

CM Revanth Reddy Issues Key Directives for Miss World 2025 Preparations

Focus on Security, Hospitality, Beautification, Coordination

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Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has issued crucial directives to officials to ensure seamless arrangements for the upcoming Miss World 2025 pageant. Chairing a high-level review meeting at the Command Control Center today, the Chief Minister emphasized that no inconvenience should be caused to participants and international guests during the prestigious event. Ministers Jupally Krishna Rao, Vem Narender Reddy, and senior officials participated in the review, where CM Revanth was briefed on the arrangements for the event, which is scheduled to commence on May 10. He instructed officials to ensure tight security at all key locations, including the airport, hotels, and event venues. The CM also called for special arrangements to showcase Telangana's historic monuments and tourist attractions to international participants and guests, aiming to promote the state's



rich cultural heritage globally. Revanth further directed officials to appoint dedicated officers for each department to oversee arrangements and ensure inter-departmental coordination. He also stressed the urgency of completing pending beautification projects across Hyderabad before the event begins. The Chief Minister asked for a com-

prehensive action plan covering all logistical aspects of the event, including hospitality, infrastructure, security, transportation, and cultural presentations, to be prepared and implemented without delays. The government aims to project Telangana as a global destination for tourism and international events through the successful hosting of Miss World 2025.



Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy is scheduled to visit Vijayawada on Wednesday to attend a family wedding of a senior Telugu Desam Party (TDP) leader. The CM will participate in the wedding ceremony of former minister Devineni Uma Maheswara Rao's son. According to the itinerary, CM Revanth will depart from Begumpet Airport, Hyderabad at 9:15 AM and

is expected to arrive at Dhanekula Engineering College premises in Kanuru by 10:40 AM. He will attend the wedding from 10:50 AM to 11:30 AM and bless the bride and groom. Following the event, the Chief Minister will return to Begumpet Airport by 1:00 PM. The visit is considered purely personal and ceremonial in nature.

This Isn't a Movie, Brother: MP Chamal Kiran Slams Pawan Kalyan



- ◆ Chamal Kiran hits back sharply
- ◆ Says politics isn't scripted cinema
- ◆ Defends Congress as secular force
- ◆ Questions Modi's national security response

Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister and Jana Sena Party chief Pawan Kalyan. Amid growing Indo-Pak tension, Pawan Kalyan made fiery remarks suggesting that Congress leaders who support terrorists should relocate to Pakistan. These comments stirred backlash, with Chamal Kiran leading the response.

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In a sharp political counter, Congress MP Chamal Kiran Kumar Reddy responded strongly to recent comments by Andhra

Addressing the issue, Kiran

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- ◆ Sridhar Babu launches Mobility Valley
- ◆ ₹44.3 crore park in Vikarabad
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In a significant move towards balanced regional development, Telangana IT and Industries Minister Sridhar Babu has announced that international-standard industrial

parks will be established in every constituency of the state. The initiative aims to promote decentralized growth and create widespread

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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

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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 Dst

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 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

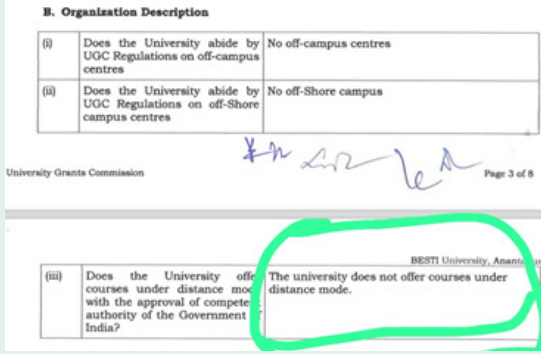


Nagajyoti who acts as the Vice Chancellor of BESTIU, Victims said if Nagajyoti is caught, the real masterminds behind the scam will also be exposed.

in both states. 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



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



offices frequently. Currently, she claims her office is in the Abacus Building next to Uppal IT Park

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ridiculed Pawan's remarks, stating, "This is not a movie, brother," and mocked him for treating serious political discourse like scripted cinema. He asserted that a person holding a Deputy CM's post must speak with maturity and responsibility. Kiran reaffirmed that the Congress Party stands for secularism and has historically played a crucial role in protecting India's sovereignty. He further challenged the BJP-led Centre's inaction on national security, asking what

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has done in the face of terrorist threats, especially when attackers can easily infiltrate the country and escape. Kiran's rebuttal signals the intensifying war of words as national security becomes a major political flashpoint. With both parties trading accusations, the discourse surrounding Pakistan, terrorism, and patriotism continues to dominate the political landscape.

Industrial Parks for All: Telangana's Inclusive Growth Push

opportunities for local entrepreneurs and youth. Laying the foundation stone for the "Mobility Valley Park" in Yenkaithla village of Mominpet Mandal, Vikarabad district, the Minister emphasized the government's focus on inclusive and sustainable industrial expansion. The project is being developed by the Telangana State Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (TGIIC) with an investment of ₹44.3 crore and is expected to generate employment for nearly 10,000 youth. Sridhar Babu underscored that industrial progress must extend beyond Hyderabad, stating that the government is committed to ensuring equitable growth across all regions. He highlighted the state's newly introduced MSME policy, which aims to provide robust support to small and medi-

um-sized enterprises. Addressing the public and media, the Minister condemned ongoing misinformation campaigns that seek to discredit the state's industrial policies. He noted that despite such negativity, investor confidence in Telangana remains strong, with industrialists showing keen interest in setting up operations across the state. He called on political opponents to cease obstructing progress and instead support efforts that drive development and employment. The event was attended by Telangana Legislative Assembly Speaker Prasad Kumar, Chevella MP Konda Vishweshwar Reddy, MLC Mahender Reddy, MLAs Rammohan Reddy and Manohar Reddy, and TGIIC Chairperson Nirmala Jagga Reddy, among others.

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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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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 Geo News — 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.

Race for Telangana DGP Post Heats Up

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The Telangana government has intensified its efforts to appoint a new Director General of Police (DGP), following a round of IAS officer transfers. As part of the process, it has forwarded a list of eight eligible IPS officers to the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) for consideration. The names proposed include Ravi Gupta (1990 batch), CV Anand (1991), Dr. Jitender (1992), Apte Vinayak Prabhakar, Kothakota Srinivas Reddy, B. Shivadhar Reddy, Dr. Soumya Mishra, and Shikha Goel — all from the 1994 batch. Based on eligibility and service records, UPSC will return a list of three



shortlisted officers, from which the state will finalize the new DGP. Incumbent DGP Dr. Jitender is set to retire on September 6, 2025. Among the other contenders, Srinivas Reddy retires on August 5, and Ravi Gupta on December 19 this year. In contrast, CV Anand's service extends till June 2028, Apte till October 2029, Shivadhar Reddy till April 2026, Soumya Mishra till December 2027, and Shikha Goel till March 2029. Sources indicate the state government is inclined to pick someone with a longer tenure to ensure continuity in leadership. The decision is expected soon, with administrative stability and law enforcement efficiency at stake.

RTC Workers Announce Indefinite Strike from May 7 in Telangana

Protest to safeguard jobs, demand justice

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The Telangana RTC Joint Action Committee (JAC) has announced an indefinite strike starting May 7, citing the government's apathy towards their long-pending demands. Alleging negligence and broken promises, JAC leaders said the protest aligns with the spirit of May Day, emphasizing it as a fight for workers' rights and dignity. Ahead of the strike, RTC workers plan to organize a march on May 5 from RTC Kalyana Mandapam to Bus Bhavan in full uniform. The JAC criticized certain unions for aligning with the management and urged all workers, beyond union lines, to unite for the cause. The primary demands include implementing the 2021 wage revision, providing salaries on par with state government employees, and filling 16,000 posts vacated due to retirements. They also demanded that electric buses be procured and operated by RTC itself to prevent privatization threats. The JAC reminded that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy had promised to merge RTC with the government and should now act in public interest. The strike is expected to significantly impact public transport unless urgent dialogue is initiated by the state.



High Court Orders Stay on Promotions in Telangana Power Companies

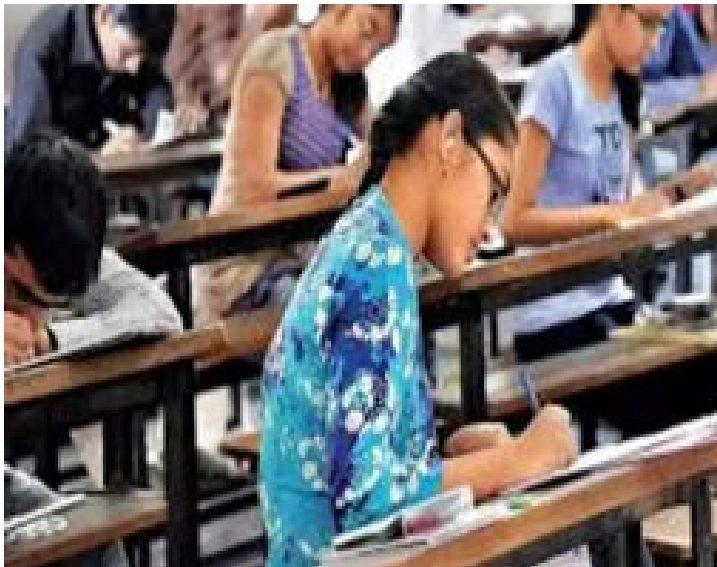
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The Telangana High Court has issued interim orders to suspend promotions in the state's power companies, including Transco, Genco, SPDCL, and NPDCL. The court directed that promotions based on seniority be reviewed within eight weeks, following petitions filed by Koddepaka Kumar Swamy, president of Telangana Power BC Employees Welfare Association, and Mutyam Venkanna Goud, convener of the Telangana Power BC and OC Employees Coordination Committee. The petitioners had challenged the promotions given in violation of court and government guidelines, asserting

that managements had been awarding promotions without considering orders from the High Court, Supreme Court, and state government. They argued that hundreds of BC and OC employees had been denied promotions to higher positions due to the violation of these norms. The court noted that without timely review, promotions would not be reconsidered and instructed that no promotions be issued until the review petition is resolved. The matter will be further examined on June 30.



Telangana SSC Results to Be Released Today



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Students across Telangana are eagerly awaiting their Class 10 (SSC) examination results. With Andhra Pradesh already declaring both Intermediate and SSC results, focus has now shifted to Telangana. Officials from the SSC Board have confirmed that all arrangements for the results announcement have been completed. They stated that the results will be declared as soon as the state government gives the green signal. As per the latest update, Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy will officially release the SSC exam results today. The announcement is expected to bring relief and clarity to lakhs of students and their families who have been anxiously waiting for the outcome of the crucial board exams.

Hyderabad Metro Rail Betting Apps Promotions: High Court Key Decision



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The Telangana High Court recently heard a petition filed by lawyer Nagoor Babu regarding the promotion of betting apps in Hyderabad Metro Rail. The petitioner raised concerns about the advertisement of betting apps on metro trains, despite the state government having imposed a ban on such apps. Nagoor Babu argued that although certain betting apps are under investigation by the Enforcement Directorate (ED), there should be an inquiry into their promotion in metro trains as well. In response, the Advocate General of Telangana, Sudarshan Reddy, representing the Hyderabad Metro Rail Authority (HMRA), stated that there have been no such advertisements in metro trains since 2022. After hearing both sides, the court decided to adjourn the hearing to the following day for further examination of the case.

Jagga Reddy Challenges KCR: Congress Loan Waiver and Farmer Bonus Speak for Themselves

- Congress waived ₹22K Cr loans
 - Farmers receive ₹500 rice bonus
 - KCR inactive during real problems
- KCR waived less in decade
 - Women benefit from free buses

TPN,Correspondent|Hyderabad In a sharp attack on BRS chief K. Chandrashekar Rao, Congress senior leader and MLA T. Jagga Reddy lauded the achievements of the Revanth Reddy-led Congress government, especially in fulfilling its promises to farmers and women within just one year in office.

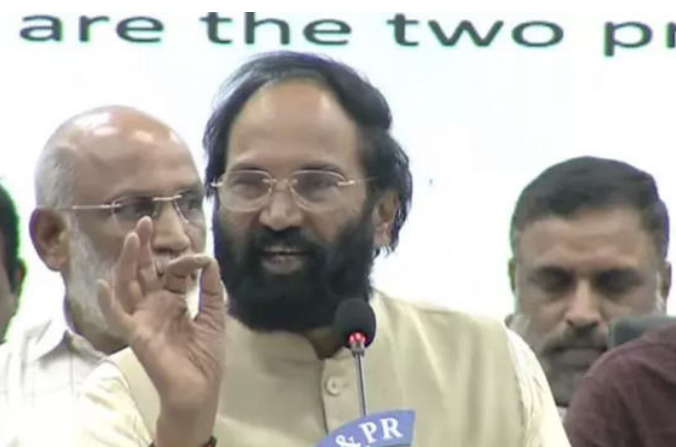
Addressing the media, Jagga Reddy highlighted that the Congress government has waived ₹22,000 crore of farm loans in a single year, whereas KCR could only manage ₹20,000 crore in a decade. He questioned the BRS leader's credibility, asking, "Who

is greater now—Congress or BRS?" and urged farmers to judge for themselves. He praised CM Revanth Reddy and Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy for implementing the ₹500 bonus per quintal of fine rice, calling it a farmer-friendly move. With five acres, a farmer would get ₹75,000 in bonus—an unprecedented benefit, he said. Jagga Reddy also criticized KCR for remaining inactive for the last 16 months despite claiming that Telangana is riddled with issues. "If there were so many problems, why didn't you step out and act?" he questioned.



Additionally, he hailed the free bus scheme for women, pointing out how female citizens are now openly praising CM Revanth and Minister Ponnampalapati. He dared KCR to decide the place and time for an open debate, challenging the BRS chief to defend his decade-long record against the Congress's one-year performance. "Congress doesn't boast—we deliver facts," he concluded.

Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy Criticizes BRS over Kaleshwaram Project Failures



TPN,Correspondent|Hyderabad Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy severely criticized the BRS government over the Kaleshwaram irrigation project, pointing out significant flaws in its design and construction. He stated that the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) report clearly highlighted deficiencies in the project, particularly with the Medi-

gadda barrage, which collapsed due to issues in its design, construction, and maintenance. Uttam accused the BRS government of failing to address these issues despite prior warnings. He further revealed that the previous government rushed the project without adequate planning, resulting in major changes in the construction of barrages like Annaram and Sundilla, which were relocated downstream. This led to structural problems and inefficiencies. The report also pointed out that insufficient geological investigations were conducted, with only six boreholes drilled instead of the required 85. Uttam emphasized that the project's inflated cost and mismanagement under the BRS government had led to significant losses, particularly affecting the Adilabad and Nizamabad districts. He also criticized the political interference in the project, which undermined its quality and performance, further solidifying his stance that the BRS had mishandled the Kaleshwaram project from the outset.

Faheem Slams KCR's Remarks, Highlights Congress Achievements

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Telangana Food Corporation Chairman M.A. Faheem sharply criticized former Chief Minister KCR for his recent remarks against the Congress Party during a rally in Warangal. In a press conference at Gandhi Bhavan, Faheem mocked KCR for speaking with confusion, claiming that after being out of power for 15 months, KCR was unable to grasp the reality. Faheem pointed out that the Congress-led government had accomplished in 15 months what KCR's government had failed to do in 10 years. He also highlighted the 27 development initiatives successfully undertaken by Congress, which were outlined in a white paper released during the event.

Criticizing the BRS government, Faheem accused them of neglecting promises, including 12% reservations for SC, ST, and



minority communities, and allowing the standard of government schools to decline. In a humorous retort, Faheem joked about KCR's family members, particularly KTR and Harish Rao, needing boost, horlicks, and diapers for their nervousness when attending the upcoming Assembly sessions. He concluded by expressing confidence that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy was effectively driving Telangana's development across all sectors.

BRS Whip KP Vivekanand's Press Meet at Telangana Bhavan



TPN,Correspondent|Hyderabad BRS Assembly Whip KP Vivekanand held a press meet at Telangana Bhavan, where he strongly defended KCR's leadership and criticized the opposition, particularly Congress leaders. Vivekanand began by lauding KCR for his leadership, claiming that Telangana has flourished under his guidance. He referred to the Rashtra Utsav as proof of the trust the public has in KCR and stated that the Elkathurthi meeting demonstrated the state's security under his rule.

Vivekanand mocked Congress, comparing their leaders to "dogs barking at elephants," claiming they could never challenge KCR. He also criticized Congress leaders' responses to KCR's speech, accusing them of failing to provide answers and resorting to senseless noise. He also took aim at CM Revanth Reddy, who, after KCR's comments on Operation Kagar, visited Jana. Vivekanand questioned Revanth Reddy's understanding of KCR's ten years in power and his actions on significant issues like housing and the state's water crisis. He suggested that Revanth Reddy should focus on pressing concerns like water scarcity in Hyderabad rather than conducting reviews of beauty contests. Lastly, Vivekanand warned Congress against misleading the public with false promises, vowing to continue pushing for the fulfillment of promises made to the people.

Kishan Reddy Criticizes Congress for Following Pakistan's Policies



TPN,Correspondent|Hyderabad Union Minister Kishan Reddy strongly criticized the Congress party, accusing them of following Pakistan's

policies. He expressed concerns over Congress leaders posting derogatory comments about Prime Minister Modi on social media during a critical time for the country. Reddy condemned the Congress for speaking in the same language as Pakistani ministers, particularly after the Pulwama attack, and said that Congress leaders' support for such statements, which were retweeted in Pakistan, was shameful.

Reddy stressed that while PM Modi made it clear that India would respond firmly to Pakistan, Congress was undermining the government by posting inappropriate content online. He also pointed out Congress's growing frustration, as seen in their 'Ghaib' poster. Kishan Reddy reminded that the Congress and BRS parties had supported the MIM during the MLC elections and emphasized that only

BJP could face MIM in upcoming Greater Hyderabad elections. He reaffirmed the success of Article 370's revocation in Kashmir and criticized internal and external forces, including Pakistan, for not accepting the peace and development in the region. He also condemned the brutal killings in Pahalgam, highlighting the unity and resilience of the nation against terrorism.

Minister Ponguleti Questions Former CM's Discontent Over Land Reforms

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Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy raised a question about why the former Chief Minister of Telangana is upset, speaking at a "Bhuh Bharati Awareness Session" in Warangal district. He emphasized that the Bhuh Bharati Act was designed to benefit the poor, making land law more accessible and efficient. He suggested that the former CM, KCR, is upset because he cannot appreciate the positive actions taken by

the current government.

Ponguleti expressed confidence that the Bhuh Bharati initiative, considered prestigious, would become a role model for the nation. He also assured that the pilot project for resolving land issues would be completed by June 2. He criticized KCR for dismantling the revenue system when the officials failed to perform, adding that new revenue officers would be appointed in villages within ten days.



CPI Leader Criticizes Central Government Over Military Actions in Chhattisgarh



TPN,Correspondent|Hyderabad CPI State Secretary and MLA Koonaneni Sambasivarao strongly criticized the central government for its recent military actions under Operation Kagar in Chhattisgarh. He condemned the violence against

Adivasi communities, accusing the central forces of targeting innocent civilians under the guise of countering Maoists. He stated that such brutality had never been seen even during armed conflicts, emphasizing that this kind of violence has no place in a democracy. He questioned the government's rationale for arresting intellectuals like Varavara Rao and Professor Saibaba, stating that questioning the government should not result in arrests. Koonaneni further accused the BJP of promoting fascist policies, which, according to him, sought to eliminate Muslims, Communists, and anyone who dared to question the government. He also criticized the arrests of activists, pointing out the contradiction of accusing activists fighting for people's rights while defending leaders like Amit Shah, who was jailed for his involvement in the 2002 Gujarat riots. He reaffirmed the CPI's commitment to peaceful dialogue and called for an end to such undemocratic practices.

KCR Should Face Assembly If He Has Courage: Komatireddy Raj Gopal Reddy

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MLA Komatireddy Raj Gopal Reddy challenged Chief Minister KCR to come to the Assembly if he had the courage. He stated that if KCR did so, they would explain the development work they were undertaking. He criticized KCR for holding large public meetings without attending the Assembly, questioning

the utility of such events. Reddy emphasized that all the promises made to the people would be fulfilled and that pending projects in the district would be completed. He claimed that the public no longer trusts BRS and asked about the state's financial condition, questioning the rising debts in Telangana. Further, he made controversial re-

marks stating that ministers like Komatireddy Venkat Reddy and Uttam Kumar Reddy were capable of becoming Chief Ministers. Reddy assured that in the next three years, the Congress would fulfill all the promises made to the public. He also accused KCR of being unable to tolerate the increasing public support for Congress.

Former Minister Jagadeesh Reddy Challenges Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy

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Former Minister and Suryapet MLA Jagadeesh Reddy issued a challenge to Telangana's Minister for Civil Supplies and Irrigation, Uttam Kumar Reddy, on Tuesday. Speaking at Telangana Bhavan, he asked, "If you have the courage, tell us how much crop

you've bought in the last and this season? How much paddy did you purchase during the monsoon season and deposit in the farmers' accounts?" Jagadeesh Reddy accused the government of failing to fulfill its promises and deceiving both the people and farmers. He pointed out that due to the lack of pad-

dy procurement during the season, farmers were facing severe hardships. He also criticized the government for the paddy being affected by premature rains, leaving the crops wet and damaged. As a result, the farmers were struggling and suffering due to the government's inaction, he claimed.

BRS GHMC Corporators Condemn Pahalgam Terror Attack

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In protest against the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir, GHMC corporators from the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) paid heartfelt tributes at the Amraveerula Sthupam near the Telangana Legislative Assembly. The corporators expressed deep condolences to the families of those killed in the brutal attack by Pakistan-backed terrorists targeting innocent tourists. Speaking at the event, they condemned the barbaric na-



ture of the assault, stressing that such acts of violence threaten national security and peace. They urged the Prime Minister to take immediate and decisive action

against the perpetrators and send a strong message by eliminating terror groups operating from across the border. The corporators emphasized

the need for national unity beyond caste or religion to combat terrorism effectively. They called upon the Union and State governments to provide necessary support and compensation to the victims' families, ensuring they do not suffer alone. They concluded by declaring that the BRS party and citizens of Telangana stand in solidarity with the victims and demanded that the central government act firmly to prevent any recurrence of such heinous attacks in the future.

BRS Files Complaint Against Misuse of HYDRAA Name for Political Propaganda



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The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) on Tuesday submitted a formal complaint to HYDRAA Commissioner Shri Ranganath, IPS, raising concerns over the unauthorized and politically motivated misuse of HYDRAA's name and the state government emblem on social media platforms. According to the complaint, unverified social media accounts, falsely claiming affiliation with the Hyderabad Regional Agency for Anti-Anarchy (HYDRAA), have been posting politically charged content. The BRS alleged that such behavior undermines the political neutrality expected of law enforcement and erodes public trust. The party specifically cited violations of Rule 5 of the All India Services (Conduct) Rules, which bars civil servants from engaging in political activity or appearing to support any political agenda

through direct or indirect means. In its memorandum, the BRS demanded:

- Criminal cases be filed against the individuals operating the fake accounts,
- A full-scale cybercrime investigation to trace and expose the perpetrators, and
- A public clarification from HYDRAA to disassociate the agency from any such biased actions.

"The integrity of enforcement agencies must remain above politics," the BRS said in a statement. "Any misuse of their name to serve political interests is both dangerous and unacceptable." The party urged Commissioner Ranganath to uphold the dignity and impartiality of the civil service, stressing the need for urgent and visible corrective action to preserve public confidence. HYDRAA has not yet issued an official response.

ED Seizes 45 Vintage Cars in Hyderabad During Search Operations

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The Enforcement Directorate (ED) in Hyderabad conducted search operations at five locations in the city, targeting the residences and farmhouses of individuals including Smt. Khaderunissa, Mohd. Munawar Khan, Mohd. Lateef Sharfan, Mohd. Akhtar Sharfan, and Mohd. Sukoore. The searches were conducted under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, in connection with an ongoing

investigation regarding the illegal alienation of government land for personal profit. During the operation, ED officials seized a variety of incriminating documents, Indian currency amounting to Rs. 23 lakh, foreign currency of 12,000 UAE Dirhams, and 45 old and used cars, including several vintage cars. These seizures are part of the investigation into the illegal activities surrounding government land and financial mismanagement.

Pushpa-2 Stampede Survivor Sri tej Discharged

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Sri tej, the young boy critically injured in the stampede during the Pushpa-2 premiere at Sandhya Theatre in Hyderabad last December, has finally been discharged from KIMS Hospital, Secunderabad, after nearly five months of treatment. His mother Revathi tragically died in the incident. Doctors shifted Srithesh to a rehabilitation center for physiotherapy and further care, stating his condition has stabilized and he is free of infections. Sri tej spent 4 months and 25 days in the hospital and was moved from ICU to a regular ward 15 days ago. His father Bhaskar shared that Srithesh is conscious and responding by opening his eyes but has not yet regained full brain function or rec-

ognition abilities. He thanked Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, the Pushpa-2 team, and the hospital staff for their unwavering support. Doctors expect Srithesh to stay in rehab for about two weeks before returning home.



Harish Rao Criticizes Uttam Kumar Reddy Over Madegadda Project and NDAS Report



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In a recent press briefing at Telangana Bhavan, former minister and Siddipet MLA Harish Rao slammed Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy for his comments on the Madegadda project and the NDAS report. Rao accused Uttam of using the NDAS report as a political tool, calling his criticism of the government's actions baseless. He questioned why Uttam failed to raise issues when Congress was in power, especially regarding interstate agreements. Rao also criticized the Congress party for its handling of the Madegadda project and questioned the delays in its implementation. He pointed out that the NDAS report had mentioned a variety of shortcomings but had failed to address critical issues like the water availability at

Thammidihatti, which led to the project shifting to Madegadda. He stated that the Congress government's failure to resolve these issues over several years led to inefficiencies in the project's execution. He further emphasized that the NDAS report also held the previous Congress government accountable, pointing out the mismanagement of funds and project planning. Harish Rao called for a focus on resolving the project's issues instead of indulging in political blame games and suggested that the Madegadda project should be repaired quickly for the benefit of farmers. He concluded by stressing the need for immediate action rather than empty political statements. In the meeting, former minister Sunitha and MLC Dasoju Sravan Kumar were also present.

Minister Ponnam Prabhakar's Key Remarks on PM Modi's Governance

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Minister for BC Welfare, Ponnam Prabhakar, made significant comments regarding Prime Minister Modi's governance during a meeting in Telangana. Speaking at a large-scale youth congress meeting in the SVL Convention Hall in LB Nagar constituency, the event was led by Telangana Youth Congress President Jakidi Shiva Charan Reddy. The event also saw the participation of national leaders like Uday Bhanu Chib, National Incharge Krishna Allavaru, and various local leaders including Minister Ponnam Prabhakar Goud, Rajya Sabha MP Anil Kumar Yadav, Sports Authority Chairman Shivasena Reddy, and others. During the event, Minister Pon-

nam emphasized that the future of the nation lies in the hands of the youth and highlighted that the Youth Congress would play a crucial role in bringing Congress back to power in the state. He criticized BJP's governance under Narendra Modi, stating that the youth would soon bring an end to his authoritarian rule. He expressed confidence that in the near future, Rahul Gandhi would become the Prime Minister and that the senior Congress party would always support the Youth Congress, which he praised as the "heart" of the party. The event was attended by Congress leaders from various levels of the party, including the state committee, district committees, and other leaders.



Smita Sabharwal Tweets Bhagavad Gita Verse After Transfer from Tourism Dept



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IAS officer Smita Sabharwal, recently transferred from her role as Principal Secretary of the Telangana Tourism and Culture Department, made a notable post on social media quoting the Bhagavad Gita: "Karmanye Vadhikaraste, Ma Phaleshu Kadachana." She stated that during her four-month tenure, she did her best, introducing the 2025-30 Tourism Policy—Telangana's first comprehensive strategy to boost neglected destinations and attract investments. She emphasized that the policy laid a strong foundation for future

growth and global events. "It was a privilege and honor to serve in the tourism department," she wrote, adding a namaste emoji to her post. Following her transfer, the department was reassigned to senior official Jayesh Ranjan, while Sabharwal has been appointed as a member of the Telangana Finance Commission. Political analysts speculate that her recent post criticizing the government over the Kanche Gachibowli land issue, for which she was issued police notices, may have prompted the move. Netizens praised her for bringing impactful changes to the tourism sector.

Three IPS Officers Approach Telangana High Court on Bhudan Land Issue

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Three senior IPS officers—Mahesh Bhagwat, Soumya Mishra, and Swati Lakra—have filed an appeal in the Telangana High Court challenging a decision made by a single bench regarding the Bhudan land issue. The single bench had directed the authorities to include the names of 27 officers in a prohibited list of landholders. These officers, in their appeal, are contesting the single bench's order. The decision had been taken based on the Bhudan lands controversy, which involves the allocation of land under the Bhudan Movement to individuals who were later found to have violated certain conditions. The IPS officers are seeking a review of this ruling in the higher court.



Dharani Destroyed Generational Lands, But Bhubharati Brings Hope: Minister Ponguleti

- Dharani robbed poor, says Minister
- 3,400 land issue applications received
- Transparent appeals till tribunal level
- Bhubharati corrections under full swing
- August 15 deadline for resolutions

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State Revenue, Housing, and I&PR Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy has come down heavily on BRS chief KCR, accusing him of robbing the poor through the Dharani portal during his rule. “Dharani is a land demon that swallowed lands earned by our forefathers,” the minister said,

during the Bhubharati awareness sabhas in Kamareddy, Warangal, and Khammam districts. He mocked KCR’s emotional speeches, saying, “Despite all his crocodile tears, public development won’t stop.” He noted that the Bhubharati 2025 Act, unlike Dharani, was created after wide consultation across 18 states and with input from

scholars over 9 months. So far, over 3,400 applications have been received in 20 villages under pilot awareness programs in select mandals. The minister affirmed that errors in land titles, restricted lands, and ancestral ownership issues will be resolved. The Bhubharati Act allows a multi-level appeals system, from Tahsildar to RDO, then

Collector, and up to the Land Tribunal. Mistakes by officials will be strictly dealt with. Minister Ponguleti added that Revenue Officers will be appointed in all 10,956 villages, and 1,000 surveyors are being hired. Targeting August 15 as the deadline, he assured that land surveys and entries into pass-books will be completed. Endorsing the efforts, Endow-



ments Minister Konda Surekha also participated in Warangal. As part of outreach, they visited a local family, Singaraboina Anil Kumar and Yellamma, had a simple meal of sannabiyyam, felicitated them with a shawl, and gifted ₹5,000 in cash.

Minister Seethakka Meets Representatives of Bharat Bachao Organization on Operation Kagar

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Minister Seethakka met with representatives from the Bharat Bachao Organization, including Gade Inayya, Dr. M. F. Gopinath, and Janjala Ramesh Babu at Praja Bhavan. The group made an appeal to the Minister to urge the government to halt Operation Kagar, citing growing tensions along the Telangana-Chhattisgarh border, particularly in the Karragutta region. The representatives expressed concern over the presence of a large number of central forces in the area, which has caused widespread fear and anxiety among local tribal communities. They warned that continuing the operation could lead to significant loss of life, urging the government to act swiftly to de-escalate the situation. In response, Minister Seethakka acknowledged the importance of protecting the interests of the tribal communities. She emphasized that Operation Kagar should be immediately halted in light of its adverse effects on the peaceful lives of tribals. Seethakka affirmed that peaceful coex-



istence and a serene environment are the primary goals of the government. She pointed out that the Scheduled Tribes (STs) in the area, as per the Indian Constitution’s Fifth Schedule, have special rights and governance provisions. The government must respect these constitutional

rights and seek resolutions through dialogue, not force. Seethakka expressed solidarity with the tribal community and called for peace talks to address the concerns, stating that this would help prevent further loss of life on both sides.

Rice Farmers’ Struggles: Demand for Purchase of Rice

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In the Yalal Mandal center of the Tandur constituency, farmers are facing severe difficulties due to unseasonal rain that affected the rice procurement process. The rice procurement center, set up under the aegis of IKP, was recently inaugurated by MLA Manohar Reddy. During an inspection by Sub-Collector Uma Shankar, just after his visit, unseasonal rain caused the rice brought by farmers to become wet and muddy. This left the farmers distressed, as they were unable to cover the wet rice with tarpaulin sheets, and the rice was soaked in water despite attempts to drain it. The farmers expressed their disappointment, stating that the rice became wet only after bringing it to the center. They urged the authorities to purchase the wet rice as well. The Sub-Collector also expressed his concerns, pointing out that if he had been present during the rain, he could have addressed the issue immediately. The farmers, affected by the situation, appealed to the authorities to take action to support them and ensure their produce is purchased without further issues.



Time to Respond to Rogue Nations: Minister Konda Surekha on Pahalgam Terror Attack



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Telangana Minister for Endowments and Forests, Konda Surekha, strongly condemned the recent Pahalgam terror attack during a public event in Sangareddy district. Reacting emotionally to the incident, she stated, “The time has come to give a strong answer to rogue nations involved in such heinous acts.” Expressing condolences, she said the entire country is shocked by the attack and prayed for peace to the souls of those who lost their lives. She urged every Indian to stand united like soldiers to protect the

nation, highlighting the spirit of a retired soldier who recently declared his willingness to fight again if the nation calls. Konda Surekha emphasized the need for unity and resilience in the face of terrorism, calling for a collective stand against such brutal acts. In the terrorist attack at Pahalgam in Jammu & Kashmir, 28 people lost their lives, with several others injured. The attack has sparked nationwide outrage, with leaders and citizens demanding strict action and national solidarity.

Minister Ponnam’s Gift to Husnabad: Foundation Laid for Long-Awaited Bridge

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Minister Ponnam Prabhakar delivered long-awaited good news to the people of the Husnabad constituency by laying the foundation stone for a crucial bridge project on Tuesday. Addressing the gathering, he highlighted the decade-long struggle of locals who faced hardships due to the lack of proper bridge connectivity, comparing

their plight to living on an isolated island. The new high-level bridge will be constructed on the road from Perkepalli to Venkepalli in Saidapur mandal of Husnabad, with a sanctioned budget of ₹347.45 crore. The project also includes a bridge on the road leading to Duddhenapalli. Minister Ponnam explained that the government has approved the funds for these

vital infrastructural developments, aiming to improve rural connectivity and ease transport woes for the residents. The announcement was met with enthusiasm and relief from the local population, who have long awaited this critical infrastructure upgrade. The initiative is expected to significantly boost connectivity and development in the region.

Tragic Death of a Child in Saroor Nagar Lake

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A six-year-old girl, Abhitha, tragically drowned in Saroor Nagar Lake while playing. The child, who was living with her family in Green Park Colony, Road No. 14, slipped into the lake due to the lack of a safety fence around the water body. Abhitha, the second daughter of Palakurthi Srinivas and Sravani, residents of Nellore district, fell into the lake around 4 PM yesterday. Her body was discovered floating in the water early this morning by her family members, who immediately pulled her out. The family members were seen inconsolable, crying in grief. Despite previous tenders of ₹5.5 crore for fencing the lake, the irrigation department has not yet started the work. The family has expressed their deep sorrow, blaming the lack of safety measures for the tragic incident. The Colony Welfare Association has demanded that the government provide a compensation of ₹5 lakh to the grieving family.



Infighting Erupts Among Congress Leaders in Siricilla

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Internal rifts in the Congress party have once again come to the fore in Siricilla, where a clash broke out between party factions. The conflict began when former PCC spokesperson Chitti Umesh Rao made sensational remarks against senior leader KK Mahender Reddy, criticizing the party’s decision to re-nominate previously defeated candidates. Umesh Rao’s comments infuriated KK Mahender Reddy’s supporters, who stormed the stage during the meeting and demanded that Rao leave the venue

immediately. Tensions escalated rapidly as both sides exchanged sharp words, leading to chaos at the event. To control the situation, police intervened and dispersed the crowd, escorting Congress workers and leaders from the stage. The incident exposed the deepening factionalism within the district Congress unit, especially ahead of critical political developments in the state. The party leadership is now under pressure to address internal disputes to avoid further damage to its public image.

Operation Kagar Continues: Over 130 IEDs Defused in Chhattisgarh

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The Centre-led Operation Kagar against Maoists is intensifying in Chhattisgarh’s Karrigutta forest region, continuing for the eighth straight day. Security forces have launched massive combing operations, aiming to flush out top Maoist leaders believed to be hiding in the area. Despite the Maoist party expressing willingness for peace talks and urging the government to withdraw forces or maintain neutrality without gunfire, there has been no re-



sponse from the Centre so far. Over 25,000 security personnel have been deployed across the dense forests of Pujari Kanker and surrounding zones. During combing opera-

tions, forces discovered and defused more than 130 IED bombs, some of which were ingeniously planted inside beer bottles. This large haul underscores the magnitude of threat in the region. Intelligence inputs indicate that top leaders of the Maoist Central Committee could be present in the Karrigutta area. As the operation continues, the focus remains on eliminating high-level Maoist leadership and dismantling their strongholds in the region.



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

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- 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

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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

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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



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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-

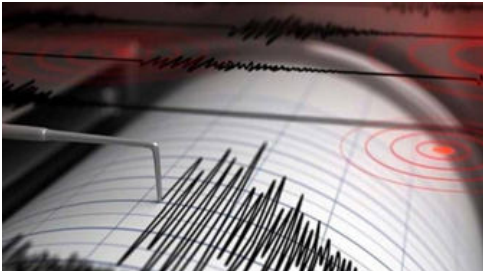
came NDP leader in 2017, urged his supporters to continue the fight for a better country. The 46-year-old leader reflected on the Sikh teaching of "Chardi Kala" (rising spirits), which he said kept him optimistic despite the loss. "Optimism over struggle. This is the spirit I carry tonight," he stated.

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

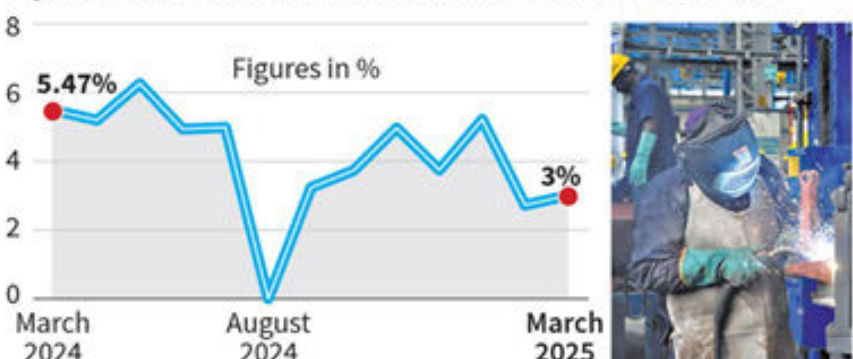
India's Index of Industrial Production (IIP) grew 3% in March 2025, driven by a surge in electricity demand and steady growth in manufacturing, according to data released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. However, the figure fell short of Reuters' forecast of 3.3% and reflects broader concerns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

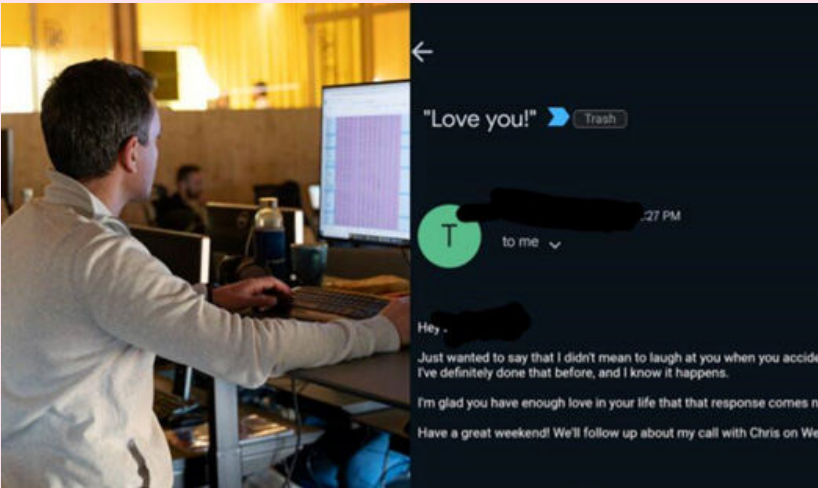
Many users responded with witty comments, embracing the stereotype in good humor. Some users from India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh joked that the sign wouldn't stop them from trying their luck at bargain-

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."

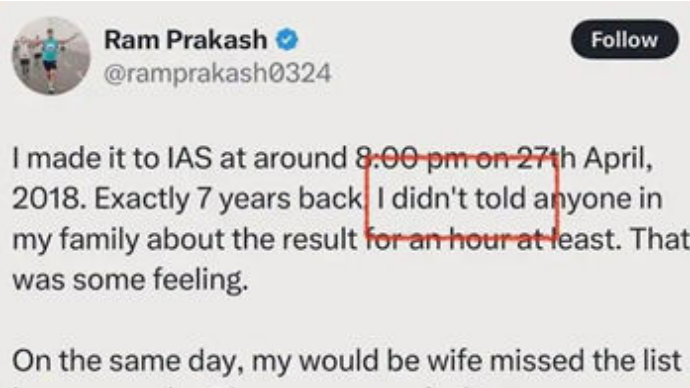
Others recalled their own experiences with accidental affectionate sign-offs during professional calls. One shared, "I told my supervisor I loved her at the end of our weekly touchpoint call—she chuckled and said she loved me too."

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.