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The Telangana government is working on a massive eco-park project, aiming to turn 2000 acres into a global landmark. Inspired by Singapore's Night Safari and New York's Central Park, the project is expected to boost Hyderabad's green cover and tourism.

The Kancha Gachibowli land dispute has drawn significant attention, prompting the government to form a ministerial committee. This committee will oversee both the dispute resolution and eco-park planning. If HCU agrees, the government plans to offer alternative land in Fort City, complete with infrastructure and facilities.

The 400-acre land parcel was recently reclaimed by the government through a Supreme Court verdict. Originally allotted to a private company 21 years ago, the land

was won back through legal proceedings. The Telangana State Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (TGIIC) clarified that the land does not belong to HCU and was acquired legally.

However, protests erupted as BRS, BJP, and student groups opposed the move, arguing that the land should remain untouched. The Telangana government countered these claims, stating that HCU had already surrendered ownership of 5534 acres in 2004. In return, the university received 397 acres in Gopanpally. A survey conducted with HCU officials confirmed these boundaries.

Congress accused BRS of past land scams, alleging that 50 acres of HCU land were given to My Home Rameshwar Rao, where luxury apartments were built. They questioned why BRS and BJP remained silent then but are protesting now.

# Kancha Gachibowli Land: Government's Master Plan 2000-Acre Eco Park

- Telangana plans the world's largest eco-park
- 400 acres of HCU land + 1600 acres of university space
- Inspired by Singapore's Night Safari & Central Park, New York
- Ministerial committee appointed to resolve the land dispute
- Opposition protests, but govt says land isn't HCU's



- SC serious over tree cutting
- 100 acres cleared in 3 days
- Govt told to halt all work
- CM appoints special committee
- Panel to discuss with stakeholders

## Bhatti Holds Crucial Meeting on Kancha Gachibowli Land Dispute

Kancha Gachibowli land issue. The dispute over 400 acres of land has escalated after the Supreme Court took serious note of the government clearing trees in the area. In just three days, 100 acres were cleared, prompting the apex court to order a halt to all activities until further hearings.



Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy. This panel will hold discussions with HCU Executive Council, students, JAC, and civil society groups. Meanwhile, Bhatti

Vikramarka clarified that the land belongs to the state government, dismissing allegations that it was part of Hyderabad Central University (HCU). Documents from a 2004 agreement confirm this, he stated.

Environmentalists demand that the area be declared a national park like KBR Park, citing its rich biodiversity with over 200 bird species.

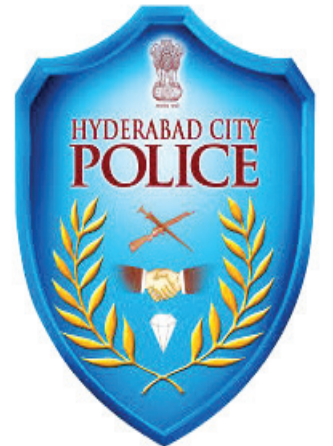
The MoEFCC has termed the clearance illegal and sought an explanation from the state. The government has assured the Supreme Court's orders will be followed, and legal steps will be taken for a resolution.

## Gachibowli Land Dispute: Police Enforce Entry Restrictions

- Police ban unauthorized entry to land
- Violators will face strict legal action
- 400-acre land under Supreme Court stay
- Government, HCU clash over ownership

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The Hyderabad police have restricted entry into the disputed 400-acre Kancha Gachibowli land, warning that unauthorized persons will face legal action. This follows a Supreme Court directive halting all activities on the land after reports of 100 acres



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## KCR's Emergency Meeting with Hyderabad Leaders

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Rashtra Samithi (BRS) chief and former Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) held an emergency meeting with key leaders from Hyderabad and Ranga Reddy districts at his Erravalli farmhouse.

The meeting was attended by BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao (KTR), ministers Talasani Srinivas Yadav, Sabitha Indra Reddy, and former MLAs Madhavaram Krishna Rao, Sudhir Reddy, among others.



KCR emphasized the need to strengthen BRS in Greater Hyderabad, devising strategies to regain political ground. Key topics included party restructuring, local election strategies, booth-level mobilization, and strengthening

public outreach. Recently, KCR has been focusing on party restructuring, particularly ahead of BRS's 25th anniversary. To mark the occasion, BRS plans to organize constituency-level meetings across Telangana to reconnect with its political base. KCR has directed party leaders to engage directly with local workers and voters, ensuring

- KCR meets key Hyderabad, Ranga Reddy leaders
- Discusses BRS strengthening strategies in GHMC
- KTR, Talasani, Sabitha Indra Reddy attend
- Focus on party restructuring and expansion

that BRS remains a strong political force. Attendees also discussed recent political challenges, organizational changes, and ways to energize the party cadre. As part of the revitalization plan, the party aims to conduct grassroots-level campaigns, mobilizing public support and reinforcing its presence in the Greater Hyderabad region.

## Harish Rao's Open Letter to Rahul Gandhi on HCU Land Issue

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BRS MLA and former minister Harish Rao has written an open letter to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, raising concerns over the governance of Telangana CM Revanth Reddy. He questioned why Congress leaders were acting against the constitutional principles that Rahul himself advocates.

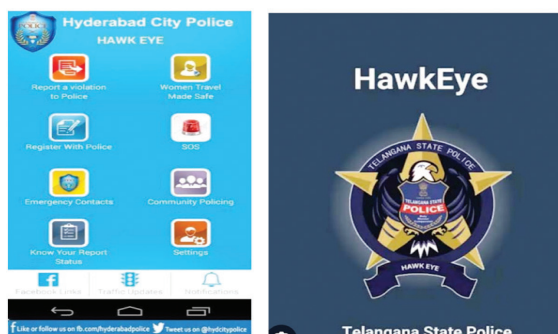


Harish Rao pointed out that while Congress promised to disqualify defecting MLAs, Revanth Reddy welcomed 10 BRS MLAs into the party. He also criticized

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## Hawk Eye App to Curb Crime

- Telangana police launched the app in 2014
- Specially designed for women and young girls
- Press SOS, and police arrive instantly
- Available on Play Store with new updates



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## MLC Elections: BJP vs MIM as Congress, BRS Stay Away

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## MLC Elections: BJP vs MIM as Congress, BRS Stay Away

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The Hyderabad Local Authorities' MLC election has taken an interesting turn, with Congress and BRS opting out of the contest. This has set the stage for a direct face-off between BJP and MIM, making it a politically charged battle.

With nominations closing today, BJP's N. Gautam Rao and MIM's Mirza Riaz Ul Hasan Effendi have filed their papers. Additionally, two independent candidates have also entered the race. With Congress and BRS not fielding candidates, the contest is expected to be a fierce BJP vs MIM battle.

As per the electoral

composition, MIM holds 49 votes, BRS 25, BJP 22, and Congress 14, making the voting dynamics crucial. April 9 is the last date for withdrawal of nominations, while polling will take place on April 23, with results on April 25.

BJP's decision to contest despite numerical disadvantage has raised curiosity in political circles. Observers believe BJP aims to polarize voters and position itself as MIM's main challenger, consolidating its influence in Hyderabad. With Congress and BRS's unexpected absence, the election has become a high-stakes political battle, setting the tone for future electoral strategies in Telangana.

## Supreme Court's Key Orders in Lawyer Vaman Rao Murder Case



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The Supreme Court has issued key directives in the high-profile lawyer Vaman Rao and Nagamani murder case, which shook Telangana. A petition was filed by Vaman Rao's father, demanding that the case be handed over to the CBI.

During today's hearing, the Supreme Court instructed the Telangana government to submit all relevant documents and video evidence related to

the case. The bench stated that it would review the records before making a final decision on the CBI investigation.

The Telangana government had previously informed the Supreme Court that it has no objection to handing over the case to either the CBI or CID, leaving the decision to the court. Following today's hearing, the Supreme Court has given three weeks for submission of records and adjourned the case for four weeks.

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## Gachibowli Land Dispute: Police Enforce Entry Restrictions

being cleared in three days. The court has expressed serious concerns over environmental damage.

The dispute has led to student protests at the University of Hyderabad (HCU), with students alleging that police forcefully entered campus areas. Many have announced boycotts and sit-ins, demanding clarity on the land's ownership.

The Telangana government has maintained that the land belongs to the state, citing records dating back to 2004. However, opposition leaders and environmentalists claim that the land should be preserved as a green zone due to its rich biodiversity.

With police restrictions in place and the legal battle ongoing, the Supreme Court is expected to hear the case in the coming weeks.

## Harish Rao's Open Letter to Rahul Gandhi on HCU Land Issue

the CM's comments on the Supreme Court, which led to judicial reprimand.

On the HCU land issue, Harish Rao accused the government of destroying 100 acres of trees, affecting wildlife. He condemned the police lathi-charge on students and professors, asking why Rahul Gandhi, who once supported HCU students after Rohith Vemula's death, is now silent.

Further, he questioned the demolition of poor people's homes under HYDRA and Musi River projects, while Congress claims to oppose such actions. He also slammed the Adani Group's entry into Telangana, alleging forced land acquisition in Nalgonda and police attacks on Adivasi farmers in Lagcherla.

Harish Rao demanded that Rahul Gandhi address these issues, guide his CM, and provide answers to Telangana's people.

# People's Government Fulfilling Youth's Aspirations with Jobs & Development

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Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu asserted that the People's government is committed to fulfilling the aspirations of unemployed youth in Telangana. Speaking at Cyber Garden, he handed over appointment letters to Yadadri Thermal Power Station (YTPS) displaced persons and newly appointed Divisional Accounts Officers in the Finance Department.

He conveyed Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's message, reaffirming the government's dedication to providing employment opportunities to young men and women who fought for Telangana's statehood. The CM em-



phasized that real Statehood success lies in job creation.

Since coming to power, the government has issued 59,000 appointment letters, giving thousands of youth a chance to serve. The Rajiv Yuva Vikas scheme was introduced with an unprecedented ₹9,000 crore alloca-

tion for self-employment schemes, a first in Telangana's history. Unlike the BRS government, which merely made announcements, this government has a clear action plan with fixed timelines for application, selection, and implementation. The government is also expanding the IT sector, developing

- Statehood becomes meaningful through job creation
- Indiramma government issues 59,000 appointment letters
- Unprecedented ₹9,000 crore allocated for self-employment schemes
- Future City, IT expansion to generate more employment
- YTPS displaced receive jobs after previous government's neglect

Future City, Skill University, and Sports University to boost employment. The Congress government continues the legacy of IT expansion, transforming Hyderabad into a global hub. The government fulfilled its promise to

YTPS-displaced families by providing 112 jobs, rectifying the neglect of the previous government. Bhatti Vikramarka urged youth to support development and warned against vested interests trying to stall progress.

## Congress, BRS Avoid Contest to Support Majlis: Bandi Sanjay

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Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar has alleged that Congress and BRS are working together in Telangana, proving BJP's accusations of collusion correct. He claimed that the two parties are joined like Fevicol and are secretly helping the All India Majlis-e-Ittehad-ul-Muslimeen (AIMIM). He pointed out that Congress and BRS recently united over

delimitation issues and are now organizing a joint public meeting in Telangana. Both parties are reportedly coordinating on event arrangements, including deciding whom to invite. He also accused Congress and BRS of siding against the Modi government during the Wakf Board Amendment Bill vote in Parliament. Furthermore, he criticized them for not fielding candidates in the GHMC MLC

elections, instead backing AIMIM's candidate.

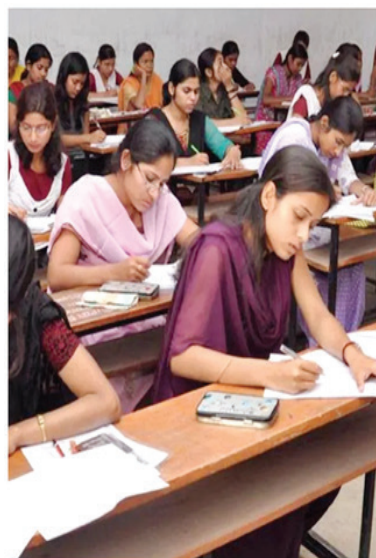
Bandi Sanjay reminded that before the elections, Congress leaders, including CM Revanth Reddy, had blamed KCR's family for ₹1 lakh crore corruption in Kaleshwaram project, power purchases, and Dharani portal scams. However, after coming to power, Congress stopped questioning BRS, proving their political understanding.



## Supreme Court Clears Way for Telangana Group-1 Appointments

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In a major relief to Telangana Group-1 aspirants, the Supreme Court dismissed petitions challenging GO No. 29, clearing the way for recruitments to proceed. With this verdict, Telangana State Public Service Commission (TG-PSC) has started preparations for certificate verification. TG-PSC had issued a notification for 563 Group-1 posts in February 2024. The Preliminary exam was held in June 2024, followed by Mains in October 2024. The final results were announced on March 10, 2025, with general ranks released



on March 30. Some aspirants challenged GO No. 29, claiming it was unfair, but the Supreme Court found no merit in their arguments.

Meanwhile, Ashok Sir made sensational allegations of corruption in the Group-1 recruitment process. He claimed that more than half the jobs

were sold and that the top 100 ranks included 44% from OC category. He accused CM Revanth Reddy and former TG-PSC Chairman Mahender Reddy of favoritism, alleging that EWS reservations were misused. These claims have stirred controversy, demanding a transparent investigation.

## Harish Rao Slams Revanth Reddy Over Political Vendetta

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Former Minister and BRS MLA Harish Rao has strongly condemned the Telangana government for allegedly using political vendetta to suppress dissent. He accused Chief Minister Revanth Reddy of misusing police power to file cases against students, BRS leaders, and social media activists who questioned the government over the Hyderabad Central University (HCU) issue.

Harish Rao specifically cited the alleged illegal detention of former Sarpanch Bandi Meedi Ramulu in Nalgonda district's Martineni Gudem and expressed his outrage. "How many more people will you file cases against, Mr. Revanth Reddy?" he questioned, criticizing the



government's intolerance towards criticism.

He further lambasted the Congress regime, calling it a dictatorial rule rather than a democracy. "Is this the Indiramma Rajyam you promised? Filing cases for social media posts?" he asked.

Harish Rao warned that BRS will not remain silent until the Congress government fulfills all its promises. He asserted that BRS will continue exposing the failures of the ruling party across Telangana and demanded immediate withdrawal of the 'false cases' filed against their supporters.

## Hawk Eye App to Curb Crime

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How many of you know about the Hawk Eye app? Do you know when the Telangana police launched it? Do you know its purpose? If asked about the SOS button, most people have no idea. Some even ask, "Is there really such an app?" When told it's for women's safety, their reaction is one of surprise. To spread awareness,

Point News brings you everything about this public-safety app. Hawk Eye, a Telangana Police app, was launched on December 31, 2014. Conceptualized by then City Commissioner Mahender Reddy, it was developed after multiple discussions with IT experts. The name Hawk Eye represents the police's sharp vision in catching criminals. Initially, it gained traction, but over time,

people forgot about it. After Mahender Reddy became DGP, the app was integrated with the police control room and upgraded with better features. Using the Hawk Eye app is simple—just download it and report a crime via message. The police will reach you within moments. The app places an SOS button on your phone screen. For women in danger, pressing SOS instantly sends lo-

cation and details to Dial 100 and the nearest police station. Even without Wi-Fi or mobile data, the feature works. Police will track, locate, and protect the user. With rising private transport usage, women traveling in cabs, bikes, metro trains, or buses can use Hawk Eye if they feel unsafe. If a driver changes the route or behaves suspiciously, the SOS button sends an alert. Once police arrive,

there's no need to visit a station. A complaint filed through the app is legally valid. Recently, a German woman faced harassment from two cab drivers. The police arrested one suspect after two days, but with Hawk Eye, they could have caught them immediately. The app is active 24/7, allowing women and young girls to get help anytime, anywhere. Keeping location services ON ensures instant response. So, sisters and madams, Hawk Eye is for you. Download it today and stay fearless!



## Raja Singh Slams BJP Leadership Over MLC Candidate Selection

- BJP announces Gautam Rao as MLC candidate
- Raja Singh questions favoritism in party ticket distribution
- Criticizes Kishan Reddy for favoring Secunderabad leaders
- Expresses frustration over neglecting senior BJP workers
- Recently opposed appointment of new state BJP president



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Firebrand BJP leader and Goshamahala MLA Raja Singh has strongly criticized the party's leadership over the selection of Gautam Rao as the BJP candidate for the Hyderabad MLC Election-2025 under the local bodies' quota.

Taking an indirect dig at Telangana BJP president and Union Minister Kishan Reddy, Raja Singh questioned whether only leaders from Secunderabad are eligible for key positions in the party. He accused the leadership of ignoring senior BJP workers from other parliamentary constituencies and favoring only loyalists for posts and tickets.

Raja Singh also expressed deep frustration over what he called "political slavery" within the party. He questioned whether BJP's internal selections were based solely on loyalty to certain leaders rather than merit.

This is not the first time Raja Singh has openly criticized the BJP high command. Recently, he had opposed the appointment of a new state BJP president, insisting that the position should go to a loyal and deserving leader rather than someone who allegedly holds secret meetings with Congress and BRS leaders. His remarks have sparked intense debate within Telangana political circles.

## "You May Be New as CM, But Your Party Isn't": Eatala Rajender

- BJP MP Eatala Rajender slams Telangana government over land sales
- Questions Congress for giving 'unrealistic' poll promises
- Warns against selling Hyderabad Central University (HCU) land



TPN Correspondent |Hyderabad

BJP MP Eatala Rajender has criticized the Telangana government for planning to sell lands to fulfill its election promises. Speaking to the media in Delhi on Friday, he stated that CM Revanth Reddy might be new to the role, but Congress is not a new party. He accused the government of making reckless promises and now attempting to sell not just government lands but even university lands to fund them. Eatala reminded that he had always opposed the sale of public lands, irrespective of the ruling party. He highlighted that when asked how Congress would implement its promises, they claimed they would manage within available resources. "Now, they are resorting to selling lands," he lashed out.

Eatala warned the state government against selling HCU lands, stating that Union Minister Bhupender Yadav had already responded seriously to the matter. He emphasized that the Supreme Court's stance on such land sales should not be ignored. Referring to Telangana's financial struggles, Eatala pointed out that the 2024-25 budget had a ₹70,000 crore shortfall, and predicted that even the ₹3.04 lakh crore budget for 2025-26 will struggle to be fully utilized.

He reaffirmed that BJP MLAs, MPs, and Union Ministers are committed to Telangana's development, contrasting their efforts with Congress's financial mismanagement.

## HC Land Issue Sparks Controversy; Telangana Minister Slams BJP, BRS

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Telangana IT & Municipal Administration Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu lashed out at BJP and BRS for allegedly inciting students over the Hyderabad Central University (HC) land issue. Speaking at a mega job fair in Parakala, he accused the opposition of spreading false propaganda and hindering state development.

He emphasized that the Telangana government is actively attracting industries and investments, which will generate thousands of jobs. Criticizing the opposition, he pointed out that while the Warangal Congress meeting site saw tree felling, they are now falsely accusing the government of harming the environment.

The job fair, organized by MLA Revuri Prakash Reddy, witnessed participation from over 50 companies, offering 5,000 jobs across various sectors. Min-



ister Sridhar Babu assured that the state is working to provide employment opportunities for nearly 30 lakh youth through government and private sector initiatives.

Highlighting Telangana's digital future, he mentioned the establishment of a Skill University in Hyderabad, the first

of its kind in India. Plans are also in place to set up Skill Development Centers in all 33 districts.

MLA Revuri Prakash Reddy reiterated his commitment to organizing more job fairs and training programs to ensure better employment prospects for Telangana's youth.

## "BRS Destroyed by Palla Rajeshwar Reddy": Kadiyam Srihari



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Congress MLA Kadiyam Srihari launched a scathing attack on BRS leader Palla Rajeshwar Reddy, accusing him of playing a major role in BRS's downfall. Responding to Palla's claim that Station Ghanpur's development was solely due to KCR, Srihari dismissed it as arrogant and false.

"Palla Rajeshwar Reddy has done nothing but blindly follow KCR, ultimately leading to BRS's destruction," Srihari alleged. He further stated that Telangana people rejected KCR's rule, and Palla's words only highlight the party's misguided leadership.

Criticizing Palla's wealth accumulation during his tenure, Srihari questioned his moral right to comment on his contributions. "If BRS truly developed Station Ghanpur, let them prove it," he challenged. He also pointed out that even after losing power, BRS leaders continue to speak with arrogance.

Srihari reaffirmed that the Congress government is committed to real development, unlike BRS, which he accused of focusing only on power and personal gains.

## "BJP and BRS United After Congress Came to Power": MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy

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Bhongir Congress MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy has made strong allegations that BJP and BRS have joined hands after the Congress came to power in Telangana. Speaking to the media about the Hyderabad Central University (HCU) issue, he accused both parties of spreading false propaganda to mislead people.

He pointed out that BJP and BRS had a strong understanding while in power, but now that Congress is in government, they are united in attacking its initiatives. Chamala alleged that BRS social media paid artists are manipulating facts and misleading environmental activists across the country with fake narratives.

He condemned the morphed images and false claims being circulated on social media regarding HCU, calling it an attempt to create confusion. "They are making absurd claims that wild animals like tigers, lions, and elephants roam freely in HCU, even more than in the zoo," he ridiculed.

Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy warned that such misinformation campaigns are misleading not just Telangana but the entire nation and reaffirmed that the Congress government is focused on genuine development, despite the opposition's false propaganda.



## Without Forest Minister, Govt Forms Committee on HCU Land Dispute

- Telangana government forms committee on HCU land dispute
- Forest & Environment Minister Konda Surekha excluded from the panel
- Supreme Court's criticism forces government's damage control

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The Telangana government has decided to form a committee to address the Hyderabad Central University (HCU) land dispute by gathering inputs from all stakeholders. However, sources reveal that the committee has been formed without the inclusion of Forest & Environment Minister Konda Surekha.

The decision has sparked criticism, with many questioning the government's approach. The Supreme Court recently slammed the government's handling of the issue, leading to a rushed attempt at damage control.

The proposed committee will include

Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka, Ministers Sridhar Babu and Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, along with HCU's executive committee, civil society groups, student representatives, and other stakeholders. However, the exclusion of the Forest Minister from the panel has raised eyebrows, given the environmental concerns surrounding the dispute.

Critics argue that CM Revanth Reddy's administration is making hasty decisions, which are backfiring. The absence of the minister directly responsible for environmental issues in such a crucial committee has fueled speculation about the government's real intentions re-



garding the disputed land. With the Supreme Court keeping a close watch, and protests continuing at HCU, the state government faces mounting pressure to handle the issue transparently and responsibly.

## Did Supreme Court's Orders Shock the Government?" - KTR Fires at Congress

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The Supreme Court has issued strict orders halting any activity on the 400-acre Kanche Gachibowli land, directing Telangana's Chief Secretary Shanti Kumari to comply. Meanwhile, protests at Hyderabad Central University (HCU) continue, forcing the state government to form a ministerial committee.

Reports suggest that the government intends to develop the world's largest eco-park over 2,000 acres, merging HCU's 1,600 acres with the existing 400-acre land. This decision has drawn sharp criticism from BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR). Taking to X (formerly Twitter), KTR ridiculed the government's inconsistencies. "First, they announced a 400-acre eco park for HCU, and

within 24 hours, they're talking about a 2,000-acre mega project. Did the Supreme Court's orders leave them stunned?" he mocked.

Slamming the Congress government, KTR remarked, "Building an eco-park isn't as easy as making an AI-generated video." Taking a jibe at the state's controversial actions, he added, "Night safari doesn't mean invading with JCBs and tipper trucks over-



night." He accused the government of destroying hundreds of acres of forest, using police force on protesting stu-

dents, and filing false cases against them. "They even captured the mid-night destruction on camera and are now falsely labeling them as AI-generated videos," he alleged.

Calling Congress an "unethical government", KTR mocked it as a "circus company, not a government" and urged Telangana people to wake up and resist. "Jago Telangana, Jago," he declared in his tweet.

# "CM Revanth Reddy Unveils Veera Nari Chakali Ilamma Women's University Logo, Stresses Education Reforms"

- Telangana CM launches new university logo after Vice-Chancellors' meet
- Emphasizes student-centric education and demand-driven courses
- Urges restructuring of outdated university programs

**TPN Correspondent HYDERABAD:** Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy unveiled the official logo of Veera Nari Chakali Ilamma Women's University following a meeting with Vice-Chancellors of state universities. The event was attended by government advisors K. Keshava Rao, Vem Narendar Reddy, Education Secretary Yogita Rana, and several Vice-Chancellors, including Prof. Surya Dhananjay, Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani, and Prof. Gangadhar. During the Vice-Chancellors' review meeting, CM Reddy underscored the importance of student-focused education, urging universities to offer industry-relevant courses to enhance employment prospects. He emphasized that many students from rural and economi-

cally weaker backgrounds enroll in government universities, and it is the responsibility of the institutions to provide career-oriented education. The Chief Minister pointed out that students from financially strong backgrounds prefer private universities, which offer market-driven courses. To ensure government university students remain competitive, he advocated for the introduction of demand-based courses while phasing out obsolete programs. He also suggested assigning administrative responsibilities to faculty members specializing in newly introduced courses. CM Reddy strongly opposed treating universities as rehabilitation centers for professors, urging



a focus on quality education. Vice-Chancellors raised concerns about faculty shortages, infrastructure deficits, and resource constraints, prompting the Chief Minister to assure necessary funding. He directed Vice-Chancellors to collaborate with government advisors and prepare a university-wise action plan.



The meeting saw participation from Higher Education Chairman Balakishtha Reddy, Principal Secretary Manick Raj, Technical Education Commissioner A. Sridvesena, and various university heads, including Prof. Kumar Molugaram, Prof. P. Vishweshwar Rao, and Prof. V. Nityananda Rao.

## Hydra Demolitions in Suraram: Residents Express Outrage



**Hyderabad, April 04, 2025:** Residents of Suraram village have strongly condemned the Hyderabad authorities for allegedly demolishing a compound wall on private land without prior notice. The demolition took place around 7 AM, leaving landowners outraged. According to locals, the disputed land in Survey No. 16/28 had a compound wall built in 2009. However, authorities claimed it as government land and

proceeded with the demolition. Property owner Varala Rajeshwar Rao stated that despite having patta documents, officials ignored their objections and removed the structure by force. When the landowners questioned the demolition, they were reportedly forcibly taken to the police station instead of being given an explanation. They accused the officials of misusing their power and demanded immediate ac-

tion against them. Expressing their anger, the affected individuals criticized the authorities for acting without proper legal verification. They have decided to approach the court to seek justice. This incident has sparked concerns about government overreach, with locals questioning how such actions can take place without due process or transparency.

## Protests Erupt Against KTR Over Land Issues



**Hyderabad, April 04, 2025:** Unemployed youth staged a protest demanding the return of Kokapeta government lands, which were auctioned during the previous BRS government's tenure. Holding placards with slogans like "We Need Jobs," "Save Neo Polis," and "KTR Down Down," they expressed their anger at BRS Working President KTR for his remarks on HCU lands.

The protesters questioned KTR's inconsistent stance on land issues, asking why he remained silent when Kokapeta lands were auctioned but is now vocal about the Kancha Gachibowli lands. They demanded the Neo Polis lands be converted into an Eco Park instead of being used for real estate development. Allegations were made that the BRS government had sold lands to big corporations like My Home and Rajapushpa for huge bribes.

The unemployed youth also warned BRS leaders against obstructing government initiatives aimed at job creation. The HCU land controversy has already sparked strong opposition from various parties, with claims that the state government has no authority over these lands. The timing of BRS's protests against the Congress government has raised suspicions that the party is using this as a political strategy rather than genuinely supporting environmental concerns.

## STF Raids in Hyderabad: Cocaine & Ganja Seized, Arrests Made

**Jubilee Hills Drug Bust: Cocaine Seized, One Arrested**



**Hyderabad, April 04, 2025:** STF A-Team conducted raids at Jubilee Hills Road No. 11 after receiving information about drug sales. During the operation, 3.7 grams of ST Feels cocaine was seized, and cases were registered against two individuals. One of the accused, Kurapati Sai Manikantha, a resident of Jubilee Hills, was arrested. Another suspect, Prabhakar Reddy from Gajularamaram, alleged to be the supplier, is currently absconding.

STF leader Anji Reddy confirmed efforts are underway to apprehend him. Officials also seized a mobile phone, a bike, and the confiscated drugs, which were handed over to Jubilee Hills Police Station for further action. Chandrayangutta Ganja Seizure: 1.2 Kg Confiscated In another operation near Chandrayangutta Railway Station, the STF D-Team busted an illegal ganja sale, recovering

1.2 kg of ganja. One suspect, P. Nikhil Prem Kumar Raju from East Godavari, was arrested, while another accused, J. Chaitanya Siddharth, remains at large. STF leader Tirupati Yadav stated that the police are working to track down the absconding suspect. The officials also seized two mobile phones and a bike as evidence. Investigations are ongoing to dismantle these drug networks.

## Grand Launch of Vaarahi Silks – A New Landmark for Ethnic Elegance!

**Hyderabad, April 04, 2025:** The much-awaited Vaarahi Silks has opened its second branch in KPHB, bringing a stunning collection of traditional and contemporary sarees to the city. The store was grandly inaugurated by legendary actor Nandamuri Balakrishna and gorgeous Meenakshi Chowdhary, making it a spectacular affair for ethnic wear lovers.

A Destination for Timeless Elegance! Owned by Manideep Yechuri & Dr. Spandana Maddula, Vaarahi Silks is more than just a saree store—it's a celebration of craftsmanship and tradition. The four-story showroom in Kukatpally offers an exclusive range of Kanjivarams, Banarasis, Pochampallys, and



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## Meeting with Hon'ble Delhi CM Rekha Gupta & Katikithala Srinivas



**Hyderabad, April 04, 2025:** A delegation led by Nizamabad Urban MLA Shri Dhanpal Suryanarayana Gupta Ji and BJP senior leader Shri Morepally Satyanarayana Ji met Hon'ble Chief Minister of Delhi, Smt. Rekha Gupta Ji at her office in Delhi Sachivalaya. During the meeting, I extended my heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to her on assuming office as the Chief Minister of Delhi. Later, we had a productive discussion with Shri Katikithala Srinivas Ji, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Development at his New Delhi office. The meeting was attended by Nizamabad Urban MLA Shri Dhanpal Suryanarayana

Gupta, Jagtial MLA Shri M. Sanjay Kumar, BJP senior leader Shri Morepally Satyanarayana, and Jagtial Ex-Municipal Chairman Smt. Aduvala Jyothi Lakshman. The discussions focused on accelerating urban development in the Nizamabad parliamentary constituency. We highlighted infrastructure needs, smart city initiatives, and housing projects for the region. Shri Katikithala Srinivas Ji assured his support for fast-tracking development initiatives. This engagement reflects our commitment to progress and collaborative efforts to bring transformative changes to urban development in Telangana.



## Farmers Protest Land Acquisition, Face Arrest in Telangana



**TPN Correspondent |Rangareddy**  
Tensions flared in Telangana's Ranga Reddy district on Friday as farmers clashed with officials attempting to demarcate land for the proposed Pharma City project in Medipally Nakkatha village, Yacharam Mandal. Backed by a heavy police force of nearly 200 personnel, government authorities arrived to install boundary stones on disputed farmland. However, local farmers strongly objected, claiming that the land in question was their pattadar land and that a court stay was in place against any acquisition or activity. Despite presenting their legal stand, the protesting farmers were arrested and taken to the police station, triggering outrage among the local community and political opposition. Videos of the confrontation, including visuals of farmers being manhandled by police, have gone viral on social media, further fuelling public anger. Opposition parties have condemned the action, accusing Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's government of using force to suppress rightful landowners. They allege that instead of resolving the farmers' concerns, the state is targeting those who resist land grabs. Critics have demanded immediate release of the arrested farmers and a transparent review of the Pharma City land acquisition process. The incident has sparked renewed debate about land rights, state development priorities, and farmer welfare in Telangana.

## Bomb Threat at Warangal Court Triggers Panic, Turns Out to Be Hoax

**TPN Correspondent | Warangal**  
A bomb threat call received by the Warangal court on Saturday sparked panic and swift action from law enforcement authorities. Acting promptly, police deployed a bomb disposal squad along with sniffer dogs to inspect the court premises thoroughly, including courtrooms and surrounding areas. The sudden arrival of the bomb squad created tense moments, leaving lawyers, judges, and petitioners in a state of anxiety. However, after an extensive search, no explosives were found, and the threat was confirmed to be a hoax. Officials and court staff breathed a sigh of relief as normalcy gradually returned. Police have now launched an investigation to trace the origin of the threat call and identify the individual responsible. Authorities are also reviewing CCTV footage and call records to gather leads. This incident has raised serious concerns about court security and the misuse of emergency systems. Officials have emphasized the need for stringent measures to prevent such disruptions and ensure the safety of judicial establishments. The fake bomb scare, though resolved without harm, has left a temporary shadow of fear over Warangal's legal community, reminding all of the need for continued vigilance.



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## Telangana's Fine Rice Scheme Hits Supply Glitch Early On

**TPN Correspondent |Hyderabad**  
The Telangana government's much-publicized fine rice distribution scheme, launched on April 1, has hit a supply roadblock just days into rollout. Though the government had announced that each beneficiary would receive 6 kg of fine rice per person through ration shops, shortages are already being reported across several districts. In areas like Medchal and Ranga Reddy, ration shop fronts now display 'No Stock' boards, leaving beneficiaries disappointed and frustrated. Locals who approached shopkeepers were reportedly told that fresh stock will be delivered soon, but no specific timeline was provided. The government's intent behind

distributing fine rice was to curb the illegal transport of PDS rice and improve quality for cardholders. However, the current stock shortfall is raising concerns about supply chain efficiency and planning. Beneficiaries, particularly those dependent solely on ration support, are now questioning how such a major scheme could face hiccups so soon after launch. Opposition parties have begun criticizing the government's preparedness, demanding a quick resolution to ensure uninterrupted rice supply to all eligible citizens. Officials are yet to issue a formal clarification regarding the logistics lapse and restoration timelines.



## Trust Must Be Built in Govt Doctors: Minister Seethakka

**TPN Correspondent |Hyderabad**  
Minister of Panchayati Raj, Rural Development, Women and Child Welfare, Seethakka has urged government doctors to provide healthcare services in a way that builds public trust in the system. During a review meeting held on Friday at the district government hospital's conference hall, Seethakka emphasized the need for compassionate and dedicated service by medical professionals. The meeting included District Collector Divakar, District Medical & Health Officer, Program Officers, Medical Officers, the hospital superintendent, medical college principal, and other healthcare officials. Minister Seethakka stated that patients come



to government hospitals battling various illnesses, and it is the responsibility of doctors to treat them with empathy, respect, and human touch. "If doctors serve patients with kindness and commitment, people will begin to trust the healthcare system more," she said. "Doctors who save lives are no less than

gods to the people," she added. She urged all medical staff to be available 24/7 and called for awareness drives in villages regarding seasonal diseases. She also directed officials to ensure every mandal has a functioning 108 emergency ambulance service. Highlighting that better services in government hospitals would reduce reliance on private facilities, Seethakka stressed that public health should be the top priority. Key officials present at the meeting included DMHO Dr. Gopal Rao, Government Hospital Superintendent Dr. Jagadeeshwar, Medical College Principal Dr. Mohan Lal, Program Officers Dr. Chandrakant, Dr. Pawan Kumar, Dr. Randheer, and PHC medical officers.

## Indiramma Housing to Resume After Sri Ramanavami

**TPN Correspondent |Hyderabad**  
Telangana Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy has announced that a major welfare update awaits citizens post Sri Ramanavami. Speaking at a recent event, he stated that the much-anticipated Indiramma Housing Scheme—one of the Congress party's core election promises—will officially commence after the festival. He assured that eligible beneficiaries will soon begin receiving houses, marking a significant step in the state's welfare agenda. The Minister reiterated the Congress government's commitment to standing by farmers, emphasizing that no injustice would be tolerated under the Indiramma regime. In a stern warning to officials and millers, Ponguleti cautioned against negligence in paddy procurement, stating that strict action would be taken against those attempting to exploit farmers. Highlighting the government's efforts, he noted that ₹20,609 crore worth of farm loans have been waived, adding that the Congress is the only party in India to write off ₹2 lakh farm loans in one go. This announcement has sparked anticipation among housing beneficiaries and relief among farmers awaiting justice.



## Telangana DGP Directs Strict Measures to Curb Fake Seeds and Road Accidents

**TPN Correspondent |Gadwal**  
Telangana DGP Dr. Jitender, IPS, conducted a high-level review meeting with Jogulamba Gadwal district police officials, emphasizing proactive policing ahead of the upcoming monsoon. He directed officers to ensure that fake seeds from other states do not enter the district and called for strict preventive measures.



Following the foundation stone ceremony for the new Dharur Police Station building, the DGP met with police officials at the district headquarters. SP T. Srinivas Rao presented a detailed report on law and order, key cases, and crime prevention strategies via

a PowerPoint presentation. The DGP instructed coordination with the Highway Authority and Transport Department to implement road safety measures and raise public awareness to reduce accidents. He emphasized opening rowdy and

suspect sheets for repeat offenders and maintaining constant surveillance on local and cross-district criminals. He urged police to act before crimes occur using preventive intelligence. He also stressed the importance of transparency, public engagement, faster investigations using technology, and police welfare, including health and safety. The session included discussions with each CI and DSP regarding local challenges and progress. Senior police officials including MD Police Housing Corp M. Ramesh IPS, IGP V. Satyanarayana, DIG L.S. Chauhan, and local officers participated in the session.

## Assurance for Farmers Giving Land to Kodangal Industrial Park

**TPN Correspondent |Vikarabad**  
Farmers who gave their land for the proposed industrial park in Kodangal constituency of Vikarabad district have been assured of comprehensive support by the government. Vikarabad District Collector Prateek Jain announced that all land-donating farmers will receive either a house site or an Indiramma house. Additionally, one eligible member from each family will be provided with a government job. The announcement was made during a cheque distribution event held on Friday at the Tandur Sub-Collector office. As part of the compensation, 25 farmers from

Dudyala Mandal, Hakeempet, and Lagacherla villages handed over a total of 31.08 acres of land for the park's development. The government sanctioned a compensation amount of ₹6.20 crore for these farmers, and cheques were distributed accordingly. The initiative aims to ensure that the farmers are not left behind in the development process and are given due recognition and financial support for their contribution. The district administration also reiterated its commitment to providing job opportunities and housing support to ensure social and economic stability for the affected families.

## Governor Jharna Urges Farmers to Embrace Natural Farming Practices

**TPN Correspondent |Rangareddy**  
Telangana Governor Jishnu Dev Varma emphasized the need for farmers to shift towards natural and organic farming methods for sustainable agriculture. Speaking at the Natural and Organic Farmers' Conclave held at Baddam Surender Reddy Gardens in Shankarpally, Ranga Reddy district, the Governor highlighted the harmful impact of chemical-based farming. The event was organized by the Ekalavya Grameena Vikas Foundation. Governor Varma, accompanied by Chevella MLA Kale Yadaiah, inaugurated the event by lighting the ceremonial lamp.



He stated that soil is a divine gift and our ancestors protected it by practicing nature-friendly agriculture. He warned that excessive use of chemicals and fertilizers is reducing the microbial life in soil, posing a serious threat to future

generations. Children born to families practicing chemical agriculture are also facing health issues, he noted. Governor Varma encouraged farmers to produce organic fertilizers themselves and said that both central and state governments are actively promoting natural farming through awareness programs and financial assistance. Later, the Governor and MLA visited various organic farming stalls set up by farmers and presented mementoes to the participants. The event saw wide participation from public representatives, former leaders, party workers, and farmers.

# Godavari: SEIZE THE DRAINAGES

## THE POINT DESK

This film revolves around the River Godavari and the pride of those who claim to belong to the Godavari region. However, it raises an important question—do they truly cherish and love the river? The story, dialogues, direction, and production of this film are by Galidevara Thamesh.

### Q1: What inspired you to make this short film on Godavari River pollution?

Galidevara Thamesh: Growing up near the Godavari River, I have seen how it has been a lifeline for millions. But over the years, pollution has turned it into a dumping ground. The major issue is untreated sewage and drainage water directly flowing into the river. This deeply disturbed me, and I felt the need to create awareness through a medium that can visually impact people—hence, this short film.

### Q2: Can you give us an overview of the film's storyline?

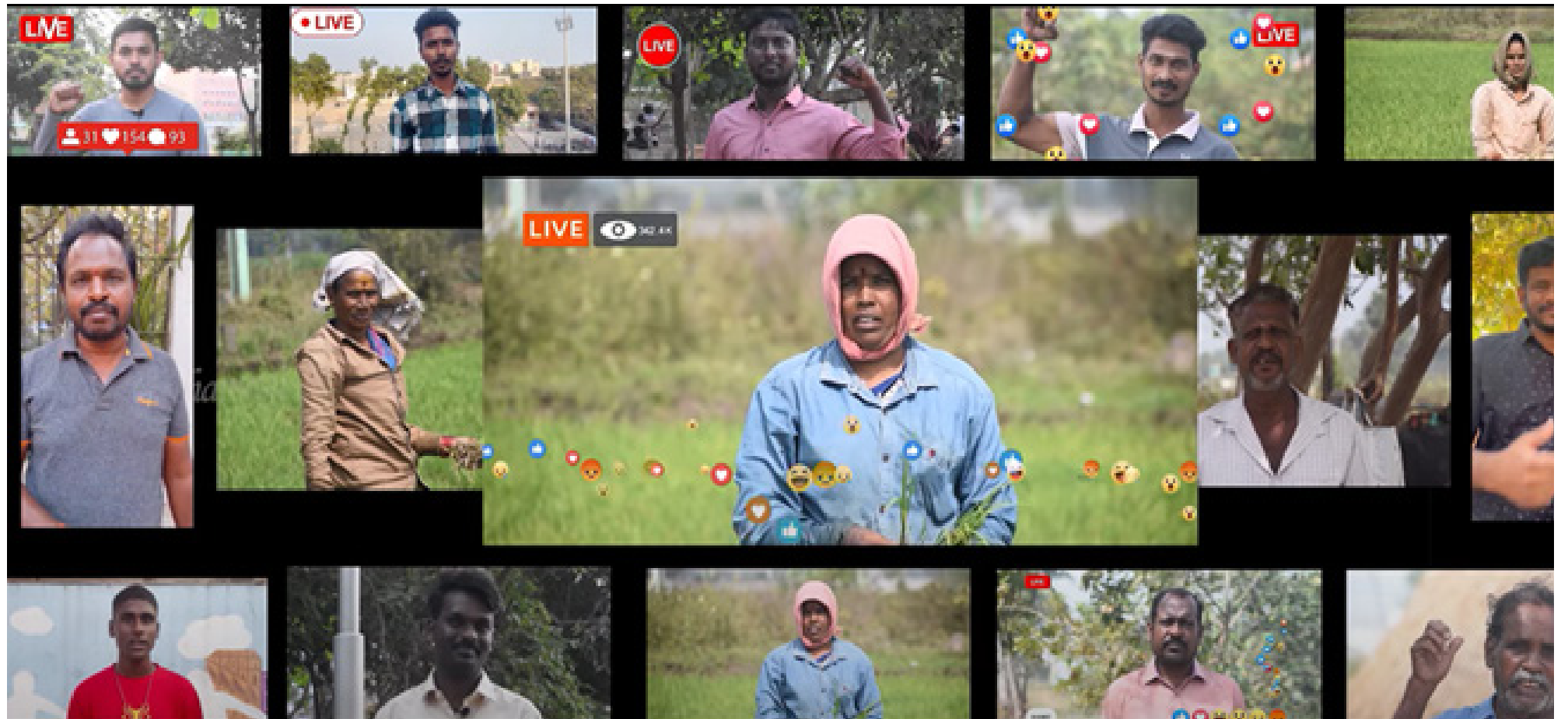
GT: The film follows the journey of a young environmentalist who exposes the increasing pollution in the Godavari River. It showcases the real problems—untreated sewage, lack of purification systems, and public negligence. The story builds awareness and urges the audience to take action before the situation worsens.

### Q3: What message are you trying to convey through this film?

GT: The main message is simple—a clean river is a collective responsibility. Authorities must improve sewage treatment infrastructure, industries must follow environmental regulations, and people must stop polluting the river. If we don't act now, future generations will inherit a poisoned water source.

### Q4: What challenges did you face while making this film?

GT: The biggest challenge was shooting in real polluted locations. Some places had a strong stench, and others were unsafe due to the untreated waste.



Getting the right permissions and ensuring authenticity while maintaining cinematic quality was another hurdle. Financial limitations were also a factor, as this was an independent production.

### Q5: How was the response from the audience?

GT: The response has been phenomenal! Even though this is a new YouTube channel, the film crossed 10,000 views in just 4 days. People have shared it widely, discussed the issue, and even tagged local authorities. This reaction shows that people do care and are ready to support change. I would specially thank my friends who deeply supported me.

### Q6: Do you think this film can lead to action from the government or authorities?

GT: Awareness is the first step toward action. If enough people demand a solution, authorities will have no choice but to respond. I am planning to share this film with environmental or-



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ganizations, policymakers, and municipal bodies to push for stricter sewage treatment regulations.

### Q7: Is there a specific area along the Godavari River where pollution is worse?

GT: Yes, multiple areas, especially near major towns and cities, face severe pollution. Many drains discharge untreated sewage directly into the river. In some places, industrial waste is also a major concern. Proper sewage treatment plants and stricter monitoring are needed urgently.

### Q8: What role do industries and the public play in this issue?

GT: Both are responsible. Some industries release untreated chemical waste, which is highly toxic. On the other hand, people also contribute by throwing garbage, plastic, and other waste into the river. Without public cooperation, even the best policies will fail.

### Q9: Do you plan to continue making films on social and environmental issues?

GT: Absolutely. This is just the beginning. I want to use filmmaking as a tool to bring attention to real issues affecting our society. I plan to make more films covering topics like Political Party

followers, Money in Politics, and Culture.

### Q10: What's your message to the public and authorities?

GT: To the public—don't wait for the government to act; start by doing your part. Stop dumping waste into the river and raise your voice for change. To the authorities—build proper sewage treatment plants, enforce stricter regulations, and take immediate action before we lose the Godavari forever.

### Conclusion

Galidevara Thamesh's "Godavari: Seize the Drainages" is not just a short film—it is a wake-up call. Through powerful storytelling rooted in reality, he compels both citizens and authorities to confront an environmental crisis that can no longer be ignored. As the river silently suffers the consequences of neglect, Thamesh's film stands as a passionate plea for awareness, responsibility, and most importantly, collective action to save the Godavari for future generations.

## Revanth Reddy was all about lake protection last year. This year, he's destroying them Bulldozing Green Spaces for IT Parks

In just a few days, Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has found himself in the midst of a public relations disaster, thanks to the state government's controversial decision to raze approximately 400 acres of land near the University of Hyderabad (UoH). What began as a simple development project has sparked widespread protests, police crackdowns, and heated debates about the balance between urban development and environmental preservation.

The land in question, near the UoH campus, is not just any piece of real estate; it is home to a rich biodiversity, including a lake, ancient rock formations like the Mushroom Rock, and a variety of wildlife. This 400-acre area houses 233 species of birds, as well as Bengal Monitor Lizards, Star Tortoises, and spotted deer. For students, the green space has long been viewed as a central, peaceful lung for the campus. However, the state government intends to convert the land into an IT park, leading to an outcry among students, environmentalists, and local activists.

Protests erupted last week when JCB bulldozers appeared on the UoH campus, triggering a violent police crackdown. The images of distraught animals, including peacocks, and the devastation caused by the bulldozers flooded social media, intensifying public anger. While the Telangana High Court issued an interim order halting the demolition, the state government



shows no signs of reversing its decision.

What makes the situation even more contentious is the fact that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has been vocal about the need to protect lakes and green spaces in Hyderabad. In 2024,

he launched the Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Monitoring and Protection Agency (HYDRA), aimed at preventing encroachments on these natural spaces. Now, questions are being raised about whether HYDRA will take action against the state itself for this proposed encroachment.

The background of this issue is rooted in a complex legal dispute. The University of Hyderabad was established in 1974 as part of a settlement after the 1969 Telangana protests. The land on which the university sits, called Kanchari Gachibowli, was handed over to the university in 1975, but it was never formally transferred to the university's ownership. In 2003, the Telangana State Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (TGIIC) took control of the 400 acres and handed it over to a private company, IMG Bharata, for development. However, this area remained freely accessible to students without any barriers separating it from the campus.

In 2024, the state government wrested control of this land from IMG Bharata following a legal battle, claiming that the land technically belonged to the state. The government then sought to develop the area into an IT park, which has led to the ongoing protests.

What is particularly striking in this situation is the stark contradiction between the state's rhetoric and its actions. Revanth Reddy has been a vocal advocate for protecting natural spaces in the city, yet his government's actions suggest a disregard for environmental concerns when it comes to land acquisition for development. The city of Hyderabad has already witnessed the destruction of other heritage sites and green spaces, such as the ancient Khajaguda rock site, which has been slowly

eaten away by real estate development.

This decision raises several important questions. Can the state justify the destruction of such a valuable ecological space for the sake of development? Is there no alternative land available for the IT park that would not involve the destruction of biodiversity? The ongoing protests show that students and citizens are deeply concerned about the long-term consequences of such projects, and the state's response has been to silence these concerns through police force.

As tensions mount, it is crucial for the Telangana government to reconsider its decision and engage in meaningful dialogue with the University of Hyderabad authorities, students, and environmentalists. The state may technically own the land, but it must also acknowledge its responsibility to protect the environment and respect the wishes of its citizens. Bulldozing green spaces and silencing protests is not the solution.

The current situation serves as a reminder of the need to balance development with environmental preservation. The Chief Minister and his government must find a way to reconcile these interests, or risk alienating the very people they claim to serve. As Hyderabad's urban landscape continues to change, it is essential that the voices of the city's residents—especially those who care about its natural heritage—are heard and respected.



## PM Modi to Inaugurate India's First Vertical Lift Sea Bridge

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to inaugurate India's first vertical lift sea bridge, the new Pamban Rail Bridge, in Tamil Nadu on April 6, coinciding with the auspicious occasion of Ram Navami. The 2.08 km-long bridge, linking Rameswaram to the mainland, is a major infrastructure milestone designed to enhance connectivity while preserving the rich cultural heritage associated with the region. According to a statement from the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), Modi will flag off both a train and a ship from the adjacent road bridge and witness the bridge's vertical lift mechanism in operation. Following the inauguration, the Prime Minister will visit the Ramanathaswamy Temple in Rameswaram, performing darshan and pooja at one of the most revered pilgrimage sites in India. The PMO highlighted the bridge's deep cultural significance, referencing the Ramayana, in which the legendary Ram Setu is believed to have originated near Dhanushkodi. Built at a cost of over ₹550 crore, the bridge features 99 spans and a 72.5-meter vertical lift span that rises 17 meters, allowing smooth passage of ships while ensuring uninterrupted train services. The bridge incorporates stainless steel reinforcements, high-grade protective paint, and fully welded joints, making it highly durable and low-maintenance. A special polysiloxane coating protects it from corrosion, ensuring longevity in the harsh marine environment. Additionally, it is designed to support dual rail tracks, keeping future infrastructure demands in mind. At around 1:30 PM, PM Modi will also lay the foundation stone and dedicate rail and road projects worth over ₹8,300 crore in Tamil Nadu. These include the four-laning of the Wala-japet-Ranipet section of NH-40, and the dedication of Viluppuram-Puducherry (NH-332), Poondiyanakuppam-Satanathapuram (NH-32), and Cholapuram-Thanjavur (NH-36) highway projects. As he addresses the gathering, the Prime Minister's visit underscores the government's commitment to strengthening infrastructure, boosting economic growth, and preserving cultural heritage in Tamil Nadu.

# PM Modi's Landmark Visit to Sri Lanka



Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in Colombo on Friday evening for a three-day visit aimed at strengthening bilateral ties between India and Sri Lanka. His visit follows his participation in the BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) Summit in Bangkok. The Indian prime minister is scheduled to hold extensive discussions with Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake on Saturday, covering a wide range of topics, including energy, trade, digitalization, defense, and connectivity. Both nations are expected to announce around 10 key agreements that will further cement cooperation, particularly in areas of defense, energy security,

- Modi arrives in Sri Lanka
- Talks focus on key sectors
- 10 agreements expected soon
- India supports economic recovery

and technological advancements. Modi's visit comes at a crucial time for Sri Lanka, which is gradually recovering from one of its worst economic crises in history. Just three years ago, the island nation faced severe financial distress, prompting India to step in with a financial assistance package worth \$4.5 billion, which played a key role in stabilizing Sri Lanka's economy. With economic indicators showing signs of improvement, the discussions between the

two leaders will focus on sustainable economic recovery, infrastructure development, and enhanced trade partnerships to ensure long-term financial stability. The Indian prime minister has emphasized the importance of reviewing progress on the joint vision of "Fostering Partnerships for a Shared Future," a strategic framework aimed at fostering deeper cooperation in multiple sectors. India and Sri Lanka share strong historical, cultural, and economic ties, and

this visit is expected to further reinforce their mutual commitment to regional stability and growth. Enhancing digital connectivity between the two countries, improving defense collaboration, and addressing energy security challenges will be central themes during the talks. Modi's visit also signals India's commitment to strengthening its influence in the Indian Ocean region, particularly as China continues to expand its footprint in Sri Lanka through infrastructure investments. As the two nations engage in dialogue, the outcomes of this visit could shape the future of Indo-Sri Lankan relations, paving the way for stronger strategic, economic, and security cooperation.

## Veteran Actor Manoj Kumar Passes Away

Legendary actor and filmmaker Manoj Kumar, known for his deep-rooted patriotism on screen, passed away at the age of 87 on April 4, 2025, at the Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital in Mumbai. Fondly called "Bharat Kumar" for his remarkable portrayals of nationalist characters in films, Kumar breathed his last at 4:03 am due to cardiogenic shock resulting from an acute myocardial infarction, a severe heart attack. Reports indicate that he had been battling decompensated liver cirrhosis in recent months, which further contributed to his deteriorating health. He was admitted to the hospital on February 21, 2025, as his condition worsened. Born Harikrishan Goswami on July 24, 1937, in Amritsar, Punjab, Manoj Kumar became a towering figure in Indian cinema with his patriotic and socially relevant films. His performances in classics like Shaheed, Upkar, and Purab Aur Paschim left an indelible mark on audiences and established him as a symbol of national pride. Apart from acting, Kumar was also a successful director, delivering thought-provoking films that resonated deeply with the Indian public. His immense contribution to Hindi cinema was recognized with numerous accolades, including seven Filmfare Awards and a National Film Award. In 1992, he was conferred the Padma Shri, one of India's highest civilian honors, and in 2015, he received the Dadasaheb Phalke Award, the most prestigious recognition in Indian cinema. The news of his passing has left the film fraternity in mourning, with tributes pouring in from colleagues, fans, and admirers. Filmmaker Ashoke Pandit, while speaking to ANI, expressed deep sorrow, calling Manoj Kumar an inspiration and a true doyen of Indian cinema. He reminisced about their meetings and described Kumar as a man full of life and positivity. His absence leaves an irreplaceable void in the industry, and his films will continue to inspire generations to come. As Bollywood bids farewell to one of its greatest icons, Manoj Kumar's legacy of cinematic excellence and patriotic fervor will remain eternal in the hearts of millions.



## Actor Vijay Demands Katchatheevu Retrieval

Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) chief and actor Vijay has reignited the debate over Katchatheevu Island, urging Prime Minister Narendra Modi to reclaim India's sovereignty over the disputed territory ahead of his visit to Sri Lanka. As an interim measure, Vijay proposed a 99-year lease of the island, but he maintained that full retrieval remains the only long-term solution to the persistent crisis faced by Tamil Nadu's fishermen. The actor-politician launched a scathing attack on both the DMK and the BJP-led central government, accusing them of neglecting the plight of Tamil fishermen and failing to take concrete steps toward reclaiming Katchatheevu. He dismissed the DMK's recent Assembly resolution, which urged the Centre to retrieve the island, as mere "political drama" ahead of the 2026 Tamil Nadu elections. Vijay also reminded the public that the DMK was in power in 1974, when the island was handed over to Sri Lanka under the Indo-Lankan agreement. Furthermore, he criticized the Centre for what he called discriminatory treatment, alleging that while Gujarat fishermen receive protection, their Tamil Nadu counterparts face frequent arrests and boat confiscations by the Sri Lankan Navy. The Katchatheevu retrieval debate gained further traction after Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin wrote to PM Modi, demanding a review of the 1974 Indo-Lankan treaty and urging the Prime Minister to negotiate the release of jailed Tamil fishermen during his Sri Lanka visit. The Tamil Nadu Assembly also passed a resolution echoing these demands, amplifying political pressure on the Modi government. Katchatheevu, a 1.9 sq km island located 12 nautical miles off Rameswaram, has long been a flashpoint in India-Sri Lanka relations. Experts point out that the fish population in the region has declined significantly, forcing Indian fishermen to venture 22 nautical miles into Sri Lankan waters, increasing their risk of arrests.



## Tamil Nadu's NEET Exemption Bill Rejected by Centre

Tamil Nadu's long-standing demand for an exemption from the National Entrance and Eligibility Test (NEET) suffered a major blow on Friday after President Droupadi Murmu rejected the state's bill seeking to allow medical admissions based on Class XII marks. The bill, which was cleared twice by the state legislature in 2021 and 2022, had been pending with the Union government for years before being formally rejected. Chief Minister MK Stalin, addressing the Assembly, condemned the rejection as an "insult to Tamil Nadu" and called it a "black phase in federalism". He pointed out that despite the Tamil Nadu government providing all necessary clarifications, the BJP-led Centre had refused to consider the exemption. In response, Stalin announced a meeting of all legislature parties on April 9 to discuss further legal and political actions. He emphasized that Tamil Nadu's fight against NEET is far from over and that legal experts would be consulted to explore lawful measures to challenge the Centre's decision. The controversy surrounding NEET in Tamil Nadu has been ongoing for years. The state's primary argument against the system is that it disproportionately benefits students from wealthier families, who can afford expensive coaching, while students from rural and marginalized backgrounds struggle to compete. Switching to Class 12 marks for admissions, the state argues, would promote social justice and equitable access to medical education. Tamil Nadu has been vocal about its opposition, passing a unanimous Assembly resolution in 2023 urging the Centre to scrap NEET altogether. The state has also witnessed tragic incidents of student suicides linked to NEET pressure, adding emotional weight to the debate.



# '1000 Gold Cards sold Daily' Trump's \$5M visa plan draws global interest

- **New citizenship pathway aims to boost US economy**
- **Each Gold Card offers fast-track to US residency for \$5 million investment**
- **Program replaces EB-5 visa, with simplified process and no job creation clause**

TPN Correspondent | Washington DC

Former US President Donald Trump's newly launched "Gold Card" visa program has caught global attention, offering a streamlined pathway to US citizenship for high-net-worth individuals through a \$5 million investment. According to Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick, the program has already seen major traction, with 1,000 Gold Cards sold in a single day, raising \$5 billion.

Unveiled as a bold replacement for the EB-5 investor visa program, the Gold Card eliminates complex conditions like job creation, allowing applicants to gain permanent residency in a faster and more efficient manner. The move is being hailed as a game-changer for wealthy individuals looking to establish their future in the United States



while contributing significantly to its economy.

"This is an opportunity for the world's best entrepreneurs and investors to become part of the American dream," said Lutnick during an appearance on the All-In Podcast. "We're seeing unprecedented demand."

Key benefits of the Gold Card

include simplified documentation, no business or employment requirements, and a clear path to US citizenship. It positions the US as an attractive destination for global capital, especially at a time when other countries are also vying for investor immigration.

Supporters argue the Gold Card

will help revitalize key sectors, including real estate, technology, and infrastructure, through direct capital infusion. With daily sales hitting four digits, the initiative marks a new era in US economic diplomacy—welcoming visionaries, innovators, and investors who are ready to invest in America's future.

## "Heartbroken, Was Unable To Meet Expectations": South Korea's Yoon Apologies



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In a heartfelt statement on Friday, South Korea's ousted president, Yoon Suk Yeol, publicly apologized after the country's Constitutional Court upheld his impeachment over a flawed martial law declaration, which led to his immediate removal from office. The ruling, delivered in a unanimous verdict, officially stripped Yoon of his presidential powers, marking a historic moment in the nation's political history.

"I am truly sorry and heartbroken that I was unable to meet your expectations," Yoon said in a brief statement following the court's announcement. His apology came after a turbulent period in office, during which his leadership and decisions were widely criticized, culminating in the court's decision to uphold the impeachment motion that had initially been passed by the National Assembly.

Yoon, who served as president for just over a year, faced significant criticism after his controversial decision to declare martial law in response to growing political unrest in the country. The move, which was seen by many as an overreach of presidential powers, sparked widespread protests and led to accusations that Yoon had attempted to undermine South Korea's democratic processes. Critics argued that the declaration was an excessive response to the situation and threatened the stability of the country's democratic institutions.

The Constitutional Court's ruling solidified the concerns of the opposition and civil rights groups, who had long warned that Yoon's actions could set a dangerous precedent. In their unanimous decision, the justices emphasized the importance of maintaining checks and balances within the government, and stated that Yoon's actions had violated constitutional principles by overstepping the bounds of executive authority.

Despite the gravity of the situation, Yoon's apology indicated a sense of remorse, though many political observers were quick to point out that it came too late. Throughout the impeachment proceedings, Yoon had remained steadfast in defending his actions, claiming that his decision to invoke martial law was necessary to protect the country from potential threats. However, as the legal challenges against him mounted, the pressure became too great for him to ignore, culminating in the court's ruling.

The impeachment of a sitting president is a rare and significant event in South Korea, a country known for its vibrant democracy and history of political upheaval. Yoon's removal marks only the third time in the nation's modern history that a president has been impeached, following similar cases involving former presidents Park Geun-hye and Roh Moo-hyun.

In the wake of the court's ruling, political leaders from both the ruling party and opposition have expressed mixed reactions. Some have praised the Constitutional Court for upholding the rule of law, while others have warned that the decision could deepen political divisions in the country. The national discourse has been dominated by debates over whether Yoon's actions were justified, or whether they represented an abuse of power by a president who had not fully grasped the delicate balance of authority within a democracy.

## PM Modi meets Bangladesh Chief Adviser Yunus Raises India's concerns over safety of Hindus

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Relations between India and Bangladesh have soured after Bangladesh's interim leader, Muhammad Yunus, made controversial remarks about Northeast India. Prime Minister Narendra Modi raised India's concerns during a meeting with Yunus on the sidelines of the BIMSTEC summit in Bangkok on April 4, 2025. Alongside External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, Modi expressed India's concerns over the safety of minorities in Bangladesh, particularly Hindus, and urged the Bangladeshi leader to avoid provocative rhetoric that could harm bilateral relations.

The tensions stem from remarks made by Yunus about India's Northeast region. Speaking during a visit to China, Yunus described the Northeast states—often referred to as the "Seven Sisters"—as a landlocked region and suggested that Bangladesh could serve as a "guardian of the



ocean" for the area. His comments were viewed as offensive, particularly by leaders in Assam, who stressed the importance of strengthening transportation links between the Northeast and the rest of India.

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma condemned Yunus' statement, pointing out its implications for India's strategic

vulnerabilities. Sarma stressed the need to improve rail and road infrastructure in the region, particularly around the "Chicken's Neck" corridor, a crucial passage that connects Northeast India to the rest of the country. He warned that such remarks could reflect deeper geopolitical motives and suggested that India should explore alternatives to bypass the vulnerable corridor.

In his conversation with Yunus, Modi reiterated India's commitment to a peaceful, stable, and cooperative relationship with Bangladesh, emphasizing the importance of mutual respect and understanding. He also called for a thorough investigation into the safety of minorities in Bangladesh and urged for any inflammatory rhetoric to be avoided to maintain a stable environment between the two nations. The meeting marks the first between Modi and Yunus since the latter took office after the ouster of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's government in August 2024.

## China Opposes US Tariffs, Vows Countermeasures in Escalating Trade Dispute



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China has strongly condemned the latest round of tariffs imposed by the United States, vowing to take "countermeasures" to protect its rights and interests. The Chinese government's reaction came after US President Donald Trump implemented a series of new levies on imports, including a 10 percent tariff on global goods and an additional 34 percent tariff specifically targeting China.

In retaliation, China has imposed its own tariffs on US agricultural products, including soybeans, pork, and chicken, with rates as high as 15 percent. These moves are part of a broader trade dispute that has the potential to damage both economies. China's fragile economic recovery, already hindered by a debt crisis in the property sector and low consumer spending, now faces further pressure from these new tariffs.

The Commerce Ministry in Beijing issued a statement expressing firm opposition to the tariffs, which it described as violations of international trade rules. It argued that the measures would seriously harm the rights and interests of affected countries, warning that they would have far-reaching consequences for global economic development. The ministry also accused the US of engaging in "unilateral bullying" and called for the immediate cancellation of the tariffs.

## Trump's Continued Tariff Strategy: Pharma Products to Face New Charges Soon

Drugmakers are urging U.S. President Donald Trump to implement pharmaceutical tariffs gradually, as the industry braces for a potential new tariff on imported medical products. According to sources familiar with the discussions, the President is expected to announce a broader tariff plan this week, but details about specific tariffs on pharmaceuticals are unlikely to be revealed immediately.

Trump, who had previously exempted the pharmaceutical sector from past trade wars, has signaled that tariffs on medicines will be a part of his broader trade policy, aimed at reducing reliance on foreign countries for drug production. However, the industry fears the impact of these tariffs, especially the proposed 25% levy, which could make medicines more expensive and potentially lead to shortages.

Industry groups like PhRMA (Pharmaceutical Research and Manu-



facturers of America) argue that bringing more drug production to the U.S. is a long-term process that could take 5 to 10 years and require billions of dollars in investment. This is why they are advocating for a gradual ramp-up of the tariff rate rather than a sudden 25% increase.

In response, the Trump administration appears to be recognizing the challenges involved in shifting drug manufacturing to the U.S. While some sources are hopeful that the administration will con-

sider a more gradual approach to tariff implementation, the industry remains on edge as it prepares for the potential rise in costs.

The announcement expected on Wednesday may include a study looking into how pharma-specific tariffs could be applied, with a possible commitment to a more incremental rollout of tariffs. However, there is still uncertainty about how the tariffs will ultimately be structured and whether any adjustments will be made in response to industry concerns.

Some multinational drugmakers, including Johnson & Johnson, Eli Lilly, AstraZeneca, and GSK, have already made significant investments in U.S. manufacturing to bolster domestic production. Despite this, many of these companies continue to rely on overseas facilities for key components, and increasing production in the U.S. could take years.



# Global Shockwaves Hit Indian Markets: Indices Plunge as Tariff Fears Grip Investors

Domestic stock markets were volatile on Friday. Sectoral and benchmark indices were volatile. This was due to the implementation of tariffs imposed by US President Donald Trump on countries around the world. As a result, markets in all countries turned red. The same sentiment continued here too. Shares in the metals and pharma sectors fell by 6%. Oil, manufacturing, energy and other sectoral indices also fell by more than 3 percent. In total, investors lost Rs 5 lakh crore in wealth as the Nifty 345 and the Sensex fell by 930 points.

The BSE Sensex, which closed at 76,295 in the previous session, opened at 76,160 on Friday. It touched an intraday low of 75,240. It reached an intraday high of 76,258. Finally, it closed at 75,364, losing 930 points. The NSE Nifty, which opened at 23,190, touched a low of



22,857 and a high of 23,214. It closed at 22,904, down 345 points. The Nifty Bank fell 94 points to settle at 51,502. In the Nifty50, 9 companies gained while 38 lost. Tata Consumer, Bajaj Finance, HDFC Bank, Nestle India,

Apollo Hospitals were the top gainers. Tata Steel, Hindalco, ONGC, Tata Motors, and Cipla lost the most. Finance and FMCG indices rose marginally today. Metal and pharma indices fell by 4-6%. Oil, manufactur-

ing, energy, commodities, IT, CPSE, PSE, healthcare and media indices fell by 3 percent. Selling pressure was also seen on consumer durables, auto, infra and PSU bank shares.

Market breadth on NSE turned completely in favor of sellers. 646 shares rose and 2230 fell. Shares of 26 companies reached 52-week highs and 66 shares reached 62-week lows. 146 shares touched the upper circuit and 108 shares touched the lower circuit.

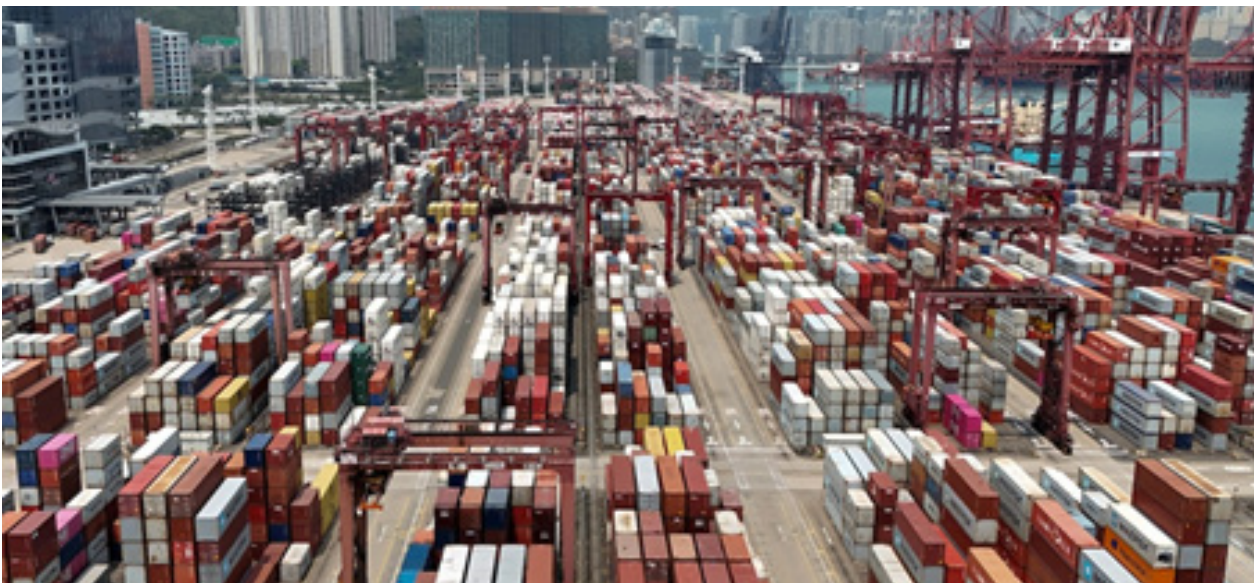
the revival plan. Citi has given a sell rating to Aditya Birla Passion with a target price of Rs 260. On the other hand, Morgan Stanley has maintained its underweight rating. UBS has given a sell rating to IndusInd Bank, reducing its target price to Rs 600 from Rs 770. The Union Cabinet has approved railway projects worth Rs 8,741 crore in Chhattisgarh. UBS has given a buy rating to Bank of Baroda with a target price of Rs 290. The price of Brent crude oil has fallen to \$ 68 per barrel. 19 lakh shares have changed



Rupee strengthened by 21 paise to settle at 85.23 against the dollar. HUDCO approved a mobilization of Rs. 65 thousand crore in FY26. Borrowing limit increased to Rs. 2.5 lakh crore. Go First Airlines is forced to sell its assets after NCLAT rejected

hands in Tata Steel. Adani Group has approved raising Rs 6500 crore in the form of loans in FY26. HDFC Bank's loans have risen by 5.4% and deposits by 15.8%. CLSA has given a buy rating to Federal Bank with a target price of Rs. 230.

## China strikes back with 34% tariffs on all US Goods



China has announced sweeping retaliatory tariffs of 34% on all US imports starting April 10, in response to President Donald Trump's latest round of steep duties on Chinese products. The move marks a significant escalation in the ongoing trade war between the world's two largest economies.

The counter-tariff, mirroring Trump's so-called "reciprocal" duties, is part of a broader package of measures unveiled by Beijing on Thursday, including export controls on critical materials and sanctions on American companies. Chinese authorities said the decision was aimed at "protecting national economic interests and responding proportionately."

Among the key measures China unveiled:

- A 34% tariff on all US goods, matching US rates on Chinese imports.
- Immediate export restrictions on seven types of rare earth materials critical to global electronics and defense industries.
- Launch of an anti-dumping investigation into US and Indian exports of CT X-ray tubes.
- Suspension of poultry imports from two major US producers.
- Inclusion of 11 American defense companies in the "unreliable entity list."
- Export controls imposed on 16 US firms.
- A ban on sorghum imports from a key US supplier.

The Chinese announcement came during a public

holiday, underscoring the urgency and coordination behind the measures. "The speed in which the counter measures were rolled out shows a high level of deliberation and a suite of appropriate responses to hit back at the US," said Dylan Loh, assistant professor at Singapore's Nanyang Technological University. "It strikes the balance between inflicting pain but not being seen as an overreaction."

Trump's new tariffs, introduced earlier this week, aim to raise levies on nearly all Chinese products to 54%, a historic high. He justified the action by citing China's alleged role in the fentanyl crisis and the need to balance trade terms with US partners. However, the move has reignited fears of a full-blown trade war, sending shockwaves through global markets.

Following China's announcement, European stocks plunged, with key indices nearing correction territory. In the US, futures on the S&P 500 slid by 2.2% in early trading, while Treasury yields fell sharply, reflecting a flight to safety. Commodities markets also reacted swiftly: soybean futures dropped 2%, while wheat and corn fell over 1%.

Analysts warn that with Trump yet to speak to Chinese President Xi Jinping since returning to the White House, the lack of diplomatic engagement could worsen the standoff. In 2023, China imported \$164 billion worth of American goods, the lowest in four years—a figure likely to fall further under the new tariffs.

## 'This is not a startup': Piyush Goyal slams billionaire kids' ice cream ventures

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Union Minister Piyush Goyal sparked a debate on India's startup culture during his address at the Startup Mahakumbh 2025 event, where he strongly criticized the trend of wealthy business families launching niche ice cream and cookie brands and labeling them as "startups." Goyal argued that such ventures, though successful, lack the technological ambition needed for India's future.

"Fancy ice cream and cookies. I know at least three or four billionaires whose children make one brand or the other, very fancy ice cream and cookies, and run a very successful business," said Goyal. "And I have no complaint against that. But is that the destiny of India? Is the future of India satisfied with that?"

Goyal's comments were pointed, targeting a growing trend of branding lifestyle and food ventures as high-impact startups. He criticized the liberal use of buzzwords such as "healthy," "vegan," "gluten-free," and "zero" in marketing such products as innovative startups. "Using these terms and good packaging, they call themselves a startup. This is not a startup, it's entrepreneurship. This is business," Goyal stated firmly.

He emphasized that India's real growth lies in areas like semiconductors and artificial intelligence, which can shape the future of the country and help it compete globally. "We are investing heavily in becoming self-reliant, building chips and AI models which will prepare the nation for the future," he said.

In a sharp rhetorical jab, Goyal asked, "What should India do? Make ice cream or semicon-

ductor chips?"

His remarks ignited reactions across the startup ecosystem. Aadit Palicha, co-founder and CEO of Zepto, came to the defense of Indian consumer-facing startups. In a social media post, he highlighted the significant contributions these companies make to the economy.

"It is easy to criticise consumer internet start-



ups in India, especially when you compare them to the deep technical excellence being built in US/China," said Palicha. He noted that Zepto alone brings in over ₹1,000 crore in annual tax revenue, draws billions in foreign direct investment, and has strengthened India's backend supply chains.

Palicha added, "If that isn't a miracle in Indian innovation, I honestly don't know what is."

As the debate over what defines a "true startup" continues, Goyal's remarks have reignited conversations about the direction of India's entrepreneurial ecosystem and the need to focus on deep-tech for national progress.

## Oil plunges to four-year low amid tariff turmoil

Global oil prices crashed to their lowest levels in four years as a double shock from a surprise output hike by OPEC+ and a fresh wave of tariffs between the US and China sent energy and commodities markets into a tailspin. Benchmark Brent crude has dropped 14% in just two days, plunging below \$65 per barrel, while US crude futures have fallen to their lowest since 2021.

The sharp slide began Thursday after US President Donald Trump announced sweeping new tariffs targeting major trade partners, raising fears of a global economic slowdown and weakening oil demand. The rout deepened Friday after China retaliated by announcing a 34% tariff on all US imports effective April 10.

Compounding the market turmoil, OPEC+ stunned traders late Thursday by tripling its planned production hike for May. Delegates within the group described the move as a strategic decision aimed at forcing discipline among member countries that had been exceeding their production quotas. The output surge has raised questions about the bloc's commitment to supporting higher prices.



The result has been a steep selloff not only in oil, but across a broad spectrum of commodities. Copper dropped as much as 5.1% to its lowest level since January, and European natural gas futures slumped nearly 10%. Major mining firms were also hit hard: Glencore Plc shares fell 11%, while BHP Group and Rio Tinto Group posted significant

losses.

The unexpected output decision by OPEC+ marks a major shift in strategy after months of curbing supply to support prices. Analysts say the group's move could be aimed at regaining control of the market by undercutting overproducers, even at the cost of short-term price pain.

"The dual blow from OPEC+ and the trade war has jolted the oil market out of its recent trading band," said one analyst. "It's clear that both supply and demand risks are mounting."

Wall Street has responded with swift revisions to oil forecasts. Goldman Sachs and ING Groep NV are among the institutions lowering their price targets, citing demand concerns and rising supply. The developments come at a critical time for the global economy, which is already struggling with inflationary pressures and weakening consumer sentiment. The renewed volatility in oil prices is expected to ripple through energy markets and could complicate monetary policy decisions in the coming months.

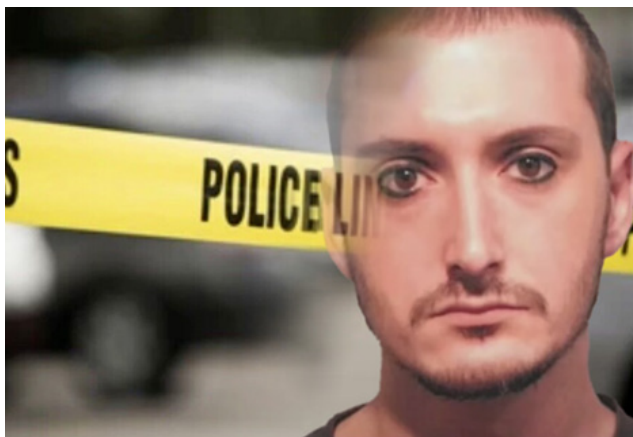
## Mystery Account 'JosD92' Takes IPL 2025 Internet by Storm



A mysterious online persona, JosD92, has captivated the IPL 2025 digital community with a bizarre yet intriguing obsession—Hindi commentary and MS Dhoni. The enigmatic account has gained viral status on platforms like X (formerly Twitter) and YouTube, leaving cricket fans both

amused and bewildered. JosD92's strategy is simple but effective—they frequently join IPL live-streams, particularly on popular YouTube channels like 'Sports Yaari', and purchase Super Chats to have their comments read aloud by the hosts. These comments, almost always centered around Hindi commentary and Dhoni, have sparked curiosity about the real identity and motives behind the account. The repetitive nature of JosD92's messages, coupled with their willingness to spend money just to be heard, has made them a viral phenomenon. Some speculate that JosD92 is a Dhoni superfan, while others joke that it could be a social experiment or an elaborate marketing gimmick. As IPL 2025 progresses, JosD92's legend continues to grow, with fans eagerly anticipating their next Super Chat message. Whether it's sheer passion or a well-orchestrated digital stunt, one thing is certain—JosD92 has made their mark on IPL's online landscape.

## New Jersey Janitor Jailed for Food Contamination



A former elementary school janitor in New Jersey has been sentenced to eight years in prison after admitting to contaminating students' food with human fluids and faeces. The shocking case, which unfolded at Elizabeth F. Moore School in Bridgeton, has sparked outrage, with authorities confirming that the 27-year-old culprit, Giovanni Impellizzeri, will serve at least five years before becoming eligible for parole. According to reports from the New York Post and

NBC Philadelphia, Impellizzeri was also charged with possession of child sexual abuse material. His January confession included third-degree possession of child sexual abuse material and second-degree official misconduct, leading to the harsh sentencing. The Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office detailed the disturbing case in a press release, revealing that Impellizzeri's crimes came to light after investigators obtained footage of him engaging in inappropriate acts within the school premises. Further inquiry into his phone data uncovered additional unsettling videos and messages, intensifying the case against him. The incident has raised alarms over school safety and background checks for employees, with many parents and community members demanding stricter hiring regulations in educational institutions. Authorities have assured the public that new measures will be considered to prevent such horrific violations in the future. Meanwhile, the case has ignited nationwide discussions on school security, staff oversight, and the need for stringent surveillance in environments involving children.

## Vietnamese Man's 5-Month Headache Reveals Shocking Cause



A bizarre medical case from Vietnam has left people stunned after a 35-year-old man suffering from severe headaches for five months discovered that a pair of chopsticks had been lodged in his brain. The man, whose identity has not been disclosed, had been relying on painkillers to manage his condition, but over time, his symptoms worsened—his vision began deteriorating, and he noticed a watery discharge from his nose. Concerned, he rushed to the Cuba Friend-

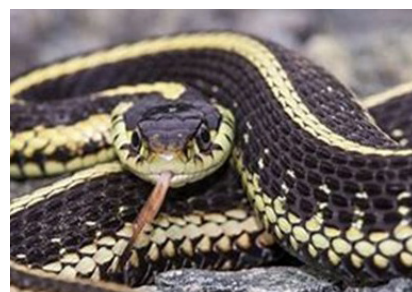
ship Hospital in Dong Hoi, Quang Binh province, where doctors conducted a CT scan that revealed a shocking discovery. The scan showed that the man's brain was filling with air, a rare and dangerous condition known as tension pneumocephalus. Even more shocking was the presence of two broken chopsticks extending from his nose to his brain. Despite experiencing months of pain and discomfort, the man had no memory of how the chopsticks ended up inside his head. After further questioning, doctors speculated that he might have suffered a drunken altercation months ago, where he was possibly stabbed in the face with chopsticks but did not recall the incident. To save his life, doctors performed a complex endoscopic surgery through his nose, carefully removing the chopsticks and closing the hole in his brain. The case has gone viral on social media, shocking netizens and sparking discussions about how such an injury could go unnoticed for so long. Medical experts say this rare case highlights the importance of seeking immediate medical attention for persistent, unexplained symptoms, as what seems like a common headache could sometimes indicate a far more serious underlying condition.

## Canada's 'Snake Honeymoon Spot' Draws 75,000 Garter Snakes Yearly

Every spring, Narcisse, Manitoba, transforms into the world's largest snake mating ground, drawing over 75,000 red-sided garter snakes in a dramatic courtship spectacle. This unique event, which attracts biologists and tourists alike, sees male snakes swarming around female snakes in a fascinating ritual known as the 'mating ball'. The mating frenzy occurs in limestone dens, where the snakes hibernate during the winter and emerge as temperatures rise. The male garter

snakes outnumber the females, leading to intense competition as they coil around a single female, attempting to impress her. While the sight of thousands of writhing snakes might sound terrifying to some, it has become a major tourist attraction, with visitors gathering to witness nature's most extraordinary reptilian love fest. This event is not just about spectacle; scientists study the behavior, pheromones, and survival strategies of these snakes, providing insights into reptilian mating

habits. Despite its eerie appearance, the Narcisse Snake Dens offer a rare glimpse into nature's most astonishing mating rituals, making it a must-visit destination for wildlife enthusiasts and thrill-seekers alike.



## ChatGPT Sparks Aadhaar, PAN Card Controversy

OpenAI's artificial intelligence chatbot ChatGPT has once again found itself at the center of controversy after several social media users claimed it was generating fake Aadhaar and PAN cards, sparking serious security concerns. The AI tool, which recently gained popularity for its Studio Ghibli-style image generator, has been widely used by millions of users to create and share visually appealing artwork. However, its image generation capabilities are now under scrutiny, with many demanding stricter AI regulations to prevent misuse. Reports surfaced online showing purported screenshots of fake Indian identity documents allegedly created using ChatGPT's image tools. These claims have triggered widespread debate on AI ethics, data security, and regulatory frameworks. Several users have expressed concerns that such capabilities could lead to identity fraud, financial crimes, and privacy violations. In response, AI experts and cybersecurity



analysts have urged tech companies to implement stronger safeguards to prevent misuse of AI-generated content. While OpenAI has not officially confirmed whether ChatGPT can create authentic-looking Aadhaar or PAN cards, past incidents highlight the potential risks associated with unrestricted AI-generated images. Regulatory authorities in India are now facing growing pressure to closely monitor AI developments, ensuring that such technologies do

not compromise national security or public trust. This incident also underscores the urgent need for global AI governance, as concerns over deepfakes, misinformation, and data security continue to rise. Amidst the uproar, calls for stricter AI legislation have intensified, with experts stressing that companies must establish clear ethical guidelines to prevent AI from being misused for fraudulent activities.

## American CEO Allegedly Chokes Cruise Passenger Over Wife's Insult



A luxury cruise turned chaotic when Kenneth DeGiorgio, CEO of First American Financial, was accused of choking a fellow passenger after a heated altercation over footwear etiquette in a cocktail lounge. The incident took place aboard a Virgin Voyages cruise, where DeGiorgio's wife, Nichol DeGiorgio, reportedly asked another pas-

senger, identified as MA, to wear shoes while dancing. In response, MA allegedly hurled an expletive-laden insult at her, triggering the confrontation. According to eyewitnesses, an enraged Kenneth DeGiorgio approached MA and grabbed him by the neck, escalating the situation into a physical altercation. Some reports also claim that DeGiorgio threatened to kill MA during the attack. Security footage from the ship captured MA struggling to maintain his balance as DeGiorgio allegedly choked him. Following the incident, cruise security intervened, and the ship's captain ordered DeGiorgio to remain confined to his cabin for the remainder of the journey. No official charges have been reported yet, but the altercation has sparked discussions online about the conduct of high-profile executives in public spaces. While Virgin Voyages has not issued a statement, sources suggest that legal action could follow if MA decides to press charges. The incident has also raised concerns about passenger safety on luxury cruises, where such outbursts can quickly turn violent.

## Man Slams Schools Over Costly Textbooks



A recent viral video on social media has ignited debate over the exorbitant prices of school textbooks, with a concerned citizen calling out private schools for ignoring the New Education Policy (NEP) and placing unnecessary financial strain on parents. The man, in the widely shared clip, criticizes educational institutions for acting like "shopping malls" by charging as much as ₹6,000 for textbooks, making school bags heavier while adding to the financial stress of families already struggling with rising costs of essentials. One of the key concerns raised is that schools are blatantly disregarding the NEP's principles, which emphasize "One Nation, One Class, One Curriculum, One Publication." Despite this directive aimed at standardizing education and reducing the financial burden on students and parents, many private in-

stitutions continue to push expensive textbooks instead of adopting more affordable, government-approved alternatives. The issue has sparked widespread discussion online, with many parents sharing similar experiences and questioning the lack of regulation in textbook pricing. Critics argue that schools have turned education into a business, prioritizing profits over accessibility. Some have even called for strict government intervention to ensure that private institutions adhere to NEP guidelines and prevent exploitation. As the debate intensifies, education officials are facing growing pressure to enforce policies that promote affordability and fairness in school education. Whether this outcry will lead to actual reforms remains to be seen, but the frustration among parents and students is undeniably mounting.

## Lucknow Super Giants Secure 12-Run Victory Over Mumbai Indians



Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) defeated Mumbai Indians (MI) by 12 runs in an exciting IPL 2025 clash held at the Bharat Ratna Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ekana Cricket Stadium. Batting first, LSG set a challenging target of 203 for 8 in 20 overs, powered by remarkable half-centuries from Aiden Markram and Mitchell Marsh.

Mumbai Indians, chasing 204, made a spirited effort with strong performances from Suryakumar Yadav and Tilak Varma. Despite their resilience, MI could only reach 191 for 5 by the end

of their innings. The match saw an interesting strategic move when Tilak Varma retired out in the final over, allowing a more aggressive batsman to attempt scoring quick runs.

The victory strengthens LSG's position in the IPL 2025 standings, showcasing their competitive form and effective strategies. Fans enjoyed a thrilling contest between the two teams, with LSG emerging as the superior side in a high-scoring encounter.

## Pranavi Tied-4th Amid Weather Halt in Joburg Ladies Open



India's Pranavi Urs was in superb form at the Joburg Ladies Open before play was suspended due to a flooded course at Modderfontein Golf

Club. Sitting T-4 at 5-under through 13 holes, she trails leader Mimi Rhodes (-8), who completed her round.

Pranavi bounced back from an opening bogey on the 10th with six birdies before suspension. Meanwhile, Diksha Dagar carded 71 to finish T-21.

Other Indians struggled: Avani Prashanth and Tvesa Malik shot 77 each, placing T-107. Rhodes, fresh from her LET win in Australia, leads with a bogey-free 65. Cassandra Alexander (-7) and Shannon Tan (-6) follow closely.

Play resumes tomorrow with eight groups, including Pranavi's, yet to finish. Urs is well-positioned to challenge for the lead once play resumes.

## Rahi Sarnobat Triumphs with Gold After Battling Neuropathic Pain

Two-time Olympian Rahi Sarnobat made a remarkable comeback, clinching gold in the Women's 25m Air Pistol at the National Games 2025 in Dehradun. The 34-year-old shooter overcame neuropathic pain syndrome, a debilitating condition that left her bedridden in 2022.

In a heartfelt interview, Rahi shared how she battled chronic pain, extreme fatigue, and de-

pression, unable to live a normal life for months. With help from neurologists and physiotherapists, her first step to recovery was simply sitting up to watch TV.

Her return was fueled by inner strength, not just sporting ambition. "This time, I wasn't aiming for a comeback in sport—I was fighting to come back to life," she said.

Now, Rahi shoots with renewed

focus, aiming not to prove herself, but to explore her untapped potential and inspire others.



## Chirag Advances, Prajwal-Nitin Reach Doubles Final



India's Chirag Duhan stormed into his maiden ITF M25 singles semifinal with a 6-2, 7-6(1) win

over Ishaque Eqbal in Bengaluru. The 21-year-old now faces top seed Jay Clarke, who beat Karan Singh in straight sets.

In doubles, SD Prajwal Dev and Nitin Kumar Sinha cruised into the final after a 6-0, 7-6(5) win over Parikshit Somani and Manish Sureshkumar. They'll face Nick Chappell (USA) and Grigoriy Lomakin (KAZ), who crushed Aryan Shah/Karan Singh 6-1, 6-0 in the semis.

Elsewhere, Oliver Crawford and Ryuki Matsuda also advanced to the singles semis. Meanwhile, Indian pair Somani-Manish stunned top seeds Adil Kalyanpur/Kody Pearson in the quarters before falling in the semis.

All eyes are now on Chirag's revenge clash with Clarke and the Indo-foreign doubles final showdown.

## Yuva Yoddhas Storm into Final, Set Up Title Clash with Jaipur Pink Cubs

Yuva Yoddhas cruised into the Yuva All Stars Championship 2025 final with a commanding 39-24 victory over Warriorz KC in the semifinal. The Uttar Pradesh-based team dominated from the start, securing a 6-0 lead and inflicting two All-Outs by halftime (22-9). Shivam Singh shined as the Best Raider with 10 points, while Ravi was named Best Defender with seven tackle points.

The Yoddhas will now face Jaipur Pink Cubs, who have beaten them three times this season, including two wins in the best-of-three head-to-head round.

Jaipur topped Pool A with 80 points, while Yoddhas led Pool B with 65 points.

The high-stakes final promises a thrilling showdown, with Yoddhas seeking revenge and Jaipur aiming for a clean sweep.



## MI New York Sign Star Players for MLC 2025



MI New York have announced a power-packed squad for Major League Cricket 2025, set to begin on June 13. The team has roped in international stars Quinton de Kock, George Linde, Michael Bracewell, Naveen-ul-Haq, and Azmatullah Omarzai.

They join retained overseas players Kieron Pollard, Nicholas Pooran, Rashid Khan, and Trent Boult, along with key domestic names like Monank Patel and Heath Richards.

MI New York, who were eliminated in the 2024 playoffs by Texas Super Kings, are eyeing a strong comeback with this revamped squad. De Kock returns to the MI family, while Linde and Omarzai bring SA20 title-winning momentum from MI Cape Town.

The franchise released stars like Rabada and Nortje ahead of this season. With a balanced mix of experience and fresh talent, MI New York aim for their second MLC title.

## HIL 2024-25 Returns with a Blockbuster Season, Crosses 41 Million Viewers

The return of the Hockey India League (HIL) in 2024-25 has been a resounding success, captivating over 40.8 million viewers across



India. This edition marked a historic milestone with the inaugural women's league, achieving near gender parity in viewership. While 44 men's matches drew 32.9 million, the 13 women's games attracted an impressive 15.1 million—a massive stride in Indian sports broadcasting.

Riding on the post-Olympics hockey wave, the league saw global viewership from 18 countries and over 1 billion digital views across social platforms. The HIL's revival aligns with Indian hockey's centenary and Olympic medal success, further fueling the sport's resurgence. Hockey India President Dilip Tirkey lauded the fan response, vowing continued efforts to elevate the game. The league's impact cements its role in shaping India's modern hockey era.



## Vijay Deverakonda's Bold Take on Bollywood Decline



Telugu star Vijay Deverakonda made bold remarks on Bollywood's current slump, stating that the industry is facing tough times but will regain its past glory soon. In a recent interview, Vijay said Bollywood has been struggling to deliver major hits in recent years, while South

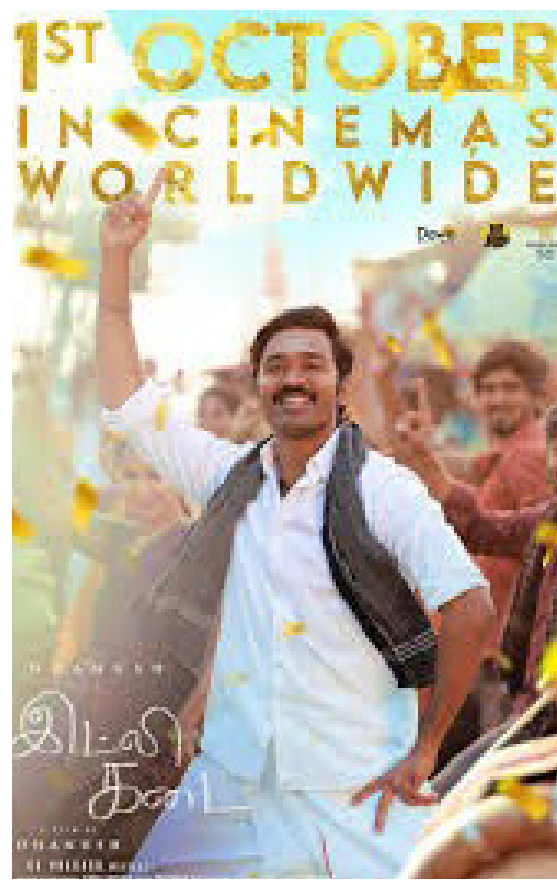
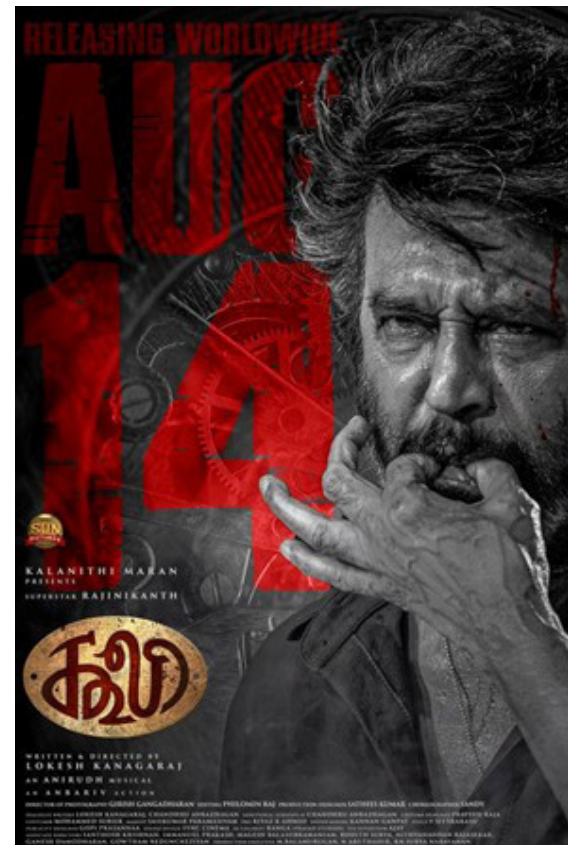
Indian films have seen a massive rise in popularity across the country and globally. He emphasized that the Telugu film industry's success is a result of years of hard work and creativity. Commenting on the growing gap in Bollywood, he added that new-age filmmakers—mostly from out-

side Mumbai—are likely to fill the creative void. Deverakonda also noted how North Indian audiences are now more interested in watching South Indian films, a shift from the past when such content received little recognition. He believes Bollywood's revival will come through fresh talent.

## Rajinikanth's Coolie Set for August 14 Release

Superstar Rajinikanth is all set to return to the big screen with *Coolie*, directed by Lokesh Kanagaraj. The film's release date has officially been confirmed—*Coolie* will hit theatres worldwide on August 14, as announced by production house Sun Pictures through a post on X (formerly Twitter). The combination of Rajinikanth and Lokesh has created massive buzz across industries, with fans eagerly awaiting this high-octane entertainer. Lokesh, known for his gripping

storytelling and strong youth connect, enjoys a cult following even in Telugu-speaking states. Adding to the excitement, *Coolie* will also feature cameo appearances by stars like Akkineni Nagarjuna, Upendra, and Aamir Khan, raising expectations sky-high. With such a powerful cast and crew, *Coolie* is poised to become one of the biggest pan-India releases of the year. The countdown to Thalaivar's action-packed return begins!



## Dhanush's Idly Kadai Locks October 1 Release Date

Dhanush's upcoming directorial *Idly Kadai* has officially locked October 1 as its new release date. The announcement came with a festive new poster featuring Dhanush in a traditional look, joyfully dancing amid a crowd. Originally slated for April 10, the film was postponed to avoid clashing with Ajith Kumar's *Good Bad Ugly*. Set in a rural backdrop, the emotionally rich drama marks Dhanush's fourth directorial after *Pa Paandi*, *Raayan*, and *Nilavukku En Mel Enna-*

*di Kobam*. He stars alongside Nithya Menen, reuniting after their acclaimed performance in *Thiruchitrambalam*. The film also features Arun Vijay, Shalini Pandey, Prakash Raj, and Rajkiran. Produced by Wunderbar Films and Dawn Pictures, it will be distributed by Red Giant Movies. The crew includes GV Prakash Kumar (music), Kiran Koushik (cinematography), and Prasanna GK (editing).

## Peddi Glimpse Set for Release on April 6

Excitement builds for *Peddi*, starring Global Star Ram Charan



and directed by Buchi Babu Sana, as makers announce the release of its much-awaited glimpse titled *First Shot* on April 6, marking Sri Rama Navami. The announcement comes days after the film's title and intense first-look poster were unveiled on Charan's birthday, March 27.

Adding to the buzz, music maestro A.R. Rahman has completed the audio mixing for the glimpse, heightening anticipation among fans. The glimpse will drop at 11:45 AM on Sunday, giving Mega fans plenty to celebrate this festive season.

*Peddi* marks the first collaboration between Charan and Uppena director Buchi Babu Sana and promises a mass entertainer with powerful visuals and music. With Rahman on board, expectations are sky-high for this rural action drama.

## Veteran Actor-Director Manoj Kumar Passes Away at 87

Legendary actor and filmmaker Manoj Kumar, fondly known as Bharat Kumar for his patriotic films, passed away at the age of 87 in Mumbai's Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital early Friday morning. The iconic figure had been battling decompensated liver cirrhosis and succumbed to cardiogenic shock following an acute myocardial infarction.

Admitted on February 21, 2025, Manoj Kumar had been under medical care for several weeks. "He passed away peacefully at around 3:30 AM due to age-related complications," said Dr. Santosh Shetty, CEO of the hospital. Born Harikrishan Goswami in Amritsar on July 24, 1937, Manoj Kumar earned nationwide admiration for his patriotic-themed films like *Shaheed*, *Upkar*, and *Purab Aur Paschim*. His on-screen persona earned him the enduring title 'Bharat Kumar'.

Tributes poured in from across the nation, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi mourning the loss, calling him an icon who ignited national pride through cinema.

Apart from acting, he was a celebrated director of hits

like *Kranti* and *Roti Kapda Aur Makaan*. Later, he joined politics and became a member of the BJP. Manoj Kumar's legacy remains a cornerstone of Indian cinema, forever etched in the hearts of millions.



## Disha Patani Not Part of Prabhas's 'Fauji', Confirms Production

Rumours of Disha Patani starring alongside Prabhas in the upcoming period drama *Fauji* have been officially dismissed. The film, directed by Sita Ramam fame Hanu Raghavapudi, will feature Imanvi Esmail as the sole female lead, marking her Telugu debut. The production team clarified they never approached Disha and confirmed there's no second female lead. *Fauji* promises to showcase Prabhas in a fresh, emotionally intense role,

blending themes of love, war, and sacrifice. Producer Ravi Yerneni shared that filming is progressing rapidly, with a strong belief in the film's blockbuster potential. The cast includes industry veterans like Anupam Kher, Jaya Prada, and Mithun Chakraborty. Meanwhile, Disha was last seen in Tamil hit *Kanguva* and will next appear in *Welcome to the Jungle* with Akshay Kumar and Sanjay Dutt.