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India, Pak Agree To Ceasefire

Stop All Military Action
On Land, Air, Sea

- Ceasefire reached after DGMO-level talks; India calls it ‘conditional’
- No change in India’s stance on terrorism and Indus Treaty: Sources
- Any future act of Terror by Pak to be considered Act of War: Sources

TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

In a significant development after four days of intense cross-border hostilities, India and Pakistan have agreed to a ceasefire, halting all military actions on land, air, and sea effective from 5 PM on Saturday. The announcement came after Director Generals of Military Operations (DGMOs) from both countries engaged in discussions earlier in the day. Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri said, “DGMOs of India and Pakistan agreed that both sides would stop all firing and military action from 5 PM. Instructions have been given on both sides to give effect to this understanding.” The DGMOs are scheduled to speak again on May 12 at 12 noon. The breakthrough was initiated by the Pakistani DGMO who reached out to India this afternoon, sources confirmed. However, they clarified that the ceasefire does not entail talks on other bilateral matters and is strictly limited to halting military operations. Despite the ceasefire, India has maintained a cautious stance. Government sources said the ceasefire is “conditional” and reaffirmed that India’s position



on diplomatic measures, including the suspension of the Indus Water Treaty, remains unchanged. “India remains fully prepared and ever-vigilant. Any further escalation by Pakistan will be met with a decisive response,” sources added. External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar confirmed the development via a post on X (formerly Twitter), stating, “India and Pakistan have today worked out an understanding on stoppage of firing

and military action. India will continue its uncompromising stance against terrorism in all its forms.” Pakistan’s Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar also acknowledged the ceasefire, calling it a reaffirmation of Pakistan’s commitment to peace in the region while protecting its sovereignty.

Why Suryanarayana
became a target for Jagan &
co; what’s the role of PSR?



TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

Mr. Seeta Ramanjaneyulu, IPS, is under custody of CID now. At this junction, a new case is waiting for him. That is, allegedly giving life-threatening threats to Mr. K. Suryanarayana, leader of the AP Government Employees Association. Yes, CID is already investigating it, and very soon, they are expected to file an FIR. Why did Mr. Seeta Ramanjaneyulu threaten Mr. Suryanarayana? What’s the reason behind it? As the Intelligence Chief, Mr. PSR followed the instructions of Mr. Sajjala Ramakrishna Reddy, who follows the instructions of the then Chief Minister YS Jagannathan Reddy. The rift between the Government of Jagan and Mr. Suryanarayana dramatically increased step by step, depending on the situations.

1. Stand taken by Mr. Suryanarayana
regarding Local Body Elections during
the Corona Period:

We all know that when Mr. Nimmagadda Ramesh was the Election Commissioner, he stopped the local body elections due to the corona situation. However, Mr. Jagannathan Reddy, the then Chief Minister, differed with it and lashed out at Mr. Nimmagadda in the name of caste in a press meet. At that time, all the Employees Union leaders supported the Government’s argument, except Mr. Suryanarayana. He expressed the opinion that the issue should be dealt with between the Election Commission and the Government, and employees should follow the final outcome. This irked Mr. Jagannathan Reddy & Co, and they called him to the CMO.

2. PRC Discussions between CM and
Employee’s Unions:

When the PRC had to be finalized, the then Chief Minister called up union leaders to conclude the PRC fitment. Allegedly, Mr. Sajjala Ramakrishna Reddy, Dhanunjaya Reddy were instructed to ensure the union leaders listened to Jagan’s speech and approved it without any discussion. Allegedly, other leaders followed it, but Mr. Suryanarayana expressed his differing opinion, which made Mr. Jagan angry. They conducted another meeting in the absence of Suryanarayana and moved on with their own decision. But Mr. Suryanarayana denied and openly disapproved of the Government’s decision, on behalf of the Employees’ Association. This again made Mr. Jagan & Co furious.

APPSC Scam Is of Rs.28 Crores, Sajjala Involvement Along with PSR?

- Sajjala involvement exposed in APPSC Scam?
- As per Sajjala Instructions only, PSR done it?
- Rs.28 Crore minted in this scam
- Almost 120 candidates paid money to get jobs
- All they are doing jobs as Group-I employees now
- Already seven were questioned

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

The APPSC scam, which is making Andhra Pradesh very shameful, has caused tremors among Group-I employees who were recruited through that exam. As per the allegations, Rs.28 crores were minted from candidates who paid to get good marks and secure jobs. Many of these individuals are now working as Group-I employees in the government. According to reports, the police have identified ten employees, and seven of them have been questioned. As of now, the name of Mr. Seeta Ramanjaneyulu, IPS, is listed as an accused. Along with him, Mr. Venkata Subbaiah and two other em-

ployees were involved in this scam. Based on the report of Mr. Madhusudhan, who is also an accused, the valuation of the papers was done manually at Hailand by unqualified persons, and marks were given as they liked or as they had planned. Allegedly, they took amounts ranging from Rs.25 to Rs.50 lakhs from each candidate through their own network and manipulated the allocation of marks and jobs. Now, as per the latest buzz, Mr. Sajjala’s involvement has been exposed in the inquiry. Allegedly, it was under Mr. Sajjala’s instructions that Mr. PSR executed this scam. We can witness that in any crime or scam, Mr. PSR follows Mr. Sajjala’s instructions. The creativity in ex-

ecution may be Mr. PSR’s, but the plans were allegedly made by Mr. Sajjala Ramakrishna Reddy. Mr. Madhusudhan Rao from Camsign Media Private Limited has exposed that the valuation was done at their discretion. The valuation was planned only to give jobs to candidates who had paid money. Nearly 120 candidates have secured jobs through this scam. Now, the big task for the police is to identify these individuals and terminate their jobs. Everyone is shocked at the alleged involvement of Mr. Sajjala and Mr. PSR in this scam, as they looted thousands of crores, yet they succumbed to securing just Rs.28 crores.



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India’s official communication strategy surrounding Operation Sindoor has been as precise and calculated as the airstrikes it launched following the Pahalgam terror attack. Over a series of high-level government briefings, senior officials including Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri, Colonel Sofiya Qureshi, and Wing Commander Vyomika Singh, have carefully shaped a message of control, responsibility, and firm retaliation. Words like precision, measured, restrained, and calibrated have consistently defined India’s tone, positioning New Delhi as a rational actor acting in self-defence against unprovoked aggression from Pakistan. Officials have clearly conveyed that India is not seeking escalation, but any provocation will be met with a tough and proportionate response. In the first government briefing on May 7 following the launch of Operation Sindoor, Wing Commander Vyomika Singh explained that the airstrikes were executed with “precision capability” using “niche technology weapons” to ensure zero collateral damage. “The point of impact at each of the target was a specific building

or group of buildings,” she stated, while reiterating that no military establishments were targeted, only terror infrastructure. Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri echoed this stance, describing the strikes as “measured, non-escalatory, proportionate, and responsible.” He emphasized that the original escalation in this latest conflict began with the brutal Pahalgam attack, in which 26 civilians were killed, and India’s response was carefully considered. In subsequent briefings, Mr Misri continued to underscore the fact that India had not targeted any military or civilian infrastructure, directly challenging Pakistan’s claims of civilian targeting. “Pakistan is spreading falsehoods,” he said, asserting that India’s actions were defensive and only in response to provocation. He also criticized Islamabad for keeping its civil airspace open amid rising tensions, calling it “irresponsible.” Wing Commander Singh, in her briefing on Saturday, stated that India’s armed forces responded swiftly to Pakistan’s drone attacks with “precision strikes” on identified military targets. These included radar sites, weapon storage facilities, and com-

mand centres in Pakistani locations such as Rafiqui, Murid, Chaklala, Rahim Yar Khan, and Sukkur. She repeated the word “precision” three times during her statement, reinforcing India’s narrative of calculated action with minimal collateral impact. Throughout the briefings, India’s messaging has underscored a clear theme: Pakistan has been the aggressor, while India has shown restraint. “India has been nothing but responsible in its response,” Mr Misri said, while noting that Islamabad’s reckless drone and shelling attacks had caused civilian casualties on the Indian side. External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar’s statements on social media have echoed the same carefully measured rhetoric. Calling India’s strikes “targeted” and “measured”, he emphasized that while India does not seek escalation, any such move will be met with firmness. The semantics used in these briefings highlight a broader diplomatic strategy: to frame India’s actions as those of a responsible global power protecting its people, in contrast to Pakistan’s irresponsible and aggressive behaviour.

Your Lies Are Temporary, Our Truth Is Eternal: Lokesh

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Andhra Pradesh Education and IT Minister Nara Lokesh launched a scathing attack on former Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, accusing him of betraying the people during his five-year tenure. In a strong rebuttal to criticism regarding the distribution of yellow-colored sewing machines, Lokesh clarified that the initiatives were entirely funded from his personal savings and not with public money. Lokesh stated that even before becoming an MLA, he had taken it upon himself to serve the people of Mangalagiri constituency by promoting self-employment through skill training programs. “Jagan garu, you were in power for five years, only to loot public money and leave people helpless. I wasn’t even an MLA back then. But as the leader of



a party born for the people, I personally took up the responsibility to help my constituency,” he said. He detailed how he supported women, handloom weavers, goldsmiths, and small traders, irrespective of caste or religion. Lokesh said that through the Mangalagiri Stree Shakti Kendra, started in June 2022, 2,226 women received training and free sewing machines. Similar initiatives in Tadepalli and Dugirala helped 666 and 616 women respectively, totaling 3,508 beneficiaries.

Highlighting the accusations over party-colored materials, Lokesh said, “All the sewing machines were distributed using my personal funds, and I chose yellow because it’s our party’s color, a sign of auspiciousness. But we never used people’s money to splash our party color or put our names on schemes like YSRCP does.” He also expressed his frustration with social media campaigns targeting him. “They are trying to mislead people with lies, but remember, your lies are temporary. Our truth is eternal,” Lokesh thundered. The remarks come amid heightened political tension, with the ruling TDP-led alliance stepping up its offensive against the previous YSRCP regime. Lokesh’s clarification appears aimed at pre-empting criticism and establishing a clear distinction between party-funded welfare and government schemes.

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3. Using Employees’ Funds by the Government without Their Consent:

We all know the Government used funds like deposits and PFs of the employees without their consent. They diverted them to implement their electoral purpose schemes. Mr. Suryanarayana exposed this. Then, Mr. PSR started giving threats to Mr. Suryanarayana, which were soft in the beginning but later became cruel and life-threatening.

4. Mr. Suryanarayana Complained to the Honourable Governor:

Mr. Suryanarayana did not stop at

criticizing the Government’s decisions but moved forward to complain about the issue to the Governor. This meant the issue would go to the Union Government of India, where the State Government was allegedly providing false figures of funds and loans. This development angered Mr. Jagan so much that Mr. Suryanarayana received threats from Mr. PSR. These were the four instances where Mr. Suryanarayana became a target of Mr. Jagan & Co for questioning their decisions. Allegedly, they started harassing union members close to Mr. Suryanarayana, through transfers, suspensions, and whatever possible measures to terrorize them. Finally, they included Mr. Suryanarayana in a case in the Vijayawada circle as an accused, under the ACB. They attempted to arrest him. Escaping from

here, he got anticipatory bail from the Supreme Court after a long five months of secluded life. Before that, the Police, under the guidance of Mr. PSR, tried to threaten the in-laws of Mr. Suryanarayana, who are senior citizens and even patients. They tried to terrorize his wife and daughter, though his daughter is an advocate. They didn’t care at any instance. Based on the case, which was proven false, they seized gold ornaments and property documents from his house. They also suspended Mr. Suryanarayana from his job and issued notices to the union questioning its eligibility. Why so serious about Suryanarayana? Mr. YS Jaganmohan Reddy, Mr. Sajjala Ramakrishna Reddy, and others tried to sabotage the struggles of the employees and curb the

unrest among them. For all their attempts, a few leaders, including Mr. Suryanarayana, became a hurdle. Because of their statements, all their foul games were exposed among the employees and even the public. That is why they targeted him and pursued him. As per the allegations of Mr. Suryanarayana, they decided to eliminate him. In all these attempts with a cruel approach, Mr. PSR acted as a tool for them, without any hesitation, leaving all his roles and responsibilities as per the constitution. Mr. Suryanarayana has filed a complaint against Mr. Jaganmohan Reddy, Sajjala Ramakrishna Reddy, Mr. PSR, and the police officials involved in these instances. We have to wait and see how far the alliance Government will move forward on this complaint.

SC Demotes Deputy Collector to Tahsildar Rank

- 2013 Guntur huts demolition lands officer in contempt case
- SC replaces 2-month jail term with demotion to Tahsildar
- Justice Gavai: “No one is above the law”



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In a landmark judgment, the Supreme Court has ordered the demotion of Andhra Pradesh Deputy Collector Tata Mohan Rao to the post of Tahsildar, as punishment in a contempt of court case linked to the demolition of huts in Guntur district back in 2013. A bench comprising Justices BR Gavai and AG Masih delivered the verdict while hearing a plea filed by Mohan Rao challenging the Andhra Pradesh High Court’s 2015 order, which sentenced him to two months in prison and a ₹2,000 fine for disobeying court orders. Rao was accused of demolishing huts in Adivatikkellapadu village while serving as a Tahsildar, despite a High Court directive not to proceed with such actions. Taking a considerate view of the impact, a jail term could have on the officer’s family and career, the Supreme Court decided to forgo the prison sentence, instead ordering his demotion to his previous rank. The bench made it clear that this leniency was to safeguard the livelihood of his dependents, not to condone his actions. Justice Gavai remarked, “All this should have been thought of when the huts were removed and the people living in them were pushed onto the road. Due to the stubbornness and reckless attitude of the petitioner,

his family members are in danger of losing their livelihood. However, we want to give a clear message that no one is above the law.” Along with the demotion, the Supreme Court also imposed a fine of ₹1 lakh on Mohan Rao, to be paid within four weeks. The amount will be directed toward housing for the poor, and proof of payment must be submitted to the court. The court also directed that his seniority should be preserved for future promotional considerations. The court expressed frustration over the prolonged nature of the case. Justice Gavai recalled that if Mohan Rao had accepted the demotion in earlier hearings, the matter might have been resolved with a lesser penalty, such as a cut in increments. “This matter has been dragged on unnecessarily. If he had agreed earlier, we would have avoided harsher directions,” he observed. Mohan Rao had previously argued that the demolition was aimed at safeguarding government land from encroachers who had allegedly erected temporary huts overnight during the politically volatile period of Andhra Pradesh’s bifurcation. With this ruling, the apex court has sent a strong message reinforcing the principle of accountability in public service, while balancing compassion with justice.

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This ceasefire comes in the backdrop of heightened tensions following a deadly terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu & Kashmir on April 22, where 26 civilians were killed. India blamed Pakistan for the attack and launched a retaliatory operation named Operation Sindoor, targeting nine terror bases in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK). Pakistan responded with drone and artillery attacks, which were reportedly repelled by Indian forces. The ceasefire signals a temporary de-escalation, though both countries remain on high alert. India’s warnings that “any act of terror will be considered an act of war” continue to underline the government’s uncompromising approach toward cross-border terrorism.

CA Exams Postponed Amid Indo-Pak Tensions



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Amid heightened tensions between India and Pakistan, the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) has officially announced the postponement of all CA examinations scheduled for May 2025. This decision has been taken in view of the sensitive security situation along the border and potential disruptions across various exam centres. According to the original schedule, the CA Intermediate, Final, and Post Qualification exams were to be conducted from May 9 to May 14. Group 1 of the CA Intermediate exams was already underway, held on May 3, 5, and 7, while Group 2 exams were planned for May 9, 11, and 14. The ICAI, however, has now confirmed that these exams stand postponed until further notice. In an official communication, the ICAI stated, “In light of the prevailing circumstances concerning national security and ensuring the safety of candidates and staff, it has been decided to defer all scheduled CA exams. Revised dates will be notified shortly.” Students preparing for the exams are urged to remain calm and stay updated through ICAI’s official website, www.icaai.org, for further notifications and the revised timetable. The institute has also advised candidates to avoid relying on unofficial sources for updates. As the situation along the Indo-Pak border remains tense, various institutions and state authorities are taking precautionary measures to avoid large public gatherings and ensure public safety.

Vidadala Rajini’s Aide Arrested Amid Ongoing ACB Probe

- Heated exchange ensued as Rajini questioned the arrest
- ACB already probing illegal extortion charges against her

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Former Andhra Pradesh Minister and YSRCP leader Vidadala Rajini has landed in fresh controversy as her close aide, Srikanth Reddy, was arrested by police in a dramatic incident. The arrest reportedly took place while Srikanth was inside Rajini’s vehicle, triggering a heated exchange between the former minister and the police officers on the spot. According to reports, Rajini confronted the officers and demanded to know the grounds for Srikanth Reddy’s arrest. A video capturing the argument has gone viral, where an officer can be seen warning Rajini that she too may face legal action if she obstructs the arrest. The incident has sparked widespread attention amid the political tension surrounding the YSRCP leader. While full details regarding the arrest are yet to be officially confirmed, it is known that the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has already registered a case against Vidadala Rajini. The case pertains to allegations that she and her



sister Gopi had extorted money from the owner of a stone crusher during her tenure as a minister. Last month, both Rajini and her sister were taken into custody by ACB officials in connection with this case. The arrest of Srikanth Reddy is believed to be a continuation of the investigation into the

same illegal activities. The developments come at a time when the YSRCP is already under scrutiny following the recent political transitions in Andhra Pradesh. Observers say the arrest and the ongoing ACB investigation may further complicate Rajini’s legal standing in the days ahead.

5,000 House Titles In 4 Years: Minister

- Minister receives grand welcome in Bhagat Singh Colony
- Assures pattas to 1,400 families soon
- Says CM will hand over house titles personally



TPN Correspondent | Nellore

Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister Dr. Ponguru Narayana announced that he aims to provide house titles to at least 5,000 people in Nellore city over the next four years. The Minister made this statement while visiting Bhagat Singh Colony on Friday evening, where he

was given a rousing welcome by local residents for resolving their long-pending issue of house titles. The colony residents, who had been waiting for a permanent solution for years, expressed their gratitude by showering flowers, conducting Brahma Ratham, and performing Mangala Aarti at every entrance. The Minister personally visited each

house in the colony and shared the good news that pattas would soon be issued. Speaking to the people, Narayana said that the titles would be distributed to 1,400 families shortly, through the hands of Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu. Recalling his humble beginnings, he stated, “I was born into a poor family and I know the real struggles of the underprivileged. That is why I chose to stand by them and solve their problems.” He recounted that during his previous tenure from 2014 to 2019, he worked hard to clear legacy loans and developed Nellore City with a budget of ₹5,200 crore. He criticized the previous government for neglecting development, claiming that promises made to people like those in Bhagat Singh Colony were ignored. Narayana said the issue was brought to his attention during the election campaign and he made it a personal mission to deliver on his promise. He thanked CM Chandrababu Naidu for giving cabinet approval and assured that the distribution of pattas would be done without political bias. He also acknowledged the coordination of the Irrigation and Revenue departments in making the titles possible. Nellore Urban Development Authority Chairman Kotamreddy Srinivasulu Reddy and several local leaders participated in the program.

Anantha Babu Creates Scene At Annavaram Temple

YCP MLC Verbally abused staff, including EO Subbarao

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YSR Congress Party MLC Anantha Udayabaskar, widely known as Anantha Babu, sparked controversy at the famous Sri Veera Venkata Satyanarayana Swamy temple in Annavaram on Thursday. The incident occurred following the Swami’s wedding ceremony, where the MLC lost his temper over a delay in receiving Akshinths (holy rice) distributed after the ritual. The wedding of the deity was conducted in a traditional manner at the temple, drawing a large gathering of devotees and dignitaries. As part of the custom, Akshinths are handed out to guests post-ceremony. However, the distribution to Anantha Babu was delayed, leading to an outburst. Expressing his displeasure, he lashed out at the temple staff, reportedly using of-



fensive language. Eyewitnesses claim that he hurled verbal abuse at an official, demanding, “Who is this? What is his arrogance? Overaction. Pretense,” in a visibly agitated manner.

His comments shocked many who were present and created a tense atmosphere in the temple premises. Despite the departure of other chief guests, Anantha Babu remained at the venue until he received the Akshinths. He later identified the temple Executive Officer (EO) Subbarao and continued to express his anger, demanding explanations for the delay. EO Subbarao reportedly attempted to pacify the MLC, even holding his hands in an effort to calm the situation. After a few minutes of heated exchange and discussion, Anantha Babu eventually left the temple premises. This episode has once again drawn attention to previous controversies surrounding the MLC, who has often been in the headlines for the wrong reasons. Temple authorities have not issued an official statement, but internal sources confirm that the staff were deeply disturbed by the MLC’s outburst.



You Should Go to Pakistan..

Somu Veerraju Slams CPI's Narayana

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CPI National Secretary K. Narayana’s recent remarks on the India-Pakistan issue have sparked a political storm in Andhra Pradesh, drawing sharp reactions from Bharatiya Janata Party MLC Somu Veerraju. Speaking in the wake of heightened India-Pakistan tensions and the recent terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Narayana stated that India’s war is not with the people of Pakistan, but with terrorism. He also dismissed the idea that China is strongly backing Pakistan as a misconception. These comments were met with severe criticism from BJP MLC Somu Veerraju, who accused Narayana of indirectly supporting Pakistan at a time when the nation is mourning the loss of soldiers to terror attacks. “When the entire country is pained by the loss of lives in Pahalgam, how can Narayana make such a statement? If he has so much sympathy for Pakistan, he should go live there,” Veerraju said. The BJP leader went a step further, demanding that CPI immediately suspend Narayana from the party for making statements that, according to him, go against national interest. He also accused the CPI of maintaining silence on issues of terrorism and undermining the country’s security forces with such views. Narayana’s comments have drawn mixed reactions from political observers, with some viewing them as a humanitarian stance, while others see them as politically tone-deaf amid current national sentiment. The controversy is expected to fuel further political debates in the coming days, especially as national security continues to dominate public discourse.



MSME Park Named Bharat Sindoor in Nellore Rural

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Nellore Rural MLA Kotamreddy Sridhar Reddy laid the foundation stone for the Bharat Sindoor MSME Park in Amancharla village on the direction of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu. The park, which will span 60 acres, is aimed at promoting industrial development and generating employment for youth in the Nellore Rural constituency. Addressing the gathering, MLA Sridhar Reddy announced that the industrial park has been named “Bharat Sindoor MSME Park” to ensure future generations remember the spirit of patriotism and sacrifice. He said the park would initially cater to small and medium-scale enterprises in the 60-acre area and could be expanded further based on demand and success. The MLA assured that the new park would create hundreds of jobs locally and play a vital role in boosting the region’s economy. As part of his address, Sridhar Reddy also made strong remarks on national security, invoking slogans like “Bharat Mata Ki Jai” and “Khabardhar Khabardhar Pakistan,” emphasizing India’s strength in the face of terrorism. He condemned Pakistan for its repeated provocations and said, “Even after losing multiple wars, Pakistan continues its fanatic attempts. But India needs just three days to show its might. If we declare full-scale war, Pakistan will vanish from the world map overnight.” He paid tribute to Murali Naik, a martyr in the conflict with Pakistan, stating that his sacrifice must always be remembered as a symbol of India’s bravery. The foundation event was marked by patriotic fervor and enthusiastic participation from locals and party leaders.



In the Current Situation, all Indians Must Stay United

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Andhra Pradesh Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha expressed deep sorrow over the deaths of two people from the state in the recent terrorist attack, stating that the entire state was shocked by the brutal incident. She said the government has stood firmly beside the bereaved families and offered full support. Speaking at a meeting held in the presence of the Governor, the Home Minister mentioned that Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan personally visited the families of the deceased and offered their condolences. "When Madhusudhan Rao's wife was narrating the events in Kavalu, tears filled everyone's eyes," she added. Anitha emphasized that firm steps must be taken to completely prevent such terrorist attacks in the future. She praised the leadership of Operation Sindoor, highlighting that two women officers are at the helm of India's strategic response. "It is a moment of pride for the nation that two women are leading the mission with courage and clarity," she said. She also welcomed the initiative to organize a meeting involving all key stakeholders in the presence of the Governor, describing it as a positive step to unite all forces during a sensitive time for the nation. "In the current situation, all Indians must stay united, rise above political lines, and support the Central government's actions against terrorism," Anitha urged.

Murali Nayak's sacrifice will forever remain in our memory



TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada

BJP State President and MP Daggubati Purandeswari paid heartfelt tributes to Murali Nayak, the soldier from Gorantla Mandal, Penukonda Assembly Constituency, Sri Sathya Sai District, who laid down his life while defending the nation. Speaking on the occasion, Purandeswari emphasized the country's eternal gratitude towards the martyr's service. She stated, "The nation will never forget the invaluable services of Murali Nayak, who gave his life for the motherland. His sacrifice will not go in vain, and he remains alive in our memories as a martyr." The martyr's heroic efforts were remembered with deep respect, and Purandeswari expressed her condolences to the bereaved family of Murali Nayak, recognizing the great loss they have endured. In a moment of profound sadness, she also expressed that the courage and sacrifice of soldiers like Murali Nayak are what ensure the safety and security of the nation.

CM, Deputy CM Meet Governor Amid Indo-Pak Tensions

- Meeting held with elders of six religions at Raj Bhavan
- State launches war-preparedness drills, intensifies surveillance
- CM, DGP vow strong internal security measures

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In the wake of escalating tensions between India and Pakistan, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, and Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha met Governor Abdul Nazeer at the Raj Bhavan on Saturday. The meeting also included Chief Secretary K.S. Jawahar Reddy and elders from six major religions in the state. Chief Minister Naidu stated that the meeting was convened to review the state's preparedness and security measures. "As per the directions of the Union Home Ministry and the state government, we have taken all necessary steps to ensure peace and security," said the CM. He added that the state has already conducted mock drills and initiated awareness programs to prepare the public for any emergency situation. The state government also strongly condemned the recent terrorist attack in Pahalgam and extended condolences to the families of the victims. Director General of Police Harish Kumar Gupta, addressing the media, said the police de-



partment has intensified its efforts to maintain law and order across the state. "We have launched drone surveillance and sea patrolling, especially along the coastal belt," he said. The DGP informed that all major public spaces are under close surveillance with frequent spot checks in place. "We are also maintaining strict cyber vigilance to prevent misinformation and false propaganda on social media. Our intelligence systems

are being further strengthened and we are coordinating closely with all emergency response teams," he added. He said the state's disaster management and civil defense systems have been alerted and are fully prepared to respond to any scenario. With security tightened and multi-level coordination underway, the state administration aims to ensure peace and stability during this sensitive period.



Son Kills Father Over Property Dispute in Guntur

TPN Correspondent | Guntur

In a shocking incident in Betapudi, located in the Mangalagiri-Tadepalli Municipal Corporation area, a son reportedly killed his father over a property dispute. The victim, Adivi Srinivasa Rao, was walking when his son, Paramesh, blocked his path. The son then attacked his father with a stone, resulting in the father's tragic death. The incident highlights the extent to which family disputes, particularly over property, can escalate to violence. Police have launched an investigation into the matter and are looking into the details surrounding the dispute between the father and son.

Ayyannapatrudu Donates To The Army

AP Speaker contributes one month's salary to National Defence Fund

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Amid growing tensions between India and Pakistan, Andhra Pradesh Assembly Speaker Chintakayala Ayyannapatrudu has stepped forward in support of the armed forces. In a symbolic gesture, he donated his one-month salary of ₹2,17,000 to the National Defence Fund, expressing his admiration for the courage and commitment of the Indian Army. With conflict intensifying along the borders and the country witnessing heightened patriotic sentiment, Ayyannapatrudu's gesture adds to the wave of public support for the forces. The Speaker made the donation through an online transaction and issued a statement emphasizing the valor of Indian sol-



diers fighting terrorism. He remarked, "The courage shown by our armed forces in eliminating terrorism is a matter of pride for every Indian. At a time when they are risking their lives to protect the nation, it is our duty to stand behind them in every way possible." He further expressed hope that such contributions and national solidarity would strengthen the spirit of

patriotism across the country. As the situation along the border remains tense, many leaders and citizens are stepping forward to express solidarity with the armed forces through contributions and public support initiatives. Ayyannapatrudu's donation is being widely appreciated as an example of responsible leadership during a time of national urgency.

50 Stolen Two-Wheelers Seized by Kankipadu Police

TPN Correspondent | Krishna

In a major breakthrough, Krishna district police have arrested a four-member gang involved in inter-district two-wheeler thefts and recovered 50 stolen bikes worth around ₹21.46 lakh. The accused were caught during a vehicle check in Kankipadu village on Saturday morning.

District Superintendent of Police R. Gangadhara Rao IPS and Gannavaram DSP C.H. Srinivasa Rao explained the case details at a press meet. The arrests were made under the supervision of Kankipadu CI J. Murali Krishna and SI D. Sandeep.

According to police, the investigation began following a complaint on April 25 from one Mohammed Ziaul Rahman, whose bike was stolen from Idupugallu. Acting on reliable information, a team was formed and conducted checks near a flyover at Kankipadu on May 10 at around 8:30 am. Four suspects were intercepted while trying to flee on two bikes coming from the Machilipatnam side. The police team successfully apprehended them.

Upon interrogation, the gang confessed to stealing 50 bikes from 17 police station limits across five districts — Krishna (23), NTR (7), Guntur (2), Eluru (1), and Bapatla (1), with 34 FIRs already filed. The remaining 16 vehicles' owners are yet to be traced.

The gang's modus operandi involved selecting crime locations in advance and wearing helmets 10 km prior to avoid CCTV detection. They mainly targeted vehicles parked near public places like temples, mosques, hospitals, and function halls using duplicate keys. The accused in the case have been identified as Mohammad Rizwan (32) of Nizampet, Machilipatnam; Keshana Suresh (27) of Meraka Gowda Palem, Kodur Mandal; Sheikh Ibrahim alias Bhasha (37) and Kola Krishna Rao (37), both from Ullipalem, Kodur Mandal. The police team comprising CI J. Murali Krishna, SI D. Sandeep, HC K. Chandra Babu, and PCs P.S.N. Murthy and SD. Baji Babu was instrumental in cracking the case and recovering the stolen property. District SP Gangadhara Rao appreciated their efforts and rewarded the team for their commendable work.

MP Srikrishna Devaraya Seeks Special Trains for Telugu Students

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

Amid the growing tensions between India and Pakistan, Telugu Desam Party MP Lavu Srikrishna Devaraya has raised concerns about the safety of Telugu students studying in northern parts of the country. In a proactive move, he has written to Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, urging him to arrange special trains to bring the students safely back to their home states. In his letter, the MP highlighted that hundreds of students from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana are pursuing higher education in states such as Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, and Jammu & Kashmir. He specifically mentioned institutions like the National Institutes of Technology (NITs) in Jalandhar, Jammu, and Kurukshetra, as well as Lovely Professional University, where a significant number of Telugu students are enrolled. With the current tense situation across the border escalating concerns among parents and families, the MP said immediate measures are needed. He requested the Railway Ministry to operate special trains from Jalandhar, Jammu, Kurukshetra, and Chandigarh to various destinations in the Telugu states to ensure the students' safe and timely return. Srikrishna Devaraya urged the Centre to respond without delay and facilitate the transportation of students back to their hometowns. He emphasized that the government must act quickly to prevent anxiety among the families of these students and ensure their security in such uncertain times.

AU Hostels Closed Temporarily Amid Border Tensions



TPN Correspondent | Visakhapatnam

Amid rising tensions between India and Pakistan, Andhra University (AU) in Visakhapatnam has taken a significant decision, prioritizing student safety. The university management has announced the temporary closure of all student hostels starting today. In a circular released this morning, AU officials instructed students who have completed their examinations to vacate their hostels and return home at the earliest. Citing the safety of students as their top priority, the management said the move was taken in light of the uncertain national security situation and as a preventive measure. Apart from the geopolitical concerns, AU Registrar clarified that the decision also stemmed from persistent water shortages in the hostels and the need for annual repair work. He stated that essential maintenance work, including improvement of water supply systems, would be undertaken during this period. The university also mentioned that an update on the reopening of the hostels would be shared based on the evolving circumstances. Students and parents have been advised to stay in touch with the university's official communication channels for further updates. The closure decision is being seen as a proactive step to avoid any unforeseen situations and ensure the safety and well-being of the student community residing on campus.



Rakesh Kiran Consoles Family Of YCP Leader Rajayya

TPN | C Shekar

Chittoor, May 11: In a show of solidarity and commitment to public service, Joint Chittoor District Active Secretary T. Rakesh Kiran is actively touring the Satyavedu constituency and addressing various public issues. On Thursday, he visited the family of Rajayya, a leader of the Vice-SSRCP from Lower Kanakampalem village in Narayanavanam Mandal, who tragically passed away due to a heatstroke. Offering his condolences, Rakesh Kiran expressed deep sorrow over the loss and assured the grieving family that the party stands firmly with them. He also appreciated the contributions of Rajayya's son, Govind, who has rendered dedicated service to the Vice-SSRCP party. Speaking to the family, Rakesh Kiran said, "The party will extend its complete support to Rajayya's family during this difficult time. His services will always be remembered." Retired Judge T. Doraswamy and several local leaders including Ashok, Prasad PG Babu, Manju, Murali, Vasu, Visak, David, and Mahesh were present during the visit. Their participation underlined the unity and compassion within the party ranks. Rakesh Kiran's continued presence in the constituency reflects his commitment to stand with the people, especially during times of grief and hardship.



Octopus Force Conducts Checks in Tirumala Amid High Alert

- TTD issues high alert at Tirumala temple
- Octopus, bomb squads conduct intensive checks
- Devotees advised to stay alert and cooperative

TPN Correspondent | Tirupati

In light of the escalating tensions between India and Pakistan, security has been ramped up across several sensitive areas, including the sacred hill shrine of Tirumala. With both countries engaging in heavy cross-border attacks, high alert has been declared in multiple states, prompting stringent security measures in places of large public gathering. As part of these measures, the Octopus Force, along with the Police, TTD Vigilance and Security teams, Bomb Squad, and Dog Squad, conducted

intensive checks across the Tirumala region on Saturday. Areas surrounding the Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple, including vehicle routes and pedestrian zones frequented by devotees, were thoroughly searched. Officials from the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) have announced a high alert and are taking no chances in ensuring the safety of pilgrims. Temple authorities urged devotees to cooperate with the ongoing security checks and advised them to remain alert. TTD officials also emphasized the importance of not panicking and encouraged pilgrims to

stay strong and united during these tense times. Security personnel stated that these checks are purely precautionary and part of standard high-alert protocol. No suspicious activity has been reported so far, and the situation remains under control. However, surveillance and patrolling have been intensified around the temple premises. The TTD has assured that temple services will continue as usual while maintaining utmost vigilance, and they have requested the public to immediately report any suspicious items or behavior to authorities.

BJP Leaders Offer Prayers for Success of Operation Sindhur

TPN | Rajasekhar

Srikakulam, May 11: In a show of solidarity and patriotic spirit, BJP leaders in Srikakulam district organized special prayers for the success of Operation Sindhur, the military operation launched under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to dismantle terrorist bases across the Pakistan border. The prayers were held at the Vaibhav Venkateswara Temple in Tekkali, with BJP leaders emphasizing that the operation has struck deep into the heart of Pakistan, sending a strong message to terrorist forces. Tekkali Mandal BJP President Jarjana Ramji oversaw the special puja rituals, as part of a nationwide program being held in support of the Indian armed forces and government. Speaking at the event, BJP Yuva Morcha Srikakulam District President

Bure Narendra Chakravarthy said Operation Sindhur has brought pride to every Indian and proved the strength of India's women power on the battlefield. "Our soldiers are chasing down terror without risking civilian lives, and Operation Sindhur is becoming a symbol of India's resolve," he stated. Tekkali Constituency Co-Convenor Naiduri Lakshminarayana, BJYM State Executive Member Rajkumar, and Mandal leaders Smt. Nagaratnam, Ramesu, Nagendra, Rammo-han, Prakash Rao, Ramana, and others actively participated in the event. The leaders expressed confidence that Operation Sindhur would lead to further successes against terrorism and applauded the courage of Indian forces. They also stated that people across the country support the bold decisions taken by Prime Minister Modi to protect national integrity and security.



Implement Livestock Insurance Strictly: Chintamaneni



TPN Correspondent | Eluru

Dendulur MLA Chintamaneni Prabhakar has called on officials to implement livestock insurance schemes strictly and effectively, stressing the importance of safeguarding the livelihoods of dairy-dependent farmers in his constituency. On Saturday, the MLA was met at his camp office by alliance leaders, party activists, officials, and people from various villages. They greeted him with bouquets and invitations and submitted petitions concerning local issues. Responding swiftly, the MLA assured timely resolutions. Speaking on the occasion, Chintamaneni Prabhakar said a significant percentage of the constituency's farming community relies on dairy for their livelihood. "Many villages in Dendulur are among the highest milk-producing areas. With over one lakh cattle in the region, any unforeseen cattle deaths can push farmers into deep distress," he stated. To address this, the MLA has instructed officials from the Animal Husbandry Department to take proactive steps to implement livestock insurance across the constituency in a structured and farmer-friendly manner. He emphasized that this initiative will provide crucial financial protection to those depending on animals such as cows, buffaloes, goats, and sheep. In a key follow-up step, Chintamaneni Prabhakar met with T. Damodar Naidu, State Director of the Animal Husbandry Department, at Labbipet, Vijayawada. He urged the director to ensure that livestock insurance coverage matches the actual cattle population in Dendulur and that claims are processed smoothly to instill confidence among the rural farming community. The MLA's move is being seen as a much-needed initiative in light of the increasing vulnerability of dairy farmers to unexpected livestock losses.

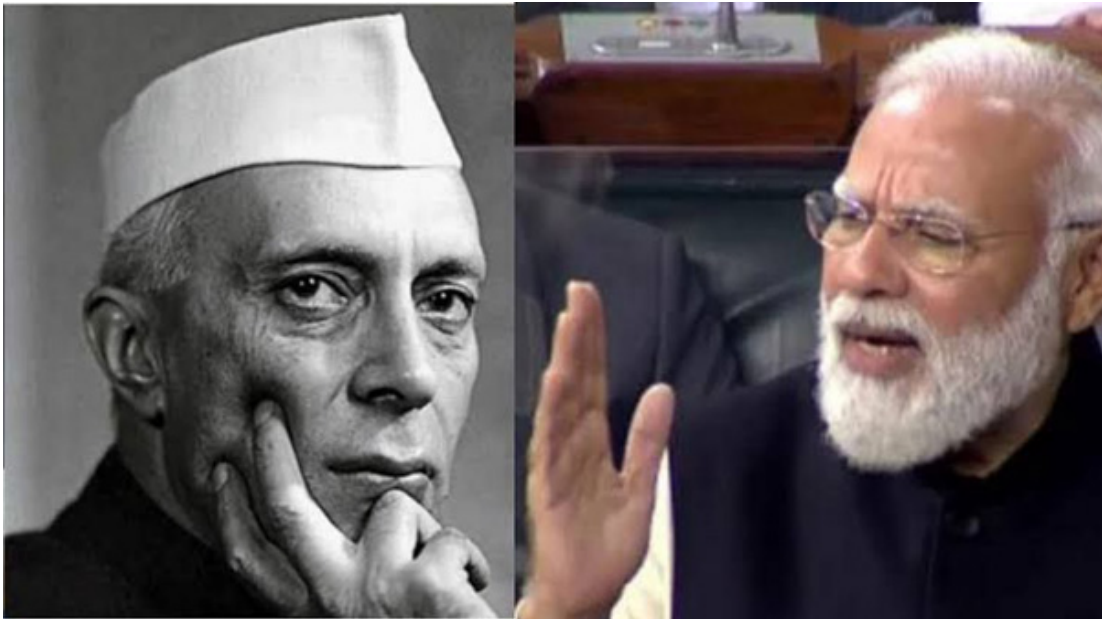
Leadership and Governance

“Modi’s Nation-First vs Nehru’s Statesmanship Philosophy ”

As India continues its journey toward becoming a global power, the importance of firm, visionary leadership that prioritizes the national interest cannot be overstated. Today, more than ever, India requires a leader who puts the security, sovereignty, and well-being of its citizens above ideological posturing and global image management. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has exemplified this approach through decisive action, assertive foreign policy, and a clear commitment to India’s strategic and economic interests. His leadership reflects a break from the historical tendencies that often compromised the country’s core priorities. Nehru’s approach was driven by idealism and caution, Modi’s is rooted in realism and deterrence. This shift has not only restored national pride but also strengthened India’s position on the global stage.

Nehru’s international acclaim at the expense of Nation

It is important to reflect on the legacy of past governance, particularly during Jawaharlal Nehru’s leadership of the Congress Party. While the Congress claims Nehru was key in shaping post-independence India, his administration made choices that weakened the country’s strategic position. Nehru’s guidance often led the Congress to neglect or undermine national interests. Major issues, such as the Kashmir conflict, inadequate military preparedness that led to the 1962 defeat against China, and an overly idealistic foreign policy, left India vulnerable during critical moments. The focus on international reputation over practical national policy has had lasting conse-



quences. Nehru’s era saw the armed forces constrained by political indecision and poor strategic insight. The conflict with China exposed serious flaws in military readiness, leadership coordination, and political will. Despite warnings from military leaders, Nehru’s government failed to adequately equip the military or provide clear directives, resulting in a humiliating defeat that impacted the nation significantly.

Nehru compromised the military for his ideological objectives.

Nehru’s reluctance to give the armed forces operational autonomy severely undermined India’s defense capabilities during his tenure. Senior military leaders were often sidelined, strategic warnings ignored, and critical decisions made without adequate consultation with defense experts. The disastrous outcome of the war with China was not merely a military failure—it was a failure of political leadership that chose ideology and diplomacy over preparedness and decisive action. The army was constrained by bureaucratic control and lacked the



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support needed to defend the nation effectively.”

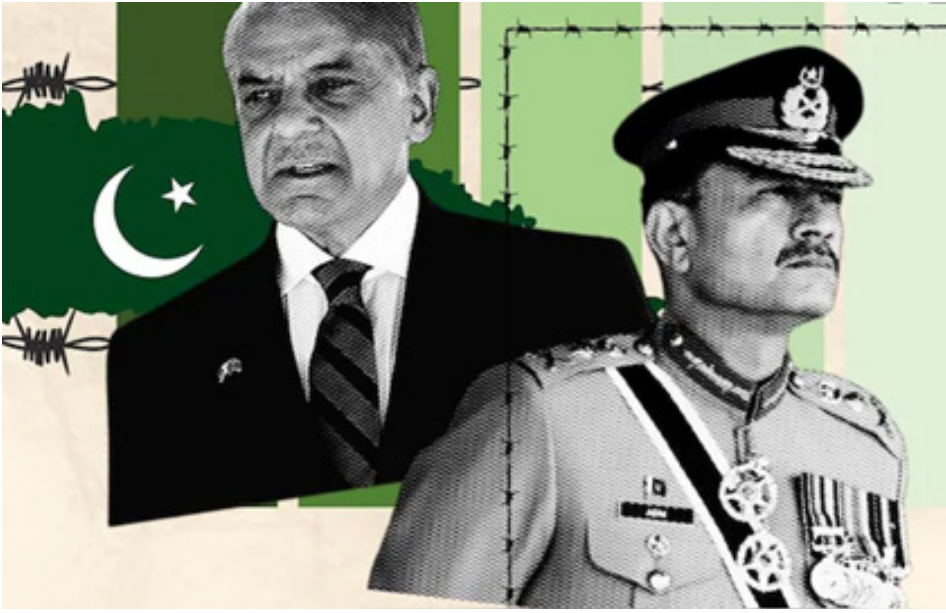
Undue diplomacy might indicate a lack of strength.

Today, India must reject the model of symbolic diplomacy and embrace leadership rooted in realism, accountability, and strength. The country needs leaders who not only defend its borders but also uplift its people, build its institutions, and assert its rightful place on the world stage—without compromise.

Congress needs to progress beyond the Philosophy of diplomacy preached by Nehru.

The historical missteps and policy failures of the Congress party have cast a long shadow over India’s development. The legacy of indecisive governance, flawed security strategies, and misplaced priorities continues to affect the nation’s progress even today. In many ways, the sins of the Congress era have been a curse on the nation—leaving behind unresolved conflicts, institutional decay, and a weakened strategic posture that later governments have had to work tirelessly to correct.”

It is time for the Congress party to break free from the outdated diplomatic framework set by Jawaharlal Nehru—a model rooted in idealism and global image-building at the cost of national interest. India’s evolving strategic environment demands pragmatism, strength, and a clear-eyed approach to diplomacy, not nostalgia for a bygone era. Clinging to Nehruvian foreign policy dogma continues to hinder the party’s ability to address present-day realities and national security imperatives.”



India’s Strategic Shift: Calculated Pressure in Response to Pakistan's Escalation

The April 22 Pahalgam attack, marked by brutal religious and gender profiling, crossed India’s tolerance threshold, prompting the swift convening of the Cabinet Committee on Security. While India’s response emphasized diplomatic, political, and economic measures, it also opened the window for calibrated military planning under a broader doctrine of strategic escalation.

Operation Sindoor marked a significant evolution in India’s military posture. Moving beyond earlier surgical strikes, this operation showcased India’s ability to assert escalation dominance without full-scale war. Named symbolically, ‘Sindoor’ conveyed a sacred red line—a cultural symbol of both sanctity and retribution—indicating that India’s patience had limits.

The operation targeted terrorist infrastructure across a 700 km stretch, striking high-value locations like Bahawalpur, Muridke, and Sialkot—centres linked to groups like Jaish-e-Mohammed and Lashkar-e-Taiba. Striking these targets near civilian and military hubs signaled a shift: India would no longer limit action to proxies but target the infrastructure that sustains them.

The strategic optics were also crucial. Women officers played a visible role in post-strike briefings,

symbolizing India’s inclusive, modern military and aligning with the national grief over the loss of civilians, particularly widowed women. This narrative projected India’s ideological contrast with Pakistan’s regressive gender norms.

Pakistan’s response—a failed drone and missile strike on Indian bases—was neutralized by advanced air defence systems, including the S-400. India retaliated with strikes on air defence assets in Lahore and Rawalpindi, exposing vulnerabilities in Pakistan’s military radar network.

Meanwhile, Pakistan has escalated cross-border attacks along the LoC, targeting civilians. India’s response has remained focused on counter-bombardment and tactical interdiction, avoiding civilian harm while degrading enemy positions.

With the Indian Navy reportedly threatening Pakistan’s maritime trade routes, pressure is mounting. India must maintain this calculated, multi-domain pressure to force strategic recalibration in Islamabad—without slipping into uncontrolled escalation.

India’s strategy now rests on sustained, visible readiness and the resolve to respond decisively without provoking full-scale conflict.

India 2025: Brace for Scorching Heatwaves and Intense Monsoons

In May 2024, Churu in Rajasthan reached a blistering 50.5°C, highlighting the increasing severity of India’s summer heatwaves. With over 37 cities enduring temperatures above 45°C, life and livelihoods were severely affected across the country. Maharashtra even had to restrict public gatherings due to the soaring heat. Now, in 2025, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) predicts a repeat of these extreme conditions, with more intense and prolonged heatwaves forecast for the April–June period, particularly in western India, where 7–8 extra heatwave days are expected.

Interestingly, the IMD also anticipates an above-normal Southwest Monsoon with around 5% excess rainfall, raising questions about the coexistence of extreme summer heat and surplus rainfall. This paradox can be explained through interconnected climatic patterns and long-term global warming trends.

The World Meteorological Organization confirmed 2024 as the hottest year on record, with global temperatures exceeding the pre-industrial average by more than 1.5°C. India, too, saw early heatwaves by February 2025, driven by a broader warming trend that has raised average land temperatures by nearly 0.8°C since the early 1900s. This warming not only intensifies heatwaves but also increases atmospheric moisture, laying the groundwork for heavy and erratic monsoon rains.

The current ENSO (El Niño–Southern Os-



cillation) state is neutral, with earlier weak La Niña conditions fading. ENSO neutrality is likely to persist through October, allowing normal moisture inflow during the monsoon. Similarly, the Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) remains neutral, neither aiding nor hindering rainfall.

A key contributor to monsoon strength this year is reduced Eurasian snow cover, especially in the Himalayas and Tibetan Plateau. Lower snowpack reduces land reflectivity, causing faster surface warming and enhancing the land-sea temperature contrast. This leads to stronger south-westerly winds, which may intensify the monsoon.

In sum, India’s 2025 climate outlook demonstrates how long-term warming and evolving short-term weather patterns interact, setting the stage for both brutal summer heat and potentially dangerous flooding during the monsoon. Strategic planning for heat and flood resilience is essential as climate volatility becomes the new normal.

Operation Sindoor and the Rise of India’s New War Doctrine

Operation Sindoor marks a turning point in India’s strategic and military doctrine. Launched on the night of May 6–7 in response to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, the operation showcased India’s evolving capabilities in precision warfare, joint military coordination, and restrained yet resolute response.

Nine high-value terror targets were hit with surgical precision—five in Pakistan-occupied Jammu & Kashmir (Muzaffarabad, Kotli, Bhimber) and four deep within Pakistan (Sialkot, Muridke, Bahawalpur). These locations housed key Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammed infrastructure. About 70% of the targets were neutralised by the Indian Army using drones and advanced guided munitions, while the Indian Air Force complemented the assault with standoff precision strikes on the remaining targets.

Importantly, the operation avoided direct strikes on Pakistani military installations, demonstrating India’s strategic restraint. This calibrated use of force drew global support, with Israel affirming India’s right to self-defence, and the UAE and US urging restraint and dialogue. However, restraint must not be misread as weakness; future provocations may invite more intense responses.



Pakistan, true to form, responded with misinformation—falsely claiming to down Indian jets and capture soldiers. These fabrications were swiftly debunked, revealing Pakistan’s attempts to distract from its military setbacks and mislead its domestic audience.

The operation achieved several strategic goals: degrading Pakistan’s terror infrastructure, demonstrating inter-service synergy, delivering a strong message of deterrence, and signalling that India will no longer tolerate sanctuaries for terrorism, no matter how deep inside enemy territory.

Looking ahead, India must brace

for asymmetric escalation from Pakistan—particularly proxy strikes using drones or targeting critical infrastructure. Drawing lessons from Ukraine, where drones dominate the battlefield, India must urgently invest in drone warfare, counter-drone systems, and AI-driven command structures.

Operation Sindoor reflects a clear shift in India’s defence posture—from reactive to preemptive, from incremental to decisive. Sustaining this transformation requires continued military modernisation, urgent defence reforms, and constant preparedness. In a region fraught with irrational actors and shifting alliances, only credible power ensures peace.



This is no ceasefire: Omar Abdullah posts clip of air defence tackling Pak drones

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

The fragile ceasefire agreement between India and Pakistan collapsed within hours on Saturday, as Pakistan violated the truce with unprovoked artillery shelling, drone activity, and sporadic firing across Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, and parts of Rajasthan.

Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah expressed shock and disbelief as multiple explosions were heard in Srinagar. “What the hell just happened to the ceasefire? Explosions heard across Srinagar!!!” he posted on X (formerly Twitter), along with a video capturing the blasts. “This is no ceasefire. The air defence units in the middle of Srinagar just opened up,” he added.

The violations came shortly after Pakistan and India had agreed to halt all military action—on land, in the air, and at sea—following a call between the Directors General of Military Operations (DGMOs) at 3:30 PM IST. The ceasefire was scheduled to take effect from 5:00 PM the same day. Pakistan’s Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar confirmed the agreement, saying Islamabad welcomed the truce and was ready for meaningful engagement.

However, by evening, Pakistan resumed aggressive actions. Artillery shelling was reported in the Akhnoor, RS Pura, and Rajouri sectors along the International Border. Ceasefire violations also occurred along the LoC in the Palanwalla sector. Drones were sighted and shot down in Rajasthan’s Pokhran and Baramulla in Kashmir, where suspicious UAVs continued to be observed. Blackouts were enforced in Srinagar, Baramulla, and Katra as precautionary measures, and air raid sirens were triggered in Jammu’s Samba district.

In Punjab, drone activity was reported in Ferozepur, Gurdaspur, and Hoshiarpur, prompting local administrations to urge residents to stay indoors and implement voluntary blackouts.

Reacting to the breach, Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Priyanka Chaturvedi condemned Pakistan’s actions, calling it a “rogue nation that can never be trusted.” She highlighted that the violation happened “in less than 3 hours” of the truce agreement.

With rising tension and renewed cross-border hostilities, the hope for de-escalation has been dashed, raising concerns about further escalation and the safety of civilians in border regions.

In show of solidarity with armed forces, Tamil Nadu CM Stalin leads 4-km long rally

TPN Correspondent | Chennai

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin led a massive 4-kilometre rally in Chennai on Saturday to express solidarity with the Indian Armed Forces engaged in Operation Sindoor against terror infrastructure in Pakistan. The march began at 5 PM from the office of the Director General of Police (DGP) and concluded at the War Memorial along Kamaraj Promenade on Marina Beach, drawing a large turnout of supporters. As the rally unfolded, a surprise announcement from India and Pakistan declared a ceasefire, halting ongoing military actions across land, air, and sea. Despite the development, Stalin emphasized the importance of unity and the state’s support for the troops. “Tamil Nadu marched in solidarity with the Indian Armed Forces. The ceasefire is a welcome step — may peace endure. Our heartfelt salute to the courage of those who guard our borders,” he wrote on social media.

The rally echoed a similar event held earlier this week by Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, who also demonstrated support for the military amid rising tensions along the border. In an unexpected gesture, Tamil Nadu Governor R.N. Ravi—often at odds with Stalin on several political issues—commended the Chief Minister for organizing the grand public rally. Ravi stated that the event reflected the “unequivocal solidarity



of eight crore people of Tamil Nadu” with India’s armed forces. He added, “Our nation stands united and resolute alongside our armed forces, reaffirming our unwavering commitment to wipe out all nodes of terror and safeguard our national sovereignty.”

The public demonstration, held just hours before the ceasefire took effect at 5 PM, served as a strong message of civilian unity and national pride. It reinforced a broader sentiment across political and public spheres in India—supporting the military while cautiously welcoming peace with Pakistan. The rally also comes as Stalin’s government prepares to step into its fifth year, with the CM continuing to target opposition parties like the BJP and AIADMK, even as he champions national unity during a critical moment in the country’s security narrative.

India confirms ceasefire with Pakistan; all military action, firing halted from 5pm onwards: FS Misri

TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

The Directors General of Military Operations (DGMO) of India and Pakistan have agreed to halt all military actions across land, air, and sea starting from 5 PM on Saturday, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri confirmed. The announcement came after US President Donald Trump revealed that India and Pakistan had agreed to a “full and immediate” ceasefire following talks mediated by the United States.

According to Misri, the Pakistani DGMO reached out to the Indian DGMO at 3:35 PM earlier on Saturday to discuss the ceasefire, marking a significant de-escalation in the tense situation between the two nations. Both sides have agreed to refrain from further military operations, signaling a potential step toward reducing the risks of an all-out conflict.

This development followed days of heightened tensions between India and Pakistan, which saw the two countries targeting each other’s military installations. The escalation began with Indi-



an precision strikes in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir in response to the April 22 Pahalgam attack, which was linked to cross-border terrorism. Pakistan responded with drone strikes aimed at several locations in India, including critical installations.

The US-mediated ceasefire agree-

ment is expected to bring some relief to the region, which had been grappling with the threat of further escalation. President Trump’s announcement was welcomed internationally, as both India and Pakistan had previously shown a willingness to engage in dialogue, but tensions had remained high despite numerous calls for peace.

While the ceasefire marks a crucial step toward de-escalation, the future of India-Pakistan relations remains uncertain, and the international community will be closely watching to see if both countries can maintain the peace and move towards a more stable and cooperative relationship.

PM Modi Asserts India’s Stand: Ceasefire Conditional on Sovereign Terms

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

India agreed to the May 10 ceasefire with Pakistan strictly on its own terms, sources have confirmed, underscoring that the breakthrough came without any third-party mediation. The understanding was reached following high-level consultations involving Prime Minister Narendra Modi, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar.

According to senior government sources, Prime Minister Modi firmly conveyed to both NSA Doval and Minister Jaishankar that any ceasefire arrangement with Pakistan must align fully with India’s strategic and operational interests. This directive shaped the tone and outcome of the bilateral communication that followed between the military leadership of both countries. The pivotal moment came at 3:35 PM IST on Sat-



urday when the Director General of Military Operations (DGMO) of Pakistan placed a call to his Indian counterpart. During the call, the two sides agreed to halt all military activity across land, air, and sea, with the ceasefire taking effect from 5:00 PM IST the same day. Orders were issued immediately across military commands on both sides to enforce the halt

in operations.

The backdrop to this development included a string of high-level communications over the past few days between Indian and US officials. However, Indian officials insist the ceasefire was a bilateral move initiated by Pakistan and finalized without direct foreign mediation. In particular, Paki-

stan’s NSA and Air ISI Chief Asim Malik had reached out to NSA Doval following India’s Operation Sindoor, which reportedly inflicted heavy damage on cross-border terror infrastructure.

Despite parallel diplomatic engagement with the US, India maintained full control over the ceasefire narrative. Prime Minister Modi was kept continuously updated throughout the process, with both Doval and Jaishankar ensuring that the Indian position was uncompromising.

The DGMOs of both nations are scheduled to speak again at 12:00 PM IST on May 12 to assess the implementation of the ceasefire and address any violations or emerging issues. The latest truce, while providing immediate relief from hostilities, also sends a clear message: India remains open to peace, but strictly on its own terms.

Pakistan Violates Ceasefire Hours After Agreement

Triggers Blackouts and Drone Activity Across Border States

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

In a dramatic turn of events, Pakistan violated the recently announced ceasefire with India just hours after both nations formally agreed to halt hostilities along the International Border (IB) and the Line of Control (LoC). Multiple ceasefire violations were reported on Saturday evening in Jammu and Kashmir—including Srinagar, Rajouri, Baramulla, and Akhnoor—as well as parts of Punjab and Rajasthan.

According to sources, the Border Security Force (BSF) has been directed to respond with full force to any provocations. Artillery shelling by the Pakistan Army was reported in the Akhnoor, Rajouri, and RS Pura sectors, while drone activity and multiple explosions were confirmed in Baramulla and Srinagar. A drone was shot down in Pokhran, Rajasthan, and another in Baramulla, prompting the enforcement of blackouts across affected areas.

The violations occurred shortly after India confirmed that it had agreed to a ceasefire following talks initiated by Pakistan and mediated indirectly by the U.S. Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri had announced that the Directors General of



Military Operations (DGMOs) of both countries agreed to halt all military actions by 5:00 PM on Saturday.

However, by evening, chaos returned. Aerial activity and drone sightings triggered blackouts in Baramulla, Srinagar, and even Katra—the base camp for the Vaishno Devi shrine. Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah voiced outrage on social media, tweeting, “What the hell just happened to the ceasefire? Explosions heard across Srinagar!!!” He followed up with, “This is no ceasefire. The air defence units in the middle of Srinagar just opened up,” sharing a video showing the active interception of an aerial threat.

India, Pakistan agreed to immediate ceasefire: Trump announces amid escalating tensions

- The breakthrough followed a night of US-brokered talks led by President Trump
- Talks on broader issues are planned at a neutral location
- DGMOs will reconnect on Monday

TPN Correspondent | Washington

In a dramatic and unexpected turn of events, India and Pakistan agreed to a full and immediate ceasefire on Saturday evening, just hours after intense hostilities had rocked the region. The breakthrough came after a night of US-mediated talks, with confirmation from both nations and key American officials.

The first public indication of a resolution came at 5:25 pm IST, when US President Donald Trump announced via his social media platform, Truth Social, that both countries had reached an agreement to halt all military actions. “After a long night of talks mediated by the United States, I am pleased to announce that India and Pakistan have agreed to a FULL AND IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE. Congratulations to both countries on using Common Sense and Great Intelligence,” Trump posted.



Shortly after, US Secretary of State Marco Rubio confirmed the development on X (formerly Twitter), revealing that he had spoken to India’s External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and Pakistan’s Army Chief Asim Munir earlier that day. Rubio praised both Prime Ministers, Narendra Modi and Shehbaz Sharif, for choosing the path of peace and added that talks would soon begin on a wide range of issues at a neutral venue.

Pakistan’s Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar also confirmed the ceasefire in a public statement. Citing Pakistan’s commitment to peace despite recent drone and missile exchanges, Dar said, “Pakistan and India have agreed to a ceasefire with immediate effect.”

India’s confirmation came at 6:00 pm

through a statement by Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri. He detailed that the Directors General of Military Operations (DGMOs) from both sides spoke at 3:35 pm IST and agreed to halt all military activities—on land, in the air, and at sea—starting from 5:00 pm IST. Both sides have since issued directives to their armed forces to uphold the agreement.

Misri also noted that the DGMOs would speak again at noon on Monday to review the situation and discuss further steps.

The ceasefire marks a significant shift in the volatile relationship between the two nuclear-armed neighbors and offers a rare moment of optimism in a long-strained dynamic.

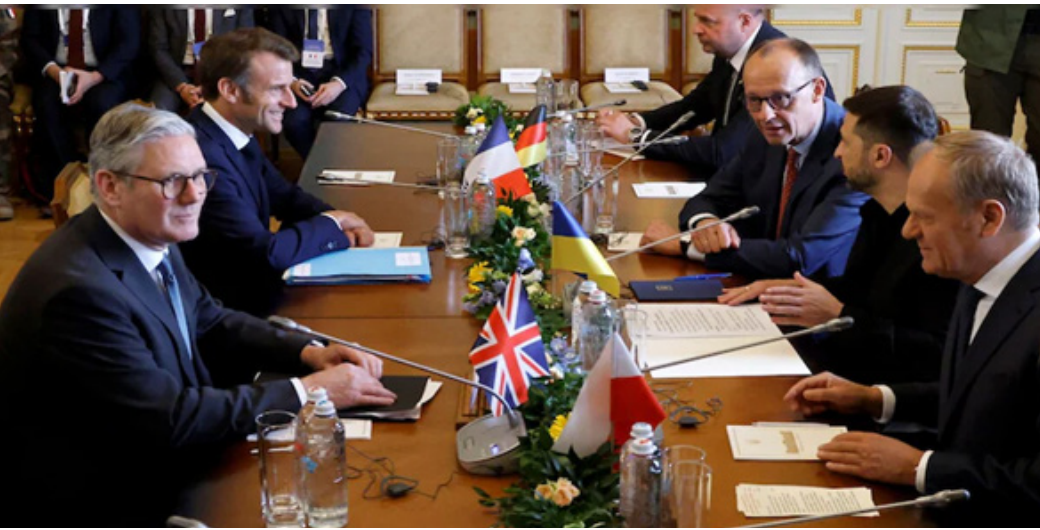
European Leaders Join Zelenskiy in Kyiv, Push for 30-Day Ceasefire Amid War Escalation

TPN Correspondent | Kyiv

In a powerful display of unity, the leaders of Britain, France, Germany, and Poland met with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy in Kyiv on Saturday to push for an immediate, unconditional 30-day ceasefire in the ongoing war with Russia. The joint visit comes just a day after Russian President Vladimir Putin hosted Chinese President Xi Jinping and other allies at a Victory Day parade in Moscow, sending a clear signal of defiance amid growing Western pressure.

The Kyiv summit marked the first time British Prime Minister Keir Starmer, French President Emmanuel Macron, German Chancellor Friedrich Merz, and Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk traveled together to Ukraine. As their train arrived, a platform screen greeted them with the message: “Bravery Express.” The leaders paid tribute at a war memorial alongside Zelenskiy before beginning high-level talks.

U.S. President Donald Trump also joined the diplomatic push, holding a phone call with the five leaders on Saturday. Trump has taken a more urgent tone in recent weeks, pressing both sides for a



ceasefire. Ukrainian Foreign Minister Andrii Sybiha confirmed that Kyiv and its allies are prepared to begin a full land, air, and sea ceasefire starting Monday, if Moscow agrees.

Trump has warned Russia that failure to agree to the ceasefire could lead to heightened sanctions, and even hinted at withdrawing U.S. support for peace talks if progress stalls. European officials echoed this stance, with a French diplomatic source saying that rejection by Russia would trigger new coordinated sanctions from the EU and the U.S.

While Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov acknowledged the ceasefire proposal, he insisted that Western military aid to Ukraine must stop as a condition. Ukraine has rejected this demand, citing ongoing Russian aggression.

Meanwhile, Ukrainian officials reported that Russian attacks continued despite a short-term ceasefire declared by Putin from May 8–10, calling it a “sham.” Reports from the Zaporizhzhia frontline confirmed continued shelling and casualties.

Saudi Foreign Minister Urges S Jaishankar, Pak Minister To De-Escalate Tensions

Amid escalating military tensions between India and Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and the United States have intensified diplomatic efforts to promote regional stability and avert further conflict.

On Saturday, Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan bin Abdullah held separate telephonic conversations with Indian External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar and Pakistan’s Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar. According to a statement from Saudi Arabia’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the talks centered on reducing tensions and halting ongoing military confrontations. Prince Faisal emphasized the Kingdom’s dedication to regional security and its balanced relationships with both India and Pakistan.

“During the calls, discussions focused on efforts to de-escalate tensions and end ongoing military confrontations. His Highness affirmed the Kingdom’s com-



mitment to the security and stability of the region,” the Saudi ministry noted in a post on X.

The diplomatic outreach was echoed by the United States. Secretary of State Marco Rubio also spoke separately with Jaishankar, Ishaq Dar, and Pakistan Army Chief General Asim Munir. The U.S. State Department said Secretary Rubio urged

both sides to re-establish direct communication to prevent miscalculations and reiterated America’s willingness to support constructive dialogue.

“Secretary Rubio reiterated that both parties must find ways to de-escalate the current situation and re-establish direct communication,” the statement read. He emphasized that the U.S. remains ready to assist in launching talks aimed at preventing future conflict.

In his own statement, Jaishankar confirmed the conversation with Rubio, reaffirming India’s measured and responsible approach to the current hostilities.

Tensions flared after Pakistan reportedly launched attacks on 26 Indian locations early Saturday. In response, Indian forces conducted targeted retaliatory strikes on four Pakistani airbases. Intermittent firing has continued along the Line of Control (LoC).



"To All Illegal Aliens": Trump Launches Paid Self-Deportation Program

TPN Correspondent | Washington

Former President Donald Trump unveiled a controversial new immigration initiative Friday, signing an executive order to launch a federally funded self-deportation program. The plan offers free one-way flights and a financial incentive—referred to as an “exit bonus”—to undocumented immigrants who voluntarily and permanently leave the United States.

In a statement released on the White House website, Trump blamed undocumented immigrants for a surge in crime and violence, calling the situation a “full-scale invasion.” In a post on Truth Social, Trump warned of harsh penalties for those who choose not to participate in the program.

“Illegal aliens who stay in America face punishments, including sudden deportation, in a place and manner solely of our discretion,” Trump wrote. “TO ALL ILLEGAL ALIENS: BOOK YOUR FREE FLIGHT RIGHT NOW!”

The program features both a reward for those who leave and strict consequences for those who remain. Trump warned that undocumented immigrants who decline to self-deport may face significant jail time, property confiscation, wage garnishment, and surprise deportations. The announcement follows earlier remarks made by Trump on Monday, where he told reporters, “We’ll pay each one a certain amount of money, and we’re going to get them a beautiful flight back to where they came from.”

Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem provided additional details, stating that the Department of Homeland Security will operate a \$1,000 stipend program. The payment will be issued once an individual’s return to their country of origin has been confirmed through the CBP Home app, a tool used for tracking immigration compliance. In a video shared Friday, Trump added, “As long as it’s not here, you can go anywhere you want.” The self-deportation initiative has already sparked heated debate, with critics calling it inhumane and others seeing it as a strategic policy to address illegal immigration without mass detentions or deportation raids.

Would consider de-escalation if India stops attack: Pak foreign minister

TPN Correspondent | Lahore

Pakistan’s Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar stated on Saturday that Islamabad would consider de-escalating tensions if India halts further military attacks. However, Dar emphasized that Pakistan’s military is currently operating on a defensive stance and has only taken minimal actions so far.

In a statement to Geo News, Dar noted, “Pakistan will consider de-escalation if India stops further attacks. However, if India launches any further strikes, our response will follow.” He described Pakistan’s current military actions as proportionate, stating that while the nation is prepared for more significant measures, the current actions represent the minimum response.



Dar also criticized India’s actions over the past few days, calling it a “circus” and reaffirming that Pakistan had no choice but to retaliate. He stressed, “We will not let India claim hegemony,” adding that Pakistan’s operations would end depending on India’s actions.

Information Minister Atta Tarar echoed Dar’s stance, stating that de-escalation was in India’s hands. “It is in the hands of India... If India de-escalates, we will follow,” Tarar told the BBC. He further explained that Pakistani troops are stationed along the borders in response to India’s military actions.

Dar, who also serves as the Deputy Prime Minister, defended Pakistan’s decision to take military action after India’s precision strikes on Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) in response to the Pahalgam attack in April. This attack had cross-border links and escalated tensions between the two countries. Following the Indian strikes, Pakistan launched a wave of drone attacks targeting multiple locations in India, including Jammu and Kashmir and Gujarat, on Friday night. The Indian defense ministry confirmed that attempts to hit vital installations, including airports and airbases, had been successfully thwarted.

Tata Communications: Strong Fundamentals Amid Volatility-A Long-Term Buy on Dips.

PORTFOLIO



This time we are discussing TATA COMMUNICATIONS which is a large-cap Company with a market capitalization of Rs.43 Thousand Crores. As you are all aware it is a Tata Group Company engaged in Telecommunication Services.

SOME BASIC DATA:

Face Value Rs.10
Capital Rs.285 Crores.
No of Shares : 285000000 (Twenty Eight Crores Fifty Lakh Shares)

LATEST FINANCIALS RESULTS :

It declared its annual results for the year ended 31-03-2025 on 22-04-2025. The Net Profit for March quarter compared to December quarter increased from Rs.236 Crores to Rs.1040 Crores with an EPS of Rs.36.50. The Yearly Net Profit increased from Rs.969 Crores to Rs.1836 Crores from 2024 to 2025 with an EPS of Rs.64.44. In spite of good financial results, the share price

nose dived from Rs.1600 (before the result date) to Rs.1515 as on 09-05-2025 because of macro economic uncertainties and reduction in EBITDA margin. But the Company is confident about future prospects and the improvement in EBITDA margin in future.

PLUS POINTS:

The following strong points make it a compelling buy:

1. An EPS of 64.
2. Return on Equity of 61% - This indicates effective and efficient utilization of its Net Worth.
3. Operating Cash Flow is positive from 2022 - This indicates tight control on receivables and efficient inventory management.
4. Good Dividend yield of 1.65% - It declared a Dividend of Rs.25 per share for 2025. The Company has not declared ex-dividend date yet.

5. PE is just 24 against Industry PE of 41.
6. 52 Week high is Rs.2175. Present Price is Rs.1515.
7. Tata Group Company with no close competitors.
8. Promoter Holding of 59%.
9. 30% Holding of FIIs and DIIs put together.
10. Net Block increased from Rs.11520 Crores to Rs.14014 Crores from 2021 to 2025 with WIP of Rs.1005 Crores. It indicates there growth trajectory is intact.

MINUS POINT.

The minus point is high Debt Equity Ratio of 3.60. This high leverage issue should be taken up with Management in the ensuing AGM.

BROKERAGE RECOMMENDATIONS:

Name of the Broker	Date of Report	Target
Icici Securities	11-03-2025	Rs.1840
Geojit Services	03-04-2025	Rs.1927
Motilal Oswal	23-04-2025	Rs.1660

The first two reports were given before yearly results. The third report was given after declaration of yearly results.

FINAL WORDS :

Whatever the merits of the Company and whatever the targets of the brokerage houses, the existing geopolitical situation should be kept in mind. We also advise SIP method of buying or staggered buying. Avoid Lump sum buying. We always advise with a long term horizon.

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Rupee rises 17 paise to close at 85.41 against U.S. dollar

The Indian rupee rebounded on Friday, May 9, 2025, closing 17 paise higher at 85.41 (provisional) against the U.S. dollar, following reported intervention by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to prevent excessive depreciation in the wake of heightened geopolitical tensions between India and Pakistan.

Earlier in the day, the rupee had opened weak at 85.88, reacting to the recent surge in cross-border hostilities and broader risk aversion in financial markets. It traded between a low of 85.88 and a high of 85.32 during the session before ending at 85.41, recovering significantly from Thursday's steep fall of 81 paise — the rupee's sharpest single-day loss in over two-and-a-half years.

According to forex market participants, the initial weakness was triggered by fresh cease-



fire violations and missile and drone attacks by Pakistan across the western border, which India said were effectively repelled. The volatility also coincided with rising global crude oil prices and a correction in domestic equity markets.

Anuj Choudhary, Research Analyst at Mirae Asset Sharekhan,

noted, "The rupee opened weak due to geopolitical concerns and rising oil prices, but recovered as the RBI reportedly sold dollars in the spot market and as the U.S. dollar index corrected slightly."

The U.S. dollar index, which measures the greenback against six major currencies, was down 0.26% at 100.38. Meanwhile,

Brent crude futures climbed 1.80% to \$63.97 per barrel, adding pressure on the Indian currency due to increased import costs.

Despite Friday's recovery, analysts warned that the rupee may remain under pressure in the near term if hostilities persist. "We expect the rupee to trade with a negative bias. Rising crude oil and sustained geopolitical risk could weigh on sentiment, although any signs of de-escalation or continued foreign investor inflows may provide some cushion," Choudhary added.

In the equity markets, the BSE Sensex fell 880.34 points (1.10%) to close at 79,454.47, and the NSE Nifty dropped 265.80 points to 24,008. FIIs remained net buyers, investing ₹2,007.96 crore on Thursday, according to exchange data.

India-U.K. Free Trade Agreement to Reshape Auto Tariffs, Boost Exports, and Cut Social Security Costs



The India-United Kingdom Free Trade Agreement (FTA) is poised to bring significant changes to bilateral trade, particularly in the automobile sector, agriculture, and labor mobility. A senior Indian government official revealed that the agreement includes a structured reduction of import tariffs on vehicles over the next 10 to 15 years, with a nuanced approach to quotas based on vehicle types.

For internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles, quota bands will be determined by engine capacity, while electric vehicles will be categorized based on their price. However, the agreement explicitly excludes "futuristic cars" and "low-cost" vehicles from tariff concessions, signaling a targeted liberalization approach rather than a blanket reduction.

Beyond automobiles, the FTA incorporates the mutual recognition of electronic certificates of origin, a move expected to simplify export processes and reduce bureaucratic hurdles for Indian businesses. Officials anticipate this change will give India a competitive edge in key agricultural and marine exports, including grapes, mangoes, and seafood, aligning Indian exporters with global market leaders in these categories.

Importantly, the agreement protects India's interests by excluding sensitive agricultural commodities such as dairy, apples, oats, and edible oils, as well as industrial products like smartphones, optical fibres, and precious metals. In the medical devices sector, tariffs will only be reduced — not eliminated — and only starting from the sixth year of the agreement.

A parallel arrangement, the Double Contribution Convention, was also finalized and will take effect alongside the FTA. This convention addresses a long-standing issue faced by Indian temporary workers in the U.K. and their employers, who are required to contribute around 20% of the worker's salary to U.K. social security — benefits they are rarely eligible to receive due to short stays. The new agreement is expected to save Indian workers and businesses approximately ₹4,000 crore annually.

With tariff relief, improved export mechanisms, and labor cost savings, the India-U.K. FTA marks a significant milestone in strengthening bilateral economic ties while safeguarding key domestic sectors.

India's Credit Rating Upgraded to 'BBB' by Morningstar DBRS on Strong Reforms and Economic Stability

Global sovereign credit rating Agency Morningstar DBRS has upgraded India's Long-Term Foreign and Local Currency — Issuer Ratings from 'BBB (low)' to 'BBB' with a 'Stable' trend, marking a significant boost to India's global economic standing. The announcement was made by the Ministry of Finance on Friday, highlighting the country's ongoing structural reforms, fiscal discipline, and robust economic growth as key reasons for the upgrade.

The agency also upgraded India's Short-Term Foreign and Local Currency Issuer Ratings from R-2 (middle) to R-2 (high), with a Stable outlook.

Morningstar DBRS cited several factors driving the positive ratings revision. Central to the decision were India's large-scale infrastructure investments, rapid digitalisation, and effective fiscal consolidation. These efforts have led to a steady decline in debt levels and fiscal deficits, while sustaining a high average GDP growth of 8.2% during FY22 to FY25. India's macroeconomic environment has remained stable, with manageable inflation, a range-bound rupee, and a sound external balance.

Additionally, the resilience of India's banking system was



noted as a major contributor. The report lauded the high capital adequacy ratios and a significant drop in non-performing assets, now at their lowest level in 13 years, reflecting better financial sector governance and economic recovery.

The Finance Ministry welcomed the rating upgrade, emphasizing it as recognition of the government's reform agenda and prudent economic management. "India's commitment to economic reforms and macro stability is being recognised globally," the ministry said.

Looking ahead, Morningstar DBRS hinted at potential further

upgrades if India continues to implement growth-enhancing reforms that lift investment rates and reduce public debt as a share of GDP. While India's public debt remains high, the agency noted that it is largely denominated in local currency and benefits from long maturity structures, which limits risks to debt sustainability.

Morningstar DBRS's rating scale is aligned with those used by Fitch and S&P, with suffixes like 'high' and 'low' instead of the more common plus/minus notations. The current upgrade reflects growing investor confidence in India's long-term economic trajectory.

Scientists Use Underwater Volcano To Improve Eruption Prediction

Scientists are turning their attention to Axial Seamount, an underwater volcano located off the Pacific Northwest coast, to sharpen their ability to forecast volcanic eruptions. Positioned on the Juan de Fuca Ridge, Axial Seamount is known for its frequent yet harmless eruptions, offering a unique testing ground for refining prediction models without endangering human life.



According to Bill Chadwick, a volcanologist and research professor at Oregon State University, the volcano is expected to erupt sometime between now and the end of 2025. He notes that Axial Seamount resembles the Hawaiian volcanoes in that it emits very fluid lava and shows a telltale inflation of the seafloor, similar to a balloon expanding before bursting. “At Axial, the seafloor is actually rising, and that’s a big signal,” Chadwick told NBC.

Despite this activity, the eruptions pose no immediate threat. “There’s no explosion or anything,” Chadwick explained. “Even if you were out on a boat directly above the volcano, you probably wouldn’t even know it was erupting.” This makes Axial Seamount an ideal, low-risk natural laboratory for studying volcanic behavior.

The absence of human settlements in the area simplifies the data collection process. Without interference from buildings, infra-

structure, or emergency responses, scientists can focus on pure geophysical signals such as ground deformation, gas emissions, and seismic activity. These factors make it easier to understand the precursors to an eruption and test the reliability of prediction models.

The insights gained from Axial Seamount are expected to have far-reaching applications, particularly in enhancing the monitoring of land-based volcanoes. By refining the indicators of volcanic unrest in a controlled environment, scientists can better anticipate eruptions in more hazardous locations around the world—ultimately aiding in disaster preparedness and potentially saving lives.

As scientists continue to monitor Axial Seamount closely, the data they collect will serve as a benchmark in the global effort to advance eruption forecasting and reduce the destructive impact of future volcanic events.

Foreign Tourist Offers Rs 2,000 After Delhi Auto Driver Refuses Fare, Viral Moment Wins Hearts

A heartwarming video featuring a foreign tourist and a Delhi auto rickshaw driver has gone viral on social media, receiving widespread praise for its display of kindness and generosity. The video, shared on Instagram, shows the tourist, Tara Ingram, asking for change after a ride. However, in an unexpected act of kindness, the auto driver refuses to take the fare, telling her in Hindi, “Koi baat nahi, jaaiye aap” (It’s okay, go ahead). He then reassures her in English, saying, “Don’t worry.”



Surprised and moved by his gesture, Tara asks, “Are you sure?” At this point, a passerby overhears the exchange and confirms that the driver genuinely does not want the fare. Tara, deeply touched, requests the passerby to translate her message to the driver. She expresses her gratitude for his honesty and kindness, and insists on offering him Rs 2,000 as a token of appreciation.

“That’s very, very kind of him. I wanna do something nice for him. I’m gonna give him something for his kindness,” she says. As the passerby conveys her words to the driver, the auto

driver is visibly humbled and replies with, “May your family be blessed.” When asked about his family, he shares that he has four children.

Since the video was shared, it has garnered over 2 million views and more than 221,000 likes. The interaction has captivated Instagram users, who have expressed admiration for both the auto driver’s selflessness and the woman’s generous response.

Many users praised the genuine human connection in the video,

with one commenter writing, “You would have possibly paid off this entire day’s earnings. It wouldn’t have made a financial difference to you, but it would have made a LOT of difference for him!” Others highlighted how this gesture showcases the goodness of India amidst negative portrayals in the media.

This wholesome moment continues to spread positivity, showing the power of kindness and the importance of appreciating the little things that make a big difference.

Threads Begins Testing Video Ads to Boost Business Reach and Engagement



Meta’s microblogging platform, Threads, has taken its advertising efforts a step further by introducing video ads to help businesses expand their reach and engage more users. First announced at the Interactive Advertising Bureau NewFronts 2025, this move builds on the platform’s earlier efforts, which began testing ads in January 2025.

In this latest update, a select group of advertisers will soon be able to display video-based ads between user posts in the Threads feed. The ads will be clearly marked with a “Sponsored” label at the top right corner, similar to ads on Instagram. Users will be able to interact with these video ads just like regular posts by liking, commenting, reposting, and sharing the content. When a user taps on the ad, it will expand into full-screen mode, allowing them to engage with the video more closely.

Meta has confirmed that video ads on Threads will support aspect ratios of both 16:9 and 1:1, ensuring that businesses can pres-

ent their creative content in a variety of formats. Additionally, a floating action button (FAB) will be included on the ads, providing users with the option to redirect to the brand’s website for more information or to make a purchase.

The introduction of video ads on Threads aligns with Meta’s broader strategy to monetize the platform, following the successful launch of traditional ads earlier this year. While Meta has yet to provide specifics on the pricing or frequency of these video ads, the move is seen as an opportunity for businesses to connect with a wider audience and create more dynamic campaigns.

With the expansion of ad offerings on Threads, advertisers can now leverage Meta’s Advantage+ or Manual Placement tools, which automatically activate ads for eligible campaigns. This development underscores the platform’s growing potential as a marketing tool for businesses looking to increase their visibility and interaction with users.

Apple Silicon Reveal Codenames for M5, M6, M7 Chips and AI Server Processors

Apple’s transition to in-house Silicon chips has been one of its most significant moves in recent years, starting in 2020 with the unveiling of its first Apple Silicon processor. By mid-2023, Apple had completed the full transition from Intel chips to its own M-series processors, and now, details of its upcoming chips have surfaced online. According to a Bloomberg report, the tech giant is working on the next generations of its Apple Silicon chips, including the M5, M6, M7, and dedicated AI server processors.

The M5 chip, expected to launch later this year, will power new MacBook Pro and iPad Pro models. However, the real buzz surrounds the M6 chip, codenamed Komodo, which will likely arrive in 2026. This chip will continue to build on the performance gains seen with the M-series processors, likely delivering even more power and efficiency for Mac devices.

Additionally, Apple is reportedly developing the M7 chip, codenamed Borneo, which could debut in 2027. This chip will power future Mac computers and is expected to be the seventh iteration of the M-series family.



Beyond the M-series chips, Apple is also working on a new “advanced Mac chip” with the codename Sotra, though little is known about its features and release timeline. Another significant development involves Apple’s plans to develop dedicated chips for its AI servers. The project, internally referred to as Baltra, aims to enhance Apple’s ability to process AI requests remotely, offloading certain tasks from user devices to servers. These AI server chips could feature up to eight times the number of cores found in the current M3

Ultra chip, signaling a major leap in processing power.

Apple’s push into dedicated AI chips for its cloud servers could significantly improve the performance of AI-driven features across its ecosystem, enhancing capabilities like Siri, on-device processing, and more. With the AI server chips set for completion in the coming years, Apple’s future looks poised to focus heavily on improving its cloud-based AI services, alongside its powerful in-house hardware.

Amul’s Topical Pays Tribute to Indian Armed Forces and Women Officers Post-Operation Sindoor

Amul India has once again made waves with its topical doodle, this time reflecting on the ongoing tensions between India and Pakistan. The dairy brand, known for its sharp and satirical illustrations, paid tribute to the Indian Armed Forces and the two women officers, Wing Commander Vyomika Singh and Colonel Sofiya Qurechi, who briefed the nation about India’s successful Operation Sindoor. The operation, which targeted terror hubs across Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir, garnered widespread attention and praise.

In the latest doodle, Amul’s iconic blue-haired girl can be seen saluting the two women officers, standing proud at their podiums after the press briefing. The backdrop depicts aerial strikes and explosions, symbolizing the military operations that unfolded in the wake of escalating tensions between the neighboring countries.



Amul’s message, “Send them packing,” references the bold steps taken by the Indian Armed Forces to address cross-border ter-

rorism and deliver a decisive response to Pakistan’s actions. The doodle adds a layer of tribute to the women officers for their leadership and courage in speaking to the media, providing crucial updates on Operation Sindoor. Singh and Qurechi’s role in the operation’s communication brought attention not only to the mission’s success but also to the growing role of women in India’s military and defense sectors.

The illustration has garnered praise from various quarters for its timely and thoughtful portrayal of a national issue, further showcasing Amul’s knack for capturing the pulse of the nation with its unique blend of humor and patriotism. The company’s doodles often provide a creative commentary on political and social issues, and this one is no exception, celebrating the strength and resolve of the Indian Armed Forces, especially the women leading from the front.

IPL 2025 Resumption: Bengaluru, Chennai, and Hyderabad Shortlisted as Venues

As the IPL 2025 season faces an unexpected suspension due to rising cross-border tensions between India and Pakistan, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is working on plans for the tournament's resumption. The IPL, which was suspended for a week on May 9, could resume with the remaining 16 fixtures at three southern Indian venues—Bengaluru, Chennai, and Hyderabad—should the Indian government approve, according to ESPNcricinfo.

The BCCI's decision to choose these venues comes after considering various factors, including regional safety and logistics. The tournament was suspended after escalating tensions between the neighboring countries made it challenging to continue as planned. The BCCI had initially scheduled the IPL 2025 to conclude by May 25, with the final set to be held at Eden Gardens in Kolkata.

After the suspension announcement, teams began disbanding, with many overseas players making arrangements to return to their respective countries. A majority of these players are expected to fly out by the end of May 10, which presents a logistical challenge for the BCCI if the tournament is to resume. However, team officials remain optimistic about the possibility of bringing the overseas players back, though there is no certainty about extending the tournament beyond the original window.

If the IPL 2025 does resume in May, it is like-



ly that the remaining fixtures will be played in a condensed timeframe. Teams and officials are preparing for the possibility of resuming the season after the May 25 window, but some overseas players may have prior commitments, including the World Test Championship final between Australia and South Africa at Lord's, starting June 11.

Out of the 58 scheduled matches for IPL 2025, 57 were completed before the suspension, with the 58th match, between Punjab Kings and Delhi Capitals at HPCA Stadium in Dharamshala, being called off after 10.1 overs due to the rising tensions.

Ayush Shetty and Unnati Hooda Exit Semifinals at Taipei Open

Rising Indian shuttlers Ayush Shetty and Unnati Hooda saw their impressive runs come to an end at the BWF Taipei Open Super 300, with both players losing in their respective semifinal matches on Saturday. The tournament, with a prize pool of USD 240,000, marked a significant milestone in their careers despite their losses.

Ayush Shetty, 20, who had a stand-out performance in the earlier rounds, battled fiercely but was defeated by local favorite and world No. 7 Chou Tien Chen. The match ended with scores of 18-21, 17-21 in favor of Chou, a seasoned player with nearly two decades of experience on the international circuit. Ayush, a bronze medallist at the 2023 World Junior Championships, started strong with aggressive forecourt play and a sharp lead of 8-4 in the first game. However, a few unforced errors allowed Chou to catch up, and from a 10-9 deficit, Chou took a narrow lead at the break. Despite Ayush's continued attacking play, Chou's experience and consistency in crucial moments helped him clinch the first game at 21-18 and eventually the match.

In the women's singles, Unnati Hooda, the winner of the 2022 Odisha Masters and 2023 Abu Dhabi Masters, faced top seed and world No. 8 Tomoka Miyazaki from Japan. Hooda showed early promise, securing a 7-3 lead with powerful smashes and strong net play. However, Miyazaki's resilience and strategic play turned the match around, with Hoo-



da struggling to maintain momentum. The first game ended 19-21, and despite a strong start to the second game, Hooda faltered under pressure, losing 11-21 in 43 minutes.

Both Ayush and Unnati displayed remarkable skills throughout the tournament, with Ayush defeating high-profile players such as Lee Chia Hao, Kidambi Srikanth, and Brian Yang. Although their campaigns ended in the semifinals, their performances in Taipei have put them on the map as promising talents in Indian badminton.

Rory McIlroy's victory at the Masters last month, where he defeated England's Justin Rose to secure his first major title since 2014, has significantly changed his outlook on upcoming tournaments. The triumph not only gave him his fifth major title but also completed his career Grand Slam, joining golf legends like Jack Nicklaus, Tiger Woods, and Gary Player. As McIlroy prepares for next week's PGA Championship at Quail Hollow, the Northern Irish golfer reflects on how his win at Augusta will influence his mindset going forward.

McIlroy, who is ranked number two in the world, has not been a reigning major champion for ten years. His success at the Masters has lifted a weight off his shoulders, and he is approaching the

PGA Championship with a newfound sense of ease. "I'm obviously going to feel more comfortable and a lot less pressure," McIlroy said. He added that he is returning to a venue he loves, having won four PGA Tour titles at Quail Hollow, making the upcoming challenge even more exciting.

While McIlroy's victory has boosted his confidence, he is aware of the tough competition ahead. World number one Scottie Scheffler, fresh off a dominant win at the CJ Cup Byron Nelson, is considered a major contender. Scheffler himself acknowledged McIlroy's impressive form and expressed excitement for the upcoming showdown. Alongside them, two-time PGA Championship winner Justin Thomas, US Open champion Bryson DeCham-

beau, and defending PGA champion Xander Schauffele are all expected to be in the mix.

Another player to watch is Jordan Spieth, who aims to complete his own career Grand Slam. Spieth, recovering from left wrist surgery, is coming into form at the right time, particularly after a strong finish at the Byron Nelson. Spieth, who has already won the Masters, US Open, and British Open, will look to add the PGA Championship to his resume.

As McIlroy enters this year's PGA Championship, he knows that the road ahead will be filled with fierce competition, but his Masters victory has undoubtedly shifted his approach, making him a more relaxed and formidable contender.

Rory McIlroy's Major Shift After Masters Victory Ahead of PGA Championship



Madhura Dhamangaonkar Wins Gold at Archery World Cup Stage 2, Boosting India's Medal Tally to Four

Madhura Dhamangaonkar made history on Saturday at the Archery World Cup Stage 2 by claiming her first individual World Cup gold with a thrilling 139-138 victory over the USA's Carson Krahe. This remarkable win helped elevate India's medal tally to four at the tournament.

The 24-year-old, who had been unranked in the World Archery standings due to a three-year absence from international competition, faced an uphill battle in the final. After a costly seven-point shot in the third end, she was trailing 81-85. However, displaying incredible composure, Madhura recovered by dropping only one point in the fourth end to level the score at 110-110.

In the final round, she held her nerve, delivering two perfect 10s – both X-ring shots – and a 9 to narrowly edge Krahe by one point, sealing her victory in a nail-biting finish. This gold medal was her third of the tournament, following a silver in the women's team event and a bronze in the compound mixed team event



alongside Abhishek Verma.

India's overall performance at the Archery World Cup Stage 2 was impressive, with four medals in total. The men's compound team, consisting of Abhishek Verma, Ojas Deotale, and Rishabh Yadav, clinched a gold after defeating Mexico 232-228 in the final. They had earlier edged past Denmark 232-231 in a thrilling semi-final.

In the women's compound event, the Indian team, made up of Jyothi Surekha Vennam, Madhura Dhamangaonkar, and Chikitha Taniparthi, secured silver after a 221-234 loss to a dominant Mexican team. Despite the one-sided final, the Indian women delivered solid performances throughout the tournament.

Additionally, Madhura and Abhishek Verma's bronze in the compound mixed team event rounded off India's successful outing. With compound archery set to debut at the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics, India's growing strength in the sport bodes well for future Olympic ambitions.

RCB Confirms Safe Return of Players and Staff Amid IPL Suspension Due to India-Pakistan Tensions

Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) has confirmed the safe return of its players and support staff to Bengaluru following the suspension of IPL 2025 due to escalating India-Pakistan tensions. The match between RCB and Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) scheduled for Friday at the Ekana Cricket Stadium was called off as the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) paused the tournament for one week. The decision was made in light of the growing cross-border tensions that have affected public safety and security.

In a statement released on social media, RCB expressed gratitude for the swift coordination and support from the BCCI, local authorities, and police, ensuring the safe return of all personnel. "Our players and extended staff have safely returned to Bengaluru and are now homebound to their respective cities and countries," the franchise shared, along with photos featuring prominent players such as Virat Kohli, Yash Dayal, and Josh Hazlewood.

This move comes after a similar operation on Friday when Punjab Kings (PBKS) and Delhi Capitals (DC) players, along with other IPL personnel, were safely transported from Dharamshala to New Delhi. A special Vande Bharat train was arranged to evacuate players, support staff, match officials, and broad-



cast teams after the IPL 2025 match between PBKS and DC was called off in the 11th over due to air and drone strikes from Pakistan, which led to power outages in nearby regions.

With Dharamshala being a no-fly zone, all personnel were safely transported to Jalandhar by bus and then boarded the train to New Delhi. Upon arrival in New Delhi, players and staff were provided secure transport to their homes in different cities and countries.

The IPL 2025 season remains on hold, and it is uncertain when it will resume as the situation continues to unfold. However, the safety of players and staff remains the priority for the BCCI and the IPL authorities.



Dude First Look Unveiled: Pradeep Ranganathan Goes Intense in Pan-India Action Drama

Riding on the success of Love To-Rday and Dragon, actor-director Pradeep Ranganathan is all set to make his mark in a new genre with Dude, a high-stakes Pan-India film produced by Mythri Movie Makers. Currently in production, this intense action drama is directed by debutant Keerthiswaran and promises a fresh cinematic experience.

The film's title and powerful first-look poster were unveiled today, generating significant buzz across social media. The poster features Pradeep in a raw, wounded avatar, gripping a mangalsutra with intense emotion. This stark and symbolic visual hints at a story built on themes of personal loss, emotional depth, and a quest for redemption or revenge.

Marking her next big move after the massive success of Premalu, Mamitha Baiju stars opposite Pradeep in what appears to be a performance-driven role. Her pairing with Pradeep has already sparked excitement among fans, and the film is being closely watched for how it will further her rising stardom.

Adding gravitas to the ensemble is veteran actor Sarath Kumar, who takes on a crucial role in the storyline. His presence is expected to bring emotional weight and dramatic intensity to the film.

Behind the scenes, the film boasts a strong technical crew. Cinematographer Niketh Bommi is on board to craft the visual tone of the film, while Sai Abhyankkar, known for his experimental and evocative compositions, is composing the music. Expectations are high for the soundtrack, which is likely to blend emotion and intensity to match the film's themes.



Dude is being produced simultaneously in five languages—Telugu, Tamil, Kannada, Malayalam, and Hindi—targeting a wide national audience. The makers have announced a grand theatrical release during Diwali 2025, aiming to capture the festive box office season.

With a compelling first look and a strong cast and crew, Dude is shaping up to be one of the most anticipated releases of the year.

Thudaram Breaks Records, Becomes Highest-Grossing Film in Kerala

In a remarkable turn of events, Thudaram, the latest Malayalam blockbuster starring Mohanlal, has overtaken L2: Empuraan to become the highest-grossing film in Kerala. Surpassing expectations, the film has grossed an impressive ₹83 crores in the state alone, with a distributor share of ₹36 crores—an astonishing achievement that solidifies its place in Bollywood history.

Released just a month after the record-breaking success of Empuraan, Thudaram has proved to be a game-changer, setting a new benchmark for regional cinema. With its strong narrative, powerful performances, and emotional depth, the film has resonated deeply with audiences, translating into massive box office numbers both domestically and internationally.

The movie is now well on track to become the first Malayalam film to gross ₹100 crores solely within Kerala—a historic milestone that no other film has achieved so far. This feat not only reaffirms Mohanlal's legendary status but also reflects the growing strength of Malayalam cinema in regional markets.

At 64, Mohanlal—fondly known as Lalettan—continues to defy industry norms, delivering consecutive blockbusters and reinforcing his title as the undisputed emperor of Malayalam cinema. With



Thudaram, he has now delivered industry hits across five consecutive decades, showcasing his enduring popularity and unparalleled box office pull.

The film has also made a significant impact overseas, crossing the \$10 million mark globally. This makes Thudaram only the second Malayalam film after Empuraan to achieve this distinction, highlighting its universal appeal and Mohanlal's strong international fan base.

Directed by a talented team and backed by positive word of mouth, Thudaram has become more than just a film—it's a cultural phenomenon. As it continues its record-breaking run, all eyes are now on its journey to the ₹100 crore milestone in Kerala and how far it can go beyond that.

Subham Earns Praise but Struggles with Low Theatrical Occupancy

Samantha Ruth Prabhu's latest Souting, Subham, has opened to glowing reviews and positive word of mouth, but box office turnout has so far been underwhelming. Directed by Praveen Kandregula, the horror comedy has impressed early viewers with its engaging storytelling and Samantha's strong performance.



Confident in their product, the makers took a bold step by launching paid premieres two days before the official release. This strategy aimed to build early buzz, and it succeeded in generating considerable attention across social media platforms. Early audiences praised the film's unique blend of humor and horror, and many lauded Samantha's charismatic screen presence.

Despite the positive reception, the film is facing an unexpected hurdle—low occupancy in theatres across key markets. While fans and critics have responded favorably, this appreciation hasn't yet translated into high footfall, leaving the film's commercial prospects in a delicate spot as the weekend approaches.

Industry observers believe the primary reason for the lukewarm turnout is the absence of a male superstar or major commercial face that typically drives mass audiences to cinemas. While Samantha is one of the leading actresses in Indian cinema, Subham relies more on content than star power to draw crowds.

Another factor could be the genre itself—horror comedies tend to have a niche appeal, and unless marketed strongly or backed by a huge name, they often struggle to pull large audiences initially. However, films like these can benefit from strong word-of-mouth momentum, especially if weekend collections improve and audiences begin turning up based on reviews and personal recommendations.

With the weekend underway, the film still has a window to recover and pick up steam. If Subham continues to earn praise and attract positive buzz, there's a chance it could build traction and perform better in the days to come.

All eyes are now on the weekend numbers to see whether critical acclaim can eventually spark a box office turnaround.

Jagadeka Veerudu Athiloka Sundari Shines in Re-Release

The timeless Telugu classic Jagadeka Veerudu Athiloka Sundari, starring Megastar Chiranjeevi and the iconic Sridevi, proved its lasting appeal once again with a successful re-release marking its 35th anniversary. Originally released on May 9, 1990, the film has now been re-introduced to audiences in remastered 4K and 8K HD formats, drawing nostalgic fans and new viewers alike.



Despite being aired countless times on television over the years, the magic of the film continues to captivate. Audiences turned up in large numbers to experience the fantasy adventure on the big screen, helping it earn an impressive ₹1.75 crore on its opening day. Special interviews featuring Chiranjeevi, director K. Raghavendra Rao, and producer Ashwini Dutt added to the buzz, creating a celebratory atmosphere around the re-release.

The film, considered a landmark in Telugu cinema, was instrumental in redefining Chiranjeevi's on-screen image and continues to be remembered for its memorable music, visual effects, and unique storyline. Its re-release success comes at a time when re-released films rarely see strong box office returns, especially compared to modern fan-driven re-releases of films starring Pawan Kalyan, NTR, or Prabhas. Yet, Jagadeka Veerudu Athiloka Sundari held its ground,

earning praise and respectable collections.

Interestingly, Samantha Ruth Prabhu's new horror-comedy Shubham, released on May 9 as well, has also made its presence felt. Despite being a smaller film, it managed to collect ₹1.5 crore on its opening day—a strong figure considering its scale and limited star power. This places Shubham close behind Jagadeka Veerudu Athiloka Sundari in terms of opening-day collections, showing that good content can find its audience.

Both films—one a nostalgic re-release and the other a fresh experiment—are being appreciated for different reasons. While Chiranjeevi's classic showcases the undying love of fans, Shubham is being celebrated as a promising effort in content-driven cinema. As both continue their run, industry watchers are eager to see what records they may set in the days to come.

Skipping May 30: A Strategic Pause for Big Telugu Releases?



Until recently, May 30 was shaping up to be a blockbuster date for Telugu cinema, with major releases like Vijay Deverakonda's Kingdom and Pawan Kalyan's Hari Hara Veera Mallu vying for attention. However, a mix of production delays and the country's tense socio-political climate has prompted both film teams to reconsider their release plans.

Insiders reveal that although posters still mention May 30, the actual release dates for both films remain tentative. In the case of Kingdom, post-pro-

duction work is still underway, with music composer Anirudh yet to complete the background score. While this alone could justify a delay, the broader issue is the escalating unrest across parts of India—particularly in the North—which has led to declining theatre attendance and public events being scaled back.

For Hari Hara Veera Mallu, the stakes are even higher. Aiming for a pan-India release, producer AM Ratnam reportedly feels that the current environment is not conducive to launching such a large-scale film. Pro-

motional campaigns, dubbing schedules, and national-level reach are all being impacted. With little time to prepare adequately and safety concerns looming, the team is now eyeing a safer and more strategic release window in June.

With these major contenders stepping aside, the spotlight on May 30 now shifts to Bhairava, starring Belamkonda Sai Sreenivas, Manchu Manoj, and Nara Rohit. As a remake with a moderate budget, the film doesn't face the same risks and could benefit from being the only mass enter-

tainer releasing that weekend. If it garners positive word-of-mouth, Bhairava could capitalize on the lack of competition and fill the gap left by bigger projects.

In the grand scheme, deferring releases may turn out to be a smart move for big-budget films. Releasing during a calmer period in June could ensure higher turnout, better media coverage, and a stronger box office performance. Under normal circumstances, May 30 might have been ideal—but in 2025, waiting appears to be the wiser path forward.