to a much-needed win.

Earlier, KKR posted 204/9 thanks to a collective batting effort. Despite losing wickets at regular intervals, crucial contributions throughout the order gave them a strong total to defend. Ajinkya Rahane, captaining the side, handed the new



ball to Anukul Roy, who immediately delivered by dismissing Abishek Porel in the opening over.

The win comes at a critical time for KKR, who had suffered a string of defeats leading up to this must-win encounter. With this result, they have kept their playoff hopes alive and re-entered the competition with renewed confidence.

CSK Hope To End Slump Against Inconsistent PBKS At Chepauk

With their playoff hopes hanging by a thread, five-time IPL champions Chennai Super Kings (CSK) will be desperate to salvage pride and keep faint qualification dreams alive as they take on Punjab Kings (PBKS) at Chepauk on Wednesday. CSK, currently bottom of the points table with just two wins in nine matches, are facing a must-win scenario for the rest of the season.

In contrast, PBKS, who have managed five wins from nine games, are placed fifth and eyeing a move up the table with a win over the struggling yellow brigade. However, inconsistency has plagued Punjab too, making this a crucial clash for both sides.

One of the most alarming aspects of CSK’s campaign has been their failure to dominate at home. Chepauk, long considered their fortress, has not offered the advantage the team is known for exploiting. Even Mahendra Singh Dhoni, who resumed captaincy after Ruturaj Gaikwad was sidelined due to injury, has admitted to the team’s struggles.

“If you see the powerplay, whether it was the combination or the conditions, we are struggling with both bat and ball,” Dhoni said after their last defeat, reflecting the current mood in the camp.

One of the most exciting aspects of the upcoming CSK vs PBKS clash will be the individual match-ups that could shape the outcome of the game. Ayush Mhatre, who made a promising debut, will be tested by



Arshdeep Singh’s swing and pace in the powerplay. In the middle overs, fireworks are expected when Shivam Dube, CSK’s explosive batter, faces PBKS’s in-form spinner Yuzvendra Chahal. At the top of PBKS’s batting order, Priyansh Arya and Prabhsimran Singh have been consistent, and CSK will rely on left-arm pacer Khaleel Ahmed to strike early.

Despite being 43, Dhoni has shown glimpses of his finishing prowess, but the team’s overall composition continues to falter. CSK have struggled to find form in key players like Rachin Ravindra, Ravindra Jadeja, Ashwin, and Pathirana. The poor run of form of Vijay Shankar, Deepak Hooda, and Rahul Tripathi has further hurt their cause.

PBKS, on the other hand, appear more balanced with Marco Jansen providing all-round options and Arshdeep and Chahal leading the bowling department. Still, they will be wary of a CSK team known to bounce back when least expected.



Inter Milan’s Form Woes Deepen Ahead of Barca Test

Inter Milan’s season hangs in the balance as they prepare to face Barcelona in the Champions League semi-finals on Wednesday, following a disastrous run of three consecutive defeats without scoring a single goal. The slump comes at the worst possible time for Simone Inzaghi’s men, who now find themselves trailing Napoli by three points in the Serie A title race with just four matches remaining.

Adding to the pressure, Inter were knocked out of the Italian Cup in humiliating fashion after a 3-0 derby defeat to AC Milan last week. The Nerazzurri’s

form collapse has not only ended their hopes of a treble but also raised serious doubts about their ability to finish the season with any silverware.

In Sunday’s 1-0 home loss to Roma, Inter looked lethargic and uninspired, with a subdued San Siro crowd reflecting the team’s energy levels. “We deserved more and created situations, but lacked sharpness,” Inzaghi admitted. “A positive result might have helped, but now we need to recharge mentally and physically.”

The last time Inter lost three straight games without scoring was in 2012 under Claudio Ranieri. Ironically, it was

also Ranieri’s Roma side that beat Inter in October 2022 — a defeat that preceded Inter’s famous 1-0 victory over Barcelona in the same Champions League campaign, which ended in a narrow loss to Manchester City in the final.

This week’s clash against Barcelona evokes memories of Inter’s legendary 2009-10 treble-winning season under Jose Mourinho, when they also faced the Catalan giants in the semi-finals. With recent performances lacking spark, Inzaghi’s side must summon that historic spirit if they are to rescue their faltering campaign.

Vaibhav Suryavanshi’s Ton Forces Rahul Dravid To Get Up From Wheelchair

In a record-shattering IPL 2025 moment, 14-year-old Rajasthan Royals’ (RR) prodigy Vaibhav Suryavanshi scripted history by becoming the youngest player ever to score a century in both the Indian Premier League and overall T20 cricket. His sensational 101 off just 38 balls against Gujarat Titans (GT) at the Sawai Mansingh Stadium on Monday sent shockwaves through the cricketing world. Suryavanshi’s century came in just 35 deliveries, making it the second-fastest in IPL history after Chris Gayle’s

30-ball ton in 2013. It is also the quickest hundred ever scored by an Indian in the tournament. The young left-hander smashed 11 sixes—equaling the record for most in an IPL innings—and added seven fours in a fearless knock that left even RR head coach Rahul Dravid on his feet, rising from his wheelchair to celebrate the milestone like a kid. The emotional moment was caught on camera and instantly went viral.

Chasing 210, Suryavanshi’s blitzkrieg anchored Rajasthan’s commanding victory with 25 balls and eight wickets to spare. He shared a 166-run opening stand with Yashasvi Jaiswal, who remained unbeaten on 70. After Suryavanshi fell



to Prasidh Krishna, stand-in skipper Riyan Parag completed the chase with a quickfire 32* off 15, including the winning six.

Gujarat Titans earlier posted 209/4, with Shubman Gill scoring 84 and Jos Buttler remaining unbeaten on 50. However, their total was dwarfed by Suryavanshi’s fireworks, especially a brutal over against Afghanistan’s Karim Janat, from whom he plundered 30 runs in six balls.

With this win, Rajasthan Royals moved to three wins from ten matches but still remain seventh on the points table, keeping their playoff hopes alive. Gujarat Titans, despite the loss, remain third with six wins in nine games.

Tensions Rise in KKR As Star Player Upset with Coach

Kolkata Knight Riders’ (KKR) turbulent IPL 2025 season has taken a fresh twist with reports emerging of growing discontent between an overseas star and head coach Chandrakant Pandit. According to RevSportz, the player was allegedly questioned by Pandit for dining with a player from a rival team — a move that didn’t sit well with the coach despite the rival cricketer being a national teammate of the overseas KKR player.

The fallout reportedly occurred as Pandit’s rigid coaching style clashed with the overseas player’s personal freedom, raising eyebrows in the dressing room. Sources suggest that several players have found it hard to adjust to Pandit’s methods, especially after the departure of Gambhir and assistant coach Abhishek Nayar, who briefly joined the Indian national team setup. However, after Nayar’s stint with the national team ended, KKR wasted no time in bringing him back, and he is said to be working closely with the squad again. Despite this, many within the team reportedly feel the void left by Gambhir’s departure — a sentiment echoed by KKR pacer Harshit Rana.

“I won’t say much because the composition



of our support staff is basically the same,” said Rana in a press conference ahead of the match against Delhi Capitals. “But yes, there is this thrill factor which I miss a little... You also know that Gambhir has an aura, the way he comes and takes the team along.”

While Chandrakant Pandit holds a credible record — including leading Madhya Pradesh to their maiden Ranji Trophy title in 2022 — his tenure with KKR is now under scrutiny as both performances and morale dip.

The controversy over the dinner incident may seem minor on the surface, but it has sparked larger conversations within the camp about player freedom, trust, and leadership dynamics.



Ananya Panday Joins Allu Arjun Film

Bollywood actress Ananya Panday is likely to star opposite Allu Arjun in director Atlee's upcoming high-budget project, tentatively titled AA22xA6. While there is no official confirmation yet, this film would mark Ananya's second collaboration with a Telugu actor, following her growing interest in South Indian

cinema. Earlier, reports had suggested that actress Mrunal Thakur was approached for a key role, but the latest buzz points toward Ananya as the female lead. The film, produced by Sun Pictures, is set to be a grand action entertainer with Allu Arjun reportedly playing three different roles.



Music for the film will be composed by Sai Abhyankar, and the shooting is expected to commence soon. Fans are eagerly awaiting

an official announcement about the cast and crew of this much-anticipated project.

SRK, Suhana's King Begins May 18

Shah Rukh Khan is all set to star alongside his daughter Suhana Khan in King, marking her debut in a feature film. Directed by Siddharth Anand, the film has already stirred excitement, especially with reports of Deepika Padukone appearing in an extended cameo.

According to new updates, the shooting of King is expected to commence on May 18, 2025. However, Deepika will reportedly join the sets in October due to prior commitments.



While fans await an official announcement, anticipation continues to build.

Adding to the intrigue, Abhishek Bachchan is rumored to play the antagonist in the film. Music duo Sachin-Jigar will compose the soundtrack, with Anirudh Ravichander handling the background score.

With a stellar cast and top-tier crew, King is shaping up to be one of Bollywood's most awaited releases.

Special Shows Planned for HIT 3



HIT 3, starring Nani, is all set for a grand theatrical release on May 1, 2025. The film has created massive buzz and is expected to open to record-breaking numbers at the box office.

Nani, riding high on recent successes, is ensuring everything is in place to make HIT 3 a blockbuster. Thanks to a lucrative OTT deal with Netflix, the film is already in the profit zone even before release.

The latest update reveals that special shows are being planned across Andhra Pradesh due to overwhelming demand. Although ticket bookings haven't opened yet, they are expected to sell out rapidly once available.

With his growing stardom, Nani has clearly outgrown the tier-two hero label. All eyes are now on HIT 3 to deliver big numbers within its first few days.

Kishkindhapuri Glimpse Promises Haunting Thrills



The recently unveiled first glimpse, following the poster release, has captured attention with its eerie atmosphere. Sam CS's chilling background score immediately sets a haunting tone as the characters step into an abandoned building called Suvarnamaya.

As the mystery deepens, questions arise — what's the significance of a radio, and why is the protagonist possessed? The teaser leaves much unanswered, hinting that secrets may unravel with the arrival of the monsoon.

Visually striking and backed by strong production values, the film is produced by Sahu Garapati under Shine Screens. Music is by Chaitan Bharadwaj. With its gripping teaser, Kishkindhapuri has already piqued curiosity. The official release date is awaited.

Bellamkonda Sai Sreenivas and Anupama Parameswaran reunite for Kishkindhapuri, a horror thriller directed by Koushik Pegalapati of Chaavu Kaburu Challaga fame.

Who is the Queen in Kingdom Poster?

Vijay Deverakonda's highly anticipated film Kingdom is making waves in Tollywood ahead of its release this summer. Directed by Gowtam Tinnanuri, known for his National Award-winning film Jersey, Kingdom promises a gripping story. The excitement heightened when the first single promo was teased with a poster featuring Vijay and a young girl sitting on a railway platform as a speeding train passes by.

Netizens quickly flooded social media, asking who the actress beside Vijay was, tagging AI assistants for answers. The makers of Kingdom soon revealed that Bhagyashri Borse would be playing the female lead. Bhagyashri, who gained attention for her role in Mr. Bachchan, has become one



of Tollywood's rising stars. How Kingdom performs at the box office could significantly impact her future in the industry.



Jacqueline's Golden Glow Steals Spotlight

Jacqueline Fernandez lit up social media on Tuesday with a striking new look. Debuting a chic short curly haircut, she surprised fans with her bold transformation. However, it was her stunning gold cutout dress that truly turned heads.

The shimmering backless gown showcased her toned midriff, fitting her like a dream and radiating effortless glamour. Without any red carpet or dramatic setup, Jacqueline's style made its own stage. Just one candid moment in that outfit was enough to

capture hearts and headlines.

The look didn't beg for attention—it commanded it naturally, proving that true fashion speaks in silence. With every step away from the camera, her glow lingered.