



## 92 Companies Seek Approval for 604 New Liquor Brands in Telangana

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Telangana is witnessing a massive interest from liquor companies as 92 firms have submitted applications for selling 604 new liquor brands in the state. According to officials, these applications include 331 Indian Made Liquor (IML) brands and 273 foreign liquor brands.

The Telangana State Beverages

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# WHO IS BEHIND RAJA SINGH?

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“He gives importance to makeup. Whoever cleans his table will get posts.” These are the remarks made by Raja Singh indirectly referring to Mr. Kishan Reddy, the current president of Telangana BJP. Everyone was shocked at these comments. MLA Raja Singh is known for his rebellious speech and attitude. He doesn’t care about anyone.

Generally, the BJP is known for its discipline and does not tolerate any leader’s open criticism.

But Raja Singh is an exception. Why? Who is behind him?

Even during elections, his campaign style is different from others. He conducts programs independently. He coordinates directly with the central leadership rather than the Telangana state unit. He acts like an independent leader of a Union Territory, seemingly outside the control of the Telangana BJP leadership.

Despite all this, he continues to win as MLA repeatedly, with no signs of defeat. This is because

he lives among the people of his constituency, takes care of local issues, and strictly follows BJP’s core principles and RSS guidelines. That’s why, regardless of his actions, the party cadre, leaders, and public continue to admire him. If the Owaisis fear anyone, it is definitely Raja Singh. That’s his stature.

But why is the BJP state leadership unable to control or convince him in any aspect? Recently, BJP announced an MLC candidate for the local bodies quota in Hyderabad. Mr.

Gowtham Rao, believed to be an associate of Kishan Reddy, was given the ticket. Hence, Raja Singh made derogatory remarks against Kishan Reddy.

As per BJP circles, the real strength behind Raja Singh is the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh and potential future Prime Minister of India, Mr. Yogi Adityanath. Every election season, Yogi Adityanath visits Hyderabad especially to campaign for Raja Singh.

“Kishan Reddy, Bandi Sanjay, and others may listen to Modi or Amit



Shah, but Raja Singh is a close associate of Yogi Adityanath. That’s why he

doesn’t care about anyone here,” a local BJP leader explained.

## Massive Scam Reveal Soon: KTR

- KTR hints at major land scam
- BJP MP’s alleged involvement stated
- Revanth, BJP leaders accused
- Jinko deaths raised by KTR
- BRS Silver Jubilee mega plans

**Hyderabad:** BRS Working President and former Telangana minister K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) made sensational statements on Tuesday, claiming he is about to expose a massive land scam.

Addressing the media, KTR said, “This is not just about 400 acres. It involves thousands of acres and a BJP MP is directly involved.” He accused the BJP and Congress of being controlled by Delhi, suggesting one party carries “shoes” while the other carries “bags” for Delhi bosses.

KTR further alleged that Telangana CM Revanth Reddy is acting as a common CM for both BJP and Congress. He criticized Kishan Reddy and Bandi Sanjay for protecting Revanth. Taking a jab at state minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, he said the leader who once talked about dropping “bombs” has now gone silent.

KTR condemned the trend of negative politics in the state, especially the filing of fake AI-generated video cases. He demanded action against those responsible for the animal



deaths at HCU and criticized the government for misleading courts regarding land in Gachibowli and Lagadcherla.

Referring to Bollywood cases, KTR questioned why those responsible for killing deer in HCU were not being prosecuted. He also

announced BRS’s silver jubilee celebrations, with a massive rally planned in Warangal, and said digital membership drives and training classes will begin soon across Telangana.

If needed, BRS will approach the court for Warangal rally permissions.

## KTR-Revanth Secret Alliance: BJP’s Allegation

- KTR, Revanth’s secret political pact
- HCU land scam needs CBI probe
- BRS aiding Congress in elections
- Congress, BRS unity weakens democracy
- Modi-led BJP ensures corruption crackdown



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Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar made explosive allegations on April 8, 2025, accusing Telangana CM Revanth Reddy and BRS leader K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) of colluding to protect each other’s political interests and misdeeds. Sanjay claimed a “Jaan Jabbulu” (inseparable bond) and are jointly exploiting state resources.

He alleged that Revanth is shielding KTR from facing legal consequences related to corruption during the previous BRS regime, including Kaleshwaram scam, Dharani land deals, and phone tapping cases.

He pointed out both leaders attended a delimitation meeting in Chennai and are co-planning a major public event in Hyderabad. In Parliament, both Congress and BRS MPs allegedly voted against the Waqf Board Amendment

Bill, under mutual understanding.

Sanjay further stated that BRS didn’t field candidates in recent MLC polls to ensure Congress’s win. He also accused both parties of indirectly supporting AIMIM in Hyderabad.

On the HCU land controversy, Bandi Sanjay dared Revanth and KTR to demand a CBI probe, asserting only PM Modi’s government is committed to truth and accountability.

## Operation Dhoolpet Cracks Down on Ganja Mafia

- 250 days, 102 ganja cases
- 401 kg ganja seized total
- 425 suspects, 327 remanded
- 85 absconding, crackdown ongoing
- Operation expands across GHMC region



authorities have registered 102 cases, arrested 425 individuals, and seized a massive 401 kilograms of ganja. Among those arrested, 327 people were sent to judicial remand, while 85 are currently absconding. The operation even resulted in arrests of key interstate suppliers from Odisha, and enforcement teams have confiscated 147 mobile phones, 58 bikes, and 2 cars used in trafficking.

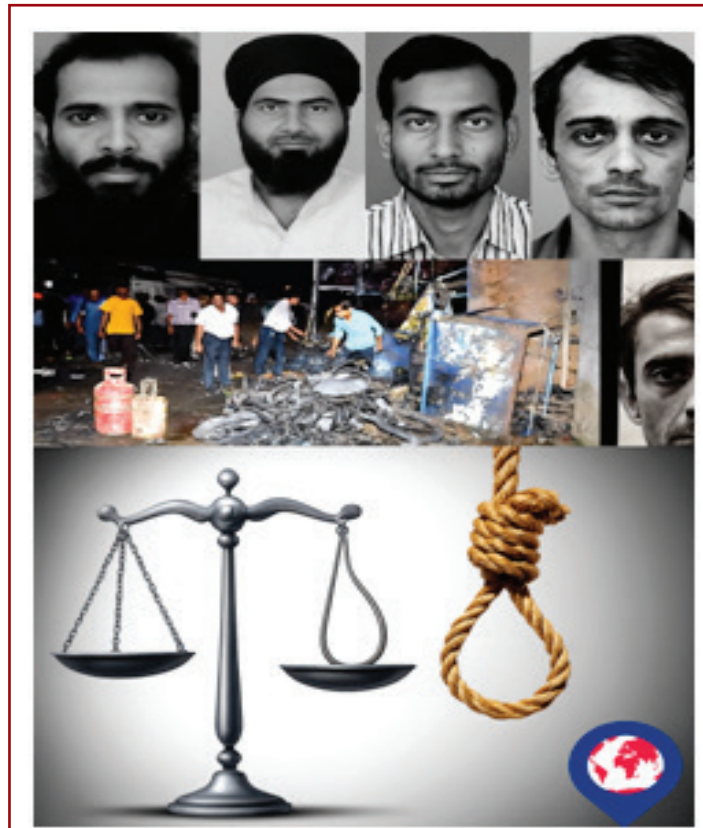
Once a hub of illicit liquor and now ganja trade, Dhoolpet has seen a 90% decline in drug activity thanks

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In a strong move against drug trafficking, Telangana’s Excise Enforcement Department has recorded significant progress through Operation Dhoolpet, a sustained anti-ganja drive launched on July 17, 2023. The mission aims to completely eliminate ganja sales originating from the notorious Dhoolpet area in Hyderabad.

Over the last 250 days,



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Justice prevailed for the victims of the horrific 2013 Dilsukhnagar twin bomb blasts as the High Court upheld the death sentence awarded to five Indian Mujahideen terrorists. The blasts, which occurred near AI Mirchi

Center and the bus stand around 6 PM, claimed 18 lives and left over 130 injured, shaking the entire nation.

The investigation, led by the National Investigation Agency (NIA), traced the attack to the Indian Mujahideen. Co-founder Yasin Bhat-

## High Court Upholds Dilsukhnagar Blast Verdict

- High Court upholds all death sentences
- Attack killed 18, injured over 130
- Yasin Bhatkal arrested in 2013
- NIA led swift, thorough investigation
- Verdict brings closure to survivors

kal was named the prime accused, along with Asadullah Akhtar, Waqas, Tehseen Akhtar, Ejaz Sheikh, and Syed Maqbool. They were arrested from various parts of the country, with Bhatkal apprehended near the Bihar-Nepal border.

In 2016, a special NIA

court awarded the death penalty to all five men. The convicts then challenged the verdict in the High Court. After detailed hearings, the court dismissed their petitions, affirming the original sentence.

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## Once Again, Manchu Family Lands at Police Station

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The Manchu family has once again found itself in the midst of controversy, with actor Manchu Manoj filing a complaint against his brother Manchu Vishnu at the Narsingi police station.

In his complaint, Manoj alleged that while he was away in Rajasthan for his daughter’s birthday celebrations, his brother Vishnu forcibly entered his residence in Jalpally along with nearly 150

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### High Court Upholds Dilsukhnagar Blast Verdict

The verdict has brought a sense of relief to survivors and families of the victims, many of whom continue to suffer emotionally and psychologically. Some still tremble at loud sounds or avoid crowded areas, haunted by memories of the tragedy.

Legal experts have hailed the High Court’s ruling as a landmark in anti-terror jurisprudence, reinforcing the judiciary’s zero-tolerance stance toward terrorism.

The nation now awaits the final execution, hoping the judgment serves as a strong deterrent against future acts of terror.

### 92 Companies Seek Approval for 604 New Liquor Brands in Telangana

Corporation Limited (TSBCL) had issued a notification on February 23, inviting applications for introducing new liquor brands under newly prescribed guidelines. Initially, the deadline for applications was March 15, but due to challenges in furnishing the required documents, several companies requested an extension. Responding to this, Prohibition & Excise Commissioner C. Hari Kiran extended the deadline to April 2.

**Out of the 92 applicants:**

- 47 are new companies, proposing 386 liquor brands.
- 45 are existing companies, seeking permission for 218 new liquor brands.

Officials confirmed that all applications received by April 2 would now undergo a scrutiny process. Once evaluated, selected brands will be granted permission for sale in Telangana based on government approval.

This surge in applications marks the first time such a large number of new liquor brands are seeking entry into the Telangana market, reflecting both industry interest and regulatory evolution.

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individuals, causing destruction and looting valuable items.

Manoj claimed that expensive belongings and cars were stolen from his house, and that some of the missing vehicles were later found at Vishnu’s office. He said the group climbed over compound walls, broke into the house, and created havoc by damaging personal items.

He also mentioned attempting to contact their father, Mohan Babu, about the incident but was unable to reach him. Manoj appealed to the police, seeking justice over what he described as a deliberate act of vandalism.

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to the crackdown. Enforcement teams including NPET, STF, and DTF have extended raids across the GHMC region, targeting those who fled from Dhoolpet to continue operations elsewhere.

Excise Director V.B. Kamalasan Reddy, IPS, stated that the operation will continue until complete eradication, and emphasized vigilance against ganja, drugs, and illegal liquor across Hyderabad.

### Congress MP Defends Reforms, Questions BJP Narrative

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Congress MP Chamal Kiran Kumar Reddy strongly criticized BJP leaders for their misleading social media campaigns, especially regarding Hyderabad Central University (HCU) land issues. He alleged that as soon as the Telangana government filed a case in court, Union Minister Kishan Reddy deleted his posts on the topic.

“Following Kishan Reddy, others also removed their posts,” Reddy remarked, pointing out the hypocrisy of BJP leaders. He took a jab at BRS leader KTR, saying, “KTR calls Congress policies negative — is free RTC travel for women, subsidized rice distribution, and farmer loan waivers negative?”

He further accused KTR of using AI-generated fake images to defame the Congress across the nation and misleading people with fabricated visuals. “Now even central ministers like Kishan Reddy are getting trapped by these fake visuals,” he said.



Highlighting economic progress, Reddy noted Telangana saw a record ₹42,488 crore in GST in 2024, with an 8% growth — surpassing BJP-ruled states.

Reddy also took a dig at Kavitha’s remarks about renaming Pragathi Bhavan, asserting that Congress doesn’t indulge in one-man shows like KCR.

Commenting on Bandi Sanjay’s call for a CBI probe, Reddy questioned, “In 2003, wasn’t Vajpayee the PM and Chandrababu Naidu the CM? Why not a CBN inquiry?”

Reddy praised CM Revanth Reddy for saving 400 acres in Gopanpally and said Revanth’s visit to Chennai for the delimitation issue was in the interest of justice for southern states — not a political alliance.

## “Kavitha Ready for United Fight”

- AI means Anumula Intelligence, says Kavitha
- Revanth accused of BC injustice
- BRS backs caste census cause
- Congress lacks data transparency courage
- Will protest statewide if ignored

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BRS MLC Kalvakuntla Kavitha made sharp political remarks on Tuesday, targeting the Congress government and expressing willingness to collaborate on shared causes. Speaking to the media, she countered CM Revanth Reddy’s recent statement about Artificial Intelligence (AI) by redefining it

as “Anumula Intelligence,” referring to Revanth himself. She alleged that it is not artificial but Anumula Intelligence that poses a real threat to Telangana.

Kavitha criticized the government for derailing the BC caste census and using it as a political tool, thereby denying justice to backward classes. She questioned why the current Congress government



lacks the courage to make caste survey data public, especially when the BRS had already placed comprehensive family survey data online during its tenure.

She also pointed out that despite the UPA conducting a caste census in

2011, the data was never disclosed. With the BJP openly opposing caste census, she urged political pressure on the Centre, offering to join forces with Congress and even take part in indefinite protests in Delhi if needed.

Mocking Rahul Gand-

hi’s absence at the recent Congress protest, she emphasized the need to pressure Delhi leaders in a language they understand. Kavitha warned of state-wide protests if a Phule statue installation announcement isn’t made by April 11.

## Telangana Govt Releases Guidelines for University Faculty Recruitment

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In a significant move, the Telangana government has released official guidelines for the recruitment of 1,061 Assistant Professor posts across state universities. This marks a historic step as such a process had been stalled for the past 15 years.

The government expressed surprise and concern over the prolonged

delay, calling it a reflection of the previous regime’s negligence toward higher education, especially affecting students from poor backgrounds. Officials termed this neglect an “unpardonable crime.”

Highlighting the shift in governance approach, the current administration emphasized its commitment to correcting past

mistakes and rebuilding public institutions. The recruitment drive is seen as part of a broader effort to strengthen educational infrastructure and ensure quality faculty in higher education.

With the new set of guidelines in place, the recruitment process is expected to begin soon, bringing hope to thousands of aspiring educators in the state.



## From Sabarmati to the Nation: Congress Upholds Gandhian Democracy

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After returning from South Africa, Mahatma Gandhi initiated a powerful movement from Sabarmati in Gujarat, making it the birthplace of Satyagraha — a message of nonviolent resistance that inspired an entire nation. The Congress party remains committed to Gandhian principles of truth, nonviolence, and democratic values.

Today, that hard-won Swaraj (self-rule) is under threat from the BJP, which continues to undermine democratic institutions, suppress freedom

of expression, and prioritize corporate interests through crony capitalism. Instead of focusing on inclusive development, the ruling regime seems more obsessed with consolidating power.

In stark contrast, the Congress party stands firmly for the people — advocating social justice, protecting constitutional values, and ensuring freedom of speech.

As Gandhi once led with moral courage from Sabarmati, Congress pledges to carry forward that spirit to restore and strengthen India’s democracy for every citizen.



## Slot Booking System for Registrations from April 10 in Telangana

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The Telangana government is set to introduce a slot booking system for document registrations from April 10, aiming to make the process faster, transparent, and corruption-free, said Revenue, Housing, and I&PR Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy. Initially implemented in 22 Sub-Registrar offices across the state, this system is part of a broader modernization effort. It will reduce wait times to 10-15 minutes by allowing people to pre-book time slots via registration.tel-

angana.gov.in.

Each office will operate with 48 slots per day, and five walk-in registrations will be allowed daily between 5-6 PM for emergencies. Offices with higher workloads, like Kuthbullapur, will see additional staff and up to 144 slots.

The government is also introducing Aadhaar e-signatures and a document self-preparation module for sale deeds. Additionally, to curb increasing complaints of double registrations, the Registration Act is being amended by introducing



Section 22-B.

The department is also realigning jurisdiction between offices to balance

workloads, as seen in the Champapet-Saroornagar merger.

These reforms are ex-

pected to simplify, speed up, and secure the registration process across Telangana.



# Laxman Praises Srinivas Reddy’s Commitment to BJP Ideals

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Rajya Sabha MP and BJP OBC Morcha National President Dr. K. Laxman commended Vanipalli Srinivas Reddy for his unwavering commitment to BJP ideology during a meeting marking Srinivas Reddy’s assumption of charge as Rangareddy Urban BJP district president. Dr. Laxman described Srinivas Reddy as a staunch karyakarta, fear-

less and dedicated to the saffron ideology for over four decades. He praised his bold act of hoisting the BJP flag atop the historic Golconda Fort, defying police restrictions during Telangana Liberation Day protests. Reddy was also noted as a decorated farmer and a former athlete, symbolizing discipline and grassroots connection. Drawing parallels with senior BJP stalwarts, Dr. Laxman said that

leaders like Srinivas who walk the path of ideology without succumbing to temptations are the real backbone of the party. He lauded former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee for his value-based politics and credited PM Narendra Modi for actualizing BJP’s long-standing goals such as the abrogation of Article 370. He highlighted how Modi’s leadership transformed India into a globally respected power, imple-

menting direct-benefit schemes, promoting Swachh Bharat, and ensuring inclusive development. Dr. Laxman criticized the Congress for divisive politics and reiterated that under Modi, the mantra is “Nation First — not caste or creed.” He expressed confidence that under Srinivas Reddy’s leadership, BJP in Rangareddy will grow stronger.



## Revanth Failed People, Only BJP Can Lead Telangana: Etela Rajender



**TPN,Correspondent|Hyderabad**  
BJP MP Etela Rajender launched a scathing attack on the Congress government in Telangana, stating that people did not elect Revanth Reddy but merely voted to oust KCR. Speaking at the oath-taking ceremony of Rangareddy Urban BJP district president Vanipalli Srinivas Reddy, Etela said Revanth’s credibility has rapidly eroded within just ten months. He slammed the Congress as a party steeped in scams, reminding people that even its own ministers have faced jail time. “Revanth Reddy neither served a full term as MLA nor MP, and yet promised the sky,” he said, questioning the feasibility of Congress’ guarantees. Etela alleged that the state government is unable to even disburse retirement benefits without bribes. Challenging the Congress to an open debate at Abids Crossroads on its false promises, he criticized the government’s failure to pay contractors without 15% commissions, leading to suicides. Highlighting BJP’s internal competition as a sign of strength, Etela said the party’s leadership would be decided by elders, not factions. “Fighting spirit and unity will bring us victory,” he stated, invoking Vajpayee’s values and Narendra Modi’s vision. He declared that neither Congress nor BRS holds a place in people’s hearts anymore. “Telangana’s future lies with BJP. With Modi’s support, we will lead the state towards development,” Etela asserted confidently, targeting power in the next elections.

## High Court Directs BRS Leader Krishank to Cooperate in Investigation

**TPN,Correspondent|Hyderabad**  
The Telangana High Court has directed BRS leader Mannem Krishank to cooperate with the ongoing police investigation related to the contentious 400-acre Kanchanagachibowli land dispute, which has become a major political flashpoint in the state. Krishank had approached the High Court seeking to quash the FIRs filed against him, claiming they were politically motivated. During the hearing, Krishank’s counsel, Ramana Rao, argued that four separate FIRs had been filed for the same incident and alleged that the cases were driven by political vendetta. The government counsel countered these claims, stating that Krishank had posted AI-generated videos and photos related to the disputed lands and had also made objectionable posts targeting the Chief Minister. These posts, they argued, contributed to misinformation and public unrest. After hearing both sides, the court refused to quash the FIRs at this stage and instead directed



Krishank to fully cooperate with the investigation process. The court scheduled the next hearing for four weeks later. The case relates to allegations of fake videos being circulated on social media concerning prime land in Kanchanagachibowli. Several BRS leaders, including Krishank, are facing charges in connection with this. The issue continues to stir political tension across Telangana.

## Kadiyam Srihari Dares Allegations: “If I Own 2,000 Acres, I’ll Give 20 Acres Each to Journalists”



**TPN,Correspondent|Hyderabad**  
Senior BRS leader and former minister Kadiyam Srihari made bold remarks in response to recent land encroachment allegations, challenging critics by stating, “If I truly own 2,000 acres of land, I’ll allot 20 acres to each journalist in Warangal district.” Addressing the media, Kadiyam dismissed claims made by BRS MLA Palla Rajeshwar Reddy, who had accused him of illegally occupying forest lands. Srihari strongly denied these allegations and said they were part of a deliberate misinformation campaign. He clarified that the land in question—Devunur Gutta—is forest area intended for eco-tourism development, and reiterated his commitment to protecting forest lands and farmers’ patta lands. “I’ve never misused or occupied any forest land. On the contrary, I’m working to preserve them,” he asserted. Emphasizing his seniority and service, Kadiyam said, “I’ve served as a minister for 14 years, been elected MLA four times, and served as MP and MLC. I am the tallest leader from Warangal.” He called the accusations an insult to his long-standing public service and demanded a stop to the baseless propaganda. His rebuttal comes at a time when land ownership and encroachments have become politically sensitive topics in Telangana.

## Telangana’s GST Growth Plummet: Harish Rao Slams State Government

**TPN,Correspondent|Hyderabad**  
Former Minister and Siddipet MLA T. Harish Rao criticized the Telangana government’s economic performance, stating that the state’s GST (Goods and Services Tax) growth rate has dropped drastically, touching near-zero levels. He called this a clear indication of administrative failure. Addressing the media, Harish Rao pointed out that while the national average GST growth rate stands at around 10%, Telangana has fallen significantly behind. He recalled recent statements made by Finance Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, who claimed in the Assembly that Telangana’s GST growth was 12.3%, and termed those claims as misleading. “Official statistics clearly contradict Bhatti’s figures,” said Harish Rao. “During the budget session, I had warned that Telangana’s GST growth would not exceed 5.5%, but the government ignored our advice and concerns.” He further revealed that the current GST growth rate of

Telangana is just 5.1%, among the lowest ever recorded, excluding the pandemic period. Harish Rao asserted that such poor fiscal indicators reflect deeper governance issues and urged the government to take corrective measures before the economic slowdown deepens. His remarks come amid growing criticism of the state’s financial management under the current Congress-led administration.



## MLA Palla Fires Back at Kadiyam Srihari

**TPN,Correspondent|Hyderabad**  
A fierce political spat has erupted within the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) as MLA Palla Rajeshwar Reddy lashed out at former minister Kadiyam Srihari over recent land controversy remarks. Reacting strongly to Kadiyam’s challenge regarding alleged land encroachments, Palla accused him of hypocrisy and warned, “If you provoke us, we’ll expose your entire family’s illegal dealings.” Palla questioned Kadiyam’s integrity, stating, “You won elections using BRS scarf and KCR’s name, and later defected for power and money. Now you talk about honesty?” He alleged that Kadiyam’s son-in-law from Andhra Pradesh is involved in land scams, including buying 24 acres near forest land in Devunur under a proxy name, and intimidating neighboring landowners to build access roads. He further claimed Kadiyam used his position and his daughter’s MP status to influence police recruitment and control revenue officials. “We know how your family



has exploited the system. Don’t force us to lay it all bare,” Palla warned. Earlier, Kadiyam challenged Palla and ex-Deputy CM Tatikonda Rajiah to visit Devunur and verify the land allegations. He boldly declared he would resign as MLA if any wrongdoing was proven, and demanded they do the same if not. The internal conflict has now taken center stage in Warangal politics.

## MLC Kavitha’s Hunger Strike a Political Drama: TPCC Leader Fires Sharp Questions

**TPN,Correspondent|Hyderabad**  
Telangana Congress leader and TPCC Media Committee Chairman Sama Rammohan Reddy launched a scathing attack on BRS MLC K. Kavitha, calling her proposed hunger strike a “political conspiracy” by the Kalvakuntla family. Kavitha has announced a hunger strike demanding installation of reformer Jyotirao Phule’s statue in the Assembly premises. Responding to this, Rammohan questioned why Kavitha remained silent during the 10 years her father KCR served as Chief Minister. “Why didn’t she raise this demand when BRS was in power? What stopped her?” he asked. He criticized Kavitha’s sudden activism as hypocrisy, noting that during the BRS regime, even public protest spaces weren’t accessible. He said it is common knowledge that Kavitha never opposed her father’s policies, even when they allegedly harmed back-



ward classes (BCs). Rammohan further reminded the public that it was the Congress that named Rajagovind Park after Jyotirao Phule and passed a bill ensuring 42% reservation for BCs in politics, education, and employment. “In contrast, BRS reduced BC reservations in local body elections,” he claimed. He concluded by saying Kavitha must answer these real questions instead of engaging in what he termed as “crocodile tears” and diversionary tactics.

## CWC Meeting Holds Special Significance: Key Remarks by TPCC Chief Mahesh Kumar

**TPN,Correspondent|Hyderabad**  
Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President Mahesh Kumar Goud emphasized the unique importance of the Congress Working Committee (CWC) meeting being held in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. Addressing the media ahead of the event, he stated that the meeting would focus on both national and Telangana-specific issues, including:  
• 42% reservations for Backward Classes (BCs) in Telangana  
• The need for a caste census  
• Rising concerns over constitutional protection and social justice  
Mahesh Kumar said the meeting comes at a critical time when communal forces are trying to divide the nation, and added that the Congress party is poised to send a strong national message from this platform. He also claimed that winds of change are blowing in Gujarat, with growing support for the Congress party. He accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who has been in power for 11 years, of failing to uplift marginalized communities. According to Mahesh, Modi’s government has only strengthened feudal power structures, pushing inequality further. Top leaders including Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, and Priyanka Gandhi are attending, along with Congress CMs, Deputy CMs, MPs, and PCC Presidents, making this a key strategic event for the party’s future roadmap.





## Telangana Governor Mourns Spiritual Leader Dadi Ratan Mohini Ji's Demise



**TPN,Correspondent|Hyderabad**  
The Hon'ble Governor of Telangana, Shri Jishnu Dev Varma, has expressed profound grief over the passing of Rajyogini Dadi Ratan Mohini ji, the revered Chief Administrative Head of the Brahma Kumaris. She attained Mahasamadhi at the age of 101, marking the end of a life dedicated to spiritual service and transformation.

In a heartfelt message, the Governor said Dadi Ratan Mohini ji's demise is an "immense loss to the realm of spiritual service." He described her as a "luminous guide and a source of solace to countless souls across the world." He praised her for her serene presence, compassionate heart, and unwavering commitment to higher values, which, he noted, had uplifted and inspired innumerable individuals globally. "As the world bids farewell to this extraordinary soul, her legacy will continue to shine as a guiding star for generations to come," the Governor said. Extending his deepest condolences to the Brahma Kumaris family and her followers across the globe, the Governor prayed for her soul to attain eternal peace. He concluded by affirming that her divine mission will forever live on in the hearts of spiritual seekers around the world.

## DGP Dr. Jitender IPS Leads Closing Day of Half-Yearly Crime Review

**TPN,Correspondent|Hyderabad**  
Telangana Director General of Police, Dr. Jitender IPS, presided over the closing day of the Half-Yearly Crime Review at the DGP Office on Tuesday. The high-level meeting brought together senior police officials including DG CID Smt. Shikha Goel IPS, ADGs, IGs, CPs, and SPs, who reviewed crime trends and discussed policing strategies. In his address, Dr. Jitender underscored the government's unwavering resolve to eliminate drug abuse across the state. He urged



unit officers to work closely with local communities, NCC, NSS, and voluntary groups to amplify anti-drug awareness, particularly in educational institutions. He emphasized technology-driven policing, advocating for opti-

mal use of CCTNS and adoption of the e-summons system to enhance operational efficiency. DG CID Smt. Shikha Goel IPS highlighted crime data and called for a focus on improving conviction rates. Additional DGP (L&O)

Sri Mahesh M. Bhagwat IPS addressed strategies to counter spurious seeds circulation. Presentations were made on BNSS legal updates, HRMS enhancements, foreign national verification, and training initiatives. Officers including Smt. Rema Rajeshwari IPS, Sri Sandeep Shandilya IPS, and others shared operational insights and welfare plans, reaffirming the police department's multi-pronged commitment to safety and accountability.

## Kavitha Demands Jyotirao Phule Statue in Assembly by April 11

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BRS MLC Kalvakuntla Kavitha has demanded that the Telangana government announce the installation of Mahatma Jyotirao Phule's statue in the State Assembly premises by April 11, in honor of his contribution to social justice and backward class upliftment. Addressing the media, Kavitha expressed strong discontent over the government's silence on the issue. She stated that Phule's ideals continue to inspire generations, and placing his statue in the Assembly would symbolize a commitment to social equity and justice. "He was a pioneer in education for women and a fearless crusader against caste discrimination. His presence in

the Assembly premises will be a source of inspiration," she said. Kavitha also criticized the Congress government for delaying the release of caste census data, accusing it of lacking sincerity in addressing Backward Class issues. She questioned why, despite conducting caste surveys, both the state and central governments have not made the data public. She pointed out that three bills related to reservation enhancement were already passed in the legislature, but their current status remains unclear. Kavitha demanded clarity from the government and warned that the fight for BC rights and social justice would continue undeterred.



## Lagacherla Protest Case: BRSV Members Appear Before Nampally Court



**TPN,Correspondent|Hyderabad**  
In connection with the Lagacherla land protest in Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's constituency Kodan-

gal, several members of the Bharat Rashtra Samithi Vidyarthi (BRSV) appeared before the Nampally Criminal Court on Tuesday. The case pertains to the recent agitation against the government's move to acquire lands in Lagacherla village for Pharma City development. As part of the land acquisition process, district officials, including the Collector and Revenue staff, arrived in the village to conduct a survey. However, the visit triggered tensions as local farmers and BRSV leaders protested, alleging injustice in land procurement. The protest soon

turned violent, prompting police to book criminal cases against the agitators, including students supporting the farmers. Those who appeared in court include Chathari Dasharath, Jan-gayya, Prashanth, Srikant Mudiraj, Avinash, Srinu Naik, Ramesh Goud, Nagender, and Naresh. BRSV leaders condemned the filing of cases under the Indiramma Rajyam, calling it an attempt to suppress democratic dissent. They vowed to continue their support for farmers' rights and fight the cases legally and politically.

## Overspeeding Lorry Rams into Cops at Miyapur, Home Guard Killed

**TPN,Correspondent|Hyderabad**

In a tragic incident at Miyapur, a speeding lorry mowed down police personnel during a special drive against wrong-side driving. The lorry, allegedly being driven recklessly and at high speed, rammed into officials on duty, causing serious injuries to two constables and a home guard. Despite being rushed to the hospital, the home guard succumbed to injuries during treatment. The two constables are undergoing care at Gachibowli AIG Hospital, with their condition reported to be critical. The accident has raised concerns over road safety violations and the risks faced by traffic enforcement teams. Miyapur police have registered a case and launched an investigation. Officials stated that strict action will be taken against the lorry driver, whose negligence led to the fatal mishap.

## Contract Faculty Protest at Chakali Ailamma University, Demand Cancellation of GO 21



**TPN,Correspondent|Hyderabad**

Contract faculty members at Chakali Ailamma Women's University in Koti staged a protest on Tuesday, boycotting classes and demanding the immediate cancellation of Government Order (GO) 21. They urged the state government to regularize 1,270 contract faculty members working across 12 state universities in Telangana. The protesting lecturers assembled in front of the university, expressing deep dissatisfaction over the lack of job security despite years of dedicated service. They claimed that GO 21, which outlines new recruitment procedures, unfairly excludes existing contract lecturers from being considered. The faculty members argued that their experience and commitment to academia deserve recognition through regular appointments. "We have been contributing to higher education for years. It's unjust to ignore our service," said one of the protesting lecturers. The protest comes in the backdrop of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's earlier reference to a Supreme Court verdict, stating that regularizing contract employees may no longer be legally viable. However, the lecturers countered that the government should find a solution rather than hiding behind legal interpretations. They vowed to continue their agitation until their demands are met.

## Protest Erupts in Jagadgirigutta Against LPG and Fuel Price Hike

**TPN,Correspondent|Hyderabad**

Members of the CPI and National Federation of Indian Women (NFIW) staged a protest today at the Jagadgirigutta outpost, demonstrating with LPG cylinders and burning a photo of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in protest against the central government's decision to increase LPG cylinder prices by ₹50 and fuel taxes by ₹2. CPI constituency secretary Uma Mahesh criticized the BJP government, questioning the need for price hikes when international crude and gas prices are falling. He contrasted current prices with those during the UPA era, noting that despite lower global oil rates now, petrol and diesel prices have crossed ₹100. He accused the BJP of burdening the poor



while benefiting northern Indian industrialists and distracting the public with religion-based politics. NFIW district president Haimavathi warned that the middle and lower-income groups are struggling, and if prices are not rolled back, a large-scale women's movement will be launched. CPI leaders Ramulu, Sahadeva Reddy, Imam, and youth activists Jambu, Venkatesh, and others participated, vowing to intensify the agitation if the government does not respond.

## People's Governance Govt Allocates Record Funds to GHMC: Mayor Vijayalakshmi

**TPN,Correspondent|Hyderabad**

The GHMC (Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation) has received unprecedented financial support under the current People's Governance government, with ₹2,752 crore released within a single year, said Hyderabad Mayor Gadwal Vijayalakshmi.

She highlighted that for the fi-

nancial year 2024-25, the state government has allocated ₹6,045 crore to GHMC, of which ₹2,752 crore has already been disbursed. This includes:

- ₹1,552.52 crore from the budgeted ₹2,965.61 crore
- ₹1,150 crore as stamp duty share
- ₹49.36 crore from the State Finance Commission grants

In comparison, during the 10-year rule of the previous

government (2014-2023), only ₹3,652 crore was released. That included:

- ₹1,415.39 crore (SFC grants)
- ₹1,776.53 crore (stamp duty)
- ₹460.79 crore (budgetary allocation)

Vijayalakshmi emphasized that releasing more funds in a year than what was given in the past decade reflects the state government's commitment to urban development.

The funding will significantly boost infrastructure, traffic management, sanitation, public safety, and other civic projects.

She thanked Chief Minister Revanth Reddy on behalf of the city residents, stating that these steps show a clear vision to transform Hyderabad into a global city.



## MLA Pocharam, Agros Chairman Visit Banswada Hospital After Illicit Liquor Incident

**TPN,Correspondent|Kamareddy** Kamareddy district witnessed a serious public health concern as nearly 65 people were hospitalized at Banswada Government Area Hospital after consuming illicit adulterated toddy. Local MLA Pocharam Srinivas Reddy and Telangana State Agros Industries Chairman Kasula Balaraj visited the hospital on Monday to interact with the affected victims and assess their medical condition. Several critically ill patients were referred to higher medical centers in Nizamabad and Kamareddy hospitals. Speaking to the media, Pocharam demanded strict action against those responsible for the sale of spurious liquor and emphasized the need to prevent such incidents in the future. He highlighted that daily wage workers and poor families often consume



toddy, and the presence of drugs in adulterated liquor poses a serious mental and physical health risk. Calling it a criminal act, he urged Excise officials to remain vigilant and ensure such substances are not distributed in the market. He also requested senior officials to launch a full-scale investigation into the incident and initiate stringent legal action against culprits. Pocharam stressed that no similar incidents should be allowed to recur and that public health must be prioritized above all.

Healthy Crops, Smart Research

## Nagar Kurnool Collector Stresses Agri Innovation

**TPN,Correspondent|Hyderabad** In a major step towards enhancing agricultural sustainability in Southern Telangana, Nagar Kurnool District Collector Badavath Santosh addressed the Southern Telangana Zonal Agricultural Research and Extension Advisory Committee meeting held at the Regional Agricultural Research Station, Palem on Tuesday. Speaking as the chief guest, the Collector emphasized the need for healthy and profitable crop cultivation tailored to farmers' local needs. Highlighting the importance of research-driven farming, he appreciated the ongoing efforts of Professor Jayashankar Telangana Agricultural University and the Department of Agriculture in promoting region-specific crop innovations.



He mentioned that Palem station is conducting intensive research on crops like castor, pigeon pea, sorghum, groundnut, and millets, while Tandur specializes in pigeon pea and rabi jowar. Notably, Tandur's pigeon pea has earned geographical indication (GI) status. The Collector urged scientists to provide high-yielding, disease-resistant seeds and conduct awareness programs on plant diseases, composting, and best farming practices. He reiterated the government's commitment to supporting all farmer-centric initiatives and praised the regional research centers for producing seeds aligned with the needs of the region's farmers. Officials, scientists, and farmers participated in the event.

## Two Killed, Seven Injured in Horrific Road Accident on Rajiv Rahadari



**TPN,Correspondent|Hyderabad** A major road accident occurred in Shamirpet Mandal, Medchal District, on the Rajiv Rahadari near Lalgadi Malakpet under the Genome Valley Police Station limits early Tuesday morning, resulting in two fatalities and seven injuries. According to Genome Valley police, a Tata Safari vehicle, driven recklessly and at high speed from Muraharipally towards Shamirpet, lost control, crossed the road divider, and crashed into an oncoming DCM truck traveling from Hyderabad to Siddipet. In the collision, Raju (18) from Wargal, who was sitting beside the DCM driver, and Shravan (23) from Muraharipally, who was in the Safari, died on the spot. The DCM driver and another person sustained bleeding injuries, while Ganesh, Vamshi, Prashanth Reddy, Vijay from Bommarasipet, and Praveen from Muraharipally, all passengers in the Safari, were injured. The injured were shifted to RVM Hospital for treatment. Police registered a case and shifted the bodies of Shravan and Raju to the Medchal Government Hospital for post-mortem. Investigation is ongoing.

## Achampet SBI Employee Caught in ₹1 Crore Scam

**TPN,Correspondent|Nagarkurnool** In a shocking case of financial fraud, an SBI employee in Achampet, Nagarkurnool district, Telangana, was found guilty of embezzling ₹1.5 crore from farmers' bank accounts. The accused, identified as Kiran, allegedly diverted money from the accounts of 45 farmers into his own account, misusing his position within the bank. The scam came to light after multiple farmers raised concerns about missing funds. Upon internal investigation, bank authorities confirmed the fraudulent transactions and immediately suspended Kiran from his duties. A criminal case has also been registered against him.



The stolen amount, officials confirmed, belongs entirely to local farmers, triggering outrage among the affected families. The bank has reportedly assured the victims that efforts are being made to recover the funds from the accused and re-credit the amounts into their respective accounts. The incident has raised serious concerns over internal checks in public sector banks and the need for stricter oversight to protect customer savings.

## Jammikunta ACB Raid Community Coordinator Caught Red-Handed Taking Bribe

**TPN,Correspondent|Karimnagar** In a major development, the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) caught Community Coordinator Pasarakonda Suresh red-handed while accepting a ₹10,000 bribe at the IKP office in Jammikunta, Karimnagar district. The operation was led by ACB DSP Ramanamurthy, following a complaint from VOA assistant Dodde Swapna of Peddampalli village. According to Swapna, Suresh had been deliberately delaying her salary of ₹60,000 and demanded a bribe of ₹20,000 to release the amount. Despite initially paying ₹4,000, she was harassed repeatedly for the remaining ₹16,000. Unable to bear the pressure, she approached the ACB. On Tuesday, ACB officers laid a trap and caught Suresh while he was receiving ₹10,000 from Swapna. He was immediately arrested and presented before the Karimnagar court. DSP Ramanamurthy urged citizens to report bribery cases by dialing the ACB helpline 1064.



The raid has created a sensation in Jammikunta, exposing corruption within rural development programs. CI Krishna Kumar, Punnam Chand, and other ACB staff took part in the operation.

## BRS Silver Jubilee to Be Celebrated Grandly: Talasani



**TPN,Correspondent|Hyderabad** The Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) is set to celebrate its 25th formation day in a festive atmosphere, announced former minister and Sanathnagar MLA Talasani Srinivas Yadav. On Tuesday, a key meeting of Greater Hyderabad BRS leaders was held at Telangana Bhavan, presided over by Talasani. Several key leaders including MLCs Surabhi Vani Devi, Shambhipur Raju, Dasoju Shravan, and MLAs Kale Venkatesh, Mutha Gopal, Madhavaram Krishna Rao along with division in-charges and party seniors attended. Talasani revealed that on April 27, party flags will be hoisted across all divisions to mark the party's founding day. He added

that a massive public meeting will be held at Elkathurthy in Warangal on the same day, where a huge turnout is expected from the city. Starting tomorrow, constituency-level preparatory meetings will be conducted. On April 20, the Greater Hyderabad General Body meeting will be held with Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) attending as chief guest. Talasani recalled how under KCR's leadership, Telangana became a development model for the nation, and criticized the current Congress government for failing people of all sections. He called upon party cadres to attend the Silver Jubilee rally in large numbers and show solidarity with KCR's leadership.

## LB Nagar to Witness ₹110 Cr Development Works: Foundation Stones Laid

**TPN,Correspondent|Hyderabad** In a significant boost to infrastructure in LB Nagar constituency, District In-charge Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu along with TPCC Campaign Committee Chairman and former MP Madhu Yaskhi Goud participated in the foundation stone laying ceremonies and inauguration of development works worth ₹110 crore. The event witnessed a large gathering at Bhima Nagar Junction in Hastinapuram, where a public meeting was organized following the launch. Speaking on the occasion, the leaders highlighted the Congress government's commitment to improving urban infrastructure and ensuring inclusive development across Hyderabad's suburban regions.

Prominent leaders in attendance included Legislative Council Whip and MLC Patnam Mahender Reddy, MLC Boggarrapu Dayanand, Road Development Corporation Chairman Malreddy Ramreddy, DCC President Challa Narasimha Reddy, Urban Development Corporation Chairman, and corporators Dharpalli Rajashekar Reddy, Ragula Venkateshwar Reddy, and Banoth Sujatha Naik. Congress cadre from various wings — Mahila Congress, Youth Congress, Seva Dal, NSUI, SC/ST/BC/Minority cells, and colony welfare associations — also actively participated in the program, marking it as a show of party unity and grassroots support.





# India-China Ties: Hope and Caution

Recent developments suggest a renewed enthusiasm in both New Delhi and Beijing to strengthen bilateral relations, with a notable uptick in diplomatic gestures, trade dialogue, and people-to-people engagement. This coincides with the 75th anniversary of diplomatic ties between the two nations, offering a symbolic opportunity for recalibration. Chinese Premier Li Qiang's government work report, presented at the annual meeting of the National People's Congress (NPC) in March, provides useful insight into China's global outlook and internal priorities. The report, a comprehensive policy document outlining budget allocations, economic targets, and external strategies, highlights how deeply interconnected China perceives itself with the rest of the world. It frames China as a dominant force in the global economy, boasting a continued contribution of roughly 30% to global growth and "record high" foreign trade figures, along with foreign exchange reserves surpassing \$3.2 trillion. Acknowledging that external engagement is key to addressing internal economic challenges, China is pushing for increased international cooperation, trade liberalisation, and improved global connectivity. This motivation is evident in President Xi Jinping's March 28 meeting with over 40 foreign business leaders, one of the largest such gatherings he has ever hosted. It is also reflected in Beijing's calls for restoring



direct flights and easing Indian restrictions on Chinese companies — restrictions put in place after the deadly Galwan clash in 2020. However, while China's overtures appear conciliatory, caution is warranted. Despite its rhetoric about openness, Beijing has often shielded its domestic markets through non-tariff barriers and selective access to foreign firms, ensuring that only those who contribute to its strategic goals — such as technology transfer and industrial growth — are allowed in. This protectionist stance has undermined previous trade agreements, including those with the United States, casting doubt on China's commitment to fair economic engagement.

India, too, has experienced this imbalance. The ballooning trade deficit with China is not only a result of India's competitiveness gap but also a reflection of systematic Chinese barriers that keep Indian products and services out of its markets. Therefore, even as talk of a "dragon-elephant tango" grows louder in Chinese diplomatic circles and media narratives, India must remain realistic. While mutual economic gains are possible, unresolved border issues, especially the ongoing tensions stemming from Chinese incursions in 2020, remain a core concern. The fact that China has not honoured previous commitments in international trade deals adds another

layer of scepticism. Improved relations are desirable, but not at the cost of strategic vulnerability. India should welcome dialogue and economic cooperation, but not at the expense of ignoring past betrayals or compromising on national security. The current optimism must be tempered with a hard-nosed assessment of China's track record. Engagement should be driven by principles of reciprocity, transparency, and strategic foresight. As the geopolitical landscape evolves and global uncertainties rise, India's policy must strike a careful balance between outreach and self-preservation — dancing with the dragon, perhaps, but always with eyes wide open.

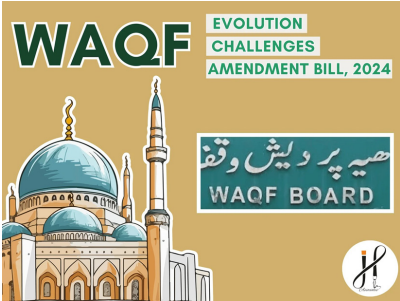


## Modi's 'Act East' Strategic Leap

India's shift from the "Look East" to "Act East" policy represents a crucial evolution in its foreign policy approach, particularly under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership. First introduced in 1992, the Look East policy was born out of India's desire to integrate more deeply with Southeast Asia, a region experiencing rapid economic growth driven by the Asian Tigers and their successors. Initially focused on trade and cultural diplomacy, the policy led to early successes with countries like Singapore and Japan. However, progress remained cautious and somewhat limited in scope. That changed significantly in 2014 when PM Modi rebranded it as the "Act East" policy—signalling not just a change in name but a strategic recalibration with far-reaching implications. The Act East policy introduced urgency and ambition, pushing India to become an assertive player in the Indo-Pacific region, not just economically but also in matters of defence and regional security. It emphasized deeper engagement with ASEAN and reinforced India's commitment to the principle of ASEAN centrality. India started championing a free, open, and inclusive Indo-Pacific—a stance that resonated strongly with regional and global partners amid growing concerns over Chinese assertiveness. Over the past decade, India has steadily expanded its naval and military cooperation with ASEAN nations, participated more actively in regional forums like the East Asia Summit and the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus), and strengthened bilateral ties with key players such as Vietnam, Indonesia, and the Philippines. It also pursued strategic infrastructure initiatives, maritime domain awareness partnerships, and cross-border connectivity projects to improve people-to-people linkages and economic corridors. Modi's Act East strategy has thus transformed India from a passive participant to a proactive regional power. This transformation is particularly significant in the current geopolitical climate, where the Indo-Pacific is increasingly seen as the new global centre of gravity. India's alignment with like-minded partners in the region—such as Japan, Australia, and the United States—has positioned it as a vital counterbalance to China's growing influence. By evolving its eastern outlook into assertive action, India has not only broadened its strategic footprint but also reinforced its role as a responsible regional stakeholder in the Indo-Pacific.

## Waqf Amendments: Reform or Repression

The recent amendments to the Waqf Act, 2025, are not, as claimed, about ushering in transparency or reform—they are about power, control, and marginalisation. Far from being a neutral legal upgrade, these changes represent a calculated move to weaken and subsume centuries-old Islamic charitable and spiritual institutions under state control. Framed as a step toward better governance, the amendments allow the government sweeping powers over Waqf land, bypassing Waqf Boards, and transforming places of worship, community service, and cultural legacy into administrative assets. This is not about curbing corruption—it's about consolidating authority. It is telling that similar scrutiny has not been extended to Hindu religious trusts, Sikh Gurdwara Boards, or Christian institutions. If the goal were true reform, accountability would be applied equally. Instead, the selective targeting reveals a dangerous pattern—using legal instruments to further majoritarian narratives. The Waqf institutions, which have historically played a vital role in community welfare, including funding schools, hospitals, and religious sites, are now being reduced to state-administered entities with no cultural or religious autonomy. This echoes earlier precedents—particularly in Jammu & Kashmir—where institutions like Auqaf-e-Islamia, once self-governed and socially impactful, were absorbed into the bureaucratic machinery, stripping them of independence and purpose. The present move appears to be a national expansion of that same approach. It is not reform; it is quiet erasure, and now it is being done loudly, on a national stage. What is more alarming is that this is being normalized as policy, masked in the language of modernization. But to those who have experienced communal erasure firsthand—like the author, a Hindu Kashmiri Pandit—it is clear that such measures do not promote justice. Rather, they perpetuate the same cycles of exclusion and domination. The amendments to the Waqf Act are not about improving governance; they are about re-engineering power structures. They signal a shift from a pluralistic democratic ethos to a homogenised, state-monitored vision of religion and public life.



# A New Frontier for Indians

Germany's bold new transformation plan, backed by a record €500 billion stimulus, is creating an unexpected yet exciting opportunity for young Indians. In a historic post-war shift, the German parliament recently approved massive investments aimed at modernising the country's military, upgrading its ageing infrastructure, and accelerating climate protection measures. This sweeping vision, however, cannot succeed on money alone—it requires speed, innovation, and above all, people. Specifically, skilled professionals who can fuel the execution of these grand plans. With Germany facing a significant talent shortage, especially in sectors like engineering, IT, healthcare, and green energy, India's

vast and youthful talent pool is emerging as a natural fit. For Indian students, professionals, and entrepreneurs looking beyond traditional destinations like the US, UK, or Canada, Germany is now a serious contender. Its well-regarded universities, expanding job market, relatively affordable education, and evolving immigration policies make it increasingly accessible and attractive. Beyond career prospects, there's a bigger story here. This isn't just about migrating for a better paycheck—it's about being part of a defining moment in the transformation of Europe's largest economy. For young Indians, it offers the chance to contribute to, and benefit from, a national project that blends technology, sustainabili-

ty, and innovation. It's a rare window to grow personally and professionally while being at the heart of shaping something big. Of course, to make the most of this, a shift in mindset is essential—seeing Germany not just as a place to work or study, but as a land of long-term opportunity, innovation, and collaboration. Learning the language, adapting to the cultural nuances, and exploring pathways to integration will be key. As the world grapples with economic uncertainty and geopolitical tensions, Germany's clear vision, deep pockets, and need for talent present a quiet but powerful opening. For India's ambitious youth, Germany may well be the next big thing—waiting not just to be explored, but to be built together.





## SC Warns Governors Against Delays

In a landmark verdict on April 8, 2025, the Supreme Court of India strongly criticized Tamil Nadu Governor R.N. Ravi for his prolonged inaction on key legislative matters, labeling his conduct as arbitrary and unconstitutional. The ruling sends a clear signal to all Governors across the country that they cannot act as political agents or stall democratic processes by indefinitely delaying assent to bills passed by elected state legislatures. The apex court, through a Bench comprising Justices J.B. Pardiwala and R. Mahadevan, noted that Governor Ravi had withheld action on as many as 10 crucial bills for years. These bills, initially passed by the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly, were left in limbo without any communication or decision. However, once the Assembly re-passed the bills and the matter reached the Supreme Court, the Governor swiftly referred them to the President—an action the court viewed as a deliberate attempt to evade scrutiny. The judges emphasized that a Governor's role under Article 200 of the Constitution is not that of a political gatekeeper but a constitutional authority bound to act within a reasonable timeframe. The court asserted that the Governor must act “as a constitutional authority, not as a political functionary,” and that the delays demonstrated a clear failure in upholding constitutional responsibilities. The judgment underscored that the post of a Governor is meant to be non-partisan and independent, serving as a constitutional bridge between the Centre and the states—not as a hurdle to the will of democratically elected governments. The court criticized Governor Ravi for not acting like a “friend, guide, or philosopher” to the state, but rather as a “roadblock” that hindered governance and undermined federal principles.



## Bihar Hikes Pay for State Ministers

In a key decision taken during a state cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Tuesday, the Bihar government approved a 30% hike in the salary and allowances for individuals holding positions equivalent to Ministers of State and Deputy Ministers. According to Additional Chief Secretary (Cabinet Secretariat) S. Siddharth, the revision will benefit several categories of public office holders, including whips of political parties in both the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council, as well as chairpersons and members of various state boards and commissions. These officials are granted perks and privileges equal to those of a Minister of State under the state's protocol. The new decision raises the monthly salary for Ministers of State and Deputy Ministers from ₹50,000 to ₹65,000 — a ₹15,000 increase. In addition to the salary bump, local allowances have gone up from ₹55,000 to ₹70,000, reflecting the government's intent to offset rising living and administrative costs. Daily allowances for these officials have also seen a modest hike — up from ₹3,000 to ₹3,500 per day. The hospitality allowance has been increased from ₹24,000 to ₹29,500, further enhancing the support provided to state functionaries to fulfill their official duties. Notably, the decision also extends to Deputy Chairpersons and Deputy Chief Whips, whose posts are considered on par with Deputy Ministers.

# Dubai Crown Prince Boosts India Ties

Dubai Crown Prince Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum's visit to India marked a significant step toward strengthening bilateral ties between the two nations, according to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The Crown Prince, who arrived in New Delhi on a two-day visit, held high-level meetings with key Indian leaders, including PM Modi and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, underscoring the deepening strategic, economic, and cultural relations between India and the United Arab Emirates. In a statement following his meeting with the Crown Prince, Prime Minister Modi described the visit as “special” and instrumental in paving the way for broader collaboration across various sectors. “India and the UAE share a deep bond of friendship and mutual respect. This visit by Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed reinforces the strength of our relationship and opens up new avenues for cooperation,” the Prime Minister said. The two leaders are believed to have discussed enhancing trade, investment, technology, and people-to-people exchanges. India and the UAE already enjoy strong economic relations, with the UAE being one of India's top trading partners and home to millions



of Indian expatriates. The Crown Prince's visit is expected to further accelerate partnerships under the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), which came into force in 2022. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh also met with the visiting dignitary separately and highlighted India's keen interest in expanding defence ties with the Gulf nation. “We had a meaningful discussion on defence collaboration, including co-production and

co-development. India is looking forward to working closely with the UAE in these domains,” Singh said in a social media post after the meeting. Sheikh Hamdan's itinerary includes a visit to Mumbai, where he is scheduled to engage with top business leaders and explore investment opportunities in sectors such as infrastructure, fintech, energy, and tourism. His visit reflects the increasing high-level engagement between India and

the UAE, particularly in the backdrop of a rapidly evolving global economic order and the shared interest in ensuring regional stability and prosperity. The visit is being viewed as part of a broader strategy by both nations to diversify their partnerships beyond traditional energy and trade ties and move toward a more robust, multifaceted relationship. The symbolism and substance of this trip signal a promising new chapter in India-UAE relations.



## Priyanka Skips Key AICC Meet

The Indian National Congress kicked off its highly anticipated two-day All India Congress Committee (AICC) conference in Ahmedabad on Tuesday, with discussions focused on structural reforms and strategies to revamp its grassroots machinery. The event, however, began without the presence of senior leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, who is currently abroad and will not be attending the sessions. The conference is being held at a specially erected venue within the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Museum. This extended working committee meeting is considered crucial as the Congress aims to reinvent itself amid changing political landscapes and the run-up to key state and national elections. Over 1,700 party delegates from across India are expected to participate in the event, which brings together AICC members, state unit leaders, and senior office bearers. With Priyanka Gandhi absent, attention is expected to shift toward the roles played by Congress Pres-

ident Mallikarjun Kharge, Sonia Gandhi, and Rahul Gandhi, who are scheduled to address delegates on the second day. At the core of the conference are two key resolutions that will be tabled for discussion and approval: Organizational Restructuring – This resolution focuses on redefining the internal functioning of the Congress party, aiming for a more streamlined leadership structure, improved accountability, and increased transparency at all levels. Empowerment of District Congress Committees (DCCs) – The second resolution underscores the need to strengthen the DCCs, which are seen as the party's local pillars. Proposed reforms include giving them more autonomy, performance-based evaluations, and integrating technology to better address local issues. Though Priyanka Gandhi's absence was noted, party leaders maintained that her work in Wayanad and broader national engagements continue to be vital to the Congress's vision moving forward.

## Drunk Congress Leader Kills 3 in Jaipur



A tragic road accident in Jaipur on Monday night turned politically explosive after an allegedly drunk Congress leader, Usman Khan, ran over multiple pedestrians in his SUV, leaving three dead and six others critically injured. The incident occurred along the MI Road-Nahargarh stretch, a densely populated area with narrow lanes. The driver, Usman Khan, aged 62, is a factory owner and served as the Congress' Jaipur district vice president. According to police, Khan was heavily intoxicated when he lost control of his vehicle, first hitting a scooter near the Santosh Mata Temple before plowing through people and vehicles over a 500-metre stretch. His SUV eventually collided with parked vehicles outside the Nahargarh Police Station, where locals and police were able to detain him after the vehicle got stuck in a narrow lane. The deceased were identified as Mamta Kanwar (50), Awadhesh Pareek (37), and Virendra

Singh (48), who succumbed to his injuries the following morning. The injured victims include a minor girl and several middle-aged individuals, all of whom were rushed to Sawai Man Singh (SMS) Hospital, where they remain in critical condition under trauma care. The horrifying accident sparked massive public outrage, with locals staging a protest outside the Nahargarh Police Station. Demands included financial compensation, government jobs for the victims' families, and strict legal action against Khan. Police from four different stations were deployed to maintain law and order in the tense locality. Meanwhile, the BJP seized the opportunity to attack the Congress, alleging that the party harbors individuals with criminal tendencies. BJP IT cell head Amit Malviya highlighted Khan's position within the Congress and accused the party of sheltering criminals while invoking “secularism” as a defense when such incidents occur.

## Punjab Blast Accused Arrested; Link to Lawrence Bishnoi Gang and ISI Revealed

Zeeshan Akhtar, a close associate of gangster Lawrence Bishnoi, has been arrested in connection with the grenade attack on BJP leader Manoranjan Kalia's home in Jalandhar, Punjab. Police sources revealed that Akhtar masterminded the attack and is also a key suspect in the murder of NCP leader Baba Siddiqui. Investigations suggest that Pakistan's ISI played a role in orchestrating the attack as part of a larger conspiracy aimed at disrupting religious harmony in Punjab. The blast, which occurred early on Tuesday, caused significant damage to Kalia's residence, including shattered glass windows and a damaged aluminum partition. However, there were no casualties, as Kalia was at home at the time. The explosion also affected several vehicles parked outside his house. Following the attack, the main suspect who



threw the grenade was apprehended, and an e-rickshaw used in the operation was seized by the police. Interestingly, Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) terrorist Happy Passia claimed responsibility for the attack, hinting at a possible collaboration between the Lawrence Bishnoi gang and Khalistan terrorist outfits, including BKI, with support from the ISI. Security agen-

cies have long suspected such connections, and this claim further strengthens the link between these groups. This explosion marks the latest in a series of bombings in Punjab, with 12 blasts occurring within the past year. Happy Passia's name has surfaced in multiple investigations related to these attacks, with gangster Jeevan Fauji also suspected to be involved, particularly in the attacks targeting police establishments in Amritsar. The rising number of attacks has raised concerns, with opposition parties in Punjab pointing fingers at the Bhagwant Singh Mann government, accusing it of failing to curb the growing security threats. Punjab minister Mohinder Bhagat responded, stating that the attackers are those unable to tolerate the state's progress and development.



# "Non-Aligned Nations Like India...": JPMorgan CEO's Advice To Donald Trump

- Urges stronger US trade ties with India, Brazil.
- Criticizes Trump's protectionist policies and global impact.
- Market volatility, high deficits add to economic risks.

TPN Correspondent | US

JPMorgan Chase & Co. CEO Jamie Dimon has expressed concerns that the recent tariff measures imposed by US President Donald Trump could lead to inflation and potentially push the world's largest economy into a recession. In his annual letter to shareholders, Dimon cautioned that the tariffs could result in a slowdown of economic growth, even if they do not directly trigger a recession.

Dimon warned that the tariffs are likely to cause inflation, not just on imported goods, but also on domestic products, as rising input costs and increased demand for local goods push prices up. He highlighted that market valuations are still relatively high,

adding to concerns of economic turbulence. "The economy is facing considerable turbulence, including geopolitics, ongoing sticky inflation, high fiscal deficits, and high asset prices and volatility," Dimon noted.

In his letter, Dimon emphasized that the US should focus on strengthening trade relationships with non-aligned nations like India and Brazil, rather than pressuring them to align with the US. He suggested that deepening trade ties with key partners is beneficial both economically and geopolitically. "We don't need to ask many nonaligned nations to align with us, but we can bring them closer by simply extending a friendly hand with trade and investment," he said.



Dimon's remarks come amid growing criticism of Trump's protectionist policies, which have exacerbated market volatility worldwide. The tariffs, which include a 26% duty on Indian imports and 10% tariffs on Brazilian products, have sparked concerns about long-term economic repercussions. Billionaire investor Bill Ackman also warned that the US risks undermining its reputation as a reliable trading partner and

investment destination.

Additionally, Senator Ted Cruz voiced concerns that a severe recession could result in political fallout for the Republican Party in the upcoming elections. Meanwhile, President Trump remained defiant, defending the tariffs as necessary "medicine" to fix the economy, despite the escalating trade war, particularly with China.



## Sheikh Hasina Vows to Return to Bangladesh, Seeks Justice for Her Party Members

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Sheikh Hasina, the ousted Prime Minister of Bangladesh, has vowed to return to her home country and seek justice for her party, the Awami League, in a social media interaction with her supporters. Hasina, who is currently in India after her government fell due to widespread student protests last year, assured her followers that those responsible for targeting Awami League members will be held accountable.

In her message, the Awami League president expressed gratitude for her survival, saying, "Allah kept me alive for a reason, and the day will come when justice will be brought." She recalled the profound loss of her family members, including her father, mother, and brother, and described the painful experience of being denied return to her homeland. Despite these hardships, Hasina remains determined, vowing that those who have committed crimes will face punishment. "This is my pledge," she declared.

Hasina also took aim at Bangladesh's interim head, Muhammad Yunus, criticizing his actions as detrimental to the people. "He loaned out small amounts at high interest rates and used the money to live lavishly abroad," Hasina said, accusing Yunus of exploiting the situation for personal gain. She further claimed that Yunus, driven by a thirst for power, has played a key role in stoking unrest in Bangladesh.

In her remarks, Hasina painted a bleak picture of the current state of the country, calling it a "terrorist country" where violence against Awami League members is rampant. She alleged that members of her party, as well as police officers, journalists, lawyers, and artists, have been targeted. The former prime minister also criticized the government for clamping down on the media, claiming that crimes such as rapes, murders, and robberies are being suppressed, and media outlets reporting such incidents face severe retaliation.

Hasina's comments highlight the ongoing political and social turmoil in Bangladesh and her unwavering commitment to securing justice for those affected.

## Amid Trump Tariffs, S Jaishankar, US Counterpart Push For "Early Trade Deal"

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In response to US President Donald Trump's reciprocal tariffs, which sent shockwaves through global trade, India has chosen a unique path. While other nations, such as China and Canada, retaliated swiftly with their own tariffs, India decided not to mirror the US' 26% tariff announcement. Instead, New Delhi opted to absorb the impact and recalibrate its trading dynamics, minimizing the effect on Indian exporters.

India's strategy involves continuing its negotiations with the US for a mutually beneficial trade agreement, hoping to secure a "win-win" deal. Prior to the tariff imposition, India had already positioned itself strategically by being one of the first countries to initiate a significant trade pact with the US.

In recent talks, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and US Secretary of State Marco Rubio discussed the importance of an expedited conclusion to the bi-



lateral trade deal. Both leaders agreed that finalizing the agreement quickly would be beneficial for both nations. Jaishankar also highlighted the ongoing discussions about regional security issues, such as the Indo-Pacific and

the Indian subcontinent.

India's government has looked into a specific clause in Trump's tariff order, which offers potential relief to countries making significant efforts to address

non-reciprocal trade issues. While countries like China and Vietnam face higher tariffs, India is in a more advantageous position and plans to finalize a trade deal by autumn 2025.

India has also taken several steps to ease tensions, such as reducing tariffs on high-end motorcycles and bourbon whiskey, as well as removing a digital services tax that impacted major US tech firms like Google and Amazon.

The Indian Commerce Ministry is closely monitoring the impact of US tariffs, particularly on sectors vulnerable to these changes, such as diamond merchants. At the same time, the ministry is evaluating new opportunities that may arise from this trade shift.

The India-US relationship remains strong, with both countries working towards doubling bilateral trade to \$500 billion by 2030, reflecting their growing economic and strategic partnership.

## Shruti Chaturvedi, Indian Entrepreneur, Faces Detention Ordeal at US Airport

TPN Correspondent | US

Entrepreneur Shruti Chaturvedi has shared a disturbing experience at a US airport, claiming she was detained for eight hours by police and the FBI, which caused her to miss her flight. In a post on social media platform X, Chaturvedi, who runs the Chaipani public relations firm, recounted her ordeal, including allegations of inappropriate physical checks by a male officer under camera surveillance.

The cause of the detention, according to Chaturvedi, was a power bank in her handbag that airport security at Anchorage airport in Alaska deemed "suspicious." She further described being stripped of her warm clothing and held in a chilled room without being allowed to use the restroom, make phone calls, or contact anyone during the long hours of questioning.

In her post, Chaturvedi described the experience: "Imagine being detained by Police and FBI for 8 hours, being questioned the most ridiculous things, physically checked by a male officer on camera, stripped off warm wear, mobile phone, wallet, kept in a chilled room, not allowed to use a restroom, or make a single phone call, made to miss your flight – all because the airport security found your powerbank in handbag 'suspicious'." She tagged India's Foreign Minister S. Jaishankar and the Ministry of External Affairs in her post.



Chaturvedi, who had been sharing pictures from her Alaska trip on social media, had earlier posted about the stunning northern lights she witnessed during her journey. She expressed frustration over the treatment she received, highlighting the lack of due process in her detention.

## Trump rejects offers to tear down tariffs, threatens more on China

The Trump administration's approach to tariffs and "reciprocity" continues to spark controversy and confusion. White House trade advisor Peter Navarro recently highlighted Vietnam's "nontariff cheating," such as Chinese goods being rerouted through Vietnam, to justify tariffs on the country. However, the administration's stance on tariffs goes beyond trade imbalances, aiming to reshape global trade practices entirely.

Despite offers from Vietnam and the European Union to remove tariffs on U.S. imports in exchange for reciprocal action, the Trump administration rejected these proposals. Navarro dismissed Vietnam's tariff offer, asserting that their "nontariff cheating" mattered more. The U.S. government's refusal to engage in reciprocal trade agreements has led to growing discontent among business leaders, some of whom are major Republican donors. Their concerns reflect the potential long-term economic harm caused by Trump's unpredictable tariff policies.

Meanwhile, the U.S. stock market continues to struggle, with the S&P 500 briefly entering bear market territory and the Dow Jones Industrial Average experiencing its largest intraday point swing in history. Although some tech stocks showed slight gains, including Nvidia and Amazon, the broader market re-

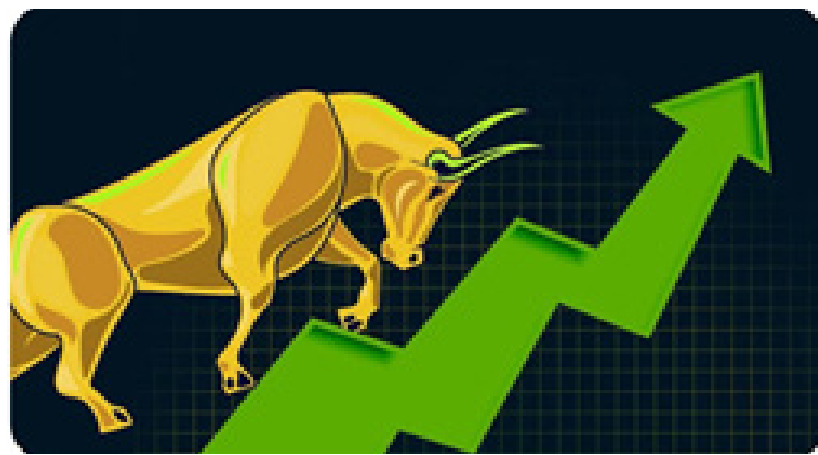


mains in turmoil. European markets have also taken a hit, with the pan-European Stoxx 600 index slumping by 4.5%, marking its worst week in five years.

The situation escalated as trade tensions with China deepened. In retaliation to U.S. tariffs, China imposed a 34% tariff on all U.S. goods, and Trump threatened an additional 50% tariff on Chinese imports. The White House's rejection of offers from both Vietnam and the EU to reduce tariffs only adds to fears of a prolonged trade war. Business leaders are becoming increasingly vocal about the economic repercussions of Trump's tariff policies. BlackRock CEO Larry Fink stated that many CEOs are already feeling the effects, with some suggesting the U.S. may already be in a recession. JPMorgan CEO Jamie Dimon also warned that tariffs could lead to inflation and slow economic growth, further fueling concerns of an economic downturn.



# Markets Rebound Sharply as Tariff Fears Ease; Sensex Soars 1089 Points, Nifty Reclaims 22,500



Domestic stock markets gained heavily on Tuesday. They covered half of Monday's losses. The fear of Trump's tariffs has reduced, the world is exploring alternative ways, positive signals from global markets, and India is naturally a consumption-oriented country, which has instilled confidence in investors. Buying has been done as oversold conditions have already been reached and valuable shares are available at attractive prices. All indices including media, PSU bank, consumption, and realty have gained. Mid and small cap indices have also increased. Overall, Nifty has increased by 374 points and Sensex by 1089 points. It is better to be alert for now.

The BSE Sensex, which closed at 73,137 in the previous session, opened at 74,013 on Tuesday. It touched an intraday low of 73,424. It reached an intraday high of 74,859. It finally closed at 74,227 with a gain of 1089 points. The NSE Nifty, which opened at 22,446, touched a low of 22,270 and a high of 22,697. It rose by 374 points in total and closed at 22,535. The Nifty Bank rose by 650 points and settled at 50,511.

In the Nifty50, 49 companies gained and 1 lost. Jio Finance, Shriram Finance, BAEL, Adani Enterprises, Cipla were the top gainers. Only Power Grid lost slightly. India Vicks fell 10.31% today to 20.44. Media, PSU Bank, Consumption, Realty, Oil, FMCG, Pharma, Infra, PSE,

IT, CPSE, Commodities, Healthcare, Financial indices rose.

Market breadth turned in favor of buyers on NSE today. Out of a total of 2957 shares traded, 2391 gained and 499 lost. 17 shares touched 52-week highs and 22 shares touched 52-week lows. 124 stocks reached the upper circuit and 45 stocks reached the lower circuit.



Rupee weakened by 40 paise to settle at 86.24 against the dollar. Texmaco Rail signs binding term sheet with Juwari Industries. Goldman Sachs has given a buy rating to Axis Bank with a target price of Rs 1228 and SBI with a target price of Rs 823.

NBCC Company has received an order worth Rs 120 crore. Goldman Sachs has upgraded the buy rating to PNB Housing with a target price of Rs 1182. Transformer and Rectifiers Q4 profit increased from Rs 40 crore to Rs 94.2 crore. HSBC has maintained a buy rating on BPCL, HPCL, IOCL. 10 lakh shares changed hands in Sonata Software. Mazagaon Dock turnover increased by 14% in FY25. This has led to the declaration of an interim dividend of Rs 3 per share for the second time. Sebi has given a green signal to Anthem Biosciences and AYE Finance IPO. Jio Finance enters digital loans against securities. Bharat Electronics signs Rs 2210 crore deal with Defence Ministry. Citi says government hopes to cushion oil marketing companies' losses from falling oil prices.



## Pidilite Industries Ltd.

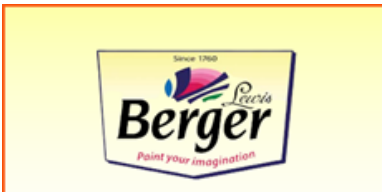
Pidilite, a market leader in adhesives and sealants, continues to show steady performance despite market volatility. With strong consumer demand in the retail segment, products like Fevicol, M-Seal, and Dr. Fixit are witnessing consistent volume growth. The company's rural expansion strategy and focus on innovative construction chemicals are contributing to margin resilience. However, raw material cost fluctuations remain a watch point. Analysts maintain a positive outlook due to strong brand equity and distribution strength.

**Tata Consumer Products Ltd.**  
Tata Consumer shares have



been active following recent upgrades by global brokerage firms. The company has shown robust growth in both the food and beverages segment. Its focus on premiumisation, increased distribution reach, and expansion into health-focused products is paying off. Integration with Tata Salt, Tetley, and Tata Sampann brands is streamlining operations. The recent stock rally was supported by strong Q4 performance and institutional buying. Analysts have upgraded the stock to 'Buy' with long-term potential.

## Berger Paints India Ltd.



Berger Paints continues to remain under watch as the paint industry faces margin pressure due to rising input costs, espe-

cially crude derivatives. However, Berger's consistent focus on premium segments, growth in the decorative paint market, and strong rural penetration help offset inflation challenges. The company's new product launches and automation in manufacturing give it an operational edge. Analysts are cautiously optimistic, awaiting better cost-efficiency improvements.

## PNB Housing Finance Ltd.



PNB Housing has been in the spotlight due to a sharp rally backed by strong institutional interest. Its affordable housing loan portfolio has now crossed ₹5,000 crore, marking a significant milestone. With improved asset quality, stable NIMs, and renewed focus on retail disbursements, the company is regaining investor confidence. A recent target upgrade by Goldman Sachs (₹1182) adds bullish sentiment. However, tight competition in the housing finance space remains a challenge.

## Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (HPCL)



HPCL shares have seen sharp intraday movement, gaining up to 6% from daily lows recently. This is due to the sharp fall in Brent crude oil prices, which benefits downstream oil companies. Additionally, government measures to offset under-recoveries have also aided sentiment. HPCL is working towards improving refining capacity and expanding retail fuel outlets. Analysts at HSBC maintain a 'Buy' rating, citing near-term margin tailwinds and long-term capex-driven growth.



# Tata Motors Reports 3% YoY Decline in Global Wholesales for Q4 FY25

Tata Motors Group reported a 3% year-on-year (YoY) decline in its global wholesales for the fourth quarter (Q4) of fiscal year 2025 (FY25), with total wholesales reaching 3,66,177 units. The company's Q4 performance, which includes figures from its luxury vehicle arm Jaguar Land Rover, was slightly lower compared to the same period in FY24.

The global wholesales of Tata Motors' commercial vehicles, including the Tata Daewoo range, stood at 1,07,765 units in Q4 FY25. This represented a 3% decline over the same quarter in the previous year, reflecting the ongoing challenges in the commercial vehicle segment.

On the passenger vehicle front, including electric vehicles, Tata Motors registered global wholesales of 1,46,999 units in Q4 FY25. This marked a 6% decrease compared to Q4 FY24, primarily impacted by subdued demand and market conditions.

In contrast, the luxury vehicle segment, represented by Jaguar Land Rover, saw a positive performance. The global wholesales of Jaguar Land Rover in Q4 FY25 stood at 1,11,413 vehicles, reflecting a 1% increase compared to Q4 FY24. Within this, Jaguar wholesales for the quarter totaled 7,070 vehicles, while Land Rover contributed 1,04,343 vehicles to the overall total.

Despite the overall decline in Tata Motors' global wholesales, the increase in Jaguar Land Rover's performance offers a bright spot for the group, especially in the luxury segment. The company continues to focus on improving its product portfolio, especially in the electric vehicle (EV) space, to cater to changing consumer preferences.

Tata Motors' leadership in the EV segment and its efforts in expanding its global presence remain central to its strategy, even as it navigates challenges in the commercial vehicle and traditional passenger vehicle sectors.

# Coal production in India crosses 1 billion tonne milestone in FY25



India has marked a historic achievement by surpassing one billion tonnes of coal production in the 2024-25 fiscal year, reaching a provisional total of 1.04 billion tonnes (BT). This represents a 4.99% growth compared to the previous year's production of 997.83 million tonnes (MT). The milestone underscores India's critical role in the global coal sector, as it remains the second-largest consumer of coal worldwide, with the fifth-largest coal reserves.

The coal sector continues to play a pivotal role in India's energy land-

scape, accounting for 55% of the national energy mix and fueling over 74% of total power generation. This accomplishment has been achieved thanks to the collaborative efforts of Coal Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs), private sector players, and the hard work of over 500,000 mine workers spread across more than 350 coal mines. The Ministry of Coal highlighted the dedication and resilience of these miners, who have faced numerous challenges in order to meet the nation's growing demand for energy.

In addition to the significant rise in production, India has also experienced a remarkable increase in coal dispatch. Coal dispatch in 2024-25 reached 1.02 billion tonnes (provisional), a 5.34% rise from 973.01 MT in the previous year. Dispatch from commercial, captive, and other entities surged by 31.39%, reaching 196.83 MT, compared to 149.81 MT in 2023-24. Coal dispatch refers to the process of transporting and distributing coal to consumers, particularly power plants and industries across the country.

The Indian coal sector also achieved a notable reduction in coal imports. Coal imports declined by 8.4% to 183.42 MT between April and December 2024, compared to 200.19 MT during the same period in 2023-24. This reduction resulted in a savings of approximately USD 5.43 billion (Rs 42,315.7 crore) in foreign exchange.

While renewable energy continues to grow, coal remains indispensable to India's energy requirements. Despite future shifts towards greener alternatives, coal-based thermal power is expected to contribute 55% of India's energy mix by 2030 and 27% by 2047.

# India net importer of finished steel in 2024/25, data shows



mestic steel industry, including competition from cheaper foreign steel products and shifting market dynamics.

To address the growing import issue, the Indian government has recommended a temporary safeguard duty of 12% on certain steel products for a period of 200 days. This move aims to protect the domestic industry from an influx of cheap steel imports, particularly from countries

India, the world's second-largest crude steel producer, became a net importer of finished steel for the second consecutive year during the financial year that ended in March 2025, according to provisional government data reviewed by Reuters on Tuesday. The country imported 9.5 million metric tons of finished steel during the April-March period, reflecting a 14.6% increase compared to the previous year.

In contrast, India's finished steel exports fell significantly, standing at 4.9 million metric tons, a decline of 35.1% year-on-year. This sharp drop in exports contributed to India's status as a net importer of finished steel for the second year in a row.

India's growing reliance on steel imports comes despite its strong position as the second-largest producer of crude steel globally. The rise in finished steel imports highlights the challenges faced by the do-

where production costs are lower. The safeguard duty is part of a broader strategy to curb steel imports and ensure the growth of the domestic steel manufacturing sector.

India's Ministry of Steel is expected to release detailed country-wise trade numbers later this month, providing further insights into the specific origins of the imports and the impact on the domestic steel market. Despite the challenges posed by increased imports, India remains one of the largest consumers of steel, with the material playing a crucial role in infrastructure development and various industries across the country. As the global steel market remains volatile, India's steel sector is expected to continue navigating these challenges with a focus on strengthening its domestic production capacity and reducing dependency on imports.



# Wedding Menu with Calorie Counts Goes Viral

In a refreshing twist to traditional wedding celebrations, a wedding in West Bengal has captured the attention of internet users for its innovative approach—listing the calorie count of each dish on the menu. This thoughtful move was discovered by a Reddit user who attended the event, sparking widespread admiration online. In today's health-conscious era, people are increasingly meticulous about their diet, tracking every calorie and scrutinizing nutrition labels. However, at weddings, where indulgence often takes precedence, this mindful practice is rarely observed. Recognizing this gap, the hosts of this wedding decided to combine the joy of celebration with health consciousness. The menu featured a variety of dishes, clearly marked as vegetarian or non-vegetarian, alongside their corresponding calorie counts, allowing guests to make informed dietary choices without missing out on the festive feast. Adding a quirky charm, the menu welcomed guests with a light-hearted message: “Welcome to

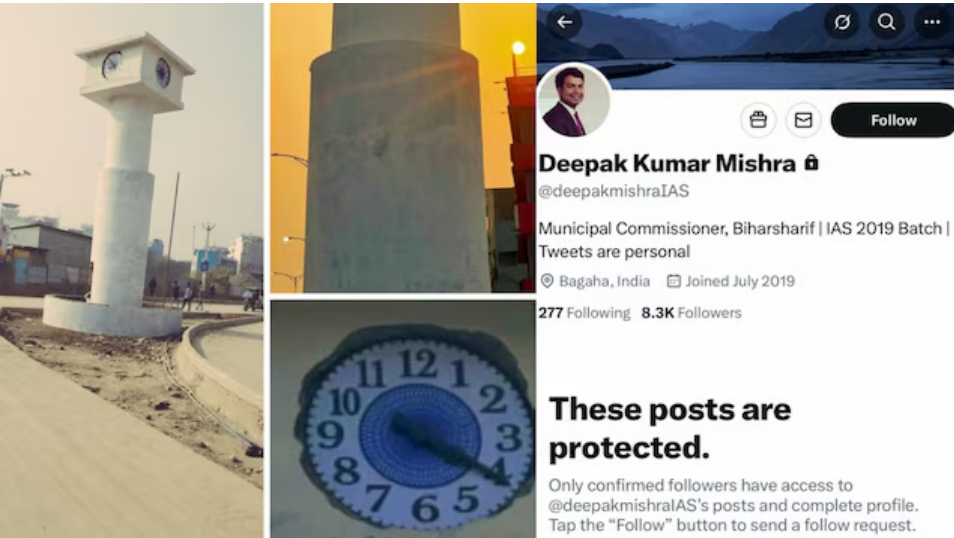


Charity Hall for this celebration evening. Though we are here to celebrate L&T (Love and Togetherness), we are not on any 90-hour work agenda. So please make yourselves comfortable and enjoy the dinner without wasting food, which is soon to be served on behalf of us.” This creative gesture not only showcased the hosts' consideration for their guests' health but also highlighted an emerging trend where even the most lavish events are embracing wellness. The idea resonated with many, as it balanced traditional wedding hospitality with modern health awareness, earning praise from netizens for its originality and thoughtful execution.

# Bihar Clock Tower Sparks Outrage

A seemingly innocuous clock tower built in Bihar Sharif has sparked widespread outrage, turning into a hotbed of controversy on social media. Constructed under the supervision of Municipal Commissioner Deepak Kumar Mishra, the clock tower quickly came under public scrutiny after images of the structure began circulating on 'X' (formerly Twitter). What caught people's attention wasn't just its lackluster design but the reported cost — a staggering ₹40 lakh. Many questioned the rationale behind such a steep expenditure for what they perceived as an uninspired and unremarkable public structure. To add fuel to the fire, the clock stopped working just a day after its inauguration, triggering a flood of criticism and memes. The tower, which was hurriedly made operational ahead of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's Pragati Yatra, soon became a symbol of poor planning and mismanagement. According to a report in Dainik Bhaskar, the clock's

malfunction was allegedly due to theft — miscreants reportedly broke in and stole copper wires, leaving the mechanism defunct. Ironically, the broken clock ended up displaying the same time — 4:20 — twice a day, a detail that was gleefully picked up by netizens for mockery. As public anger grew, Commissioner Deepak Kumar Mishra faced a barrage of questions and ridicule online. The backlash was so intense that Mishra ended up deleting his account on 'X', signaling a digital retreat amid mounting pressure. What was meant to be a landmark symbol of development during the CM's tour quickly devolved into a public relations disaster. The episode has raised serious concerns over public spending, project quality, and accountability among local officials. It has also reignited debate over how hasty execution of civic projects, often for political optics, can backfire spectacularly in the age of social media, where public opinion can turn viral in a matter of hours.



# Rs. 9 Saree Frenzy in Vikarabad

Sarees hold a special place in the hearts of Indian women, and their enthusiasm for a good saree deal knows no bounds. This was clearly evident in Vikarabad, Telangana, where chaos unfolded during the grand opening of the JLM Saree Showroom at Ramayyaguda Road. The store, which was inaugurated in a grand manner by actress Anasuya and Telangana Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar, had been promoting a mega offer—sarees for just ₹9. This offer created a massive buzz for days leading up to the launch. On the day of the opening, thousands of women thronged the location, eager to grab the once-in-a-lifetime deal. The crowd grew so large and uncontrollable that even the police and store management



failed to handle the situation. The main Ramayyaguda-Vikarabad road was clogged with the sheer number of women pouring in from surrounding areas, leading to a huge traffic jam and public inconvenience. The publicity worked so well that the crowd was far beyond what the organizers had expected. As the

crowd surged, the management was forced to back off, unable to cater to everyone. Speaker Prasad Kumar personally stepped in to appeal to the women to maintain calm and promised that sarees would be distributed to all, but the crowd showed little patience. Eventually, with no other option left, the showroom had to be shut down on its opening day itself. The ₹9 saree offer, meant as a marketing masterstroke, turned into an overwhelming rush that spun out of control. While the buzz certainly made the store the talk of the town, it also served as a reminder of how promotional campaigns can spiral unexpectedly when they touch on something as beloved as sarees, especially when prices drop to single digits.

# “Dire Wolves Revived After 12,500 Years”

In an extraordinary scientific breakthrough, researchers from Colossal Biosciences, a Texas-based company specializing in de-extinction efforts, have successfully revived the ancient dire wolf, a species that roamed North America as a dominant predator over 12,000 years ago. This remarkable feat was achieved through advanced genetic engineering techniques, including gene editing and cloning, using ancient DNA samples from a 13,000-year-old tooth and a 72,000-year-old skull fragment. The team utilized the DNA of the modern gray wolf, the dire wolf's closest living relative, and applied precise genetic modifications to recreate traits such as increased size, thicker fur, and stronger jaws. The result? Three healthy pups named Romulus, Remus, and Khaleesi, with Romulus and

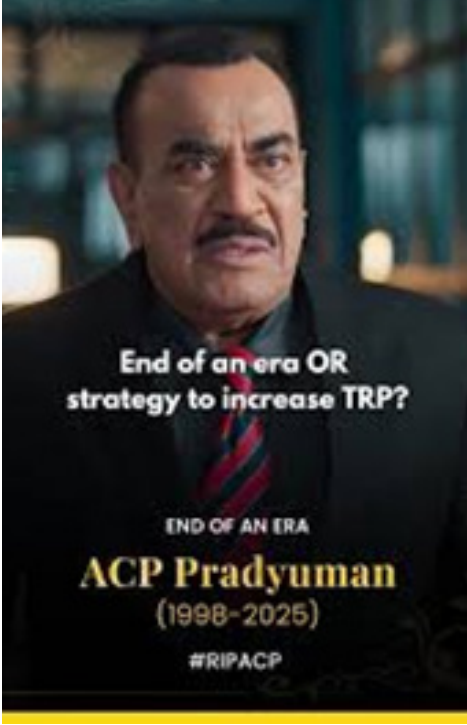


only showcases the potential of genetic engineering in conservation but also sparks discussions about the ethical implications of reviving extinct species. As the scientific community watches closely, the dire wolves symbolize both the marvels of modern biotechnology and the ongoing quest to reconnect with Earth's lost giants.

# How ACP Pradyuman Became a Meme Legend

CID's ACP Pradyuman, played by Shivaji Satam, isn't just a television character—he's a pop culture legend. With his stern face, signature index-finger swivel, and the iconic line “Daya, darwaza tod do!”, he transcended the screen to become a meme, a memory, and a massive part of India's collective nostalgia. Recently, fans were hit with the emotional news of his departure from the long-running crime drama CID, marking the end of a 27-year era that began in 1998. While some speculate this exit might be a strategic move to rejuvenate the show's second season, others feel it's simply the natural curtain call for a character who has done it all. But regardless of the reason, the legacy of ACP Pradyuman is cemented in the hearts of every 90s kid and TV enthusiast who grew up watching the team chase down murderers in their trusty Qualis. CID wasn't just a show—it was a ritual, and Pradyuman was its moral compass. He led

his team with unwavering discipline: Daya, the muscle who smashed doors on command; Abhijeet, the steady, rational officer; Freddy, the comic relief with a nervous twitch; Vivek, the tech-savvy one with near-magical access to criminal databases; and Dr Salunkhe, the ever-sarcastic forensic expert who could diagnose poison by tasting white powder mid-autopsy. Episodes often began with a suspicious corpse and ended with philosophical justice delivered in Pradyuman's classic gravitas. Local police were conveniently skipped—because CID, apparently, had pan-India jurisdiction. With over 1,500 episodes, CID became a cult hit, and memes made sure it stayed alive online, long after some might have stopped watching. From viral reels to nostalgic remixes, Pradyuman's presence still lingers. So even though the character might be gone from the show, the legacy of his “laash ke saath kuch toh gadbad hai” moments lives on, etched forev-



er in India's meme history.

# Iraqi Passenger Caught with Gold

Amid soaring gold prices, smuggling activities are on the rise across India. In a recent incident at the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport in New Delhi, Customs officials seized a significant quantity of gold from an Iraqi national. Acting on profiling data, the Customs Department's Air Intelligence Unit intercepted a passenger who arrived from Baghdad on IndiGo flight number IA-443. During the X-ray screening of passenger baggage, suspicious images appeared, prompting officials to conduct a detailed inspection. The individual was further checked using a Door Frame Metal Detector (DFMD), which confirmed the presence of metal objects in his luggage. Upon opening the baggage, officials discovered various types of yellow metal ornaments weighing a total of 1.2 kilograms. According to the Customs Department, the gold was concealed in a way intended to evade detection. Authorities stated that such incidents have become increasingly common as smugglers attempt to bypass strict security

measures at international airports and sea-ports. The detained Iraqi passenger is now under investigation, and officials are probing the origin and intended destination of the smuggled gold. With the price of gold touching new highs, smugglers are resorting to innovative and risky methods to transport gold illegally into the country. This seizure underscores the vigilance and efficiency of Indian Customs officials in detecting and preventing illegal activities at airports. The department also reiterated that security screenings will continue to be stringent and thorough to deter such offenses. The seized gold has been taken into custody as evidence, and further legal action will be initiated based on the outcome of the investigation. The Customs Department is expected to take appropriate steps as per the law and may initiate prosecution if required. This incident serves as a reminder of the constant threats to border security posed by smugglers and the crucial role of alert surveillance systems.





## Priyansh Arya Smashes Maiden IPL Century as Punjab Kings Beat CSK



Young sensation Priyansh Arya announced his arrival in style by scoring his maiden IPL century as Punjab Kings (PBKS) defeated Chennai Super Kings (CSK) by 18 runs in a thrilling IPL encounter. Opening the innings, Arya blazed his way to 103 off just 42 balls, including

7 fours and 9 sixes. He brought up his century in 39 balls, making it the fifth-fastest century in IPL history. The record still belongs to Chris Gayle, who hit a 30-ball ton in 2013. Thanks to Arya's explosive start, PBKS posted a formidable 219/6. Shashank Singh added a solid 52 off 36 balls\*,

while Marco Jansen chipped in with 34 off 19 balls\*. For CSK, Khaleel Ahmed (2/45) and Ravichandran Ashwin (2/48) picked up two wickets each. However, it wasn't enough as PBKS held their nerve to secure a crucial victory in the tournament.

## ISSF WC: Teen Shooter Suruchi Strikes Gold in Women's 10m Air Pistol

India's Suruchi made a sensational mark at the ISSF World Cup 2025 in Argentina, clinching gold in women's 10m air pistol with a stunning score of 244.6 in the final. The 19-year-old national champion overcame a world-class field, including China's Qian Wei, who settled for silver, and Jiang Ranxin, the Olympic great who took bronze. Despite a slow start, Suruchi showed nerves of steel, shooting 10.7 and 10.8 during the

elimination rounds to take the lead after the 13th shot. She held her ground with a string of high 10s to finish strong. Suruchi had topped the qualification with a score of 583, outperforming big names like Zorana Arunovic, Doreen Vennekamp, and Manu Bhaker. This was India's third gold at the event and Suruchi's first ISSF medal, signaling the arrival of a promising new star on the global shooting stage.



## ISSF WC: Narmada Finishes 6th, Sonam 8th in Women's Air Rifle Final



India missed out on a podium finish on day five of the ISSF World Cup 2025 in Argentina, with R. Narmada Nithin and Sonam Uttam Maskar placing sixth and eighth, respectively, in the women's 10m air rifle final. China's Wang Zifei, the reigning junior world champion, clinched gold with a near world-record performance, while Korea's Eunji Kwon took silver and Switzerland's Audrey Gogniat, the Paris Olympic bronze medalist, claimed bronze. Both Indians performed strongly in the high-pressure qualification rounds. Narmada shot a consistent 632.8 to place fourth, while Sonam secured her second consecutive ISSF final appearance with a 631.6, edging out American Olympian Mary Tucker on inner 10s. In the final, despite solid starts, the stiff competition proved too tough. Narmada narrowly missed fifth place by just 0.1 points, while leaderboard positions kept fluctuating through the event.

## KKR Fall Short by 4 Runs in Thrilling IPL Clash Against LSG



In a high-octane run-fest, Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) fell agonizingly short by 4 runs against Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) on Tuesday. Chasing a daunting target of 239, KKR were cruising at 149/2 in 12 overs but suffered a dramatic batting collapse to finish at 234/7 in 20 overs. Ajinkya Rahane led the charge with a fluent 61 off 35 balls, smashing 8 fours and 2 sixes. Venkatesh Iyer added a quick 45, while Rinku Singh kept

hopes alive with an unbeaten 38 off 15, but it wasn't enough to get KKR over the line. Earlier, Nicholas Pooran (87\* off 35 balls) and Mitchell Marsh (81 off 46) propelled LSG to a mammoth 238/3. With the ball, Shardul Thakur (2/52) made crucial breakthroughs for LSG, while Harshit Rana took 2/51 for KKR. Despite the valiant chase, KKR ended up on the losing side in a pulsating contest.

## India Fall 1-2 to New Zealand in Billie Jean King Cup Opener; Shrivalli Shines in Debut Win



India suffered a 1-2 defeat to New Zealand in their opening tie of the Billie Jean King Cup Asia-Oceania Group 1, held at the Mhalunge Balewadi Tennis Complex, Pune. India started strong as Shrivalli Bhamidipaty delivered a dominant performance in the opening singles match, crushing Aishi Das 6-1, 6-1. Her clinical win, powered by six aces and effective break-point conversions, gave India a 1-0 lead. However, New Zealand hit back as Lulu Sun outplayed Sahaja Yamalapa-

lli 6-3, 6-3 in the second singles, leveling the tie. The experienced Kiwi used her court craft and power to outmaneuver the Indian. In the decisive doubles, Ankita Raina and Prarthana Thombare faced Lulu Sun and Monique Barry. Despite a spirited effort, the Indian duo fell 3-6, 4-6, handing the tie to New Zealand. Earlier, the tournament was inaugurated with a grand ceremony, featuring past and present Indian tennis stars. India next faces Thailand on April 9.

## Telangana, MP, Manipur Shine on Day 5 of Senior Hockey Nationals

Day 5 of the 15th Hockey India Senior Men National Championship 2025 witnessed spirited performances as Telangana, Madhya Pradesh, and Manipur recorded impressive wins in their respective matches. In Division 'B', Telangana Hockey outclassed Goans Hockey 5-1. Goals from Surya Prakash Potluri (18'), Aiyappa PR (21'), Peddinti Neeraj Kumar (23'), Rohit Singh (28'), and Raju Talla (29') sealed the win. Telangana now stand second in Pool A with two wins in three matches. Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu Hockey cruised past Hockey Mizoram with a dominant 6-0 win. Six players in-

cluding Captain Arvind Yadav and Deepak Yadav scored to lift the team to third in Pool B. In Division 'A', Hockey Madhya Pradesh edged past Hockey Association of Odisha 3-2, with Ali Ahmad netting twice. Meanwhile, Manipur Hockey pulled off a thrilling 4-3 win over Le Puducherry Hockey, thanks to Cyril Lugun's hat-trick and a late winner from Thokchom Kingson Singh. Later matches on Tuesday feature Hockey Haryana vs Hockey Jharkhand and Uttar Pradesh vs Hockey Bengal, promising more action in the national championship.





## Maruthi Urges Patience for Raja Saab



Director Maruthi, who visited the temples in Tirupati and Srikalahasti today, took to social media to share pictures and connect with fans awaiting updates on his upcoming film Raja Saab starring Prabhas. While fans eagerly sought news, Maruthi clarified that the official

updates will come from the production house, People Media Factory. In a tweet, he emphasized the complexity of the post-production process, particularly the heavy VFX work involved, and urged fans to be patient. “It’s not a one man word or work... everyone is giving their best,” he wrote, hinting

that once the CG output is verified, a release date will be announced. The film, a horror comedy, also stars Sanjay Dutt in a key role, with Nidhi Agerwal and Malavika Mohanan as the female leads. Originally slated for an April release, the film has now been postponed.

## Allu Arjun, Atlee’s VFX Spectacle



The much-awaited collaboration between icon star Allu Arjun and blockbuster director Atlee Kumar has been officially announced, creating a huge buzz across the industry. Backed by Kalanithi Maran under Sun Pictures, the film—tentatively titled AA22xA6—is set to be a high-octane, VFX-heavy, pan-India spectacle. Touted as a gamechanger, this massive project brings together three powerhouses: Allu Arjun’s star appeal, Atlee’s mass

storytelling, and Sun Network’s production strength. Pre-production is already in full swing, with both Arjun and Atlee visiting top VFX studios in Hollywood to ensure world-class quality. While the title and full cast are yet to be revealed, the initial announcement teaser and insider reactions to the script have generated enormous hype, with many claiming it to be unlike anything seen before. The film is expected to go on floors later this year.

## RGV Predicts Big Win for Peddi

Director Ram Gopal Varma made an intriguing tweet about Ram Charan’s upcoming film Peddi, directed by Buchi Babu Sana. Sharing the film’s first glimpse, RGV hailed it as a true gamechanger. He praised Ram Charan, saying the actor has reached not

just global but universal appeal. In a bold statement, Varma admitted that even directors like him and Rajamouli couldn’t fully grasp Charan’s power the way Buchi Babu has. Calling it a “guaranteed triple sixer,” RGV predicted massive success for Peddi. The

film, already generating buzz, is being anticipated as a high-impact release. Varma’s strong endorsement, along with the powerful first shot reveal, has only raised expectations further for this exciting collaboration between the global star and the rising director.



## Tamannaah’s Odela 2 Promises Thrills

The much-anticipated trailer of Odela 2 has been unveiled, offering a gripping glimpse into a dark, supernatural tale. A sequel to the OTT hit Odela Railway Station, this film ups the stakes with a grand Pan-India production. Tamannaah Bhatia takes center stage as a fierce Naga Sadhu, a divine protector who reassures the terror-struck villagers of Odela as they face an ancient, rising evil. Directed by Ashok Teja, with

script and direction overseen by Sampath Nandi, the film blends myth and mystery with intense drama. Vasishtha N Simha portrays the menacing antagonist, sending chills with every appearance. The ensemble cast also features Hebah Patel, Yuva, and Naga Mahesh. The trailer, launched in Mumbai, promises a high-stakes thriller set against a haunting rural backdrop. Odela 2 hits cinemas on April 17.



## Mrunal Slays in Stunning Black

Mrunal Thakur stole the show at Maddock Entertainment’s anniversary bash, turning heads with a stunning all-black look that had paparazzi in a frenzy. Dressed in a sleek black outfit paired with a bold silver necklace, Mrunal exuded both elegance and edge. Her open, flowing hair and natural glow completed the effortlessly glamorous ensemble, sparking instant praise online.

Fans couldn’t stop gushing, calling her “chubby yet killer” and dubbing her look “black dress goals.” As if her red carpet moment wasn’t sizzling enough, Mrunal is all set to bring more heat on screen in the upcoming film Dacoit, where she stars opposite Aivi Sesh. This fresh pairing has already generated buzz, with audiences eagerly waiting to see her in action.



## Ajay Devgn on Vaani-Ileana Swap

At the trailer launch of Raid 2 in Mumbai, Ajay Devgn addressed the buzz around Vaani Kapoor replacing Ileana D’Cruz as his on-screen wife. Responding to a journalist’s query, Devgn explained, “That’s true, but the character can change. If you see a lot of Hollywood films, Sean Connery is no longer James Bond. It’s the character you follow.” Vaani joins the sequel as the new

female lead, while Ileana played the role in the first part. Directed by Raj Kumar Gupta, Raid 2 sees Ajay reprise his role as IRS officer Amay Patnaik, gearing up for his 75th raid—this time targeting a powerful and shrewd politician, played by Riteish Deshmukh. The trailer teases a high-stakes showdown, with Amay determined to uncover hidden black money at all costs.