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India Breaks Pakistan's Pride with Op Sindoor: PM Modi

India crippled Pakistan's air and defense systems, says PM

'Operation Sindoor' delivers a strong anti-terror message

India sets a new Pakistan doctrine

No more nuclear blackmail

Blood and water won't flow together (Indus Treaty is dead)

Strikes are paused, India remains on high alert, Operation Sindoor continues

Talks with Pakistan only on terrorism and PoK

India is capable of striking deep into Pakistan's heartland

TPN Correspondent | New Delhi:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi delivered a powerful address to the nation outlining India's new national security posture, following the success of Operation Sindoor. In a direct message to Pakistan and global terror sponsors, Modi declared that India will no longer tolerate terrorism or nuclear blackmail, and has now set the rules for future engagement. "Those who were proud of their nuclear weapons, radar systems and air bases have been shown their place. What Pakistan was proud of... India has badly damaged them," said the Prime Minister. Calling Operation Sindoor a tribute to the Indian women whose sindoor (sacred mark) was wiped away by terrorism, he said, "This operation is a

lesson to those who dared to do that." Modi revealed that Indian forces launched precise drone and missile attacks on major terror hubs like Bahawalpur and Muridke, dismantling their infrastructure and pushing Pakistan into panic. He said Pakistani missiles were intercepted and destroyed before crossing into Indian territory, while India's counterstrikes severely damaged Pakistan's defense systems and air bases. "Pakistan is in despair... its fighter jets can't even take off. Their defense infrastructure is crippled, and they've appealed to the world for a ceasefire," Modi said. The PM underlined that India will no longer be cowed



by nuclear threats. "This is not the age of war, and terrorism is worse than war. India won't stay silent when terror is funded and protected," he asserted. The Prime Minister also clarified that from now on, any dialogue with Pakistan will be held only on India's terms — and only if Pakistan eliminates terror camps on its soil. In conclusion, Modi praised

the unity of Indian citizens, political parties, and soldiers in standing strong against terror. He emphasized the country's defense strength — not just in its weaponry, but also in its resolve. "India's patience is not weakness. The world has now seen India's strength, and Pakistan has felt it firsthand," he declared.

Used Trade to Stop India, Pakistan Tensions

TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

U.S. President Donald Trump has once again claimed credit for brokering what he described as a "full and immediate ceasefire" between India and Pakistan during his tenure. Trump asserted that his administration used the leverage of trade to de-escalate tensions between the two nuclear-armed neighbours. Speaking at a public event, Trump said, "On Saturday, my Administration helped broker a full and immediate ceasefire — I think a permanent one — between India and Pakistan, ending a dangerous conflict of two nations with lots of nuclear weapons." He went on to elaborate how his trade-based approach influenced both sides: "We helped a lot, and we helped with the trade. I said, 'Come on, we are going to do a lot of trade with you guys, so let's stop it.' People would have never really used trade the way I used it. Then all of a sudden they said — let's stop."

Trump reiterates his admin bro-



kered peace between India & Pakistan. He said he used Trade & threatened both nations with Zero trade if they did not stop. The leadership listened to it and stopped. India dismisses Trump trade/ceasefire remarks Sources "After Operation Sindoor commenced, VP J D Vance spoke to PM on 09 May. Secretary Rubio spoke to EAM on 8 May and 10 May and to NSA on 10 May. There was no reference to trade in any of these discussions"

India Takes Down Pak's China, Turkey-Made Systems



"We didn't hit Kirana Hills," says Air Marshal AK Bharti

DGMOs agree on no firing, troop de-escalation

TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

In a significant assertion, top Indian military officials revealed on Monday that Indian forces success-

fully neutralised Pakistan's air defence systems sourced from China and Turkey. These systems, part of a complex multi-layered air defence grid comprising both modern and vintage weaponry, were reportedly taken down during precision operations. Speaking at a special press conference convened by the Directors General of Military Operations (DGMOs), Air Marshal Awadhesh Kumar Bharti,

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This Is My Village, My Responsibility

- Nadendla Manohar Assures Swift Action on Public Grievances
- Minister received 213 petitions at Kollipara in Tenali
- Vows action within a week for all complaints

TPN Correspondent | Guntur

Civil Supplies Minister Nadendla Manohar conducted a comprehensive tour in Kollipara mandal of Tenali constituency, Guntur district, under the 'Public Issues Resolution Forum' program aimed at addressing public grievances directly at the grass-roots level. With the slogan, "This is my village... This is my responsibility," the minister personally received 213 petitions from locals and promised speedy redressal. During his visit, Minister Manohar emphasized the importance of field-level interaction for understanding real problems. Responding to petitions, he instructed officials to grant AAY ration cards to Shimla Nayak and Devi Boy and provided 35 kg of rice to their family as immediate support. Highlighting the government's welfare commitment, he said that Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan are driving reforms that prioritize farmers and the poor. He announced that ₹12,000 crore has already been



deposited in farmers' accounts for both Kharif and Rabi seasons. He assured the locals that all land survey issues in Kollipara would be resolved within a week, and that position certificates (PCs) for housing beneficiaries would be issued within a month. He also informed them that a ₹10 crore bypass road project is underway to benefit farmers in Tenali, central lighting will be installed in Kollipara town, and old drinking water pipelines will be repaired to ensure uninterrupted water supply to all households. Manohar also called on the public

to act responsibly in maintaining sanitation and preventing encroachments. He directed police officials to act firmly against the marijuana menace to maintain law and order. Recollecting his earlier tenure as Speaker, he shared how he swiftly addressed regional problems within 18 days, including providing farm equipment, pensions, housing pattas, and loans. The program drew a strong response from residents, and the Minister concluded with a promise to resolve all received petitions within a week.

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Counter Plan Coming Soon: Sajjala Ramakrishna Red Book governance weakening constitutional institutions

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

YSRCP General Secretary and State Coordinator Sajjala Ramakrishna Reddy has strongly condemned the recent police actions targeting party leaders across Andhra Pradesh. Addressing a meeting with YSRCP leaders at the party's central office in Tadepalli, Sajjala reacted sharply to the alleged inhumane treatment meted out to former minister Vidadala Rajini and other instances of police overreach under the current coalition government. He accused the TDP-JSP-BJP alliance of dismantling the democratic fabric of the state by using the police machinery for political vengeance. "The way the police have behaved towards Vidadala Rajini is a clear reflection of how this government is using state forces to settle political scores," he remarked. Sajjala emphasized that this is not just an isolated incident but part of a larger pattern of intimidation and suppression of dissent. The YSRCP leadership expressed grave concern over the degrading law and order situation and the way the coalition is, in their words, "diluting the police system and eroding constitutional safeguards." Sajjala alleged that the police are filing cases arbitrarily, ignoring legal protocols and bypassing basic civil rights. Referring to the alleged refusal of the DGP to meet party representatives despite repeated requests, Sajjala said, "It's a clear indication that even top police officials are being pressured or prevented from functioning independently." Asserting that the YSRCP will not remain silent, Sajjala stated that a counter plan is being prepared to expose the undemocratic functioning of the ruling coalition. "We will act responsibly as an opposition and safeguard institutions under threat. The voices of the people cannot be silenced by police cases," he warned. Sajjala concluded by calling for public awareness about the ongoing misuse of the police force, assuring that the YSRCP would soon launch an initiative to highlight these issues across the state.

Support Tobacco Farmers in Crisis: Minister Gottipati

- Buyers should purchase all grades of tobacco proportionately
- Current market challenges shouldn't be an excuse to abandon farmers

TPN Correspondent | Ongole

Fuel Minister Gottipati Ravikumar has called upon tobacco buyers and companies to extend their support to distressed farmers by purchasing tobacco crops without considering profit or loss. Addressing a crucial meeting held at the Ongole Collectorate on Monday, the minister emphasized the need for solidarity in difficult times, especially when farmers are reeling under the impact of reduced demand and falling prices. The meeting, held to address the problems faced by tobacco farmers, was attended by Minister Dola Bala Veeranjanya Swamy, District Collector, ITC Chairman, Executive Director, and other public representatives. Speaking on the occasion, Minister Gottipati pointed out that buyers and traders had reaped significant profits over the last two to three years alongside the farmers. "When profits were good, all stakeholders benefited together. Now, in these tough times, buyers must stand by farmers and share the responsibility," he as-



serted. He attributed the current challenges in the tobacco sector to increased production in other countries such as Brazil and Zimbabwe, which has led to a dip in international demand. He stated that while India was supposed to import 160-170 million tons, domestic production reached 240 million tons, creating an oversupply and thereby affecting prices. The minister urged companies not to exploit this situation by reducing prices. Instead, he stressed that each company should participate fairly in the

auctions and purchase Grade 2 and Grade 3 tobacco in proportion, not just the top-grade produce. "Reducing prices citing overproduction is not a fair approach. We must protect farmers at all costs," he warned. Minister Gottipati also said that the coalition government remains committed to supporting farmers and ensuring their well-being. He urged all stakeholders to act responsibly and purchase all varieties of tobacco in a balanced manner to restore confidence among the farming community.



Nurses' Services Are Unique and Invaluable: Dy CM

Felicitates 8 nurses from Pithapuram on International Nurses Day

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

Deputy Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Pawan Kalyan, marked International Nurses Day by meeting with government staff nurses from the Pithapuram constituency and felicitating eight nurses who rendered outstanding service in the healthcare sector. During the interaction, Pawan Kalyan lauded the dedication and compassion shown by nurses, calling their role in the medical field "unique and invaluable." He stated that the nursing profession, inspired by

the legacy of Florence Nightgale, continues to uphold its dignity through tireless efforts to heal and care for patients. Reflecting on the pandemic, he said, "Nurses risked their lives during the COVID crisis and stood at the frontlines. Their courage and service will never be forgotten." Sharing a personal experience, the Deputy CM mentioned how the care provided to his son Mark Shankar, who was recently hospitalized due to a fire accident in a Singapore school, reminded him of the sacrifices and dedication of nurses worldwide. Pawan Kalyan expressed hap-

piness over interacting with the nursing staff on this special day and acknowledged their concerns. The nurses reportedly brought several of their issues to his notice, including working conditions and staff shortages. He assured them that their grievances would be addressed promptly and said he would take them to the attention of State Health Minister Satyakumar Yadav to initiate corrective measures. The Deputy CM reiterated that the state government recognizes the essential contributions of nurses and is committed to ensuring their well-being.

Govt Hikes Salaries of Junior College Guest Lecturers

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

In a major relief to guest lecturers working in government junior colleges across Andhra Pradesh, the state government has issued orders significantly increasing their salaries. The decision, which came into effect immediately, was announced on Monday and is expected to benefit 1,177 guest faculty members employed in 475 junior colleges statewide. According to the government order (GO) released, the hourly remuneration for guest lecturers has been raised from the existing ₹150 to ₹375. In addition, the maximum monthly salary has been fixed at ₹27,000, offering a substantial boost to their financial stability. Sources from the education department confirmed that this decision was taken on the initiative of State Education and IT Minister Nara Lokesh, who personally reviewed the situation and advocated for the hike. It was also informed that the move comes in response to longstanding demands from guest lecturers who have been requesting better pay for years. Officials believe that the salary hike will not only provide economic relief to the lecturers and their families but will also serve as motivation to improve educational quality and commitment within the government junior colleges. The order has been welcomed widely by teaching circles, with many expressing gratitude for the government's swift action in addressing their concerns.



476 Students from AP and TG Evacuated from J&K Border Areas

TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

In the wake of heightened tensions along the India-Pakistan border, a total of 476 students and residents from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana have been successfully evacuated from Jammu & Kashmir and other border states, officials from both state governments confirmed on Sunday. According to an official statement, 350 evacuees from Andhra Pradesh have arrived in the national capital, including 100 who reached on Sunday from J&K and adjacent regions. The Andhra Pradesh Bhavan has reported that 90 of these students have already departed to their respective hometowns, while the remaining 260 are being accommodated and supported in Delhi. A control room operating 24x7 at AP Bhavan has been set up to provide continuous assistance for residents and students from the state stranded in conflict zones near the border. Meanwhile, the Telangana government stated that 126 evacuees have reached Telangana Bhavan, including 91 people who arrived since midnight. The group includes students from NIT Srinagar, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences, employees working in J&K, and even students from Lovely Professional University in Punjab. "57 persons have already left for their hometowns after receiving assistance, while the remaining are being accommodated at Telangana Bhavan," an official confirmed. Both AP and Telangana Bhavans are offering free food, lodging, medical care, and transport to those evacuated from conflict-affected regions, while maintaining close coordination with district administrations and central authorities to facilitate the smooth return of residents. This mass evacuation follows a recent agreement between India and Pakistan on May 10 to cease mutual military actions, marking a pause after weeks of escalating conflict. The current situation was triggered by a terrorist attack in Pahalgam, South Kashmir, on April 22, which left 26 people dead, most of them tourists.

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Director General of Air Operations (DGAO), also addressed recent speculation regarding India's targeting of the Kirana Hills region in Pakistan — known to house sensitive installations. Dismissing the claims, he said, "Thank you for telling us that Kirana Hills houses some nuclear installation. We did not know about it. And we have not hit Kirana Hills, whatever is there." The briefing also saw a symbolic moment as Air Marshal Bharti recited a verse from the Ramcharitmanas, echoing India's strategic pivot from patience to decisive action: "Vinay na maanat jaladh jad, gaye teen din beeti. Bole Ram sakop tab, bhay binu hoi na

preeti." The verse, originally from Tulsidas and later echoed by poet Ramdhari Singh Dinkar, conveys that humility is often ignored unless backed by strength — drawing a direct parallel to India's current posture. "This robust air defence system comprises a large variety of multi-layered air defence sensors and weapon systems. From point defence weapons, like the low-level air defence guns, shoulder-fired MANPADs, and short-range surface-to-air missiles, to area defence weapons, like the air defence fighters, and longer-range surface-to-air missiles are within our infantry," said Air Marshal Bharti. Amid growing cross-border tensions, India's DGMO Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai held a hotline con-

versation with his Pakistani counterpart Maj Gen Kashif Abdullah around 5 PM on Monday, slightly delayed from the scheduled 12 noon. Defence sources confirmed that both sides agreed to uphold the ceasefire, refrain from fresh aggression, and explore reducing troop concentrations along the Line of Control (LoC) and forward areas. "All our military bases and systems continue to remain fully operational and ready for any future missions," Air Marshal Bharti added, indicating India's state of high alert despite the diplomatic outreach. The developments come under the larger umbrella of Operation Sindoor — India's active response to increasing provocations from across the border, while maintaining a firm commitment to peace and territorial integrity.

Sawang Involved in APPSC Scam, Alleges Vijay Kumar

- TDP leader demands probe into Sawang, Anjaneyulu’s role
- Says court was misled, evaluation handed to unqualified persons
- Questions sudden VRS of Sawang with 3 years of service left



TPN Correspondent | Mangalagiri

Biodiversity Board Chairman and senior TDP leader Nilayapalem Vijay Kumar has made sensational allegations, claiming that former APPSC Chairman Gautam Sawang and former Secretary PSR Anjaneyulu were deeply involved in a massive scam in the Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission. Speaking at a press conference at the TDP office in Mangalagiri on Monday, Vijay Kumar alleged that key figures in Tadepalli also played a role in the irregularities, and questioned the suspicious circumstances under which Sawang took voluntary retirement with three years of service still remaining. “If Gautam Sawang had nothing to hide, why did he abruptly take VRS?” Vijay Kumar asked, alleging that the former chairman’s sudden exit raises strong doubts. He added that removing an APPSC Chairman is a complex process involving the Supreme Court, Parliament, and a designated committee, implying that Sawang used VRS to es-

cape scrutiny. He revealed that the Group-1 examinations, originally notified during the TDP tenure in 2018, were riddled with irregularities during the YSRCP government’s administration. Vijay Kumar accused Sawang and Anjaneyulu of outsourcing the evaluation process to an unqualified private firm, ‘Com-sign’, which allegedly conducted digital evaluations remotely, without proper standards or secrecy. “The evaluation, which should have been done manually by professors, was instead carried out by housewives and unqualified people like welders and cooks,” he stated. Further, Vijay Kumar said that when affected candidates approached the court, it ordered a manual evaluation, but that directive was deliberately ignored. Instead, a clandestine re-evaluation was allegedly carried out at Highland Resort between Vijayawada and Guntur, violating court orders. “They lied to the court saying no second evaluation happened, but candidates submitted food and security bills as evi-

dence,” he said, adding that Sawang even hid related files to conceal the malpractice. He pointed out that cases have already been filed against Anjaneyulu and Comsign’s Chairman Madhu, but insisted that accountability must extend to the top. He condemned the sidelining of Professor Uday Bhaskar, appointed during the TDP regime, and criticized the partisan behavior during the evaluation process. Vijay Kumar demanded a comprehensive investigation into the scandal, similar to the CBI’s inquiry into the Delhi liquor scam, and urged that Sawang and Anjaneyulu be held accountable. “What were the APPSC members doing while crores of rupees were paid to them? Why was the court misled?” he questioned. He concluded by stating that the scam not only betrayed thousands of aspirants but also severely undermined the credibility of APPSC, and called for the government to act swiftly to bring the truth to light.



No Hike in Electricity Tariffs: Minister Gottipati

False propaganda targeting govt, says Minister

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

Andhra Pradesh Energy Minister Gottipati Ravi Kumar has issued a clear statement amid growing public concern over speculation that electricity tariffs in the state are about to be increased. The minister firmly declared that there will be no hike in electricity tariffs, and the government has no intention of revising the charges in the near future. Over the past few days, reports and social media discussions have sparked fear among household consumers, who are already feeling burdened by their monthly electricity bills. Addressing these concerns, Minister Gottipati stated, “This is nothing but a false propaganda aimed at misleading the public and defaming the government.” He strongly condemned the rumors being spread against Axis Group Field Energy, suggesting that the misinformation is politically motivated and intended to create unnecessary panic. “We are committed to providing quality power to the people of Andhra Pradesh without imposing any additional financial burden,” he added. Highlighting the government’s focus on sustainable solutions, Minister Ravi Kumar revealed that a significant push is being made towards the use of renewable energy, especially in Prakasam district. He said an agreement has been signed to supply power at a rate of ₹4.60 per unit even during peak hours, which he described as a landmark step in affordable and reliable power distribution. He urged citizens not to fall for fake narratives and to trust the government’s commitment to protecting public interests. “There is no need to worry. Tariffs will not be increased, and we are working to improve the power infrastructure using cleaner and cost-effective energy solutions,” he assured. The minister’s clarification is expected to bring relief to lakhs of power consumers across the state who had been worried about possible hikes.



Topudurthi appears at CK Pally PS for questioning

- Case filed over violence during Jagan’s visit to Papireddypalle
- Police allege ex-MLA Topudurthi incited the crowd

TPN Correspondent | Sri Sathya Sai

Former MLA Topudurthi Prakash Reddy appeared before the police for interrogation on Monday morning at CKepally Police Station in Sri Sathya Sai district, following allegations of instigating violence during YSRCP chief and former Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy’s recent visit to Papireddypalle. The incident occurred when Jagan’s helicopter landed in the village, drawing a large number of party activists and fans. During the commotion, tensions flared, and some activists allegedly pelted stones at the police. Several police personnel were injured in the attack. According to the police, their preliminary investigation found that Topudurthi’s remarks during the crowd’s interaction provoked the activists, leading to the unrest. The agitated crowd reportedly reacted harshly when Topudurthi dismissed concerns about Jagan’s security arrangements, which were raised by fellow supporters. Based on this, the police registered a case against Topudurthi and issued formal notices summoning him for questioning. Complying with the summons, he appeared before the CKepally police for interrogation earlier today. Authorities are expected to continue the investigation to determine the extent of Topudurthi’s role in the incident and whether further legal action is warranted. The situation remains politically sensitive, as it involves both party loyalty and the issue of law and order during a high-profile visit.

Did YCP Govt Spend ₹272 Cr on Volunteers’ Training?

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

The TDP-led NDA government in Andhra Pradesh has begun probing a massive ₹272 crore expenditure incurred by the previous YSRCP regime, allegedly for training village and ward volunteers. What was initially projected as a grassroots governance reform is now raising questions over the actual use — and purpose — of public funds. Launched to bring welfare services directly to people’s doorsteps, the volunteer system deployed over two lakh individuals across the state, each paid ₹5,000 per month. The YSRCP government reportedly allocated ₹68.62 crore annually for training, contracting a private firm named Ram Info to carry out the sessions. However, the new government is now questioning whether the training ever actually took place. According to emerging details, despite the massive allocation, there is little evidence to show that Ram Info conducted large-scale training on the ground. Instead, it is suspected that political consultancy I-PAC — closely associated with YSRCP — played a key role in guiding the volunteers, raising serious concerns about the politicization of the scheme. Leaders from the new administration allege that the volunteer system, rather than acting as a neutral delivery mechanism, was used to promote YCP’s political agenda at the grassroots level, especially during elections and welfare program rollouts. With mounting public scrutiny, the TDP government is expected to order a detailed audit into the entire training contract and expenditure trail. The issue is fast becoming a flashpoint in Andhra Pradesh politics, with accountability and transparency now taking center stage.



Lakshmi Perantalla Ammavari Thirunalla Begins with Grandeur

TPN Correspondent | NTR District

The Lakshmi Perantalla Ammavari Thirunalla Mahotsavam began on a grand note on Monday night in Lingalapadu village of Nandigama mandal, NTR district. The annual festival, known for its vibrant traditions and strong cultural connect, witnessed enthusiastic participation from locals, leaders, and devotees from across the region. Marking the start of the festivities, the famous Vrishabharams (bull strength demonstrations) began on May 12 and will continue till May 17. The unique event celebrates the strength and heritage of the Ongole cattle breed, with bull shows and cart pulling competitions scheduled over six days, categorized by the age and build of the bulls. On the inaugural day, Vijayawada MP Kesineni Sivanath (Chinni), Nandigama MLA and Government Whip Thangirala Soumya, and Mylavaram MLA Vasantha Venkata Krishnaprasad attended the celebrations. The leaders offered special prayers at the Lakshmi Perantalla Ammavari temple and later participated in the bull-watching ceremonies. According to the organizers, the bull contests will be held in various categories throughout the week. The two-tooth bull contest took place on May 12, followed by the four-tooth bulls on May 13 and the six-tooth bulls on May 14. The Q category bulls will be showcased on May 15, while the junior bulls will compete on May 16. The festival will conclude with the senior bulls contest on May 17. Speaking on the occasion, MLA Krishnaprasad expressed his wishes for the prosperity of all devotees through the blessings of the Goddess. He emphasized the importance of protecting the Ongole breed, a vital part of Telugu rural culture, and lauded the efforts of the organizing committee for preserving and celebrating this heritage. A large number of villagers, devotees, and elders took part in the vibrant celebrations, which showcased the deep-rooted traditions and agricultural pride of Andhra Pradesh. The event is expected to draw even larger crowds in the coming days as the festival progresses.

Speed Up Street Dog Operations, Ensure Clean Drains

Narayana holds video conference with Municipal Commissioners
Emphasis on water supply, sanitation, and tax collection
TDR bond process to be fast-tracked in 3 key cities

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati
Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister P. Narayana on Monday held a video conference with Municipal Commissioners across the state and directed them to expedite essential urban service measures ahead of the monsoon. Speaking in the presence of Municipal Department Principal Secretary Suresh Kumar, Director Sampath Kumar, Swachchandra Corporation MD Anil Kumar Reddy, and various officials, the Minister stressed the need for prompt action on multiple civic issues. He directed that family planning operations for street dogs be completed at the earliest to prevent any future complications. The Minister also issued



a strong advisory to ensure that there is no disruption in drinking water supply until the monsoon arrives, instructing officials to take preventive measures in advance. Another priority discussed was drain desilting, which he

said must be completed before the onset of rains. “Municipal Commissioners must take responsibility to prevent accidents caused by open drains,” Narayana said, urging safety protocols and proper maintenance of drainage systems.

In terms of urban development, the Minister directed officials to expedite the issuance of Transferable Development Rights (TDR) bonds in Tirupati, Visakhapatnam, and Guntur. He also emphasized the regular inspection of Anna Canteens, with a focus on maintaining high food quality standards. On the financial front, the Minister reminded municipal authorities to focus on tax revenue and ensure there is no laxity in collections to maintain city services effectively. Highlighting environmental concerns, Narayana instructed municipalities to plant trees on both sides of the roads, taking Chandigarh as a model city for urban greenery.

Vasantha Summer Kabaddi Tournament Begins With Enthusiasm



TPN Correspondent | Mylavaram
The Vasantha Summer Kabaddi Tournament-2025 kicked off with vibrant energy at Lakireddy Hanimi Reddy Stadium in Mylavaram on Monday evening. The tournament was inaugurated by Vijayawada MP Kesineni Siv-anath (Chinni) and Mylavaram MLA Vasantha Venkata Krishna Prasad. The three-day tournament, running from May 12 to 14, is being held under the auspices of Telugu Youth President of Mylavaram constituency, Lanka Lish. Players from across the joint Krishna district are participating in the event, with several kabaddi teams already registered. The opening match featured teams from Chevutur and Kuntamukala villages in G. Konduru mandal, and was witnessed by a large number of spectators, local leaders, and amateur sports enthusiasts. The event atmosphere was described as festive and well-organized. Speaking at the opening ceremony, MLA Krishna Prasad high-

lighted the importance of sports in promoting physical fitness and mental well-being. He assured that the government would continue supporting talented athletes and emphasized the role of sports in youth development. He announced that Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu is actively working to establish a sports city and sports university in the Mylavaram region as part of the Amaravati capital development plan. “Mylavaram will soon emerge as a major sports hub,” the MLA stated, adding that MP Chinni, also serving as the president of Andhra Cricket Association (ACA), is paying special attention to the development of sports in the region. MP Chinni and MLA Krishna Prasad were warmly received and felicitated at the event. The program also saw participation from Mylavaram constituency Jana Sena Party in-charge Akkala Rammohan Rao (Gandhi), NDA coalition leaders, and several other dignitaries.

Buddha Venkanna Fires at Kesineni Nani

TDP leader alleges Nani is dragging Chinni’s name to divert attention

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada
TDP leader and former MLC Buddha Venkanna launched a scathing attack on YSRCP leader and former Vijayawada MP Kesineni Nani, accusing him of deliberately dragging Kesineni Chinni’s name into the liquor scam despite having no connection to it. Addressing a press conference, Venkanna alleged that Nani is trying to deflect attention from the YSRCP’s alleged role in the massive liquor mafia scam during its tenure. Buddha Venkanna criticized Nani for turning against TDP chief N. Chandrababu Naidu, claiming that the party had given Nani political life but he betrayed their trust. He went on to allege that Nani operated as a covert for Jagan Mohan Reddy while still serving as a TDP MP. Recalling that Chandrababu, Lokesh and other TDP leaders were vocal about the liquor scam from 2019 to 2024, Buddha asserted that all illegal proceeds from the scam ended up at the Tadepalli Palace. However, he pointed out that Nani never spoke a word against Jagan during that

period. Venkanna said that now, as the SIT has confirmed the involvement of Kesireddy Rajasekhara Reddy as the key conspirator, Jagan and his camp are using Nani to create diversions. In a significant revelation, Buddha Venkanna alleged that Nani and his wife had taken a loan of ₹8.5 crore from banks to build a luxury hotel in Vijayawada under the name Kesineni Hotels Private Limited, which was later renamed Kesineni Harika. He claimed that Nani, along with Pavani and Hema Chowdhury, initially served as directors before resigning and appointing employees Ramu and Hemanth as directors. Venkanna questioned the motive behind transferring director positions to staff members and alleged this was done to evade repayment of loans. “It is shameful that a man who defaulted on huge bank loans is speaking about moral values,” Venkanna remarked. He said he will be writing to the ED and CBI with documents and evidence of these irregularities. “Even a ten-year-old child



wouldn’t believe that a scam worth thousands of crores could happen without Jagan’s knowledge,” he said. He blamed Nani for playing a scripted drama on behalf of Jagan to defame the TDP. “This is just the beginning. I will reveal all the details to the public.” He accused Nani of defrauding financial institutions and shutting down Kesineni Travels without repaying loans. “Remember, Nani... I will not leave you until every rupee you looted is brought before the people,” he declared. Venkanna demanded that central agencies act swiftly against Nani, reiterating that complaints would be formally submitted to both the ED and CBI.

Request to Release Funds for School and Road Development

TPN Correspondent | N.T.R. District
A request has been made to expedite the release of funds for the completion of the Zilla Parishad High School building in Ganugapadu village of Thiruvur mandal. The construction is reportedly 95% complete, and classes for high school students are currently being held in the nearby primary school due to the delay. On Monday, representing the issue M. Ram Pradeep met Vijayawada Parliament Member K. Sivanath during his visit to Thiruvur and submitted a formal petition. He urged the MP to ensure that the remaining



funds are sanctioned immediately, keeping in view the academic needs and safety of the students. In the petition, Pradeep also highlighted the need for improved infrastructure in the region, specifically requesting financial assistance for the construction of roads in Thiruvur. K. Satyam, M. Baburao, M. Anand, and several others were present during the meeting and extended their support to the appeal.

MLA Varla Kumar Raja Listens to Villagers' Issues



TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada
Pamaru MLA Varla Kumar Raja actively participated in the Pragathi Patham Pamaru program held in Kurumadhali village of Pamaru mandal. During his visit, he conducted a review meeting with local residents and government officials to address pressing issues faced by the village. Residents raised concerns related to damaged roads, poor drainage systems, and other civic challenges. Responding to the grievances, MLA Varla Kumar Raja instructed the officials

present to resolve the highlighted problems on a priority basis. Reinforcing his commitment to public service, the MLA announced that he would be staying overnight in Kurumadhali village to personally oversee the resolution of issues and ensure swift implementation of directives. Jana Sena Party in-charge Tadiseti Naresh, leaders of the NDA alliance, party activists, and local villagers participated actively in the program. The event underscored the MLA’s hands-on approach in connecting with the people and addressing their developmental needs directly.

Janasena Seeks Action on Key Local Issues Petitions submitted to Collector

TPN Correspondent | N.T.R. District
Jana Sena Party members actively participated in the public grievance redressal forum held in Thiruvur, bringing to the attention of district authorities several pressing issues affecting local communities. During the session, party representatives submitted petitions to NTR District Collector Lakshmi Shah, Vijayawada MP Kesineni Chinni, and MLA Kolikapudi Srinivasa Rao. Their demands included the immediate resumption of the protected drinking water scheme pilot project in Tella Devarapalli village of Vissannapet mandal, which is crucial for ensuring both drinking and irrigation water supply. They also requested a formal survey and allocation of land for a burial ground for the Muslim

minority community in Vissannapet. Additionally, the Janasena cadre urged officials to take swift action in removing illegal structures in Vissannapet town and along the nearby irrigation ponds. District officials and elected leaders assured the party delegation that each of these matters would be reviewed seriously and necessary steps would be taken to resolve them. The Jana Sena team expressed their gratitude for the assurances. Thiruvur Constituency Coordinator Manubolu Srinivasa Rao, Mandal President Sheikh Yasin, and General Secretaries including Garden Krishna Kishore, Kasturi Seetharamaswamy, and Gangadhar were among those who took part in the program, along with several party activists and concerned citizens.



State Development with Blessings of Narasimha Swamy

MP Vemireddy visits Penchalakona temple during Brahmotsavams

TPN Correspondent | Nellore
Nellore MP Vemireddy Prabhakar Reddy offered prayers at the sacred Penchalakona Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy temple on Monday morning, as part of the ongoing Brahmotsavams. He expressed heartfelt wishes that the blessings of the deity be showered on the people of the state and Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu for the overall progress of Andhra Pradesh. Upon arriving at the temple, MP Vemireddy was warmly welcomed by Venkatagiri MLA Kurugondla Ramakrishna, the temple Executive Officer, and the temple priests. The MP took part in special pujas and darshan of Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy, Adilakshmi Devi Ammavaru, and Anjaneya Swamy. Speaking to the media after his visit, MP Vemireddy shared his joy over witnessing the spiritual grandeur of the Brahmotsavam and lauded the



temple authorities for making arrangements in line with the growing number of devotees. He described the temple, nestled in the beauty of nature, as a place that brings immense peace to the mind and soul. He emphasized that the divine presence of Penchalakona Swamy, combined with proper arrangements for pilgrims, makes it an ideal spiritual des-

ination. He prayed that the Swamy's blessings help Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu lead Andhra Pradesh on the path of rapid development. Among those who accompanied MP Vemireddy during the visit were Nellore Deputy Mayor Roopkumar Yadav, Katamreddy Ravindra Reddy, and several other local leaders and devotees.

Pay ₹500 Daily to Rural Labourers: YSRCP Leader Rakesh Kiran

T Rakesh Kiran demands wage hike amid rising costs

TPN | C Shekar

YSR Congress Party Joint District Working Secretary T Rakesh Kiran has demanded that the central and state governments increase the daily wage of rural labourers to ₹500 under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme. He emphasized that the rising prices of essential goods are making survival increasingly difficult for rural families, and a revision of wages is long overdue. Rakesh Kiran recalled the proactive role of former Chief Minister YS Rajasekhara Reddy during Manmohan Singh's tenure as Prime Minister, when the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) was



swiftly implemented in Andhra Pradesh. "Dr. YSR took immediate steps when the villages were in crisis due to lack of employment. That vision helped crores find livelihood," he said. Highlighting the current issues, he noted that rural workers toil from 6 AM to 11 AM but continue to face delays in receiving even the meagre ₹500

daily wage. "It is not just about increasing the wages. Even those promised ₹500 are not being paid on time. This negligence must stop," he said. He also urged the government to take several steps to protect the health and dignity of labourers during the intense summer months. His demands include the provision of medical kits, clean

drinking water, butter-milk packets at work sites, shaded areas to protect workers and their children, and basic healthcare support in case of fever or illness. Further, Rakesh Kiran proposed that the employment guarantee scheme be expanded to include urban labourers as well. "If the urban poor are willing to work, they too should be guaranteed employment under a similar structure," he stated. He called on the central and state governments to urgently respond to the distress faced by the working class and implement these demands to ensure social justice and economic dignity.

Collector Stresses Quick Action On Petitions



TPN Correspondent | Eluru

Eluru District Collector K. Vetrivel has urged all officials to show a sense of responsibility and urgency in resolving public grievances received through the Public Grievance Redressal System (PGRS). Speaking at the PGRS program held on Monday at the Godavari Conference Hall in the Collectorate, she emphasized that officials must treat each petition as if it were their personal concern. A total of 258 petitions related to various issues were received during the session. The Collector directed the officers concerned to examine each case thoroughly and ensure they are addressed within the given timeframe. "There is no place for negligence when it comes to the grievances of the people," she stated

firmly. She also called for focused efforts on the upcoming Swachh Andhra initiative scheduled for the third Saturday of this month, stating that detailed programs should be chalked out to ensure its success. Collector Vetrivel reminded that district officers should be proactive and ensure their staff responds promptly and effectively. She stressed the importance of coordination among departments to deliver timely redressal. Senior officials including DRO V. Visveswara Rao, DRDA PD R. Vijayaraju, Eluru RDO Achyuta Ambareesh, SE Corporation ED M. Mukkunti, and Special Deputy Collectors K. Bhaskar and Srinivasa Rao were present to receive and record the public petitions.

UTF Urges Action on School Reorganization Issues



TPN | RAJASEKHAR SRIKAKULAM, May 13:

The United Teachers Federation (UTF) has demanded immediate resolution of problems arising from the ongoing school reorganization and teacher adjustment processes being carried out by the School Education Department without clear guidelines. As part of its agitation, UTF staged a dharna in front of the District Education Office in Srikakulam on Monday. Speaking at the protest, UTF State Secretary S. Kishore Kumar criticized the government for initiating school reorganization and teacher transfers "with one idea per day" and without issuing a clear Government Order (GO). He said that despite bringing their concerns to the government's attention, no action had been taken, prompting this protest. He warned that if the problems are not addressed, UTF will intensify its agitation and gherao the DEO office on May 15. UTF leaders demanded the repeal of GO 117 and issuance of a new GO to govern the reorganization process. They proposed that teachers be appointed in a 1:20 ratio in all primary schools,

and that School Assistant posts not be downgraded, but rather posted only in upper primary and higher schools. They emphasized that parallel medium teaching should continue in higher schools, and a second section must be created when class size exceeds 45 in high schools. UTF District Chief Secretary Bammidi Srirama Murthy added that SGT transfers should be conducted through manual counselling, and Urdu Minor Medium teachers should not be merged with Telugu Medium teachers. He also called for the allocation of both Language and Non-Language School Assistant posts in primary schools, and said model primary schools must have five teachers to handle five classes, with a PSHM post added if students exceed 75. Further demands included assigning a sixth SGT if high school students exceed 120, and an additional SGT for every 30 students beyond that. For schools with over 300 students, UTF urged the government to appoint a second PD. They also called for the immediate release of the teacher transfer GO and for transfers to be completed

during the summer break. In addition, UTF District President L. Baburao said that teachers who were rationalized twice after 2021 should receive additional points, and that preference category replacements should be limited to 50% and only for one or two schools. He insisted on resolving promotion-related seniority issues within the district. District Honorary President K. Vaikuntha Rao stressed the need to protect the seniority of teachers appointed under 610 orders, and that SGTs eligible for promotion to School Assistant (Language) posts should be promoted after the High Court's verdict is implemented. UTF Treasurer B. Ravikumar urged the government to act swiftly and address the increasing unrest in the education sector. District Secretary K. Ramesh Kumar, H. Annaji Rao, G. Narayana Rao, Y. Vasudeva Rao, TVT Bhaskara Rao, G. Suresh, Swarna Kumari, B. Shankar Rao, G. Kodanda Rao, and B. Gowriswar Rao, along with Mandal-level leaders, participated in large numbers in the protest.

Pay Cocoa Farmers Global Rates: Farmers Association

TPN Correspondent | Eluru

The Andhra Pradesh Cocoa Farmers Association has strongly demanded that cocoa farmers be paid the international market price for their produce. The association warned that exploitation by companies and traders must end, and called for a large-scale protest if their demands are not met. This resolution was made during the State Committee meeting held at Anne Bhavan in Powerpet, Eluru, under the leadership of State President Bollu Ramakrishna. Speaking on the occasion, Association State General Secretary K. Srinivas ac-



cused cocoa-buying companies of exploiting farmers by paying lower prices than the global market value. "It is

inhumane to cheat farmers by arbitrarily slashing prices. Ignoring quality seasonal beans and refusing to buy

them is nothing short of humiliation," he said, warning that the farmers' agitation would intensify until justice is done. Highlighting the seriousness of the issue, retired DGP A.B. Venkateswara Rao expressed support for the farmers and urged both the government and private companies to ensure that cocoa farmers are paid fair rates in line with international standards. He added that this is essential to protect their livelihoods and maintain trust in the agricultural sector. The association announced that it would hold a dharna in front of the

Mondelez company office on the 15th of this month to press for their demands. Leaders of the association said the struggle would not stop until companies guarantee just prices and respect the hard work of cocoa growers. The meeting saw the participation of several state leaders including State Honorary President S. Gopalakrishna, Vice Presidents Bolla Venkata Subbarao and Panuganti Achyutaramaiah, as well as leaders Koneru Satish Babu, ABS Prakasarao, Yelamati Visveswara Rao, A. Srinivasa Rao, and District Farmers Association President Katta Bhaskara Rao.

Trump Returns to West Asia, but Spectacle Alone Won't Deliver Results



Donald Trump's return to West Asia as President comes with familiar theatrics—sword dances, ceremonial pageantry, and bold declarations. Yet, beneath the glitter, the region he once confidently navigated in 2017 has evolved. As Trump begins his second official trip to the Gulf with stops in Saudi Arabia, the UAE, and Qatar (May 13–16), the stakes are higher and his influence more uncertain.

In 2017, Trump's embrace of Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman (MBS) and a headline-grabbing \$110 billion arms deal signaled a sharp pivot from Obama-era diplomacy. It was a transactional relationship dressed in opulence. But in 2025, West Asia looks less receptive to the old Trump showmanship. His credibility is under question, with a faltering Ukraine peace promise and economic policies

that have wavered between bravado and retreat.

Despite finally achieving a breakthrough with China—agreeing to ease tariffs in a 90-day trade truce—the contrast with Trump's limited progress in West Asia is stark. Conflicts in Gaza rage on, Houthis remain defiant, and US influence is visibly waning. Gulf states, once dependent on Washington, are hedging bets—deepening ties with China, engaging BRICS, and seeking military alternatives to costly American systems like the F-35.

Trump's stance on Gaza—reportedly backing the relocation of over two million Palestinians—has angered Arab nations. Both Saudi Arabia and Qatar insist that normalization with Israel must involve serious moves toward Palestinian state-

hood. Meanwhile, the Houthis' near-miss missile strike on Tel Aviv underscores how fragile the regional order remains.

Despite White House efforts to frame this trip as a chance to revive the “golden age” of US-Gulf relations, many in the region now see Trump as needing them more than they need him. Promises of massive Gulf investments—\$600 billion from Saudi Arabia, \$1.4 trillion from the UAE—may be politically convenient, but they won't substitute for strategic clarity. To regain influence, Trump must move beyond performance. If he delivers real progress—on Gaza, Iran, or the Abraham Accords expansion—he could still shape history. But this time, optics alone won't be enough. The region demands consistency, substance, and a leader who offers more than just spectacle.



India-Pakistan Conflict: A New Era of 'DIY' Wars

The recent India-Pakistan showdown has revealed a new reality in international conflicts—one where nations must take matters into their own hands, as external mediation becomes increasingly irrelevant. Traditionally, the US played a key role in managing India-Pakistan tensions, but recent developments signal a shift. Vice-President JD Vance's statement, claiming the US has “no business” in the India-Pakistan conflict, marks a stark departure from previous administrations' active involvement in the region. This attitude aligns with a broader trend where the US is increasingly disengaging from global conflicts, as seen in its reluctance to mediate in Ukraine.

The US has walked a fine line between support for India and statements condemning violence after Indian strikes on Pakistan. Initially, the US condemned the Pahalgam terrorist attack, but as the situation escalated, its tone shifted, focusing on civilian casualties without acknowledging Pakistan's role in terrorism. This ambiguity highlights the growing trend of the US distancing itself from active involvement in South Asian disputes, leaving India to handle the situation

on its own. Furthermore, new players have entered the fray, changing the dynamics of the conflict. Countries like Azerbaijan and Turkey are providing Pakistan with advanced defense technology, such as drones and missiles, complicating the already tense situation. The involvement of China, which has long supported Pakistan's military, adds another layer of complexity, especially given its strategic partnership in missile and nuclear capabilities. While Russia has tried to play a balancing role, its influence has waned significantly.

In this new environment, India is forced to adopt a 'Do It Yourself' (DIY) approach, navigating a complex web of international alliances and adversaries. As traditional allies shift their positions, India must rethink its defense strategy, focusing on strengthening its air capabilities and fostering new relationships with countries like Israel and Armenia. The evolving geopolitical landscape demands a fresh approach to ensure India's security and sovereignty in an increasingly fragmented world. The reality is clear: India is largely on its own, with few international players willing to step in.



Caste Data: A Catalyst for Identity Politics?

The recent release of Karnataka's Socio-Economic Educational Survey (SEES) 2015, commonly referred to as the Caste Census 2015, has sparked significant debate, especially given its release almost a decade after the survey was conducted. The findings, which call for a reshuffling of reservation categories, have raised concerns among dominant caste groups and have led to questions about the legitimacy and implications of caste-centric data collection.

While caste and religion-based demographic surveys have been conducted in various states such as Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, and Bihar, they do not have the constitutional backing of a national census, and therefore, their data cannot be used for resource allocation. Without the confidentiality guarantees of the Census Act, the accuracy and integrity of responses in such surveys could be compromised. Critics, including Prof. Amitabh Kundu, argue that these surveys are largely

futile as they cannot be legally used for policy-making, and their lack of data confidentiality could fuel bias and divisive policies.

The primary objective of such caste-based surveys is to identify disadvantaged groups and implement affirmative action. However, the public dissemination of caste data is a double-edged sword. While it can inform policy, it also risks deepening caste-based identities, further entrenching identity politics. Instead of moving toward a caste-less society, such surveys risk reinforcing caste consciousness, as seen in the growing demands for quota redistributions that have led to resentment among caste subgroups. In Bihar, for instance, the caste survey led to a bill in 2023 that proposed a significant increase in reservation quotas, further dividing social groups along caste lines.

The data could also be misused for electoral gains. Political parties could manipulate or selective-

ly present data to create narratives that favor certain social groups, undermining the meritocratic system and potentially compromising institutional integrity.

Moreover, caste data not only perpetuates divisions within Hindu society but also reveals similar caste structures among Indian Muslims. The Telangana survey, for instance, uncovered that a large proportion of the Muslim population in the state identifies as belonging to backward castes, suggesting that caste-based discrimination is not exclusive to Hindus.

In conclusion, while caste surveys may provide useful insights for affirmative action, their potential to fuel divisive politics and deepen caste and religious divides cannot be overlooked. The challenge lies in balancing data collection with the risks of perpetuating identity politics and ensuring that such information is used responsibly for the benefit of all.

Make in India: A Startup Graveyard in Need of Reform



India, with its vast population and entrepreneurial potential, should be a thriving hub for startups. Yet, despite the promise, the nation's regulatory and policy environment has made it a hostile ground for innovation. The over-complicated documentation, ever-changing rules, and financial barriers create significant obstacles for new businesses to thrive.

Starting a business in India involves navigating through numerous complex steps, from GST registration to environmental clearances and municipal permissions. What should be a straightforward, digital process often becomes a lengthy ordeal, draining both time and capital. This bureaucratic maze discourages entrepreneurs before they even get started.

Another major hurdle is access to capital. India's banks rely on outdated credit systems that penalize young, inexperienced entrepreneurs without borrowing histories. Traditional financial institutions, as well as venture capital, often overlook promising startups, especially those outside major urban areas or without strong professional networks. As a result, many promising ideas die before they get a chance to grow.

Launched in 2014 with high hopes, Make in India was meant to transform the country into a global manufacturing powerhouse. However, it failed to deliver on its ambitious promises due to splintered governance, policy inconsistency, and lack of infrastructure. Instead of being a success story, it became an example of grand rhetoric with disappointing results.

The consequences are stark. Over the past two years, more than 28,000 startups have shut down, a twelvefold increase compared to the previous years. While sectors like agritech, fintech, and edtech were once seen as revolutionary, they are now littered with failed ventures. India's meager spending on R&D—0.64% of GDP compared to the global average of 2.6%—limits the potential for breakthroughs in advanced technology fields.

To foster a truly thriving startup ecosystem, India must simplify compliance, eliminate regulatory bottlenecks, and provide transparent access to credit. Cultural shifts are also crucial—failure should be seen as a learning opportunity, not a stigma. Only then can India truly realize its entrepreneurial potential.

"If Pakistan Wants To Survive As A Nation": PM Modi's Ultimatum To Islamabad

Ceasefire after Pakistan’s appeal, warns of consequences if they backtrack.
Made-in-India weapons proved in modern warfare.
"Not an era of terrorism", zero tolerance is the new doctrine.

TPN Correspondent | New Delhi
Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in a strong message to Pakistan during a national address, made it clear that Operation Sindoor — India’s military response to the recent terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir’s Pahalgam — has not concluded but merely been paused. He emphasized that the retaliatory action was suspended only after Pakistan assured it would act against terror groups operating from its soil.

"Let me reiterate — our strikes have only been suspended, not stopped," PM Modi declared, warning that any backtracking or deception from Islamabad would immediately prompt

further military response. "We will evaluate every step Pakistan takes going forward," he said, underlining India’s readiness to resume precision strikes.

The Prime Minister revealed that India’s drone and missile strikes were far beyond Pakistan’s expectations, forcing Islamabad into diplomatic panic. "Pakistan tried every means to seek global intervention after being hit where it hurts most — in its terror strongholds," he said, referencing areas like Bahawalpur and Muridke, long associated with militant outfits.

"Pakistan attacked our seema (borders), but we struck their seena

(chest)," Modi stated, claiming that the strikes not only decimated terror infrastructure but also demoralized Pakistan’s military and terror networks. He called out Pakistan’s long-standing tactic of "nuclear blackmail", affirming India would no longer be restrained by such threats.

Modi described Operation Sindoor as a shift in India’s counter-terrorism doctrine. "This is not just an operation; it is a doctrinal change. This is the new normal — India will decisively strike wherever terrorism originates," he declared.

Highlighting the role of indigenous defense manufacturing, the Prime



Minister praised the use of Made-in-India weapons and equipment during the operation, asserting India’s strength in modern warfare and self-reliance in defense.

Closing his address, PM Modi modified his well-known phrase, saying: "This is not the era of war, but it is also not the era of terrorism. Zero tolerance against terror is the only path to global peace."

FIR Sought Against Rahul Gandhi Over Remarks On Lord Ram At US Varsity

TPN Correspondent | Varanasi
A legal complaint has been filed against Congress leader Rahul Gandhi in connection with his alleged remarks describing Lord Ram as a "mythological and fictional figure" during a speech at Brown University in Boston, USA. The complaint, filed in a Varanasi court on Monday, accuses Gandhi of hurting the religious sentiments of followers of Sanatan Dharma.

The petitioner, Advocate Harishankar Pandey, lodged the complaint in the MP-MLA court of Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate Neeraj Kumar Tripathi. The court has admitted the complaint and scheduled a hearing for May 19. Notices are expected to be issued to Rahul Gandhi and Uttar Pradesh Congress chief Ajay Rai, who is a resident of Varanasi.

Pandey alleges that Gandhi’s statements constitute "hate speech" and have caused offense to devotees of Lord Ram. The complaint also names the All India



Congress Committee (AICC) as a party in the case. Citing a local newspaper as the source, Pandey claims he became aware of Gandhi’s speech wherein he reportedly referred to Ram and associated narratives as imaginary.

The legal complaint seeks an FIR to be

registered under several sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), including:

Section 196: Promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion, race, etc.

Section 351: Criminal intimidation

Section 353: Statement conducing to public mischief

Section 356: Defamation

According to Pandey, Gandhi’s comments undermine the faith of millions and risk disturbing communal harmony. He urged the court to summon the Congress leader and initiate legal proceedings against him.

The issue has reignited political controversy, with critics accusing Gandhi of disrespecting religious sentiments, while Congress supporters have yet to respond formally. As the matter moves to court, it is likely to fuel further political and public discourse in the days leading up to the May 19 hearing.



'We Did Not Hit Kirana Hills In Pakistan': Indian Air Force Trashes Rumours

TPN Correspondent | Delhi
The Indian Air Force (IAF) on Monday categorically dismissed social media rumours suggesting that India had struck Pakistan’s Kirana Hills an area often reported to house underground nuclear storage facilities during its recent military operation codenamed "Operation Sindoor."

Addressing a tri-services media briefing, Director General of Air Operations, Air Marshal AK Bharti clarified that no such strike had taken place. "We have not hit Kirana Hills, whatever is there," he said in response to speculation that India’s counter-offensive targeted the sensitive site in Pakistan’s Punjab province.

The Kirana Hills area has long been speculated to be home to a covert Pakistani nuclear facility, often linked to storage or development activities. The rumours gained traction after India carried out a series of precision strikes against terror infrastructure and strategic military positions inside Pakistan following a terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir’s Pahalgam.

India’s confirmed military target was the Sargodha airbase, a known strategic installation of the Pakistan Air Force. Some reports had connected Sargodha with Kirana Hills due to their proximity and strategic linkage. However,

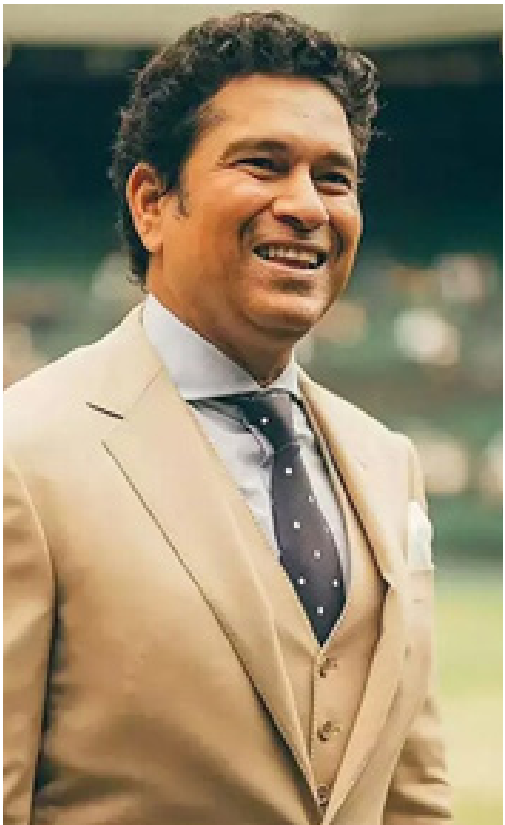
Air Marshal Bharti unequivocally stated that Kirana Hills was not among the targets struck during the operation.

The media briefing was also attended by Director General of Military Operations Lt. Gen. Rajiv Ghai and Director General of Naval Operations Vice Admiral A.N. Pramod. The three senior officials provided insights into the scope, planning, and objectives of Operation Sindoor, reiterating that the mission aimed solely at eliminating terror launchpads and facilities supporting cross-border terrorism.

Operation Sindoor, launched in response to a deadly terror strike in India, has been hailed by the government as a demonstration of India’s zero-tolerance approach to terrorism. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has also reiterated that the operation is not over but only on hold, depending on Pakistan’s actions in dismantling terror infrastructure.

The clarification about Kirana Hills comes amidst heightened tensions between the two nuclear-armed neighbours. India’s defence leadership sought to reassure the global community that its military operations are strategic, restrained, and do not escalate into reckless or unverified actions.

Operation Sindoor Had A Team Of 1.4 Billion: Sachin Tendulkar Hails PM Modi, Defence Forces



TPN Correspondent | Delhi
India has renewed its crucial financial support to the Maldives by rolling over a \$50 million Treasury Bill for another year, reinforcing the deep economic and strategic ties between the two nations. The extension was facilitated by the State Bank of India (SBI) at the request of the Maldivian government, the Indian

High Commission in the Maldives announced on Monday, May 12, 2025.

This move comes as the Maldives undertakes fiscal reforms to strengthen its economic resilience. The Treasury Bill, issued by the Maldivian Ministry of Finance, has been subscribed to by SBI without interest, under a unique government-to-government framework. India has been supporting the Maldives with such financial instruments since March 2019, rolling them over annually as part of its broader regional engagement strategy.

"This has been done under a unique Government-to-Government arrangement, as emergency financial assistance to the Maldives," the Indian High Commission noted.

The initiative aligns with India’s "Neighbourhood First" policy and the broader "MAHASAGAR" vision—Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions. These policies underline India’s commitment to fostering close partnerships with key maritime neighbors like the Maldives, especially in areas of economic stability and regional security.

Maldivian Foreign Minister Abdulla

Khaleel expressed deep gratitude for the support, highlighting its importance in sustaining the government’s reform agenda. "This timely assistance reflects the close bonds of friendship between Maldives and India and will support the government’s ongoing efforts to implement fiscal reforms for economic resilience," he said in a statement.

In addition to financial support, India earlier this year extended a special export quota for essential commodities to the Maldives, further underscoring its role as a reliable partner in times of need.

Treasury Bill rollovers, like this one, involve reinvesting funds from a maturing T-bill into a new one, effectively renewing the commitment and providing uninterrupted financial backing. The move is viewed as a stabilizing gesture at a time when the Maldives continues to navigate economic challenges while reassessing some of its key bilateral defence arrangements.

India’s continued support through both fiscal and logistical means signals a broader strategic intent to maintain regional influence and deepen economic cooperation with island nations in the Indian Ocean.

US and China Agree to Slash Tariffs in Bid to End Trade War

Reach deal to slash tariffs by 115%

TPN Correspondent | Washington

In a significant breakthrough aimed at easing global economic tensions, the United States and China announced on Monday that they have reached a deal to sharply reduce reciprocal tariffs, marking a crucial step toward resolving a prolonged trade war. The announcement followed high-level discussions held in Geneva, where US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent and senior Chinese officials negotiated the agreement.

The deal includes a 90-day pause on the imposition of new trade measures by both countries and a substantial reduction in existing tariffs—by as much as 115 percent. While the figure may reflect a rollback or compounded percentage on various tariff lines, officials emphasized that this move signals a turning point in US-China economic relations.

The trade war, which has persisted for several years, has disrupted global supply chains, dampened investor sentiment, and rattled financial markets. The latest agreement is expected to restore some stability and confidence, particularly among businesses and industries heavily impacted by the imposed tariffs.

Bessent, addressing reporters after the meeting, highlighted the significance of the agreement: “This is a meaningful step forward for both our nations



and for global markets. A pause in escalating tensions and a commitment to reducing trade barriers sends a strong message of cooperation.”

The Chinese delegation echoed similar optimism, suggesting that the agreement lays the groundwork for more comprehensive negotiations in the months to come. They reiterated China’s interest in maintaining open trade channels and reducing economic uncertainty.

Market reactions were immediately positive following the announcement, with global stock indices climbing and investor confidence rebounding. Analysts noted that a rollback in tar-

iffs could spur renewed growth in export-driven sectors and reduce costs for consumers in both nations.

Although challenges remain and a full resolution of the trade conflict is still pending, the current agreement is widely seen as a welcome shift from confrontation to cooperation. Economists and trade experts are now watching closely to see how the 90-day pause evolves into longer-term policy changes.

This development marks a major diplomatic win for both governments, providing much-needed relief amid broader geopolitical tensions and ongoing economic uncertainty.

Qatar’s \$400 Million ‘Flying Palace’ to Temporarily Serve as Trump’s Air Force One

Former US President Donald Trump is set to receive one of the most luxurious private jets in the world—a \$400 million Boeing 747-8, known as the “Flying Palace”—to serve as a temporary replacement for Air Force One. Originally used by the Qatari royal family and briefly by the Turkish government, the lavish aircraft is now being acquired by the US government to bridge the gap caused by delays in the production of new Air Force One planes.

The opulent jet, referred to as a “flying palace,” features extravagant interiors that include designer bathrooms, spacious private bedrooms, and even a grand staircase—amenities rarely seen on presidential aircraft. Trump reportedly toured the plane earlier this year at West Palm Beach International Airport.

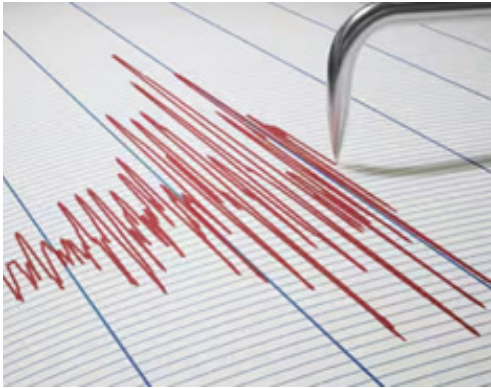
This acquisition comes amid significant production delays on two new Boeing 747-8 jets ordered during Trump’s first term in 2018. The new aircraft, originally scheduled for delivery in 2024, are now expected to be

completed no earlier than 2029.

Although earlier reports suggested that the jet was being gifted by Qatar during Trump’s upcoming visit to the Middle East, Trump clarified via Truth Social that the US had indeed paid for the aircraft. “So the fact that the Defense Department is getting a GIFT, FREE OF CHARGE, of a 747 aircraft to replace the 40-year-old Air Force One, temporarily... bothers the Crooked Democrats,” he posted, mocking critics of the deal.

According to ABC News, the Boeing 747-8 will serve as the official aircraft for Trump during his current term and will eventually be handed over to the institution that will run his future presidential library.

With unmatched luxury and a storied history, the Flying Palace adds a new chapter to the tradition of presidential travel while offering a temporary but extravagant solution amid ongoing delays in the development of a new official aircraft fleet.



Series of Earthquakes Jolt Pakistan, Including 4.6 Magnitude Tremor

TPN Correspondent | Islamabad

Pakistan experienced another earthquake on Monday as a 4.6-magnitude tremor struck the region, continuing a series of seismic activities over recent days. According to the National Center for Seismology (NCS), the earthquake’s epicentre was located at a latitude of 29.67°N and a longitude of 66.10°E, with a shallow depth of just 10 kilometers, making it widely felt in nearby areas. This latest quake comes on the heels of two back-to-back earthquakes that hit the country on Saturday. The first struck in the early hours of the morning, at around 1:44 am IST, with a magnitude of 4.0. Just hours later, a stronger quake measuring 5.7 on the Richter scale rattled parts of the country, causing concern among residents and prompting local authorities to monitor the situation closely.

The region has remained seismically active over the past week. On May 5, a 4.2-magnitude earthquake hit parts of both Pakistan and neighboring Afghanistan at 4:00 pm IST, with tremors centered near the Chitral District in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, a region close to the Afghanistan border. Earlier that same day, another quake of similar magnitude (4.2) was recorded in Afghanistan at 12:35 pm IST. These repeated seismic events have heightened public anxiety, especially in areas where infrastructure is not equipped to handle frequent tremors. While no casualties or major damages have been reported so far, residents in affected areas remain on alert.

UK PM Starmer Vows to Cut Migration, Draws Fire for ‘Island of Strangers’ Remark

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In a landmark announcement set to reshape the United Kingdom’s immigration landscape, Prime Minister Keir Starmer has pledged a major reduction in net migration by the end of the current parliamentary term. The move, part of a broader strategy to stimulate economic growth and reform public sentiment, marks a decisive shift in immigration policy under his leadership.

Addressing a press conference, Starmer challenged the long-standing belief that higher migration drives economic growth. “The theory that higher migration numbers lead to growth has been tested in the last four years. That link doesn’t hold on that evidence,” he asserted. This statement underpins a broader effort to link immigration reforms with increased investment in domestic skills and training—areas Starmer argues have long been neglected.



Among the most impactful changes is a proposal to double the residency requirement for citizenship, making it significantly harder and more time-consuming for immigrants to attain British citizenship. While he avoided confirming whether net migration would decrease year-on-year until the next election, he promised a clear drop before the end of the parliamentary term.

Despite these restrictive moves, Starmer stopped short of imposing a hard cap on migrant numbers. His intent, he said, is not to shut Britain off but to ensure it does not become “an island of strangers”—a comment that has drawn intense backlash.

The phrase, seen by critics as echoing anti-immigrant rhetoric, triggered swift condemnation from refugee charities. Steve Smith, CEO of Care4Calais, accused the prime minister of “fanning the fire of the far-right” and using “dangerous language” reminiscent of last year’s far-right riots. He demanded a public apology, warning that such remarks risk inciting racial tensions and undermining the safety of vulnerable asylum seekers.

Starmer also took aim at the previous Conservative government, accusing them of hypocrisy. “Between 2019 and 2023, even as they claimed they’d get immigration down, net migration quadrupled,” he said, aligning his strategy with the unresolved Brexit promise to “take back control” of the UK’s borders. As the UK attempts to balance political pressure, economic needs, and public sentiment, Starmer’s approach signals a turning point—one that may significantly reshape the nation’s identity and global role.

Israel not committed to ceasefire, only to safe release of hostage Alexander: Netanyahu

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Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has dismissed claims of a broader ceasefire or prisoner exchange agreement with Hamas, asserting that Israel has only agreed to a limited arrangement to secure the release of Israeli-American hostage Edan Alexander. In a statement posted on the official X (formerly Twitter) account of the Prime Minister’s Office on Monday, Netanyahu clarified that “Israel has not committed to a ceasefire of any kind or the release of terrorists but only to a safe corridor that will allow for the release of Edan.”

This statement comes in response to remarks made by a senior Hamas official, who told Reuters on Sunday that the group was preparing to release Alexander soon. The comments were widely interpreted as a signal of a potential thaw or temporary halt in hostilities. The news was met with cautious optimism by key mediators in the region, including Qatar and Egypt, both of which have played significant roles in attempting to broker peace and humanitarian agreements between Israel and Hamas since the conflict reignited.

Netanyahu’s firm denial aims to dispel any speculation that the Israeli government had agreed to broader concessions, such as releasing Palestinian detainees or halting military operations in Gaza. The Israeli leadership has maintained a strict stance on not negotiating under pressure and has repeatedly stated that its military objectives remain unchanged.

Edan Alexander, a dual citizen of Israel and the United States, has been held hostage in Gaza since being captured by Hamas during the October 7 cross-border assault. His potential release is seen as a positive humanitarian gesture but not necessarily a turning point in the wider conflict.

While the safe passage agreement for Alexander’s release is being facilitated with the help of international partners, Israeli officials have reiterated that it should not be interpreted as the beginning of a ceasefire or a step toward a broader peace framework. The situation remains tense, with military activity ongoing and diplomatic efforts continuing behind the scenes.

International observers are closely watching how this development unfolds, particularly whether it could open the door for future negotiations on humanitarian corridors, additional hostage releases, or eventual de-escalation. For now, however, Israel remains adamant that its military operations and policy on hostages remain firmly under its own control.



Markets Soar to Record Highs as Ceasefire, Global Cues Ignite Bull Rally; Nifty Gains 916 pts, Sensex 2975 pts

Domestic stock markets gained in an unprecedented manner on Monday. As the bulls were in a frenzy, the benchmark indices broke records. They registered the best profit in four years. The ceasefire between India and Pakistan, India's upper hand in military operations, and the cooling of the tariff war between China and the US filled investors with positive sentiment. On the other hand, positive signals from international markets were good. With this blow, the Nifty crossed the 24,590 and the Sensex crossed the 81150 resistance levels. In total, the Nifty gained 916 points and the Sensex gained 2975 points.

The BSE Sensex, which closed at 79,454 in the previous session, opened at 80,803 on Monday. It touched an intraday low of 80,651. It reached an intraday high of 82,495. Finally, it closed at 82,429 with a gain of 2975 points. The NSE Nifty, which opened at 24,420, reached a low of 24,378 and a high of 24,944. It rose by 916 points in total and closed at 24,942. The Nifty Bank rose by 1787 points and settled at 55,382.

In the Nifty50, 48 companies gained and 2 lost. Adani Enterprises, Infi, Shriram Finance, Trent, Wipro were the top gainers. IndusInd Bank and Sun Pharma lost the most. Today, the mid and smallcap indices rose by up to 4%. The IT and telecom indices rose by 6.5, realty and metal by over 5.5 percent. Finance, auto, bank,



media, consumption and oil indices rose by 3 percent. The rest did not look good. Fear Index India VIX fell by 14.97% to 18.39.

Market breadth on NSE today completely turned in favor of buyers. Out of a total of 3010 shares traded, 2614 gained. 329 lost. 47 shares reached the 52-week high and 24 shares reached the 52-week low. 322 shares reached the upper circuit and 35 shares reached the lower circuit.

SRF Company has released its fourth quarter results. Net profit increased by 24.6% from Rs.422 crore to Rs.526 crore. JP Morgan has given an overweight rating to Swiggy with a target price of Rs.540. Andhra Cement's losses increased from Rs.19 crore to Rs.50 crore. KEC International received orders of Rs.1034 crore from various trading houses. Man Industries' net profit rose from Rs.24 crore to Rs.68 crore. JPMorgan has given an underweight rating to Dr. Reddy's with a target price of Rs.1060. CLSA has giv-

en an outperform rating to Manapuram Finance with a target price of Rs.260. Shares in other capital markets including BSE and MCX rose by 10%. UPL's net profit rose from Rs.40 crore to Rs.896 crore.

Infosys

Infosys reported strong Q1 FY25 results. Its revenue rose to \$4.71 billion, showing a 2.1% year-on-year (YoY) growth. Net profit came in at \$763 million, up 5.4% YoY. The company maintained an operating margin of 21.1%, slightly better than the previous year. A standout was the 56.5% YoY growth in free cash flow to \$1.09 billion, reflecting efficient cash management. The company also raised its FY25 revenue growth guidance to 3-4%, riding on increasing demand for AI and digital transformation services.



Tata Steel

Tata Steel's Q4 FY25 results showed a sharp improvement in profitability despite a slight dip in revenue. The company's net profit more than doubled to ₹1,301 crore, significantly beating estimates. Revenue, however, slipped 4.2% YoY to ₹56,218 crore, mainly due to weaker demand and lower product prices. The profit jump was largely due to lower input costs, especially for coking coal and iron ore. The results indicate Tata Steel's ability to maintain margins under pressure, thanks to tight cost controls.

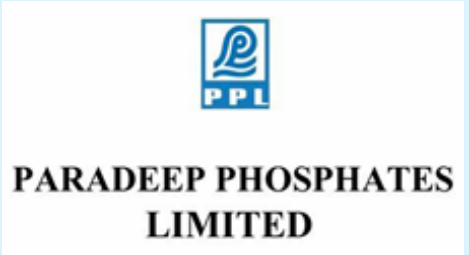


HCL Technologies



HCL Technologies reported a marginal increase in net profit to ₹3,995 crore for Q1 FY25, up 0.35% YoY, on a revenue base of ₹26,296 crore (up 17%). The EBIT margin stood at 18.3%, and EPS rose 10.8% to ₹64.09. HCL continues to be strong in the software and IT services space. It declared a ₹60 dividend per share, reflecting a 93.5% payout ratio. Despite the competitive environment, HCL's consistent earnings and dividend payout support its long-term investment appeal.

Paradeep Phosphates



Paradeep Phosphates delivered a standout Q4 FY25 performance with net profit rising to ₹160 crore, up from ₹21.5 crore YoY, showing a solid turnaround. Revenue grew to ₹3,536 crore, driven by operational efficiency and strong sales. The net profit margin improved to 4.5%, a significant jump reflecting better pricing and cost management. The performance indicates stability in the fertilizer and agri-chemical segment after a challenging FY24.

Coforge



Coforge posted mixed results for Q1 FY25. Revenue increased 8.1% YoY to ₹2,426 crore, driven by strong client activity. However, net profit fell 19.4% YoY to ₹133 crore, impacted by higher costs and employee additions. The company saw robust order intake of \$314 million, maintaining its streak of \$300M+ deals for 10 straight quarters. Headcount increased by nearly 1,900 employees, indicating expansion plans. While topline growth is intact, margin pressures remain a concern in the short term.

SEBI to Ease Curbs on Index Options Trading and Introduce Stricter Monitoring Measures



India's capital markets regulator, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), is set to relax its proposed restrictions on trading in index options. According to a report by NDTV Profit, SEBI is likely to introduce higher net and gross position limits, offering more flexibility for traders while maintaining market stability.

Under the new guidelines, SEBI is expected to allow a net end-of-day limit of Rs 1,500 crore and a gross limit of Rs 10,000 crore (per side) for index options. This is a significant increase from the initial proposal, which set the net end-of-day limit at Rs 500 crore and the gross limit at Rs 1,500 crore.

Intra-day trading in index options will be exempt from any position caps. However, SEBI plans to implement a more robust surveillance protocol, with exchanges and SEBI coordinating to monitor intra-day positions up to four times a day. If a trader's exposure exceeds specific thresholds, the regulator will conduct investigations to detect

possible concentration or market manipulation.

Additionally, SEBI is shifting from the traditional notional method to a delta-based open interest metric. This new approach will better reflect the actual economic exposure of options trades, offering a more accurate picture of market risks.

Last week, SEBI also introduced stricter governance rules for key market infrastructure institutions (MIIs), such as stock exchanges, clearing corporations, and depositories. The move aims to prevent conflicts of interest and strengthen market integrity. As part of these changes, SEBI now mandates a cooling-off period for certain directors before they can join competing institutions, ensuring that directors do not leverage sensitive information for competitive advantage.

These steps reflect SEBI's ongoing efforts to enhance transparency, safeguard market integrity, and manage risks in India's dynamic financial markets.

Sensex Soars Over 3,000 Points in Best Rally of the Year

In a remarkable turn of events, Indian stock markets witnessed their strongest rally in a year, as the benchmark BSE Sensex surged over 3,000 points on Monday. The broader NSE Nifty50 also gained nearly 924 points, soaring above the 24,900 mark. This sharp upswing added over Rs 12 lakh crore to investor wealth in a single session, driven by easing geopolitical tensions, favorable global cues, and a sovereign credit upgrade.

As of 3:24 pm, the Sensex was up 2,994.42 points at 82,448.89, and the Nifty was at 24,930.30, reflecting a nearly 4% jump in both indices. The rally was broad-based, with major contributions from heavyweight stocks like Infosys, Reliance Industries, HDFC Bank, Adani Ports, Axis Bank, and Bajaj Finance. Zomato, listed as Eternal on the Sensex, emerged as



the top gainer with a nearly 5% jump, followed by strong performances from NTPC and HCLTech.

Investor sentiment saw a strong rebound after India and Pakistan reached a temporary ceasefire agreement over the weekend. This geopolitical thaw helped calm nerves that had been frayed due to recent cross-border escalations. With immediate threats easing, inves-

tors quickly refocused on economic fundamentals and corporate performance.

Global market sentiment also turned positive, aided by recent tariff reductions announced by both the US and China. Additionally, domestic indicators such as resilient GDP growth and stable inflation further bolstered market confidence.

A significant boost came from Morningstar DBRS's upgrade of India's sovereign rating to 'BBB (Stable)', restoring faith among institutional and foreign investors alike.

Market experts, however, advise cautious optimism. While the rally may sustain in the short term, they recommend that retail investors avoid getting carried away by the euphoric mood. Key global triggers like upcoming US inflation data and international trade policy shifts could still impact market direction. Maintaining a disciplined investment approach and keeping liquidity in hand is strongly advised.

Reliance NU Energies Wins 350 MW Solar-BESS Project from SJVN

Reliance NU Energies, a subsidiary of Reliance Power, has secured a significant renewable energy project from SJVN Limited, marking a major milestone in its transition to clean energy. The company won a 350 MW solar project integrated with a 175 MW/700 MWh Battery Energy Storage System (BESS), making it one of India's most competitively priced and technologically advanced renewable energy projects.

The project, awarded through SJVN's tariff-based competitive bidding process, came at a fixed tariff of ₹3.33/kWh for a period of 25 years. Once operational, the installation will add 600 MWP of solar photovoltaic (PV) capacity and 700 MWh of storage capacity to Reliance Power's portfolio, significantly bolstering its standing as a leader in integrated solar and storage solutions. The BESS component will enable a four-hour backup energy discharge, ensuring peak-time power supply to state electricity distri-



bution companies (Discoms).

This win represents the largest allocation from SJVN's 1,200 MW solar tender, which includes a total of 600 MW/2,400 MWh of BESS, all connected to the Inter-State Transmission System (ISTS) network. The tender attracted substantial industry interest, with 19 companies participating and 18 qualifying for the final e-reverse auction. The project will be developed under a Build-Own-Operate (BOO) model in accordance with guidelines from the Ministry of Power.

With this addition, Reliance Power's clean energy pipeline now stands at 2.5 GWP of solar capacity and 2.5 GWh of BESS, the largest such portfolio in India. The company is currently awaiting the Letter of Award (LoA) from SJVN to proceed with development.

In a parallel development, Reliance NU Suntech Pvt. Ltd., another subsidiary of Reliance Power, recently signed a 25-year Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with the Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) to build Asia's largest integrated solar and BESS project. This ₹10,000 crore initiative will feature 930 MW of solar capacity paired with 465 MW/1860 MWh BESS, at a fixed tariff of ₹3.53/kWh.

With an existing operational portfolio of 5,305 MW, including the world's largest coal-based power plant at Sasan (3,960 MW), Reliance Power's strategic pivot toward renewables is rapidly reshaping its energy future.



Apple’s All-Glass iPhone:

A Futuristic Design for the 20th Anniversary

Apple is reportedly preparing a groundbreaking redesign for the iPhone’s 20th anniversary, set for 2027. According to a Bloomberg report, the company is working on a radically new iPhone that will feature a mostly glass, curved body with a wraparound display—no visible cutouts for cameras or sensors, a truly futuristic look.

The new design is expected to be a significant departure from the current iPhones, which already have a glass

body. Apple aims to push the boundaries of innovation, creating a device that looks and feels ahead of its time. The phone is likely to have an even higher screen-to-body ratio than previous models, further immersing users in the display experience. While it may not mimic the all-screen concept of Xiaomi’s Mi MIX Alpha, Apple’s 20th anniversary iPhone is expected to offer a fresh take on what a premium, futuristic phone should look like.

In essence, Apple wants to replicate

the impact of the iPhone X, which was a major turning point in smartphone design. For the 20th anniversary, the goal is to create a device that combines cutting-edge technology with the sleek, premium feel that has come to define the iPhone. It will no doubt be a statement device, marking two decades of innovation in the smartphone world. As the 2027 launch approaches, all eyes will be on Apple’s ambitious plans to transform the iPhone into a true icon of the future.

AI Use at Work Can Lead to Perceptions of Laziness and Lack of Intelligence

A recent study reveals that individuals who use AI tools like ChatGPT, Gemini, and Copilot at work are often seen as lazy, less competent, and less intelligent by their colleagues. While AI has been shown to boost productivity in various tasks, this research highlights a hidden social cost for those who rely on these technologies.

The study, funded by Duke University and published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, examined how the use of AI is perceived in the workplace. Despite the growing role of AI in improving efficiency, it appears that employees who use these tools are judged negatively in terms of motivation and intellectual ability.

The research suggests that while AI can be an asset for streamlining tasks and enhancing productivity, it may also create a stigma, with coworkers viewing AI users

as taking shortcuts or relying on technology to do the work for them. This perception of laziness and incompetence could have consequences for workplace dynamics and career advancement.

As AI becomes an integral part of the modern workplace, this study serves as a reminder that its use might not always be viewed positively by peers, despite the clear benefits in productivity. The findings encourage a deeper conversation about how AI is reshaping not only work processes but also workplace perceptions and relationships.



Swiggy Delivery Agent’s Heartwarming Story of Balancing Work and Fatherhood Goes Viral

A Swiggy delivery agent, Pankaj, has touched hearts across the internet after a story about his dedication as a single father went viral. His story was shared by Gurugram-based CEO Mayank Agarwal on LinkedIn, capturing the attention and empathy of thousands.

Pankaj’s situation is both inspiring and heartbreaking. After losing his wife during childbirth, he was left to raise his two-year-old daughter, Tun Tun, on his own. With no one else to care for her, Pankaj brings his daughter along with him during food deliveries. This became clear when Agarwal, who had requested his delivery to be brought upstairs, was surprised to hear a child’s voice on the phone. Upon stepping outside, he saw little Tun Tun quietly sitting on the bike while Pankaj worked.

In his post, Agarwal praised Pankaj for his quiet resilience, noting that despite facing significant challenges, he never complained. “Some customers have suggested that he stay at home if he can’t manage, but he simply smiles and continues with his work,” Agarwal wrote, highlighting the delivery agent’s unwavering dedication.

The emotional post struck a chord with users across social media, many of whom expressed admiration for Pankaj’s perseverance. Some users shared how important kindness and empathy are in daily interactions, especially toward gig workers who often don’t have access to a support sys-



tem. Others offered to help Pankaj, acknowledging his hard work in the face of adversity.

One user commented, “Being kind and considerate truly goes a long way. This story is a beautiful reminder of humanity and compassion.” Another pointed out how a little empathy could go a long way in changing lives, especially for individuals like Pankaj, who show extraordinary strength despite their circumstances.

This story not only highlights Pankaj’s dedication as a father but also sheds light on the struggles of gig workers, calling for more institutional support and understanding for individuals who are balancing work and family responsibilities.

Cruise Passenger Spots Billionaire Richard Branson Casually Enjoying Pizza, Video Goes Viral

A video of British business magnate Richard Branson casually enjoying a slice of pizza aboard one of his own cruise ships has gone viral, capturing the attention of social media users worldwide. The clip, which was shared by a cruise passenger, shows Branson, known for founding Virgin Group and Virgin Voyages, relaxing and eating a simple meal during his time on the cruise.

The video quickly gained traction online as people marveled at Branson’s down-to-earth and unassuming demeanor, especially considering his billionaire status. In the footage, Branson appears relaxed and content, seated comfortably as he enjoys his pizza, offering a stark contrast to the often lavish and formal expectations of high-profile business figures.

The passenger who shared the clip expressed their surprise at seeing the renowned entrepreneur in such an ordinary, relatable moment, further fueling interest in the video. Many viewers praised Branson for his ability to remain grounded despite his immense wealth and success, with some even commenting that it was refreshing to see a billionaire partake in such a normal, everyday experience.

Branson, who is known for his adventurous spirit and hands-on approach to his various ventures, including Virgin Galactic and Virgin Voyages, has long maintained an image of being approachable and charismatic. This viral moment only added



to his reputation as a business leader who doesn’t take himself too seriously.

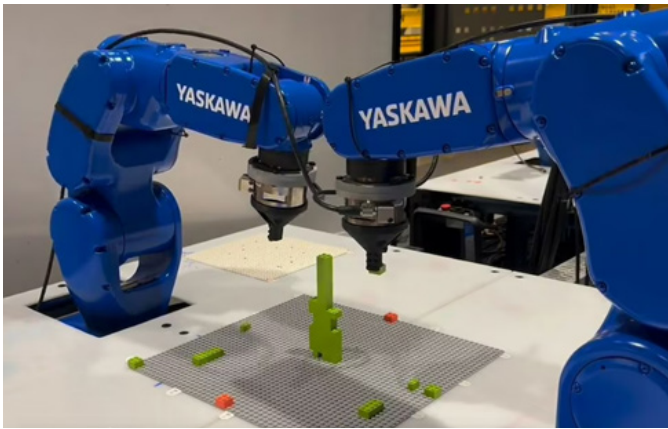
The video also sparked conversations about the luxury cruise industry, with many pointing out how Branson’s relaxed approach to life contrasts with the sometimes over-the-top, exclusive nature of high-end vacations. Whether he’s flying into space or enjoying a slice of pizza on one of his ships, Richard Branson continues to fascinate and inspire people around the globe, proving that even billionaires can enjoy life’s simpler pleasures.

LegoGPT: AI Model Generates Physically Stable Lego Structures

A groundbreaking AI model called LegoGPT, developed by researchers from Carnegie Mellon University, has been unveiled to generate three-dimensional (3D) Lego designs that are not only innovative but also stable and buildable. The model is an open-source project aimed at exploring whether AI can create structures that align with real-world physics while maintaining structural integrity.

LegoGPT is based on the LLaMA-3.2-Instruct large language model (LLM), which has been fine-tuned with one billion parameters. This enables the model to take text prompts and generate corresponding Lego designs that are stable enough to stand upright without collapsing. Examples of prompts include requests for a “streamline elongated vessel” or a “backless bench with armrest.” These AI-generated structures are then tested for stability through a combination of human and robotic assembly.

To ensure that the generated designs are physically sound, the researchers incorporated Gurobi, a mathematical optimization solver, into LegoGPT. This solver runs stability analysis on each structure to verify its robustness. The model is also trained using a custom dataset, StableText2Lego, which contains over 47,000 Lego structures and 28,000 unique 3D objects, each accom-



panied by detailed captions, design code, and models.

The stability of these AI-generated designs has been rigorously tested. In one experiment, a dual robot assembly recreated the Lego structures and confirmed their stability. Furthermore, human participants, some with less dexterity, also built the structures, and the results were similarly impressive. According to the research, 99.8% of the generated Lego structures passed the stability test.

LegoGPT is now available for download on GitHub under a permissive MIT license, offering the public the chance to explore and utilize the model for various design and educational purposes. The project showcases the potential of AI in not just creating designs but ensuring they can function in the real world, bridging the gap between creativity and practicality.

Virat Kohli Bids Farewell to Test Cricket After Glorious 14-Year Career

Virat Kohli, one of the modern greats of the game, has officially announced his retirement from Test cricket, bringing an end to a celebrated 14-year journey in the longest format. The 36-year-old confirmed his decision through an emotional Instagram post on May 12, 2025, just days after Rohit Sharma's own Test retirement sent shockwaves through Indian cricket.

Speculation had been building for weeks, and Kohli's announcement came after it was reported that he had informed the selectors of his decision to step away ahead of India's upcoming five-Test series in England, starting June 20.

Kohli made his Test debut in 2011 and went on to play 123 matches, amassing 9,230 runs at an average of 46.85. His record includes 30 centuries and 31 fifties, with his peak performance coming between 2016 and 2019. However, the last five years saw a dip in form, as he averaged just 30.72 in 39 Tests since 2020, managing only three centuries in that period. His recent tour of Australia was underwhelming, where he scored just 190 runs across nine innings, despite a lone century in Perth.

In his farewell message, Kohli reflected on the personal and transformative journey Test cricket has been for him. "It's been 14 years since I first wore the baggy blue in Test cricket. Honestly, I never imagined the journey this format would take me on," he wrote. He spoke of the deep, quiet struggles and unforgettable moments that defined his career in whites.

"There's something deeply personal about playing in whites... It's not easy to step away, but it feels right. I've given it everything, and it's given me back so much more than I could've hoped for," Kohli added, expressing heartfelt gratitude to his teammates, fans, and the game itself.

Signing off as India's 269th Test cricketer, Kohli ends an era filled with passion, intensity, and unmatched commitment to the red-ball game. His departure marks a significant shift in Indian cricket, leaving behind a legacy that will be remembered for generations.

Kohli on May 12, 2025, announced his retirement from Test cricket, ending an illustrious 14-year career (2011-2025) in the format.

Stats as Test captain

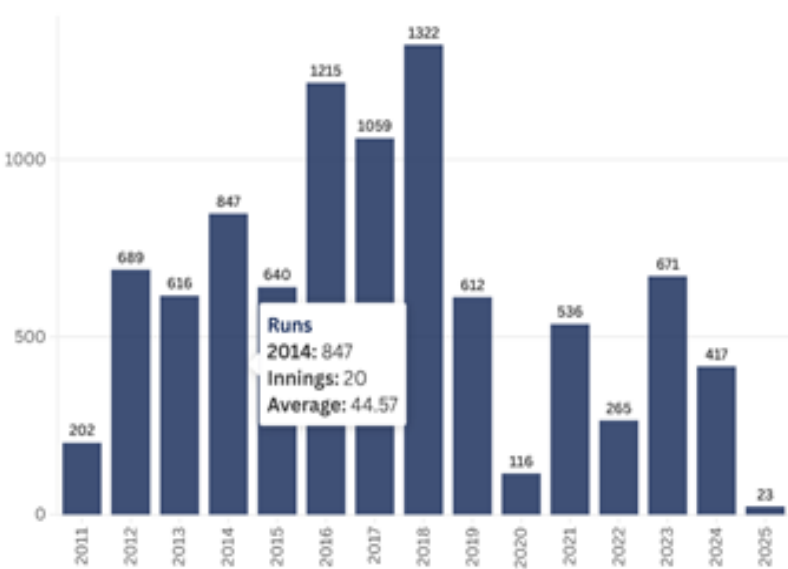
Matches	68
Won	40
Lost/Draw	17 / 11
W/L	2.352
Away wins	16
Home wins	24

Batting stats

	M	Inn	Runs	HS	Avg	SR	100/50
Tests	123	210	9,230	254*	46.85	55.57	30/31
ODI	302	290	14,181	183	57.88	93.34	51/74
T20I	125	117	4,188	122*	48.69	137.04	1/38



Virat Kohli's Test runs | Year-wise



Narsapuram Gears Up for 8th Nuli Sai Abhay Memorial Under-19 Chess Tournament

Nuli Sai Abhay Memorial

'AP State Under-19 Chess Championship-2025 with Prize Money of ₹64,000/- Tournament brochure was officially launched today by 'Honourable Government Of AP-Whip' Sri. Bommidu Naya- kar (Narsapuram MLA), along- side Dr. Nuli Srinivas,Chandra Sekhar. The tournament is scheduled to be held on May 28th at the Nar- sapuram Highway Inn(AC Hall), and boasts an attractive for the Open & Girls Champions. **Place:** ₹10,000 for Boys **Place:** ₹10,000 for Girls **FREE FOOD & RETRUN GIFTS**

Narsapuram, [May12,2025] – The stage is set for the 8th edition of the Nuli Sai Abhay Memorial AP State Under-19 Open and Girls Chess Tournament, with the official brochure unveiled today by local MLA and Government Whip Bommidu Nayakar at the Janase- na Party office. The tournament, an annual tribute, is scheduled to commence on May 28th, 2025, at 10:00 AM at the AC Hall of a local Highway Inn, promising a

day of intense strategic battles among young talents. Mr. Nayakar commended the consistent organization of the prestigious event over the past eight years and extended his appreciation to Dr. Nuli Srinivas, Secretary and Correspondent of BGBS Women's College, for his unwavering support. Dr. Srinivas highlighted the tourna- ment's significance as a yearly commemoration of his son, fea- turing an attractive cash prize of ₹64,000. Adding to the anticipation, S.S. Chandrasekhar, Secretary of Master Chess Academy, an- nounced an expected partici- pation of around 400 budding chess players from across all districts of Andhra Pradesh. He emphasized that the competi- tion is open to both boys and girls under the age of 19, foster- ing a platform for young minds to showcase their skills. The brochure launch event also wit- nessed the presence of yoga guru Jakkam Babji, among other dig- nitaries. Chess enthusiasts and interested participants can seek further information by contact- ing 9440867370.



Carlos Alcaraz, Alexander Zverev March Into Italian Open Last 16

Carlos Alcaraz and Alexander Zverev cruised into the last 16 of the Italian Open on Sunday, May 11, with commanding performances in their respective matches. The day also saw top women's seeds Aryna Sabalenka and Coco Gauff book their spots in the next round, keeping their title hopes alive in Rome.

Alcaraz, the four-time Grand Slam champi- on, overcame a spirit- ed challenge from Laslo Djere to win 7-6 (7/2), 6-2 on centre court. This marks the Span- iard's first-ever fourth-round appearance at the Foro Italico. Still returning to full fitness after a thigh injury sustained in the Barce- lona Open final last month, the 22-year-old admitted to not being at his best early on. He was broken twice in the opening set, but re- gained control in the tiebreak before cruising through the second set.

Alcaraz now faces Karen Khachanov in the next round, after the Russian eased past Ital- ian wild card Francesco Passaro 6-3, 6-0.

Meanwhile, defending champion and world number two Alexander Zverev made short work of Lithuanian qualifier Vilius Gaubas, sealing a 6-4, 6-0 win in just under 90 min- utes. Zverev, who had earlier spoken about



burnout issues, looked sharp and confident, setting up a much-an- ticipated clash with France's Arthur Fils, who upset Stefanos Tsitsipas in three sets.

It was also a strong showing for French tennis, with Coren- tin Moutet stunning world number nine Holger Rune 7-5, 5-7, 7-6 (7/4) for his first-ever win over a top-10 player. Moutet will face fifth seed Jack Draper next.

Daniil Medvedev, another tournament fa- vorite, also advanced after defeating Alexei Popyrin 6-4, 6-1 and will now face Italian Lo- renzo Musetti.

In the women's draw, Aryna Sabalenka had to fight back from a sluggish start to defeat former Australian Open champion Sofia Kenin. Despite misfiring in the first set and expressing discomfort with the court con- ditions, Sabalenka found her rhythm to seal the win. She will now face Marta Kostyuk, who beat Leylah Fernandez 6-4, 6-2.

With Iga Swiatek knocked out earlier by Dan- ielle Collins, Sabalenka has a strong shot at capturing her third WTA 1000 title of the year. Coco Gauff also progressed, defeating Magda Linette 7-5, 6-3. She will meet Emma Raduca- nu in the next round.

Indian Campaign Ends in Second Round at World Squash Championships

India's hopes at the IPSA World Squash Championships came to an early close as all four of the nation's players were knocked out in the second round of the prestigious tourna- ment, continuing the country's long wait for a medal at the glob- al event.

In the women's draw, teenage squash prod- igy Anahat Singh was the sole Indian partici- pant. She put up a spir- ited performance but ultimately fell short against Egypt's Fayrouz Aboelkheir, going down 1-3 in a hard-fought contest. Despite show- ing flashes of brilliance and impressive court coverage, Anahat was unable to match the consistency and aggressive shot-making of her Egyptian opponent, who is currently ranked higher on the PSA circuit.

On the men's side, the remaining three Indi- an challengers also exited the competition in straight or four-game losses, despite demon- strating glimpses of potential. The defeats highlighted the challenging gap that still ex- ists between Indian players and the top inter- national contenders, particularly from squash powerhouses like Egypt and England.



This outcome contin- ues India's long-stand- ing struggle to make a significant impact at the PSA World Champi- onships. While Indian players have consis- tently shown promise on the junior and con- tinental levels, success on the world stage has remained elusive. The latest results reflect the need for deeper invest- ments in elite train- ing infrastructure, in- ternational exposure, and high-performance coaching to compete with the sport's top-tier nations.

India's squash com- munity has high hopes pinned on young tal- ents like Anahat Singh and a few emerging

male players, but bridging the performance gap at the highest level will take time, resourc- es, and sustained support. As the squash calen- dar moves forward, attention will now turn to the upcoming Asian circuit and the Common- wealth and Asian Games, where Indian players have historically fared better.

For now, the World Championships once again serve as a reminder of the intense global com- petition and the road Indian squash still has to travel to reach the sport's pinnacle.



Pawan Kalyan’s ‘OG’ Shoot Resumes, Fans Celebrate Comeback Update

Pawan Kalyan fans have a big reason to cheer as the shooting of the much-awaited film *They Call Him OG* has officially resumed today, May 12, 2025. While the actor has multiple projects lined up, including *Hari Hara Veera* Mallu and *Ustaad Bhagat Singh*, it's *OG* that has generated the most buzz among his fanbase. The film had made strong progress in its early stages, but production slowed down due to Pawan Kalyan's involvement in elections and political activities.

Directed by the talented Sujeeth, the movie is now back on track and trending online, thanks to a viral photo shared by a member of the camera crew. This behind-the-scenes update has excited fans, confirming that the filming has resumed and that momentum is picking up once again.

Interestingly, the film's team continued to shoot even during Pawan Kalyan's absence, demonstrating their commitment to maintaining progress. However, the most exciting part of this update is that Pawan Kalyan himself is expected to rejoin the sets this week. According to inside reports, the actor is keen to finish his scenes swiftly—just as he did recently for *Hari Hara Veera* Mallu. This approach is expected to speed up the post-production phase, sparking speculation that the film might release earlier than initially anticipated.

OG features Priyanka Arul Mohan as the female lead, while Bollywood star Emraan Hashmi plays the antagonist. The ensemble cast also includes Arjun Das, Sriya Reddy, Prakash Raj, Harish Uthaman, and Shaam in significant roles. Produced by DVV Danayya



under the prestigious DVV Entertainment banner, the film promises to be a gripping period gangster drama with a powerful narrative and high production values. The music is composed by Thaman, adding to the overall anticipation surrounding the project.

With Pawan Kalyan returning to the shoot and the team moving ahead with renewed energy, *OG* is shaping up to be one of the most exciting Telugu releases in the near future. Fans can now look forward to more frequent updates and, hopefully, a release date announcement soon.

Nandamuri Taraka Ramarao Makes Film Debut; CM Chandrababu Naidu Extends Best Wishes

A proud moment for the Nandamuri family, as Nandamuri Taraka Ramarao, the son of late Janaki Ram and grandson of Nandamuri Harikrishna, has officially stepped into the film industry. Carrying the legacy of the legendary Nandamuri NTR as a fourth-generation heir, Taraka Ramarao is all set to make his acting debut under the direction of renowned filmmaker YVS Chowdary.



The film had its formal launch today with a traditional pooja ceremony that drew attention from political and film circles alike. Prominent personalities such as Nara Bhuvaneshwari, Union Minister Daggubati Purandeswari, and Garapati Lokeshwari graced the event. In a symbolic moment, Nara Bhuvaneshwari gave the ceremonial first clap for the film's lead pair, wishing them success as the cameras rolled.

On this special occasion, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu took to social media to express his support and share his heartfelt wishes. “My heartfelt congratulations to Taraka Rama Rao on his entry into the industry. I wish NTR great success,” he wrote, acknowledging the young actor's prestigious lineage and encouraging his journey ahead.

Following the event, Taraka Ramarao shared his emotional thoughts with the media and guests. “I believe that the blessings of my great-grandfather NTR, my grandfather Harikrishna, and my father Janaki Ram will always be with me,” he said with gratitude. He also expressed his happiness at having his family members present to support him during such a crucial moment. “The love and support from my family, audience, and media has been overwhelming. I'm thankful to everyone who stood by me since this project was announced.”

The launch of Taraka Ramarao marks the beginning of a new chapter in the Nandamuri family's film legacy. With the support of an experienced director like YVS Chowdary and the blessings of a powerful lineage, all eyes are now on this young actor as he prepares to make his mark in Telugu cinema.

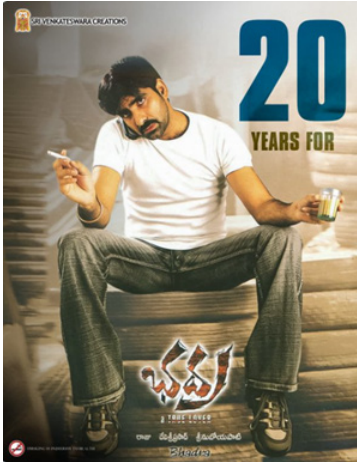
20 Years of Bhadra: A Landmark Film in Ravi Teja’s Career

May 12, 2025, marks the 20th anniversary of *Bhadra*, one of the most iconic and career-defining films for Mass Maharaja Ravi Teja. Released on May 12, 2005, the movie was a massive box office success and established Ravi Teja as a favorite among mass audiences, solidifying his status as a bankable commercial star.

Directed by Boyapati Srinu, who made his directorial debut with this film, *Bhadra* introduced audiences to a unique blend of action, sentiment, and faction-based storytelling. Produced by Dil Raju under the prestigious Sri Venkateswara Creations banner, the film brought together a powerful cast and compelling narrative that clicked well with audiences of all ages.

Starring Meera Jasmine as the female lead opposite Ravi Teja, the film also featured notable performances from veteran actors such as Prakash Raj, Sunil, and Arjan Bajwa. Their strong screen presence and memorable character arcs added emotional depth and humor to the intense storyline.

A major highlight of *Bhadra* was its chartbuster music, composed by Devi Sri Prasad. Songs like “Tirumala Vasa” and “O Manasa” continue to be fan favorites even two decades later, still played at celebrations and remembered fondly by Telugu cinema lovers.



What truly set *Bhadra* apart was its successful blend of romance and action, wrapped in a faction backdrop—a style that later became director Boyapati Srinu's signature. His powerful direction combined with Ravi Teja's energetic performance made *Bhadra* a memorable cinematic experience and a turning point in both their careers.

As the film completes 20 years, fans have taken to social media to celebrate its legacy. From sharing nostalgic clips to posting heartfelt messages, the love for *Bhadra* continues to resonate. The anniversary has turned into a virtual celebration, with fans recalling their favorite moments, songs, and performances from the film.

For Ravi Teja and his fans, *Bhadra* remains not just a movie, but an emotion—a symbol of his rise to stardom and a film that still holds a special place in the hearts of Telugu cinema audiences.

Ram Charan and Pet Dog Rhyme Immortalized in Wax at Madame Tussauds London

In a heartwarming moment for fans and family alike, the illustrious Mega family, including veteran actor Chiranjeevi, his wife Surekha, actor Ram Charan, his wife Upasana, and their beloved pet dog Rhyme, gathered in London for the grand unveiling of Ram Charan's wax statue at the renowned Madame Tussauds Wax Museum.

The unveiling ceremony, held on Saturday, was a blend of pride, celebration, and visual brilliance. What made the occasion even more special was that Charan's statue wasn't alone—his pet Rhyme also got a wax twin, making it one of the few

instances where a celebrity's pet has been honored alongside them. The detailed craftsmanship left everyone amazed, with an uncanny resemblance that made it difficult to tell the real Charan and Rhyme apart from their wax counterparts.

Dressed in a sharp black blazer, Ram Charan added a charming touch to the event by taking the real Rhyme on stage to pose next to the statues, drawing smiles from the crowd and an emotional response from his family. The joy and pride were evident on the faces of Chiranjeevi, Surekha, and Upasana as they witnessed the lifelike figures being revealed.



‘Love Insurance Company’ Gets Release Date, Nayanthara Makes the Big Announcement

Young Tamil actor and filmmaker Pradeep Ranganathan, who rose to fame with the blockbuster *Love Today*, is on a roll with back-to-back film projects. After scoring another recent hit with *Dragon*, Pradeep has now lined up two exciting movies, continuing his successful transition from director to leading actor.

One of the most anticipated among them is *Love Insurance Company*, a unique romantic sci-fi drama with an intriguing concept. The film is being directed by Vignesh Shivan, while his wife and popular actress Nayanthara is producing it in collaboration with SS Lalith Kumar. The project has generated significant buzz not only because of its cast and crew but also due to its unusual theme centered around time travel.

The makers have now officially announced the release date of the film. In a special update, Nayanthara revealed that *Love Insurance Company* will hit theaters on September 18, 2025. The film will be released in



Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, and Malayalam, expanding its reach across South India.

In *Love Insurance Company*, Pradeep Ran-

ganathan plays the role of a young man who acquires a futuristic mobile device that allows him to travel to the year 2035. His motive? To secure his love in the future—adding a creative twist to a romantic storyline. This blend of technology, romance, and emotion promises to bring something fresh to the audience.

The film also features a strong supporting cast including S. J. Suryah, Krithi Shetty, Yogi Babu, Seeman, Gouri Kishan, and Shah Ra. Their involvement ensures a mix of humor, drama, and impactful performances.

As the shoot continues at a brisk pace, fans are eagerly awaiting further updates and glimpses from the film. With a unique premise and a stellar team, *Love Insurance Company* is shaping up to be one of the most exciting releases of the year. The announcement has already sparked excitement on social media, with fans of Pradeep and Nayanthara sharing their anticipation.