



No CIBIL Score Needed For Rajiv Yuva Vikas: Bhatti



- CIBIL score not a criterion for Rajiv Yuva Vikasam selection
- 57,000 jobs already given; more to come via job calendar

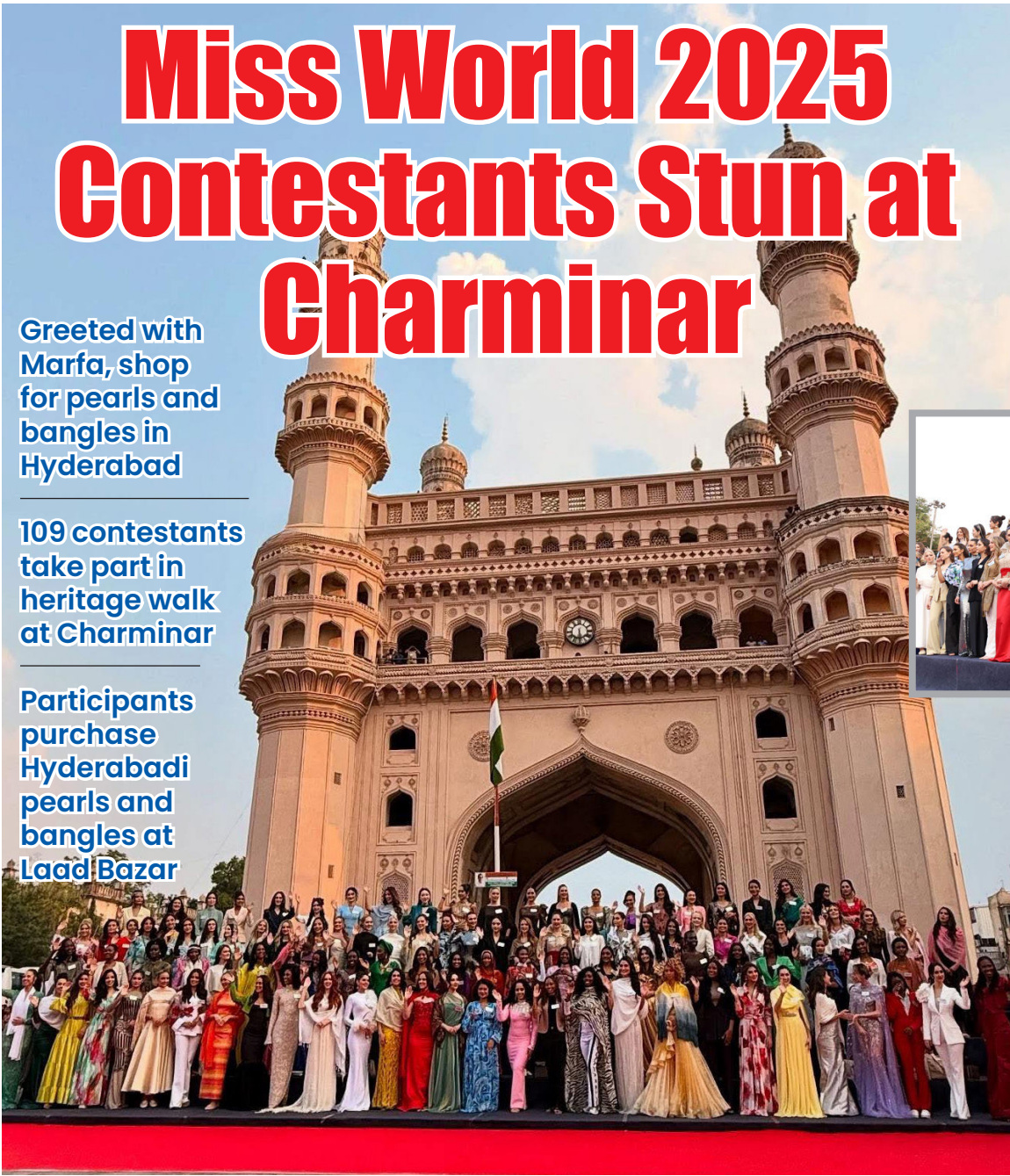
TPN Correspondent | Bhadradi Kothagudem
Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu has clarified that beneficiaries under the Rajiv Yuva Vikasam scheme are not selected based on CIBIL score, rejecting social media claims as false and misleading. Speaking in Tekulapalli Mandal of Bhadradi Kothagudem district, Bhatti called the Rajiv Yuva Vikasam scheme a boon for the unemployed, specifically aimed at empowering youth through self-employment. He stated that the district-level selection process will be completed by May 15, followed by the sanctioning of applications by May 28. Constituency-wise sanction letters will be distributed from June 2, on the occasion of State Formation Day. The Deputy CM criticised what he described as a misinformation campaign on social media about the CIBIL score requirement. He said the scheme is designed to support new applicants, not those who have already availed loans under SC and other corporations. Bhatti added that while the government has already provided 57,000 government jobs, more will be announced through a job calendar soon. For youth who are yet to benefit, Rajiv Yuva Vikasam offers a unique opportunity for self-reliant growth. Responding to requests from public representatives of Illandu and Mahabubabad, Bhatti announced that surveys have begun for Bayyaram and Thularam water projects, with a sincere goal of ensuring water access to those regions. He also targeted the BJP, accusing the party of wasting its ten-year rule with a surplus budget by failing to create employment opportunities or implement self-employment schemes.

Miss World 2025 Contestants Stun at Charminar

Greeted with Marfa, shop for pearls and bangles in Hyderabad

109 contestants take part in heritage walk at Charminar

Participants purchase Hyderabad pearls and bangles at Laad Bazar



TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
Hyderabad's iconic Charminar transformed into a stage of global glamour on Tuesday evening as 109 contestants from around the world participating in Miss World 2025 descended on the historic site for a special heritage walk. At around 4 p.m., the usually vibrant monument was under tight security as city police and elite OCTOPUS commandos secured the premises for the high-profile visit. Arriving in designated buses, the contestants were greeted with the upbeat rhythms of the traditional Marfa band, setting a festive tone for the event. A red carpet was laid out at the arch (kaman), with a temporary stage and flag post arranged for a ceremonial welcome. Dressed in coordinated outfits, the contestants



stood for a group photograph with Charminar as the majestic backdrop, marking a striking fusion of world pagantry and Hyderabad's historic charm.

The contestants, grouped by continent—Asia and Oceania, Europe, Caribbean and Americas, and Africa—

were led on a curated heritage walk through Laad Bazar, the city's age-old shopping street famed for its pearls and bangles. Many contestants were seen admiring the sparkling wares, making purchases and engaging with local vendors, adding a vivid touch of cultural exchange to the evening.

Following the walk, the group proceeded to the Chowmahalla Palace, where they were received with a series of cultural performances showcasing Telangana's rich royal and artistic traditions.

The evening served as a unique bridge between Hyderabad's storied past and the international flair of Miss World, offering a memorable experience to the contestants while showcasing the city's charm on a global stage.

Telangana Adds 17 Lakh Names To Ration Cards After 8 Years

- ▶ 1.51 lakh new ration cards issued since February
- ▶ 13.73 lakh names added to existing cards
- ▶ State to require 6,952 tonnes of extra rice monthly

TPN Correspondent | Telangana
In a major welfare move, the Telangana government has added nearly 17 lakh new names to existing ration cards between February and May 2025, expanding access to state-run welfare schemes such as Aarogyasri and subsidised food distribution. After nearly eight years of stagnation, the Congress-led state government began accepting fresh ration card applications through MeeSeva centres in February this year. Since then, 1.51 lakh new ration cards have been issued, under which

3.24 lakh people have been covered. Additionally, 13.73 lakh names were added to existing cards, clearing a large portion of the 21 lakh pending applications received over the years. According to officials, many of those added had previously been excluded from state health and food security schemes due to the absence of their names on family ration cards. The recent initiative now brings them into the fold of key welfare programmes.



As a result of this inclusion, the state will need an additional 6,952 tonnes of fine rice every month to cater to the new beneficiaries, officials said. The government has also proposed issuing two types of ration cards – white and pink – to differentiate categories of beneficiaries, but the

implementation of this system is yet to begin.

This large-scale expansion of the public distribution system reflects the Congress government's focus on widening social security coverage and addressing long-pending grievances related to welfare access.

Uttam Cites Paddy Data to Counter Harish Rao's Allegations

43.10 LMT paddy procured in Rabi 2024-25 season till May 12
Nearly 44% jump over last year, over 120% rise from two years ago
Uttam says farmers benefited through more centres



TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister Capt. N Uttam Kumar Reddy has strongly countered allegations made by BRS leader T Harish Rao regarding paddy procurement in Telangana. Citing official data, the minister said the Congress government had significantly ramped up procurement efforts and accused Harish Rao of running a "daily campaign of falsehoods." Addressing Harish Rao through a post on social media, Uttam Kumar Reddy presented a comparative chart of procurement data for the ongoing Rabi

2024-25 season, stating: "Harish Rao Garu, please see these comparative procurement figures of this year and stop stating falsehoods on every issue every single day!" According to the data, the state procured 43.10 lakh metric tonnes (LMT) of paddy by May 12, a sharp rise from 29.88 LMTs during the same period in 2023-24, and 19.62 LMTs in 2022-23. This reflected a nearly 44% increase over last year, and a more than 120% surge compared to two years ago.

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Will Support KTR as BRS Chief: Harish Rao

Clears air on party leadership, denies rift with KTR
Harish Rao says he will welcome KCR's decision

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
Senior Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) leader and Siddipet MLA T Harish Rao on Monday clarified that he would fully support K T Rama Rao (KTR) if BRS president K Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) decided to hand over the party's reins to him. Responding to media queries about BRS' future leadership and the persistent buzz around the internal dynamics between himself and KTR, Harish Rao reiterated his unwavering loyal-



ty to KCR and the party's decisions. "KCR is the party president, and I am a worker of the party. If he gives the leadership to KTR, I will certainly welcome it and extend my full cooperation," he said. Harish Rao sought to end the long-standing speculation about a rift between him and his cousin KTR, son of KCR. "There is no issue at all. I have made it clear many times. I have been with the party since the flag was first raised,"

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Skills Hubs in All Districts Soon: Sridhar Babu

- Skill training centers to come up in every Telangana district
- Young India Skills University campus to open by December 9
- Courses in aviation, pharma, logistics see strong job placements

TPN Correspondent | Ranga Reddy
Telangana's Minister for IT and Industries, Duddilla Sridhar Babu, announced that the government will establish skill training centers in all district headquarters across the state. This move is part of a broader road-map spearheaded by the Young India Skills University to transform Telangana into a skilled talent powerhouse. The minister visited the university's permanent campus under construction at Meerkhanpet in Kandukur Mandal, Ranga Reddy district, on Tuesday. After inspecting the site, he held a review meeting with contractors and officials, instructing them to complete the project on schedule. The campus is set for formal inauguration on December 9. Speaking at the review, Sridhar Babu emphasized that the university is being built to



global standards to bridge the gap between education and industry, helping youth gain employment. He stated, "Telangana's youth are exceptionally talented. With the right training and guidance, they can achieve great heights." In its initial phase, the Meerkhanpet campus will include academic blocks, laboratories, hostels, and the Vice Chancellor's office. The university is already offering in-demand programs in sectors such as Pharma, Retail,

Logistics, and Aviation & Airport Management, in collaboration with leading industry partners. Impressively, 70-80% of graduates are securing jobs soon after completion. Under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, the government is working to promote industrial development while increasing employment avenues. The minister highlighted that within a year, 57,000 government vacancies have been filled — a significant achievement. Responding to criticism from opposition parties, Sridhar Babu said development takes time but the government is committed to delivering on all promises made before elections. He reaffirmed their long-term vision, including the development of a "Future City" — Telangana's fourth major urban center — which will follow global standards with a focus on sustainable and inclusive growth. He added that the Future City Authority office will be launched soon. The review was attended by Young India Skills University Vice Chancellor Dr. V.L.V.S.S. Subbarao, OSD and Registrar Chaman Meh-ta, senior officials, and representatives of the executing agency.

Monsoon Advances for Telangana

Rains with lightning expected for four days



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The Hyderabad Meteorological Center has issued an orange alert for several districts in western Telangana as the state braces for thunderstorms, lightning, and gusty winds over the next four days. Weather officials attributed the change in conditions to the combined effect of a north-south trough and surface cyclonic circulation, which are triggering cumulonimbus cloud formations. While daytime temperatures continue to remain high across Telangana, the evenings are bringing in sudden spells of rain, accompanied by thunder and lightning. These conditions are expected to persist in both the northern and southern districts until the end of the week. Meteorological Department official Dharmaraju said that gusty winds, moderate to heavy rain, and frequent lightning strikes may occur in parts of western Telangana. In light of this, residents in affected districts are urged to remain alert and take necessary precautions during evening hours. Meanwhile, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has reported that the southwest monsoon is progressing steadily. By Tuesday afternoon, it had advanced into the south Andaman Sea, Nicobar Islands, and parts of the south Bay of Bengal. The Nicobar Islands have experienced heavy rainfall for two consecutive days, signaling active monsoon movement in the region. Authorities continue to monitor the weather closely and advise the public to stay updated through official bulletins and alerts issued by the meteorological departments.

Terrorist Arrest Rumour False: TGCSB

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The Telangana Cyber Security Bureau (TGCSB) on Tuesday, May 13, dismissed viral rumours claiming that a terrorist was arrested at Hyderabad's Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA). The Bureau clarified that the circulating video is from a mock drill conducted as part of routine security preparedness. In a fact-check alert posted on social media, TGCSB labelled the claim as false and misleading, urging citizens not to share or believe unverified content. "The footage being circulated is from a recent mock drill at Hyderabad airport. It is not linked to any real terrorist activity," the Bureau said. TGCSB also warned that spreading misinformation is a punishable offence and appealed to the public to follow only official sources



for updates. The Hyderabad airport authorities issued a similar advisory, confirming that the visuals were from a mock drill exercise. They reas-

sured passengers that airport operations are normal, with enhanced security measures in place for everyone's safety. The rumour comes at a time when the city is hosting the 72nd Miss World pageant, with 115 contestants from across the globe participating in events at various key locations since May 10. Authorities have tightened security at airports, hotels, heritage sites, and other venues involved in the international event. The TGCSB also reminded the public of earlier incidents, such as fake news about Operation Sindoor, where users spread fear-mongering content online. The Bureau stated that it is monitoring social media closely and will take strict action against anyone found spreading false information.

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Uttam Kumar Reddy credited the Congress government's proactive measures for this achievement, stating that more procurement centres were set up, operations were streamlined, and timely procurement at Minimum Support Price (MSP) was ensured. The ₹500 bonus per quintal for fine-quality paddy, he said, also brought substantial relief to farmers. Highlighting a historic production milestone, the minister said Telangana had achieved a record 280 LMT paddy yield in a single agricultural year. The Vanakulam season accounted for 153.5

LMT across 66.7 lakh acres, while the Yasangi crop covered 55 lakh acres, yielding 127 LMT. "This is not just a record for Telangana but a rare feat in the entire country," he remarked, noting that the achievement was made despite the failure of the Kaleshwaram Project. Uttam Kumar Reddy's pointed rebuttal comes amid an ongoing war of words between the ruling Congress and opposition BRS, with both sides trading allegations over the handling of irrigation and procurement-related issues.

Will Support KTR as BRS Chief: Harish Rao

he affirmed, dismissing political gossip that he had ambitions to succeed KCR. Though Harish Rao has served the party since its inception in 2001 and played a key role during the Telangana movement, KTR rose to prominence post-2009 and has since been positioned as a central figure in BRS' modern leadership. While some senior BRS leaders believe Harish Rao is more deserving of the leadership due to his contribution over the years, sources within the party confirm

that they will stand by KCR's final call. "Harish Anna has worked selflessly from day one. But the decision lies with KCR, and all of us will go with that," a senior BRS leader told TPN on condition of anonymity. As BRS grapples with its future direction after recent electoral setbacks, Harish Rao's public backing of KTR appears to be a move aimed at maintaining unity and presenting a cohesive leadership structure to the cadre and voters alike.

10,000 Chenchu families to receive Indiramma houses

Additional 500-700 houses for ST constituencies in tribal regions

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

The Congress-led Indiramma government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, is set to fulfil a long-standing dream of the Chenchu tribal community—owning a permanent home. On Tuesday, Revenue, Housing, Information and Civil Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy announced that nearly 10,000 Chenchu families will receive Indiramma houses, bringing an end to their generations-long homelessness. These houses are being sanctioned in tribal areas under four Integrated Tribal Development Agencies (IT-DAs)—Utnur, Bhadrachalam, Munn-anur, and Eturu Nagaram—using the saturation method to ensure no family is left out. The Minister emphasized that this historic initiative is in line with the repeated advice and vision of Governor Jishnu Dev Varma and Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, who both advocated for permanent housing in tribal areas. The Chenchus, a primitive tribe dependent on forest-based livelihoods like hunting and gathering forest produce, have traditionally lived in huts within forest belts. Acknowledging their deep-rooted attach-



ment to the land, the government has decided to construct homes at their current locations rather than relocating them—an approach no previous government had taken, the Minister stated.

The following allocation of 9,395 houses was announced across tribal constituencies:
Utnur ITDA: Asifabad – 3,551, Bodh – 695, Khanapur – 1,802, Sirpur – 311, Adilabad – 1,430, Bellampalli – 326
Bhadrachalam ITDA: Aswaraopet – 105
Munn-anur Chenchu Special Project: Achampet – 518, Mahabubnagar – 153
Eturu Nagaram ITDA: Parigi – 138, Tandoor – 184

He further informed that although 3,500 Indiramma houses are being sanctioned per constituency statewide, an additional 500 to 700 units will be allocated to tribal constituencies under ITDA limits to address the special needs of these communities. While the beneficiary selection is already completed across the state, 20% of units will be kept in buffer for each constituency to accommodate pending cases. The Minister also addressed housing concerns in urban areas, particularly within GHMC limits, where many poor families prefer not to move far from their current slum locations. Referring to past instances where 2BHK houses in Kollur remained unoccupied, he proposed the construction of G+3 apartments within city slum areas, to ensure accessibility and continued livelihood support. Minister Ponguleti concluded by reaffirming the government's commitment to inclusive development and promised continued support to underserved communities.

BRS Tried to Block People’s Government

CM to launch ₹12,500 crore Indira Giri Jal Saura Vikasam on May 18
BRS failed to deliver welfare schemes, alleges Bhatti

TPN Correspondent | Mahabubabad
Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka came down heavily on the previous BRS regime, accusing it of sabotaging the very idea of a people’s government. Speaking at a public meeting in Lakshmi Narasimhapuram of Illandu constituency, Mahabubabad district, Bhatti alleged that for the past ten years, BRS exploited public resources and denied the people basic schemes like farmer loan waiver, Indiramma housing, and Rajiv Yuva Vikasam. He recalled how tribal women farmers were tied to trees and beaten when they tried to

cultivate patta lands under the Forest Rights Act during the previous Congress tenure. Bhatti announced that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy will launch the Indira Giri Jal Saura Vikasam scheme on May 18 in Chenchu Colony, Achampet (Nagarkurnool district), aimed at providing water security and horticultural development in tribal areas. The scheme will have a budget of ₹12,500 crore, supplying solar pump sets, sprinklers, avocado and palm oil plants free of cost to tribal farmers. Plans are in place to ensure quarterly income for the beneficiaries through the Horticulture Department.

“Despite severe financial difficulties, we’re bringing schemes worth thousands of crores without burdening the people even by a rupee,” said Bhatti. The Deputy CM stated that 3,500 Indiramma houses have been sanctioned per constituency, and a total of ₹22,500 crore is allocated to construct homes for 4.5 lakh beneficiaries, especially focusing on tribal constituencies. He called it a historic achievement at the national level. Bhatti took sharp digs at KCR’s BRS government, asking why they failed to implement schemes that are now being rolled out by the Congress-led

government. “In 10 years, not a single double-bedroom house was given, no land for Dalits, no KG to PG schools were set up, and not even a single large industry like Nagarjunasagar or a water project like SSRSP was built,” he said. The Deputy CM said that the state was handed over to the BRS as a revenue-rich entity, yet they pushed it into a debt of ₹7 lakh crore, accusing the KCR family of bankrupting Telangana. Bhatti listed the current government’s achievements in the employment sector — 57,000 government jobs filled in just 18 months and another 30,000 to be filled soon. He



also announced that on June 2, sanction letters under Rajiv Yuva Vikasam will be handed over to five lakh unemployed youth, with a ₹9,000 crore budget to boost self-employment. He questioned why KCR never prioritized youth employment during his decade-long rule, and clarified that no popular scheme like Kalyana Lakshmi was scrapped. In fact, an additional ₹2,000 has been added to Rythu Bharosa. The Congress-led Praja government waived ₹2 lakh farm loans in just its first year, while the previous regime

failed to even manage ₹1 lakh in a decade, he said. “We’ve already spent ₹21,500 crore on loan waivers,” Bhatti revealed. He also highlighted monthly free rice distribution to 90 lakh families at an expense of ₹13,000 crore, free bus travel for women, and free electricity for those consuming below 200 units as major achievements. A proposal has been submitted to the Union Education Ministry for Young India International Schools to offer world-class education to poor children.

CM Busy with Beauty Contests, Not Farmers

- 4 lakh metric tonnes of grain stuck at procurement centers
- ₹4,000 crore unpaid for purchased paddy
- Farmer deaths at centers due to govt negligence

TPN Correspondent | Telangana Bhavan
Former Minister T. Harish Rao launched a scathing attack on Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, accusing him of ignoring farmers’ distress while giving priority to beauty contests. Addressing a press conference at Telangana Bhavan, Harish Rao said that while jawans protect the country at the borders, farmers are fighting at procurement centers to sell their crops — but the government is nowhere to be seen. “Revanth Reddy is not reviewing the plight of farmers but is busy holding reviews on beauty contests at the Police Command Control and Jubilee Hills Palace,” he said. “Those who should be walking in paddy fields are now walking in fashion shows.” Harish Rao alleged that grain procurement in the state has collapsed completely under the Congress regime. “The government said it would buy 70 lakh metric tonnes this Yasangi season, but hasn’t crossed even 40 lakh tonnes. Around 4 lakh metric tonnes of grain are lying unsold at procurement centers,” he pointed out. He added that ₹4,000 crore payments for purchased paddy and ₹512 crore in bonuses are pending. “Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy promised that payments would be transferred to farmers’ accounts within 48 hours of procurement. But even after 10 days, farmers haven’t received their dues,” he said. “Farmers are dying waiting at procurement centers under the hot sun. These are not natural deaths — they are government murders,” Harish Rao stated emotionally, listing six farmer deaths due to prolonged delays at procurement centers across Telangana. “The so-called ₹18,000 crore investment assistance is yet to be disbursed. Even



after pre-monsoon cuts, Yasangi support hasn’t been given,” he added. Referring to CM’s Assembly claim that there would be no “depreciation” under Congress, Harish Rao said farmers are losing 10 kg per quintal due to false weight deductions, leading to massive losses. “Jetty Raju from Mulugu committed suicide because of this issue,” he said. “Farmers are forced to wait for 10 days at procurement centers, exposed to scorching heat without any basic facilities.” He blamed the state’s neglect for the farmer deaths that occurred at procurement centers Gagulothu Kishan (May 13, Mahabubabad), Jalapathi Reddy (April 15, Jagityala), Hanumandla Premalatha (April 21, Mahabubabad), Birru Venkanna (April 22, Nellikuduru) and Chintakindi Hanumaiah (April 26, Siddipet) “Congress must take responsibility for these avoidable tragedies. CM Revanth should stop obsessing over glamor shows and instead focus on the suffering farmers,” he concluded.

Asaduddin Owaisi Lashes Out At Pakistan Again

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi has once again taken a sharp dig at Pakistan in the wake of the recent terror attack in Pahalgam and India’s retaliatory Operation Sindoor. His latest post on the ‘X’ platform, targeting Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Army Chief Asim Munir, is now making waves online. In his post, Owaisi questioned whether Sharif and Munir could even land the plane they borrowed from China at the Rahim Yar Khan airbase, sarcastically referring to the reported damage caused by Indian strikes. His tweet read, “Can Pakistan Prime Minister Sharif and Army Chief Munir land the plane rented from China at their Rahim Yar



Khan airbase?” The remark is being seen as a direct jibe at Pakistan’s alleged military vulnerability and reliance on Chinese support. It

follows the narrative that the Indian Army’s strikes under Operation Sindoor inflicted heavy damage on Pakistani infrastructure, including military airbases. Social media users on ‘X’ are reacting to Owaisi’s comment in various ways, with many applauding the boldness of his statement, while others are sharing memes and opinions reflecting the ongoing tension between the two nations. This is not the first time Owaisi has targeted Pakistan in the aftermath of the Pahalgam terror attack, which claimed the lives of 26 innocent Indian tourists. His consistent remarks reflect a strong stance on national security and cross-border terrorism.

Hold Local Body Polls: Sabita Indra Reddy

Slams delay in local body polls, accuses betrayal of promises

TPN Correspondent | Maheshwaram
Former Minister and Maheshwaram MLA Sabita Indra Reddy launched a sharp attack on the state government, accusing it of cowardice in delaying local body elections. Speaking at a cheque distribution event under the Kalyana Lakshmi and Shaadi Mubarak schemes at the Jalpally Municipality Premier Function Hall, she demanded the government prove its credibility by going to the people. “If you dare, hold elections immediately. The people themselves will give you the right advice,” she asserted, adding that the government came to power on the back of lofty promises but has now betrayed the public’s trust by failing to fulfill them. She also highlighted the public’s growing sense of helplessness, stating that people



do not know whom to approach in times of need. On this occasion, cheques were handed over to 380 beneficiaries, symbolizing her continued commitment to public welfare. Sabita Indra Reddy said that during her tenure, her government prioritized the economic upliftment of poor families, especially women, through initiatives like Kalyana Lakshmi and Shaadi Mubarak. “Even now,

the welfare of the people is our first priority,” she reaffirmed. The program saw participation from Balapur Mandal Tahsildar Indira Devi, Jalpally Municipality Commissioner, former Chairman, Vice Chairman, Councilors, BRS leaders, and a large number of local representatives, women, and beneficiaries, who expressed their gratitude for the support extended to them.

Etela Misusing BC Card for Votes

Chanagani Dayakar says Etela mentally disturbed over BJP politics

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
TPCC official spokesperson Chanagani Dayakar launched a scathing attack on BJP MLA Etela Rajender, accusing him of using the Backward Class (BC) card solely for electoral gains, while continuing to work against their interests in practice. Speaking to the media, Dayakar alleged that Etela has become mentally disturbed after being denied the BJP Telangana president post. “He joined BJP not out of ideology, but to protect himself from the cases filed by KCR during his time in BRS,” he said. He questioned Etela’s commitment to BC welfare, claiming that he did not support the BC caste census, and instead, he was playing politics by posing as BC for votes and OC for business. Highlighting the Jamuna Hatcheries case, Dayakar said that Etela had only secured a stay, and the case was still pending in court. “He escaped KCR’s grip by joining BJP, but if he fails to secure a top post there, BRS will throw him out too,” he remarked. Chanagani Dayakar further accused Etela of never welcoming any schemes introduced by the Congress government, especially those benefitting the poor and unemployed youth. “The Congress government created thousands of jobs, but Etela has chosen to ignore them while criticising our work like a Hydra colluding with builders in Hyderabad’s real estate,” he said. He also accused Etela of snatching land from farmers, particularly in Musaipet, Lavanya



Patta lands. “His 5-acre bungalow is filled with pure oxygen, but he expects the poor to continue living in slums and filth,” he mocked, demanding an apology from Etela and BJP leaders for their baseless remarks against the Congress government. Referring to corruption during BRS rule, Dayakar asked, “Why didn’t Etela speak about the Kaleshwaram scam? Why didn’t he hold even a single press meet on it?” He further stated that Etela looted thousands of crores, sarcastically saying, “Did he earn all this from a single chicken egg?” Calling Etela “a staunch anti-BC figure,” Dayakar said there is no social justice in Etela’s house. He emphasized that CM Revanth Reddy and Congress ministers are working day and night for the people, while Etela is only indulging in divisive politics. “Every party has the right to criticize responsibly, but Etela behaves like a Shikhandi who cannot tolerate criticism,” Dayakar concluded.

Operation Sindhur Ends, Operation Surat Begins

20 accused in cyber fraud arrested in Surat by TG Police 515 cases across India, 60 in Telangana alone

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Hyderabad, May 14: In a significant breakthrough, the Telangana Police have successfully concluded a special interstate cyber operation named "Operation Surat", aimed at cracking down on a gang of cyber fraudsters operating from Gujarat. The operation, reminiscent in its intensity to a military-style counteroffensive, followed the successful completion of Operation Sindhur, and resulted in the arrest of 20 individuals who were involved in widespread financial scams targeting common citizens. According to the Telangana Cyber Security Bureau, the gang members, who were based in Surat, Gujarat, had been involved in duping people through fake investment schemes and fraudulent part-time job offers. With over 515 cases registered against them across the country, including 60 in Telangana, the suspects were under close surveillance.



Following credible leads, two special teams of Telangana police were dispatched to Surat. In a 10-day covert operation, officers meticulously tracked down and arrested all 20 suspects. The accused include private company

employees, traders, and even the Vapi branch relationship manager of DCB Bank, showcasing how deeply embedded the gang had become in legitimate institutions. The police seized a total of 20

mobile phones, 28 SIM cards, 4 ATM cards, 5 cheque books, 2 rubber stamps, and numerous documents from the accused. These items are believed to have been used to facilitate and conceal their fraudulent transactions. The arrested individuals have been transported to Hyderabad, where further interrogation is underway. Authorities are now investigating the full extent of the gang's operations and working to identify and assist the victims of their scams. Officials emphasized that the operation is a major step in curbing cyber crime and promised continued action against such fraudsters, who are exploiting digital platforms to ruin the lives of innocent citizens.

Sandeep Sultania Appointed Telangana Finance Secretary



TPN Correspondent | Telangana
Senior IAS officer Sandeep Kumar Sultania has been appointed as the new Finance Secretary of Telangana, succeeding K Rama Krishna Rao, who was recently elevated to the post of Chief Secretary of the state. A 1998 batch IAS officer, Sultania previously held the post of Sports Secretary in Telangana and has served in various capacities within the state administration. His appointment as Special Chief Secretary of the Finance Department marks a crucial shift in the state's financial leadership. Sultania replaces K Rama Krishna Rao, a 1991 batch IAS officer, who served as the Finance Secretary before being appointed as the Chief Secretary of Telangana two weeks ago. An official government order confirming Sultania's appointment was issued on Tuesday by the Telangana Chief Secretary's office. Sultania is expected to play a key role in managing the state's fiscal policies, budget allocations, and financial planning under the leadership of the current Congress government.

Protest by Cinema Workers Against PVR Management



TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
Tension prevailed in front of Panjagutta Central Mall in Hyderabad after a group of cinema workers staged a protest against the PVR management, accusing them of harassing employees, particularly female staff. The protesting workers alleged that the management was behaving inappropriately towards women, enforcing humiliating rules such as requiring HR permission for women to use the washroom after every work activity. They also expressed anger over being denied basic employee rights, including leave and regulated working hours. Protesters claimed that the management was acting arbitrarily and unethically, creating a hostile work environment. Demanding immediate action, the workers urged authorities to intervene and take steps

against the management for the alleged mistreatment of employees. The protestors included both male and female workers, who raised slogans and held placards highlighting the alleged exploitation. Upon receiving information about the demonstration, the Panjagutta police arrived at the scene and detained the protesters, stating that the protest was conducted without official permission. The detained workers were taken to the Panjagutta police station. The incident has brought attention to the working conditions within multiplex chains, especially regarding treatment of staff in high-pressure environments. While no official response has been given by PVR management yet, calls for an impartial investigation into the allegations are growing louder from worker unions and rights activists.

Fake Certificate Racket Busted in Hyderabad

Four held, 108 bogus certificates seized by South-East Task Force

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
In a major crackdown, the Commissioner's Task Force, South-East Zone team along with Mehdiapatnam Police busted a fake educational certificate racket in Hyderabad on May 12, 2025. Acting on credible information, the team apprehended four individuals and seized 108 forged certificates from various universities and four mobile phones. The key accused, Mohammed Mujeeb Hussain (54), a resident of Chandrayangutta, was operating an educational consultancy that provided fake certificates for use in visa processing, foreign studies, and job applications, particularly in multinational companies. He was caught red-handed while deliv-

ering the certificates near the Government School at Eidgah Grounds, First Lancer, Mehdiapatnam. Among the arrested were Mohammed Nasir Khan (26), an IT employee from Tolichowki, who was the intended recipient of the fake documents. Mohd Al Baseer Rahmani alias Sohail (45), a gym trainer from Gudimalkapur and Zia-Ur-Rahman Siddiqui (34), a gym owner from Tolichowki. Both Sohail and Zia acted as mediators between the certificate provider and clients. Investigations revealed that Mujeeb Hussain procured the fake certificates from absconding accomplices based in other states—Manoj Viswash from Kolkata, Ravinder from Meerut, and Ajay alias Mukesh from Ut-



tar Pradesh. He then distributed them locally through the mediators to needy individuals. The operation was carried out under the supervision of Sri S. Saidababu, Inspector of Police, South-East Zone Task Force, and Sri S. Mallesh, Inspector of Police, Mehdiapatnam PS.

Sub-inspectors Sk. Kaviuddin, P. Sairam, M. Madhu, K. Srinivasa Reddy and teams from the Task Force and Mehdiapatnam PS played a key role in the successful bust. Authorities are now on the lookout for the main suppliers behind the racket. Further investigation is underway.

Five Arrested For Kompally Murder

Business rivalry behind brutal attack at weekly market

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
Five individuals have been arrested for the murder of a businessman, Syed Siddiq, in Kompally, Hyderabad, on Sunday evening, May 11. The arrests were made by Petbasheerabad police on Monday, May 12. The accused have been identified as Shaik Ahmad (33), Shaik Rehmath (24), Kodimayala Shashi Kumar (23), Vagmar Raj Kamal (24), and Varikuppala Jampanna (20). While four of them are from Macha Bolaram, Jampanna hails from Old Alwal. According to police, Siddiq (38),



who ran a battery light rental business with his father for vegetable vendors, was attacked at the weekly market in Kompally. Investigations revealed the murder stemmed from a long-standing rivalry with another businessman, Shaik Mo-

hammad, and his family. In March 2025, a violent altercation at the Medchal market led Siddiq to allegedly assault Ahmad, Shaik Mohammad's son. In retaliation, Ahmad allegedly plotted the murder, involving his brother and three accom-

plices. On May 11 at 7:45 p.m., the group tracked Siddiq's location and launched a planned attack. "Ahmad, Rehmath, and Shashi Kumar stabbed Siddiq repeatedly with knives. Raj Kamal and Jampanna joined in, hitting him with a vehicle key and punching him," a police official said. Varikuppala Jampanna, one of the accused, has a criminal background with seven property offence and robbery cases registered against him since 2020, police added. All five accused have been remanded to judicial custody as investigations continue.



7.750 Kg Ganja Seized in Five Raids, Six Arrested

STF and DTF teams crack down on ganja smuggling across Hyderabad

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
In a major crackdown on the illegal ganja trade, Special Task Force (STF) and District Task Force (DTF) teams have seized 7.750 kg of ganja in five separate cases across various parts of Hyderabad. A total of six persons were arrested, while multiple others are absconding. In the first case, DTF CI Praveen Kumar's team seized 3 kg of ganja in Gopanapalli, Sherlingampalli area. The accused, Belal Bepari and Rahul Haque alias Ruhul, both from Mal-

kangiri district, Odisha, were apprehended and handed over to the Sherlingampalli Prohibition and Excise Station. The operation was conducted by CI Praveen Kumar along with SI Srikanth Reddy, and officers Fakhruddin, Ganesh, Nehru, and Shekhar. In another operation, STFA team leader Anji Reddy seized 1.230 kg of ganja from a residential house in Jhansi's Chaurai area. Shivsingh was arrested in this case, while Lakhansingh is still at large.

The same team later seized 1.2 kg of ganja near Nampally railway station, arresting Kamble Sunil and U. Ganesh. However, Hatagade Aman and Gaush managed to escape. Meanwhile, STFC CI Venkateswarla's team seized another 1.2 kg of ganja from Nityananda Biswas, also hailing from Malkangiri, Odisha, in the Dhulpeti area. The seized contraband and the accused were handed over to the Dhulpeti Prohibition and Excise Station. Lastly, based on a tip-off, STF D

team conducted raids on two premises under the Langar House Flyover in the Golkonda area, where 1.12 kg of ganja was seized. The accused, Sheikh Mohammed Khalil, was arrested and handed over to the Golkonda Prohibition and Excise Police Station, said CI Nagaraju. Authorities have intensified vigilance across key areas in the city as part of their ongoing drive to curb the illegal ganja trade, and further investigations are underway to nab the absconding suspects.

Dharmoji Kunta Turns into Dumping Yard

Locals fear complete loss of pond due to negligence
Waste dumping threatening the pond's existence
Authorities' inaction raises concerns of encroachment

TPN Correspondent | Shamshabad
Dharmoji Kunta, a historic pond located in Survey No. 73 of Shamshabad town, is on the verge of disappearance due to uncontrolled waste dumping and official negligence. Once a vital source of water for agriculture and a part of the area's traditional chain pond system, the water body is now buried under mounds of garbage and encroachments. Spread across 12 pits over 10 acres, Dharmoji Kunta used to sustain the surrounding agricultural lands. However, rapid urban development and unregulated construction in the upper catchment areas have blocked the natural inflow channels. With only the pond bed remaining, the area is now being

targeted for illegal land grabbing under the guise of waste dumping. Over the past few months, massive amounts of waste, including animal carcasses, have turned the pond into an open dumping yard, drawing pigs and creating a serious health hazard. Adding to the controversy, a politically influential individual has constructed a large wall within the pond's buffer zone. Despite orders from Hydra Commissioner Ranganath, who visited the site and directed the Irrigation Department to dismantle the illegal wall, no action has been taken. Locals are expressing anger and disbelief at the blatant violation of orders and the lack of enforcement. The Irrigation Departme



nt's failure to protect the pond, combined with municipal indifference towards preserving and developing the area, has sparked

fears that Dharmoji Kunta will soon vanish from the landscape altogether. Residents are demanding immediate intervention to

halt the dumping, remove the illegal structures, and restore the pond before it is completely lost to encroachers.

ISRO Set to Launch Strategic Satellite on 18th

Risat-1B to provide critical support to military surveillance
Satellite equipped with all-weather, day-night imaging radar

TPN Correspondent | Tirupati

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is gearing up for a crucial launch this month with the PSLV-C61 mission scheduled for lift-off at 6:59 AM on May 18 from the first launch pad at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) in Sullurpet, Tirupati district. This mission will place the advanced earth observation satellite Risat-1B into a targeted orbit. Scientists are currently in the final stages of preparation for the launch, which is being seen as a strategically significant step in India's space and defense programs. Risat-1B is equipped with a C-band Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR), enabling it to capture high-resolution images of the Earth's surface regardless of weather conditions and time of day. This cutting-edge feature allows the satellite to function efficiently even during cloudy conditions or at night, making it a vital tool for security

and defense applications. With heightened tensions along the India-Pakistan border and the need for stronger surveillance capabilities, Risat-1B is expected to play a vital role in strengthening national security. The satellite will assist in tracking terrorist camps, monitoring enemy troop movements, and observing activity along border areas with extreme precision. Sources say the imaging capabilities of Risat-1B will give Indian military forces a strategic edge in real-time reconnaissance and intelligence-gathering. ISRO's continued development of such advanced observation satellites reflects India's growing prowess in space technology and its expanding focus on defense readiness from space. The PSLV-C61 launch will mark another milestone in ISRO's ongoing efforts to integrate space-based technologies with national security priorities.



Streets Lights Out

Streets filled with sewage
Locals report health issues, accuse officials of inaction

TPN Correspondent | Sangareddy

Serious civic issues have erupted in Muthangi's Vijetha Colony under the Telapur Municipality of Sangareddy district, where overflowing sewage and non-functional street lights have made life miserable for residents. In a letter addressed to the Municipal Commissioner, the Sri Shivalaya Committee has highlighted the grave condition of the locality and demanded immediate action. According to the committee, the drainage system in several streets of the colony has completely collapsed. As a result, sewage has stagnated on the roads, spreading unbearable stench and leading to an alarming rise in mosquito and fly populations. Residents, particularly young children and the elderly, are reportedly falling ill due to the unhygienic conditions. Adding to their woes, vehicles are unable to navigate through the flooded streets, effectively bringing traffic to a halt. Emergency services and timely medical assistance have become nearly impossible, further endangering the lives of the residents. Despite repeated complaints to the municipality, the locals claim no corrective measures have been taken. In their letter, they



expressed anger over the silence of political leaders who had made tall promises during elections but have now failed to deliver. The Sri Shivalaya Committee urged the municipal officials to resolve the drainage problem on a war footing, warning that the

upcoming monsoon season could make the situation far worse. They appealed to the Municipal Commissioner to prioritise the health and safety of the residents by restoring the drainage system and fixing street lighting. With the colony on the brink of a public health crisis, all eyes are now on the municipal authorities and their response to this desperate plea for help.

TG Students Deserve Sainik School Opportunities in AP

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

Telangana Minister Ponnamm Prabhakar has urged the Centre and the Andhra Pradesh government to allow Telangana students to be treated as locals in AP Sainik schools until similar institutions are established within Telangana. He voiced his concerns during a media interaction in Hyderabad, pointing out the plight of nearly 20,000 Telangana students who appeared for the Sainik school entrance exam but were left disheartened due to existing policies and lack of access. Prabhakar emphasized that while several states in India have Sainik schools, Telangana continues to remain deprived of one, even years after the bifurcation. He stated that the absence of such schools in Telangana is denying young aspirants a fair opportunity to pursue a military education and career, which is affecting their future prospects. He also made a strong appeal to Union Ministers Kishan Reddy and Bandi Sanjay to intervene immediately in this matter and ensure justice for the state's students. "There should be no delay in establishing Sainik schools in Telangana. Until then, Telangana students should be treated as locals in AP institutions," Prabhakar said. He expressed confidence that with central intervention, the issue can be resolved swiftly. He reiterated the state government's commitment to securing equal opportunities for Telangana's youth and protecting their educational aspirations in national institutions.

VIP Letters to Be Accepted in Tirumala from May 15

Break darshans allowed for AP, TG public reps' letters



TPN Correspondent | Tirupati

In a key announcement, Andhra Pradesh Endowments Minister Anam Ramanarayana Reddy declared that VIP recommendation letters will once again be accepted in Tirumala from May 15, allowing break darshans based on these letters from public representatives of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. This announcement marks a reversal of the earlier decision by the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD), which had suspended break darshans based on recommendation letters from May 1 to July 15, citing overwhelming summer pilgrim rush. The suspension had affected recommendation letters from board members and public representatives, allowing break darshans only for protocol-level VIPs. Speaking to the media, Minister Anam clarified that the TTD has now decided to reduce the suspension period, and from Thursday, public representatives' recommendation letters will be honored once again for facilitating break darshans. The initial TTD decision drew considerable attention and concerns, especially from political representatives and officials across the Telugu states. With this latest move, the government appears to be responding to that feedback by reinstating access, albeit slightly delayed. The break darshan facility is a significant means for elected officials to assist devotees in securing expedited access to the deity, particularly during high-demand seasons such as summer. The revised move is expected to ease tensions and restore a crucial channel for facilitating pilgrim convenience through elected representatives. Further clarification from TTD authorities is expected regarding the updated guidelines and daily quotas for break darshan tickets under recommendation letters.

Minister Surekha Key Directions to Forest Officials



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State Forest, Environment and Endowments Minister Smt. Konda Surekha on Monday held a detailed review on forest fire prevention measures and wildlife conservation efforts. The meeting took place at the Secretariat, where the Minister conducted a video conference with Principal Chief Conservators of Forests (CCFs) from various zones and District Forest Officers (DFOs) across Telangana. Minister Surekha took stock of the preparedness against forest fires, particularly during the ongoing dry summer season. She inquired from the officials about the availability and functionality of fire-fighting equipment, especially to tackle major fire incidents that could cause damage to flora and fauna. She questioned which districts have reported the most forest fire incidents and what steps are being taken to prevent harm to wildlife in such scenarios. The Minister emphasized the importance of vigilance and proactive response in case of emergencies. In view of the summer, Minister Surekha also sought details on the availability of drinking water facilities for wildlife, including in forest areas and zoos. Officials informed her that 2,168 watering holes have been established across various forest regions to ensure animals do not suffer due to water scarcity. They also explained that water is being transported daily by tractor tankers to refill these watering holes. Minister Surekha issued specific instructions to pay special attention to the Nehru Zoological Park in Hyderabad and Warangal Zoo Park, given the footfall and animal diversity. She directed the zoo and forest officials to ensure adequate water and nutritious food, especially items with high water content like cucumbers and watermelons, are provided regularly to the animals. She warned officials not to neglect any aspects of wildlife welfare and instructed them to ensure regular monitoring of food and water supply, especially during the peak summer period. The video conference was attended by senior officials including PCCF (HoFF) Dr. Suvarna, PCCF (Wildlife) Eel Singh Meru, PCCF (Schemes) Jawahar, Wildlife OSD Sankaran, and Nehru Zoo Park Director Sunil Hiramath, among others.

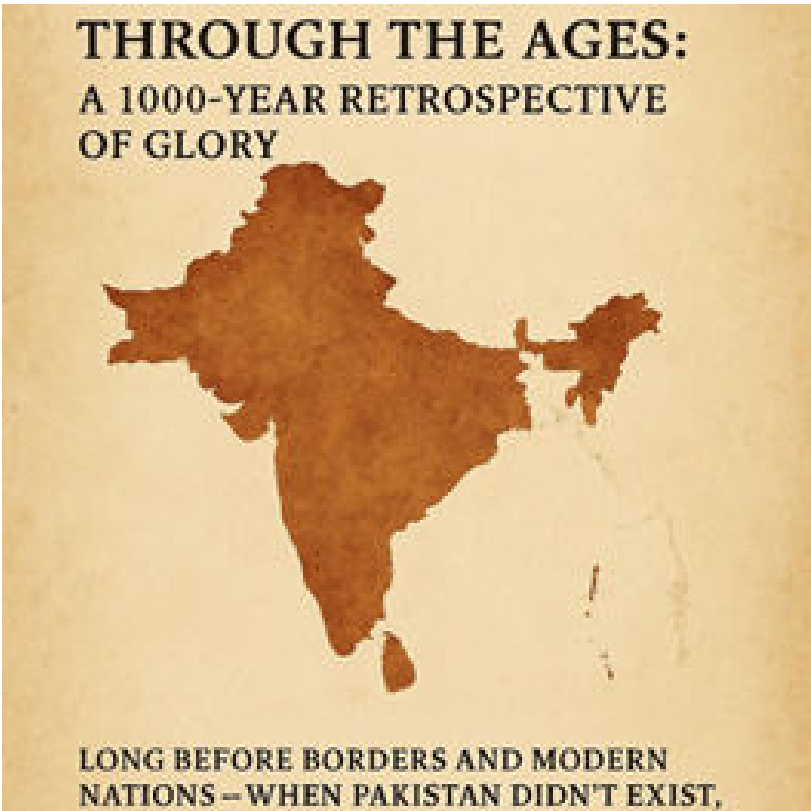
Trump References ‘1000-Year Conflict’ in Kashmir

Akhand Bharat: A Look at Millennium Era Glory Before Pakistan Existed

If Donald Trump indeed said something along the lines of “after 1000 years, a solution can be arrived at the Kashmir issue,” it is likely a metaphorical way of referencing how long and difficult the conflict has been—or feels. He’s known for hyperbolic constructed statements, often leaving room for broad interpretation. The Kashmir conflict, as a modern geopolitical issue, is only about 75 years old, arising after the Partition of British India in 1947. 1000 years ago (around 1025 CE), there was no Pakistan, no India in the modern political sense, and no “Kashmir issue” as a national dispute. The Indian subcontinent was a cultural and civilizational entity with a mix of kingdoms, philosophies, and religions. 1000 years back it was grand Aknada Bharat

Akhand Bharat: A Civilizational Concept not political

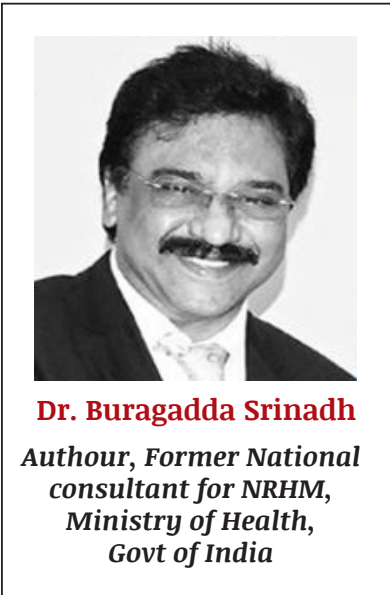
“Akhand Bharat” (Undivided India) is an ideological and cultural concept promoted primarily by Hindu nationalist organizations like the RSS (Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh). It envisions a unified region encompassing Modern-day India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sometimes extending to Nepal, Bhutan, Afghanistan, Myanmar, and Sri Lanka It’s based not on modern political borders but on a shared cultural, spiritual,



and civilizational history that predates colonial divisions. Historically, the subcontinent was united under various empires (e.g., Maurya Empire under Ashoka, Gupta Empire, Mughal Empire), but always with regional autonomy and pluralism. Spiritually and philosophically, the Indian subcontinent shared languages (Sanskrit, Pali), faith systems (Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism), and ideas that crossed borders freely.

The magnificent Akhand Bharat from a millennium ago

In public discourse today, the term Akhand Bharat is once again entering mainstream conversations—but what does it truly mean? A thousand years ago, the land we now call Bharat or India was not a patchwork of isolated territories, but a civilizational unity spanning vast regions of South Asia. This was Akhand Bharat—a term that evokes the idea of an undivided India, bound not just by geography but by shared cultural, spiritual, and historical values. From Gandhara in the northwest to



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Kalinga in the east, and from Kashmir to Kanyakumari, the subcontinent was deeply connected by language, trade, religion, and philosophical traditions. While political boundaries shifted over time, the idea of Bharat remained intact through common civilizational threads—Sanskrit, dharmic philosophies, and a worldview rooted in coexistence. Akhand Bharat is not merely a political concept; it is a cultural memory of unity, harmony, and collective identity that predates colonial disruptions. As we reflect on our history and redefine our future, revisiting the spirit of Akhand Bharat reminds us of what once was—and what could be again. It is a call to rediscover shared

heritage, mutual respect, and a deeper understanding of the subcontinent’s true historical context.

India’s past 1,000 years— Scientific and Intellectual Advancements

—are filled with rich cultural, political, and scientific developments. While colonial narratives often emphasized decline, modern scholarship reveals that many regions of India flourished in arts, trade, and learning. Here’s a broad overview of India’s glorious past a millennium ago: Mathematics and Astronomy: Indian scholars like Bhaskara II (12th century) wrote seminal works like Lilavati and Siddhanta Shiromani, advancing algebra, arithmetic, and astronomy. Medicine and Ayurveda: Traditional systems like Ayurveda continued evolving, with texts building on earlier works like Charaka Samhita and Sushruta Samhita. Education Centers: Universities like Nalanda and Vikramashila were major centers of Buddhist and Hindu learning until their destruction by invaders like Bakhtiyar Khilji.

What Did Trump Likely Mean?

If Trump referred to a “1000-year” timeline or made statements about a solution to the

Kashmir issue after such a long period, it’s best interpreted as rhetoric—an exaggeration to express how longstanding and difficult the issue seems. He is endorsing “Akhand Bharat”, or is there any such ideological visions for him.

Akhand Bharat believe that the fragmentation of the Indian subcontinent has led to decades of political instability, extremism, and suffering for ordinary citizens—particularly in Pakistan and Bangladesh. Many argue that these populations have been caught in a prolonged struggle between oppressive military regimes and radical militant groups. “The people of Pakistan and Bangladesh deserve peace, prosperity, and freedom from fear . “If a unified South Asian vision can provide that, then it is worth serious consideration.”

Trump’s reference to a “1000-year conflict” in Kashmir may be interpreted by some as an acknowledgment of the deep-rooted challenges in the region, but also as a sign of the international community’s growing interest in seeking long-term solutions.

While the idea of Akhand Bharat is often debatable , its proponents argue that it is less about political takeover and more about cultural reintegration, economic collaboration, and shared peace among neighboring nations.

End of an Era: Kohli and Rohit’s Test Retirements Signal New Transition for Indian Cricket



In a monumental moment for Indian cricket, Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma have officially retired from Test cricket, closing a defining chapter in the sport’s modern history. Kohli, 36, and Rohit, 38, will continue to represent India in ODIs, but their departure from red-ball cricket marks a critical transition phase for the national team — one filled with both challenges and opportunities.

Over the past decade, the duo shaped India’s dominance in the Test arena. Kohli, with his aggressive leadership and unwavering commitment to the longest format, redefined India’s identity in global cricket. Scoring 9,230 runs in 123 Tests with 30 centuries, he also became India’s most successful Test captain with 40 wins. His relentless energy, passion, and fierce support for fast bowlers fueled a new brand of Indian Test cricket that found success overseas, most memorably in Australia in 2018–19.

Rohit Sharma, on the other hand, was a late bloomer in Test cricket. After years of inconsistency, he reinvented himself as an opener in 2019 and brought calmness and class to the top order. With 4,301 runs in 67 Tests, his centuries in

challenging conditions, such as in Chennai and The Oval, showed his maturity in the format. As captain post-Kohli, he led India to the WTC final — falling short, but carrying forward the team’s competitive spirit.

Together, Kohli and Rohit bridged two cricketing generations. They stepped up following the retirements of legends like Tendulkar and Dravid, and now leave behind a team in flux. Their exit comes at a time when India lacks similarly experienced successors. Shubman Gill, 25, is expected to take over the Test captaincy. While he and young talents like Yashasvi Jaiswal and Sarfaraz Khan show potential, the team is still finding its new identity.

India’s upcoming five-match Test series against England will be the first major test for this new era. Without Kohli’s fire and Rohit’s stability, the squad must evolve quickly, both in mindset and performance.

Their retirements mark more than the end of two great careers — they signify the start of a tough but crucial rebuilding phase for Indian Test cricket.



PM Modi’s Firm Doctrine: No Talks, No Trade with Terror

Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s powerful address to the nation on Monday night laid down a clear, uncompromising policy direction: India will no longer entertain diplomacy or economic engagement alongside terrorism. His words — “Terror and talks cannot go together, terror and trade cannot go together, and water and blood cannot flow together” — have drawn a definitive line in India’s geopolitical approach, particularly concerning Pakistan.

This bold message comes on the heels of Operation Sindoor, India’s swift and precise military response to the gruesome April 22 terror attack in Pahalgam. The operation, involving the Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force, struck nine terror-linked targets across Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) and deeper inside Pakistani military installations, including Karachi’s Malir cantonment and key radar stations in Lahore. The downing of a Pakistani Mirage jet further underscored India’s readiness to escalate, if provoked.

Unlike previous retaliations, Operation Sindoor was not about emotional retribution. It was a calculated and restrained military strike, targeting only infrastructure linked to terror operations while deliberately sparing civilian zones. This restraint, paired with devastating effectiveness, speaks volumes about India’s evolving military doctrine — rooted in precision, indigenous capability, and strategic clarity.

India’s use of homegrown defence systems such as the Akash air defence missile and advanced counter-drone technology showcased the country’s growing self-reliance in defence, as well as its tactical edge. The operation sent a message that India no longer relies on external validation or permission to act decisively against threats to its sovereignty.

Modi also called out Pakistan’s public glorification of slain terrorists through state funerals, highlighting the state’s complicity in cross-border terror. He made it clear that the only topics India is willing to discuss with Islamabad are the end of terrorism and the return of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. Even foundational treaties like the Indus Waters Treaty are now “on the table,” signaling a willingness to reconsider long-standing agreements if terrorism persists.

Importantly, Modi clarified that the ceasefire after Operation Sindoor was initiated at Pakistan’s request, countering international speculation of external mediation, including from the United States.

With Operation Sindoor, India has set a new precedent in regional engagement — one defined not by diplomatic ambiguity but by assertive clarity. The onus now lies squarely on Pakistan to choose peace, or face continued consequences under a new Indian doctrine.



PM Modi pays visit to Adampur Airbase, interacts with soldiers

PM Modi Hails Air Force at Adampur Base, Warns Pakistan of Retaliatory Doctrine

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday visited the Adampur air base in Punjab, a strategic Indian Air Force facility that recently played a crucial role in retaliatory strikes against Pakistan. Addressing air force personnel, he praised their courage and discipline during the recent escalation and reaffirmed India's unwavering stance on national security and counterterrorism.

Modi lauded the Indian armed forces for their role in Operation Sindoor, calling it a turning point in India's military doctrine. "This is not just an operation; it is a declaration of our strength, policy, and intent," he said, adding that its echoes are being heard globally.

Calling the armed forces the pride of the nation, the Prime Minister said, "Every Indian is proud of you. I have come here to have your darshan; this is a blessing. You have written history." He emphasized that the chant of 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai' is not a war cry but an oath that inspires both action and sacrifice.

Highlighting the impact of India's strikes, Modi said, "We trampled terrorists in their homes. Pakistan tried to target this base but failed. Their plans were crushed. Terrorists now realize there is no safe place for them in Pakistan. Their godfathers know the cost of casting an evil eye on India will be massive destruction."

The Prime Minister also declared

that India would not tolerate nuclear blackmail and that the country makes no distinction between terrorists and those who sponsor them. "India's 'Lakshman Rekha' is clear—any terror attack will receive a definitive reply on our terms," he stated, calling Operation Sindoor the "new normal" in India's military posture.

He also commended the forces for taking precautions to ensure civilian air traffic was not affected during India's strikes, emphasizing the professionalism of the Indian military.

Asserting that India is a land of both Gautam Buddha and Guru Gobind Singh, Modi concluded with a stern warning: "If there is another attack, India will respond—firmly, decisively, and on our own conditions."



BJP Launches 10-Day Nationwide 'Tiranga Yatra' to Honour Armed Forces, Opposition Cautions Against Politicisation

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The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Tuesday, May 13, kicked off a 10-day nationwide 'Tiranga Yatra' to pay tribute to the Indian armed forces and commemorate the success of Operation Sindoor. The campaign, launched in the wake of the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, aims to evoke national pride and celebrate India's military response to cross-border terrorism.

Operation Sindoor, executed on May 7, targeted terror camps across Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) in response to the killing of 25 tourists and a Kashmiri pony operator. The BJP's yatra is designed to amplify the message of national unity and resilience in the face of terrorism.

The yatra, which will continue until May 23, includes bike rallies, flag-hoisting ceremonies, public meetings, and outreach events in towns and cities across India. BJP leaders and cadres are participating in large numbers, waving the national flag and paying homage to the bravery of India's armed forces.

However, the initiative has drawn criticism from opposition leaders

who caution against politicising the military. Tejashwi Yadav, leader of the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) and former deputy chief minister of Bihar, expressed reservations about the BJP's approach.

"I am proud of our armed forces for their strong response to terrorism," Yadav said, "but I firmly believe that the military should not be dragged into politics. Taking credit for the success of a military operation undermines the professionalism of our defence forces."

Yadav, currently Leader of the Opposition in the Bihar Assembly, reiterated his call for a special session of Parliament to allow all elected representatives — including Prime Minister Modi — to express appreciation for the military in a bipartisan manner.

He acknowledged that other INDIA bloc leaders, like Sharad Pawar, had called for an all-party meeting instead, but stressed that the shared sentiment across parties was clear: to honour and support the armed forces. As the Tiranga Yatra moves forward, it continues to stir debate — symbolising national unity for some and political opportunism for others.

India expels Pak High Commission staffer over activities outside official role

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In a significant diplomatic move, India on Tuesday expelled a staff member of the Pakistan High Commission in New Delhi, declaring the individual persona non grata for engaging in activities beyond the scope of their official duties. The official has been ordered to leave the country within 24 hours, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) confirmed in a statement. The expulsion comes at a time of heightened tensions between India and Pakistan following Operation Sindoor, a coordinated Indian military response targeting nine terrorist infrastructures in Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir (PoK). The strikes were launched after the deadly Pahalgam terror attack on April 22, which claimed the lives of 26 people, mostly civilians and tourists.

A formal demarche was issued to the Charge d'Affaires of the Pakistan High Commission, communicating India's strong objection to the unnamed official's conduct. The MEA did not publicly disclose the nature of the activities or the diplomat's identity but stated the actions were inconsistent with the official's diplomatic status.

This latest step follows a series of retaliatory diplomatic measures initiated by India in the aftermath of the Pahalgam attack. On April 23, India announced the scaling down of Pakistan's High Commission



staff in New Delhi from 55 to 30. In addition, all Pakistani Defence, Naval, and Air advisors were expelled, with a seven-day deadline to exit the country. India also recalled its diplomatic personnel from Islamabad.

Further intensifying pressure, India suspended the Indus Waters Treaty, a key water-sharing agreement brokered by the World Bank in 1960. The treaty's suspension will remain until Pakistan provides credible and irreversible assurance to cease its support for cross-border terrorism. Moreover, the Attari-Wagah border checkpoint was closed for cross-border travel, with an exception for those who had already entered India with valid documents, allowing them to return by May 1, 2025.

Although military tensions have de-escalated following a mutual agreement to cease hostilities across land, air, and sea announced on Saturday, diplomatic friction remains high. India's expulsion of the Pakistani diplomat signals its continued firm stance against any activities perceived as undermining national security or supporting terrorism.

India Reaffirms Kashmir Stance, Dismisses Trump's Mediation Claim

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

India firmly reiterated its unchanged position on the Jammu and Kashmir issue in response to recent remarks made by U.S. President Donald Trump. Addressing the media on May 13, 2025, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal emphasized that Jammu and Kashmir remains a bilateral issue between India and Pakistan, and there is no room for third-party mediation.

"The Government of India has a long-standing national position that any matters relating to Jammu and Kashmir are to be resolved bilaterally between India and Pakistan. This policy has not changed," Mr. Jaiswal asserted. He added that the only unresolved issue is the vacation of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), which India considers illegally occupied.

The clarification comes in the wake of President Trump's social media claims that the U.S. had successfully mediated a ceasefire between the two nuclear-armed neighbors, following India's Operation Sindoor—a targeted military campaign against terror infrastructure inside Pakistan and PoK. Mr. Trump also linked the ceasefire to the possibility of advancing trade relations between the U.S. and India. Rejecting this claim, the MEA spokesperson stated unequiv-



ocally that no discussions on trade had taken place in the conversations between Indian and U.S. leaders following the operation. "The issue of trade did not arise in any of the discussions between our leadership and their counterparts," Mr. Jaiswal said.

Further distancing India from any suggestion of nuclear escalation, he declared, "Operation Sindoor was conducted entirely within the conventional domain. We do not respond to or recognize nuclear blackmail." He also warned other nations against endorsing nuclear threat narratives, which, he said, could undermine global stability.

Jaiswal clarified that the ceasefire announced on May 10 was the outcome of direct communication between the Directors-General of Military Operations of India and Pakistan. "There was no role for any third-party mediation in this decision," he stressed.

Shashi Tharoor Praises PM Modi for Handling India-Pakistan Conflict and Operation Sindoor

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Senior Congress leader and Member of Parliament Shashi Tharoor on Tuesday lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his leadership during the recent escalation between India and Pakistan, describing the handling of the conflict and the execution of Operation Sindoor as "extremely well-managed."

In an interview with NDTV, Tharoor praised the Prime Minister's decision to address the nation following India's military action in response to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, which left 26 people dead. "It is the duty of our Prime Minister to speak to his people during critical times," he said, adding that while Mr. Modi regularly connects with citizens through his monthly radio program Mann Ki Baat, moments of national crisis warrant more direct engagement.

"I am glad he came on television, looked the nation in the eye, and addressed the big issues. Whether it was during Covid or now in times of war, such moments require leadership and clarity," Tharoor emphasized.

Operation Sindoor, which began in the early hours of May 8, targeted nine terror camps and infrastructure sites across Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK). Tharoor commended the precision and planning of the strikes, calling them "meticulously executed."



"I give full marks to the operation — from its naming to its execution. It was clearly a product of strategic military planning, not a haphazard or impulsive response," he stated.

Tharoor also underscored the importance of the message India has sent through these actions. "The message is clear — we are no longer willing to tolerate cross-border terrorism. The more they (Pakistan) push, the greater the consequences they will face," he warned.

Despite a ceasefire agreement being reached on Saturday at 5 PM, Pakistan reportedly violated the terms within hours, heightening the fragility of the peace. Nevertheless, Tharoor stressed the importance of India's resolve, noting that Pakistan now understands the price of provoking India.

In conclusion, the Congress MP urged the Prime Minister to continue addressing the nation directly during times of national security threats or crises, saying, "Every time the country faces such moments, the people deserve to hear from their leader."

Trump Begins West Asia Tour with Grand Welcome from Saudi Crown Prince



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President Donald Trump commenced his four-day West Asia tour on May 13, 2025, with a high-profile visit to Saudi Arabia. The former U.S. President was warmly welcomed by Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman at Riyadh's King Khalid International Airport. This visit marks a significant diplomatic engagement between the U.S. and Saudi Arabia, focused on pressing issues like Iran's nuclear ambitions, the Gaza conflict, oil prices, and regional security cooperation.

Air Force One was ceremonially escort-

ed by Royal Saudi Air Force F-15 fighter jets as it entered Saudi airspace. Upon arrival, Trump was served traditional Arabic coffee by attendants in ceremonial dress, setting a tone of grandeur for the visit. A formal lunch at the Royal Court followed, with several top American business leaders in attendance, including Elon Musk, Stephen Schwarzman, and Larry Fink. Musk, in particular, plays a key role in Trump's government efficiency initiative, which aims to cut down waste and fraud in federal operations.

Later in the day, Trump was scheduled to attend a U.S.-Saudi investment

conference and a state dinner. Saudi officials emphasized the importance of the partnership, with Investment Minister Khalid al-Falih stating that U.S.-Saudi cooperation often leads to "great things." The Crown Prince is expected to seek deeper cooperation on energy and technology, including arms deals and AI development.

The visit comes amid ongoing instability in the region. While Saudi Arabia has increased oil production to help Trump curb inflation in the U.S., their economy relies on higher oil prices, raising questions about the sustainability of such cooperation. Meanwhile, Trump's diplomatic approach has unsettled Israel, as key decisions—such as halting U.S. airstrikes against Yemen's Houthis—have reportedly been made without prior Israeli consultation. Trump's decision to exclude Israel from his first Middle East stop has also drawn attention. Analysts suggest this signals a shift, with Gulf states currently enjoying closer ties to Trump than Israel does. Trump aims to revive normalization talks between Saudi Arabia and Israel, but Saudi demands—like U.S. security guarantees and progress on Palestinian statehood—may hinder swift progress, especially amidst the ongoing Israel-Hamas conflict.



Russia Downed Malaysian Airline MH17 In Ukraine, Rules UN Aviation Body

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In a landmark ruling on Monday, May 13, 2025, the United Nations aviation body—the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)—officially held Russia responsible for the 2014 downing of Malaysian Airlines Flight MH17 over eastern Ukraine. The Dutch government confirmed the decision, marking a critical development in the long-standing international effort to seek justice for the 298 passengers and crew members who lost their lives.

Flight MH17 had departed from Amsterdam bound for Kuala Lumpur on July 17, 2014, when it was struck by a surface-to-air missile in airspace controlled by pro-Russian separatists amid intense conflict in eastern Ukraine. The aircraft was flying at cruising altitude when it was shot down, killing all on board. The tragedy drew global condemnation and sparked years of investigations and legal proceedings.

This recent ICAO decision stems from a case initiated by Australia and the Netherlands in 2022. While the ICAO lacks the power to enforce punitive measures, its rulings carry significant moral and diplomatic weight among its 193 member states. In the coming weeks, the

council will deliberate on possible reparations and further diplomatic steps.

Dutch Foreign Minister Caspar Veldkamp welcomed the ruling, calling it "an important step towards establishing the truth and achieving justice and accountability for all victims of Flight MH17, and their families and loved ones." He also emphasized that the verdict sends a strong message to the international community: nations cannot violate international law without consequences.

The ICAO's decision builds on earlier findings. In November 2022, a Dutch court convicted two Russians and a Ukrainian in absentia for their roles in the attack. Moscow dismissed the verdict as "scandalous" and reiterated that it would not extradite its citizens for prosecution.

Australia and the Netherlands are now urging the ICAO to press Russia into negotiations regarding reparations for the victims' families. Though the path forward remains diplomatically complex, the ruling marks a significant moral victory for advocates of accountability and international justice. The ICAO has not yet issued an official public response.

Baloch Rebels Claim 71 Attacks Across Pakistan, Urge Global Action Against Islamabad

The Baloch Liberation Army (BLA) has claimed responsibility for a sweeping wave of attacks across Pakistan's Balochistan province, marking one of the most extensive escalations in the region in recent years. In a statement released on Sunday, the BLA said it had conducted 71 coordinated assaults across more than 51 locations as part of its ongoing 'Operation Herof'. The group targeted Pakistani military installations, intelligence hubs, police stations, and key transport routes, calling the campaign a direct response to Islamabad's continued exploitation of Balochistan and its alleged support for global terrorism.



According to the BLA, the strikes took place in areas including Kech, Panjgur, Mastung, Quetta, Zamuran, Tolangi, Kuluki, and Nushki. The rebel group claimed its operatives used a combination of ambush tactics, improvised explosive devices (IEDs), sniper fire, and direct assaults to carry out the attacks. The operations reportedly led to the seizure of several security posts and disrupted the movement of mineral convoys, which the group accuses Pakistan of looting from Baloch land.

In its statement, the BLA rejected ac-

cusations of being a proxy force for any foreign power, asserting that its struggle is rooted in Baloch nationalism and self-determination. It labeled Pakistan a "breeding ground" for international terrorism and urged the global community, particularly India, to take concrete steps to isolate Islamabad diplomatically and economically.

The group warned that continued tolerance of Pakistan's alleged terror activities could destabilize South Asia further, hinting at the potential for increased regional conflict if the in-

ternational community remains passive. "A new order has become inevitable," the BLA stated, suggesting that the current geopolitical framework in South Asia is unsustainable as long as Pakistan continues its current policies. The statement comes at a time of heightened security concerns in the region, with Pakistan facing internal unrest and economic challenges. The BLA's renewed offensive and direct appeals to India and the global powers could complicate regional diplomacy, especially as tensions along Pakistan's borders continue to simmer.

2 Indian Students Killed in Tragic Car Crash in US, Indian Consulate Extends Support

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Two Indian students studying in the United States lost their lives in a tragic car accident in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, last week. The victims were identified as 23-year-old Saurav Prabhakar and 20-year-old Manav Patel, both enrolled at Cleveland State University in Ohio. The fatal crash occurred on the morning of May 10, when their vehicle veered off the road, collided with a tree, and subsequently struck a bridge along the Pennsylvania Turnpike.



According to local authorities, the incident took place around 7 a.m. near the Reading Interchange in East Cocalico Township. Saurav Prabhakar was driving the car at the time, while Manav Patel was in the passenger seat. Both young men were declared dead at the scene. The Lancaster County Coroner's Office confirmed that they succumbed to multiple traumatic injuries and ruled their deaths as accidental.

A third, unidentified occupant was also present in the vehicle. This individual survived the crash and was transported to Reading Hospital for treatment. Details about their condition have not yet been released.

The news of the students' untimely deaths has sent shockwaves through the Indian community abroad and at

home. The Consulate General of India in New York expressed its sorrow and extended heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families. "Deeply saddened to learn about the unfortunate road accident in which two Indian students from Cleveland State University, Manav Patel and Saurav Prabhakar, lost their lives," the consulate posted on X (formerly Twitter). It added that it is in close contact with the victims' families and is providing all necessary assistance during this tragic time.

Friends and fellow students have also begun expressing grief and sharing tributes on social media, remembering the duo as ambitious and warm-hearted individuals who had come to the U.S. in pursuit of their academic dreams.

The incident serves as a somber reminder of the vulnerability of young international students far from home and highlights the importance of community and institutional support during such critical moments.

Anthony Albanese Sworn in for Second Term as Australian Prime Minister



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Anthony Albanese was officially sworn in as Prime Minister of Australia for a second term on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, following a sweeping victory by his center-left Labor Party in the recent national elections. The swearing-in ceremony, conducted by Governor-General Sam Mostyn, took place at Government House in Canberra and also included the formal appointment of his cabinet.

Albanese's win marks the formation of the largest Labor government since Australia's federation in 1901. The party secured at least 92 out of 150 seats in the House of Representatives, according to preliminary results from the Australian Electoral Commission. His come-from-behind victory has been attributed to a voter backlash against global instability, much of it linked to policies introduced by U.S. President Donald Trump, particularly in areas of trade, foreign relations, and climate diplomacy.

The opposition Liberal Party faced a major defeat, with its leader Peter Dutton losing his seat. In response, the party appointed Sussan Ley as its new leader, making her the first woman to lead the federal Liberal Party. The Liberals also lost several

urban seats to independent female candidates who campaigned on platforms advocating for climate action and gender equality.

In his new cabinet, Albanese retained key ministers in positions such as treasury, foreign affairs, defence, and trade, signaling a commitment to continuity. Michelle Rowland has taken over as attorney-general, Murray Watt was named environment minister, and Tanya Plibersek was appointed minister for social services.

Industry leaders welcomed the cabinet announcement, with Business Council of Australia CEO Bran Black praising the government's stability and calling for environmental law reforms. He emphasized the importance of international trade to the economy, particularly amid ongoing global geopolitical uncertainties.

Prime Minister Albanese is set to begin his second term with key diplomatic engagements. He will travel to Indonesia on Wednesday and later attend the inauguration mass of Pope Leo XIV in Rome. During the visit, he is also expected to meet European leaders, including European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, to discuss trade and economic cooperation.

Markets Retreat Sharply; Sensex Sheds 1,281 Points as Geopolitical Fears and Profit-Booking Weigh Heavy.

Domestic stock markets suffered heavy losses on Tuesday. Benchmark indices lost half of yesterday's gains. The indices, which started in a gap-down, were shaken as investors rushed to take profits. Although defense stocks were strong, IT, FMCG, auto and private bank shares dragged down the indices. On the other hand, changing geopolitical equations around the world are causing concern. Overall, Nifty rose by 346 points and Sensex by 1281 points.

The BSE Sensex, which closed at 82,429 in the previous session, opened at 82,249 on Tuesday. It touched an intraday low of 81,043. It reached an intraday high of 82,572. It finally closed at 81,148, losing 1281 points. The NSE Nifty, which opened at 24,864, touched a low of 24,547 and a high of 24,973. It closed at 24,578, down 346 points. The Nifty Bank rose 442 points to settle at 54,940.

In the Nifty50, 13 companies gained while 37 lost. BEL, Jio Finance, Hero Moto, Dr Reddy's, and Sun Pharma were the top gainers. Infi, Eternal, Power Grid, HCL Tech, and TCS were the biggest losers. Media, PSU Bank, Pharma, and Healthcare indices rose. IT, FMCG, Auto, Private Bank, Oil, Metal, Finance, and Realty indices rose.

Market breadth is in favor of buyers on NSE today. Out of a total of 2959 shares traded, 1948 gained and 937 lost. 43 shares touched their 52-week high and 10 shares touched their 52-week low. 199 stocks reached the upper circuit and 31 stocks reached the lower

circuit.

Tata Motors has released its fourth quarter results. Net profit fell 51.2% to Rs 8,470 crore from Rs 17,353 crore. Revenue fell marginally to Rs 1.19 lakh crore from Rs 1.20 lakh crore. April CPI inflation was 3.16 percent. Shares of Gensal Engineering rose 5% after MD Puneet Singh Jaggi resigned. Siemens Q2 net profit fell 27.4% to Rs 503 crore from Rs 803 crore. The rupee settled at Rs 85.34 against the dollar. 13 lakh shares changed hands in Nuvoco Vistas. Jefferies has given a buy rating to UPL with a target price of Rs 810. 32 lakh shares changed hands in Bajaj Housing. CLSA has given a hold rating to Tata Steel with a target price of Rs 145. 10 lakh shares changed hands in Canara Bank. It is noteworthy that CLSA has given an outperform rating to Hindalco with a target price of Rs 815. Arcade Developers' net profit has grown by 70% from Rs 19.6 crore to Rs 33.3 crore. Jubilant Ingrevia's net profit increased from Rs.29 crore to Rs.74 crore. GAIL India's net profit fell by 47% to Rs.2049 crore from Rs.3867 crore. Hero Moto's net profit increased by 6.4% to Rs.1016 crore from Rs.1081 crore. 32 lakh shares changed hands in Bajaj Housing.

1. Kalyan Jewellers India
Kalyan Jewellers is one of India's leading jewellery retailers, known for its wide range of gold, diamond, and other precious jewellery. The com-



pany has been expanding its footprint both domestically and internationally. Kalyan Jewellers is aggressively expanding its store network, focusing on tier-2 and tier-3 cities in India to capture growing demand. The company also plans to strengthen its presence in the Middle East. Investments in its online platform and digital marketing aim to enhance customer engagement and boost sales through e-commerce. The company is focusing on lightweight and affordable jewellery to attract younger customers and increase market share in the non-bridal segment. Kalyan Jewellers aims to capitalize on rising gold prices and festive demand in India. Its expansion strategy and focus on digital sales are expected to drive growth, though volatility

in gold prices remains a risk.

2. Apar Industries



Apar Industries is a leading manufacturer of conductors, cables, and specialty oils, serving sectors like power, telecommunications, and automotive. Apar is investing in expanding its manufacturing facilities to meet growing demand for power transmission cables and specialty oils. The company aims to increase its export markets, particularly in North America and Europe, for its conductor and cable products. Investments in eco-friendly products, such as low-loss conductors, align with global sustainability trends. Apar Industries is well-positioned to benefit from India's infrastructure push and global demand for renewable energy solutions. However, raw material price fluctuations could impact

margins.

3. Hero MotoCorp



Hero MotoCorp is India's largest two-wheeler manufacturer, producing motorcycles and scooters for domestic and export markets. Hero is scaling up its EV portfolio under the Vida brand, with plans to launch new electric scooters and expand charging infrastructure. Investments in premium motorcycles to compete with rivals like Bajaj and TVS. Focus on increasing exports to Africa, Latin America, and Southeast Asia. : Hero MotoCorp is poised for growth in the EV and premium segments, supported by rural market recovery. Regulatory scrutiny (e.g., a 2023 investigation into fund diversion) and competition remain challenges.

4. Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)



BHEL is a state-owned engineering and manufacturing company specializing in power equipment, railways, and defense products. BHEL is expanding into non-thermal segments like railways (e.g.,

Vande Bharat trains) and defense equipment to reduce reliance on thermal power. Efforts to streamline operations and reduce expenses to improve profitability. Investments in solar and green hydrogen technologies to align with India's clean energy goals. BHEL's strong order pipeline and diversification efforts are positive, but high expenses and delays in project execution could hinder profitability.

5. Escorts Kubota (ESCORT)



Escorts Kubota is a leading manufacturer of tractors, construction equipment, and railway components, with a strong presence in India's agricultural sector. Demand for EVs and cost-saving equipment by e-commerce and consumer goods companies has indirectly supported Escorts' construction equipment segment. Escorts Kubota is launching advanced tractors with higher fuel efficiency and smart technology to cater to modern farming needs. Collaboration with Kubota Corporation to introduce precision agriculture solutions and expand product offerings. Targeting higher exports to Africa and Southeast Asia, leveraging Kubota's global network. Escorts Kubota is well-placed to benefit from India's agricultural modernization and rural economic recovery. However, monsoon variability and input cost pressures could pose risks.

Paytm Shares Drop 5% as Ant Group Plans Rs 2,066 Crore Stake Sale



Shares of One97 Communications, the parent company of Paytm, saw a significant decline of 5% during Tuesday morning trading after news emerged that Ant Group, the financial services affiliate of Alibaba, plans to offload up to 4% of its stake in the company, valued at approximately Rs 2,066 crore.

The stock plummeted by 4.99% to Rs 823.10 on the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE), while at the National Stock Exchange (NSE), it fell by 4% to Rs 830.55.

Sources revealed that Ant Group intends to sell up to 25.5 million shares of One97 Communications through bulk deals on both BSE and NSE on May 13. This sale of 4% of the company's stake would reduce Ant Group's holding in the digital payments firm.

At the end of the March quarter, Ant Group (Netherlands) Holding BV owned 9.85% of Paytm, according to shareholding data. This move by Ant Group is part of its strat-

egy to offload its holdings, which has triggered concerns in the market, leading to the drop in Paytm's stock price.

Goldman Sachs (India) Securities Pvt Ltd and Citigroup Global Markets India Pvt Ltd have been appointed as the placement agents for the stake sale.

Ant Group, previously known as Ant Financial, has been under significant pressure to restructure its investments in several global ventures, including Paytm. The stake sale comes at a time when Ant Group has faced regulatory challenges in China and is looking to optimize its international portfolio.

Investors and market analysts are closely monitoring the developments, as this large-scale sale could impact Paytm's stock price further in the short term. The announcement also underscores the volatility in the fintech space, with major shareholders making strategic adjustments amidst regulatory and market changes.

India's Major Ports Achieve Record Cargo Handling in FY 2024-25

India's major ports have set a new milestone by handling a record 855 million tonnes of cargo in FY 2024-25, marking a 4.3% growth compared to 819 million tonnes in FY 2023-24, as per the Ministry of Ports and Shipping. This surge in cargo traffic was fueled by significant increases across key sectors, including container throughput (up by 10%), fertiliser cargo (up by 13%), petroleum, oil, and lubricants (POL) (up by 3%), and miscellaneous commodities (up by 31%).

In terms of commodity handling, POL topped the charts, with 254.5 million tonnes (29.8% of total cargo), followed by container traffic at 193.5 million tonnes (22.6%) and coal at 186.6 million tonnes (21.8%). Other commodities, including iron ore, pellets, and fertilisers, contributed significantly to the overall growth.

Notably, Paradip Port Authority (PPA) and Deendayal Port Authority (DPA) sur-



passed the 150-million-tonne mark for the first time, solidifying their status as major maritime trade hubs. Additionally, Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) achieved a record by handling 7.3 million TEUs, reflecting a remarkable 13.5% year-on-year growth.

In terms of port-led industrialization, Indian ports have allocated 962 acres of

land, expected to generate Rs 7,565 crore in FY 2024-25, with lessees set to invest Rs 68,780 crore in future developments. Private sector involvement has also grown significantly, with investments in public-private partnership (PPP) projects tripling from Rs 1,329 crore in FY 2022-23 to Rs 3,986 crore in FY 2024-25.

Operationally, the ports saw a 36% improvement in Pre-Berthing Detention (PBD) time compared to FY 2023-24, while the total income of major ports grew by 8% to Rs 24,203 crore. Operating surplus also rose by 7% to Rs 12,314 crore.

Minister of Ports, Shipping, and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal, credited these achievements to the ministry's focus on modernizing infrastructure, improving operational efficiency, and fostering private sector participation, helping India's ports meet growing trade demands.

India's Gold Prices Witness Fluctuations: Rate And Overview

Gold prices in India saw a dip on May 12, 2025, marking a one-week low, but have since shown some recovery today, May 13, 2025. The price of 24-carat gold has been set at ₹9,562 per gram, while 22-carat gold stands at ₹8,765 per gram, and 18-carat gold is available for ₹7,172 per gram. These prices reflect ongoing fluctuations in the market, influenced by both global economic conditions and domestic demand. Despite the price drop in recent days, gold remains a popular investment option, particularly in India, where it continues to be seen as a safe haven for investors looking to hedge against inflation and economic uncertainty.

Across major cities in India, including Chennai, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Mumbai, and Delhi, the prices for gold are generally



consistent. While the prices are the same in these cities for the three key types of gold—24K, 22K, and 18K—local taxes and specific market conditions may lead to slight variations in the final price. This makes it essential for gold buyers and investors to stay updated on the most current rates. In India, gold has always been a significant part of the culture, especially in the form of jewelry, and is often purchased during auspicious occasions like weddings, festivals, and other celebrations.

The demand for gold in India remains high, even amid fluctuations in prices. As an investment, gold is perceived as a stable asset that holds its value over time. Its role as a hedge against inflation and a store of wealth continues to make it a preferred option for many, especially during periods of financial uncertainty. Despite short-term volatility, gold's long-term value continues to attract both individual investors and institutions alike.

Given the global economic landscape, investors are advised to keep an eye on the gold market, as price fluctuations can create both opportunities and risks. Gold's status as a trusted investment asset continues to make it an important part of financial portfolios.

Earth’s Oxygen to Vanish in 1 Billion Years, Supercomputer Simulation Predicts

A recent study led by scientists at Toho University in Japan predicts that Earth’s oxygen-rich atmosphere will vanish in approximately one billion years, making complex life unsustainable. Using advanced NASA planetary modeling and running over 400,000 simulations, researchers forecast how the Sun’s continued brightening will ultimately lead to the collapse of Earth’s biosphere.

As the Sun ages, it will grow hotter and more luminous, setting off a chain reaction on Earth. The rise in surface temperatures will cause

widespread water evaporation, disrupting the planet’s climate and ecosystems. This change will weaken the carbon cycle — the process that regulates carbon dioxide and supports plant life — eventually leading to a halt in photosynthesis. As a result, plants will die, and oxygen production will cease.

Without oxygen, Earth’s atmosphere will begin to resemble its state before the Great Oxidation Event more than two billion years ago — high in methane and devoid of breathable air. This transformation would make the planet unin-

habitable for humans and most known life forms. The study, published in Nature Geoscience, is titled “The Future Lifespan of Earth’s Oxygenated Atmosphere.” Kazumi Ozaki, Assistant Professor at Toho University and lead author of the study, explained that the findings refine previous estimates, which suggested the biosphere could last for two billion more years. According to Ozaki, earlier predictions were based on long-term geological models focusing on the depletion of CO2 and solar heating. However, this new study provides a more precise time-

line for when oxygen will begin to vanish rapidly.

While microbial life might persist in the altered atmosphere, complex organisms, including humans, would not survive. The research highlights the long-term instability of Earth’s environment and serves as a reminder of the finite window for life as we know it. In the grand scale of cosmic time, one billion years may seem far off, but the findings offer a sobering glimpse into Earth’s distant future — and the ultimate fate of our planet’s biosphere.



Ray-Ban Meta Smart Glasses Launched in India with AI Features and Camera Capabilities



Ray-Ban Meta Smart Glasses, developed in collaboration with EssilorLuxottica and Meta, were officially launched in India on Monday. Combining classic Ray-Ban aesthetics with modern technology, these smart glasses are designed to offer hands-free convenience for photography, music, communication, and augmented reality features.

Starting at ₹29,900, the glasses are available in Skyler and Wayfarer designs in a Shiny Black color. The Wayfarer Matte Black model is priced at ₹32,100, while the Skyler Chalk Grey and Wayfarer Matte Black variants with enhanced finishes cost ₹35,700. Pre-orders have begun, and the smart glasses will go on sale starting May 19 via Ray-Ban.com and leading eyewear retailers in India.

The glasses feature a 12-megapixel ultra-wide camera built into the frame, alongside five microphones and open-ear speakers. The camera allows users to take high-resolution photos (3,024 x 4,032 pixels) and record 1080p videos up to 60 seconds long. An LED indicator lights up during recording for privacy awareness. These media files can be shared directly to Meta platforms like Facebook and Instagram or through the Meta View app to other apps.

Ray-Ban Meta Glasses also support first-person livestreaming, enabling users to broadcast in real time on Facebook and Instagram. Powered by Qualcomm’s Snapdragon AR1 Gen1 chip and equipped with 32GB internal storage, they offer up to 4 hours of battery life on a single charge and an additional 32 hours with the charging case. They also feature an IPX4 water resistance rating.

Meta’s built-in AI assistant adds powerful voice features. Users can say “Hey Meta” to identify songs via Shazam, translate conversations in real-time between English, Spanish, French, or Italian, and get contextual information about their surroundings using the glasses’ camera and live AI feed.

The glasses support voice commands for sending DMs, making audio/video calls, and playing music from apps like Spotify, Apple Music, and Amazon Music. With voice-to-search capabilities, users can request specific songs, albums, or artists, making the Ray-Ban Meta Glasses a true blend of fashion and futuristic tech.

McDonald’s Chef Reveals Why Their Coffee Tastes So Good

McDonald’s is famous for its burgers and fries, but for many, its coffee is the real star. Fans across social media often praise McCafe coffee as better than what many cafes serve — and now, the fast-food giant’s secret is finally out.

A curious customer once asked online, “Why is McDonald’s coffee almost always better tasting than anything I brew myself?” Many echoed similar sentiments, calling it “the best one-dollar coffee in the world.” For years, coffee lovers have tried to replicate McDonald’s coffee at home, often without success. Now, corporate chef Mike Lingo has revealed why.

According to Lingo, the secret lies in McDonald’s exclusive coffee blend. “We use 100% Arabica beans sourced from Rainforest Alliance-certified farms or farms



in our McCafe Sustainability Improvement Platform program,” he told Food & Wine. This medium-dark roast is crafted especially for McCafe and is not available elsewhere. The blend features a full body and notes of fruit, floral tones, and chocolate — a flavor profile difficult to duplicate.

But it’s not just the beans that make a difference. McDonald’s ensures quality at every step. Each outlet grinds coffee beans on-site, preserving freshness and enhancing the flavor. For hot coffee, they use a traditional hot brew method, while iced coffee is made using the Japanese iced brew technique. These methods

are designed to bring out the rich flavors of the coffee.

Employee training also plays a major role. McDonald’s baristas are trained to maintain consistency and precision in brewing, which ensures every cup meets a high standard, regardless of the location.

“We’re focused on doing the little things right — from selecting top-quality beans to using the best roasting techniques and equipment,” Lingo explained. “It’s our attention to detail that brings out that signature McCafe flavor.”

So, if you’ve been wondering why your homemade cup doesn’t quite match up, it’s likely because McDonald’s coffee is the result of a carefully crafted process — and a blend you simply can’t buy in stores.

‘Drone Pakodas’ Take Off Online Amid Indo-Pak Tensions: A Quirky Taste of Patriotism

Amid the ongoing Indo-Pak standoff and public concern over drone threats, a unique culinary twist has captured the imagination of netizens — “drone pakodas.” This unusual yet patriotic snack became a viral sensation after retired Lieutenant General KJS Dhillon shared a photo of it on social media platform X (formerly Twitter).

Posting the image with a spirited caption, Gen Dhillon wrote, “Drone Pakodas – a new snack in the Air Defense Regiment. Jai Hind.” The pakodas, humorously shaped like miniature drones, instantly caught attention for their creative design and timely context. As conversations around national security and airspace defense dominate the headlines, this light-hearted take offered a moment of levity for an anxious public.

The post quickly garnered thousands of reactions, with users praising both the creativity and the general’s sense of humor. Many cele-



brated the fusion of food and patriotism, calling it “classic desi innovation.” Memes and jokes flooded the platform, with users suggesting that “drone pakodas” be added to army canteens or served during Republic Day celebrations. Some even speculated whether this was a subtle dig at enemy surveillance efforts

— cleverly masked as comfort food.

While tensions remain high along the border, this viral snack has sparked a broader conversation on how humor and culture can play a role in national morale. The idea of food reflecting current events is nothing new in India, but the timing and symbolism of these “drone pakodas” struck a particular chord with the public.

Lieut Gen Dhillon, known for his candid presence on social media, has often used humor to connect with the public on serious matters. His post about the snack not only reflects the mood of the moment but also showcases how Indians continue to find humor and resilience, even during challenging times.

In the face of real drones and rising geopolitical strain, the “drone pakoda” has become a bite-sized symbol of national spirit — crunchy, clever, and unmistakably desi.

Dare to Visit Deadman’s Island? The Terrifying British Isle of Bones and Forgotten Souls

Roughly 40 miles from the bustling streets of London lies a chilling and largely forgotten corner of history — Deadman’s Island. Unlike typical travel destinations known for scenic beauty or cultural heritage, this island is infamous for something far darker. Scattered with skeletons, open coffins, and remnants of long-deceased souls, Deadman’s Island stands as a haunting monument to a tragic past.

Few have dared to set foot on the island in the past two centuries. According to The Mirror, Deadman’s Island was used between the 18th and 19th centuries as a final destination for prisoners. These unfortunate individuals, often sick or dying, were transported by ship and abandoned on the island with no hope of return. With no proper burials or memorials, their bodies were left to decay in the open — their bones now litter the ground, exposed by erosion and time.



Today, the island remains eerily untouched. Human remains — including bones and even teeth — are still visible to those who manage to glimpse the site. The silence is deafening, broken only by the occasional cry of seabirds circling overhead. The island is off-limits to the public, adding to its mystique and preserving its gruesome history.

The name “Deadman’s Island” is not symbolic — it is chillingly literal. The decaying coffins and skeletal remains serve as grim reminders of how society once treated its most vulnerable. This desolate landscape tells a story of neglect, suffering, and forgotten lives, offering a stark contrast to the vibrant cities just a few miles away.

While some thrill-seekers and paranormal enthusiasts may fantasize about visiting such a place, most would think twice. Deadman’s Island is not a tourist attraction; it is a haunted graveyard of history — one that demands respect and reflection rather than exploration.

For those curious about the darkest corners of the past, Deadman’s Island remains a powerful symbol of cruelty and decay — an unmarked memorial to those whose voices were never heard, whose lives were never honored, and whose remains now speak louder than words.

Australia Announces Squad for WTC Final Against South Africa

Australia has announced their 15-player squad for the highly anticipated World Test Championship (WTC) final against South Africa, set to take place at Lord's in June. As defending champions, Australia aims to make history by becoming the first team to win multiple WTC finals.

The squad sees the return of all-rounder Cameron Green, who is back after undergoing back surgery. Additionally, Matt Kuhnemann, a left-arm spinner, has also been included. Both players are expected to play significant roles in Australia's quest to defend their title.

Brendan Doggett, who was named the Sheffield Shield player of the final, will serve as a travelling reserve. The squad remains largely unchanged from the one that dominated their last summer campaign, where they defeated Sri Lanka 2-0 and India 3-1.

Pat Cummins' side enters the final with strong momentum, having won four of their six series in the WTC cycle. This includes an impressive series victory against Sri Lanka, followed by a memorable win against India for the first time in a decade. Australia's only drawn series came against England in the 2023 Ashes and against West Indies in 2023-24.



South Africa, led by Temba Bavuma, topped the WTC standings with an impressive 69.44% points percentage, securing eight wins from 12 Tests. Australia, with a points percentage of 67.54%, finished second with 13 wins from 19 matches.

Selectors have opted for the same squad for Australia's subsequent Caribbean tour, where Beau Webster has retained his place following a strong start to his Test career. Sam Konstas also makes a return after leaving the Sri Lanka tour early to finish the do-

mestic season with New South Wales.

The WTC final will be a thrilling contest between two cricketing powerhouses, with both sides eager to lift the coveted trophy.

Australia squad for the WTC final: Pat Cummins (c), Scott Boland, Alex Carey, Cameron Green, Josh Hazlewood, Travis Head, Josh Inglis, Usman Khawaja, Sam Konstas, Matt Kuhnemann, Marnus Labuschagne, Nathan Lyon, Steve Smith, Mitchell Starc, Beau Webster. Travelling reserve: Brendan Doggett.

Novak Djokovic Parts Ways with Coach Andy Murray After Six-Month Partnership

Novak Djokovic has officially ended his coaching partnership with former world number one Andy Murray after just six months. The split comes after a disappointing run of results for the Serbian tennis star this season.

In a heartfelt statement, Djokovic thanked Murray for his efforts, saying, "Thank you, coach Andy, for all the hard work, fun, and support over the last six months, on and off the court. I really enjoyed deepening our friendship together." The decision follows a series of underwhelming performances by Djokovic, raising questions about his form heading into the upcoming major tournaments.

Djokovic, a 23-time Grand Slam champion, had hoped that Murray's experience and insight would help him refine his game and regain his dominance. However, despite the



duo's collaborative efforts, Djokovic struggled to find his peak form in the early part of the season, prompting both to reassess their working relationship.

The split marks another twist in Djokovic's ever-evolving coaching career. The Serbian star has worked with various coaches over the years, including Marian Vajda, who has

been a long-term mentor to Djokovic. Murray's brief tenure, while marked by moments of insight, ultimately did not yield the expected results.

Murray, a three-time Grand Slam champion, has been praised for his tactical acumen and ability to guide players through challenging times. His experience on the ATP circuit offered Djokovic valuable perspectives, but the partnership did not translate into the desired improvements for Djokovic.

As the season progresses, Djokovic will be looking for new coaching guidance as he prepares for the prestigious grass-court events and the upcoming Grand Slam tournaments. While Murray's coaching career continues to evolve, Djokovic now faces the challenge of finding the right direction to get his game back on track.

Preity Zinta Slams Distasteful Question Linking Maxwell's Form to Marriage Rumour

Actor and Punjab Kings co-owner Preity Zinta lashed out at a social media user on Tuesday (May 13, 2025) after being asked an inappropriate and sexist question during a fan interaction on X (formerly Twitter). The user asked Zinta whether Australian cricketer Glenn Maxwell's underwhelming IPL 2025 performance for Punjab Kings was due to not marrying her — a comment that sparked sharp criticism from the actor.

The now-viral comment read, "Mam, Maxwell ki aapse shadi nahi hui isiliye vo aapko team se accha nahi khelta tha?" ("Ma'am, did Maxwell not play well for your team because he didn't marry you?"). The question, apparently posed in jest, clearly angered Zinta, who took the opportunity to address the deeper issue of sexism and gender bias in sports and business.

Responding firmly, Zinta wrote: "Will you ask this question to the male



team owners of all teams, or is this discrimination just towards the women? I never knew how difficult it is for women to survive in corporate setups until I got into cricket."

She continued: "I'm sure you asked this question out of

humour, but I hope you can actually look at your question and understand what you are trying to say, because if you really understand what you're trying to say, it's not pretty! I think I have earned my stripes by working very hard for the past 18 years, so please give me the respect I deserve & stop with the gender bias. Thank you."

Zinta's response received widespread support from fans and fellow professionals, with many applauding her for calling out the casual sexism women in sports and leadership roles continue to face.

On the cricketing front, Zinta's team, Punjab Kings (PBKS), has had a strong IPL 2025 season so far. With seven wins, three losses, and one no-result, they currently sit third on the points table with 15 points. The team's top-order, led by Prabhsimran Singh, Priyansh Arya, and captain Shreyas Iyer, has been in exceptional form, keeping PBKS well on course for a playoff spot.

Ahmedabad to Host IPL 2025 Final; Mumbai Likely to Host Playoff Match



The final of the 2025 edition of the Indian Premier League (IPL) will be held at the iconic Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad on June 3, 2025, as per the revised schedule released by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). This announcement has generated excitement among fans, as Ahmedabad's massive stadium will play host to the much-awaited conclusion of one of the most popular cricket leagues in the world.

In addition to the final, the IPL 2025 playoffs will be spread across multiple venues. The eliminator match is scheduled for May 30, with the two qualifiers to be held on May 29 and June 1. According to reports, Mumbai's Wankhede Stadium is expected to host one of the playoff matches, providing a fitting backdrop for the high-stakes encounters

leading up to the grand finale.

The final will mark the climax of what promises to be an action-packed season, with teams battling it out for a chance at the coveted IPL trophy. While the venues for the playoffs are yet to be officially confirmed, the use of iconic stadiums like the Narendra Modi Stadium and Wankhede will add to the grandeur and excitement of the competition.

The revised schedule was shared late on Monday night, with the BCCI confirming the dates and the major venues for the IPL 2025 playoffs. As anticipation builds for the final, cricket fans across the country are eager to see which team will emerge victorious and claim the title of IPL champions for the 2025 season.

Carlo Ancelotti to Take Over as Brazil's Head Coach After Leaving Real Madrid

Carlo Ancelotti, the highly decorated coach of Real Madrid, is set to take over as the head coach of Brazil's national football team, according to an announcement by the Brazilian Football Confederation (CBF) on May 12, 2025. The legendary coach, widely regarded as one of the best in football history, will officially begin his tenure after the Spanish league concludes on May 25.



Ancelotti's appointment marks a historic moment for Brazil, as he becomes the first foreign coach to lead the national team in a century. The CBF's decision to bring in Ancelotti is seen as a significant step in their goal to restore Brazil's dominance in world football. CBF President Ednaldo Rodrigues emphasized the importance of Ancelotti's leadership, calling it a statement of intent to reclaim Brazil's place at the top of international football.

The announcement comes after Brazil's national team struggled to find consistency in the post-Tite era. The team has faced challenges, including the loss of form from key players like Neymar, who has been recovering from an ACL injury. Brazil currently sits fourth in the South American World Cup qualifiers and needs to secure a top-six finish to guarantee a spot in the

2026 World Cup.

Ancelotti, 65, will replace Dorival Júnior, who was dismissed after a series of disappointing performances, including a 4-1 loss to Argentina. Ancelotti will take charge ahead of Brazil's upcoming World Cup qualifiers against Ecuador and Paraguay in early June. Despite having a contract with Real Madrid until 2026, Ancelotti's move to Brazil is expected to be facilitated with an early termination of his contract.

Ancelotti's illustrious career includes stints at top clubs across Europe, including AC Milan, Chelsea, Paris Saint-Germain, Bayern Munich, and Everton, in addition to his successful time at Real Madrid, where he won multiple Champions League titles. His appointment marks a new chapter for Brazil as they aim to rejuvenate their footballing fortunes.



Upendra Dazzles as Surya Kumar in Ram Pothineni’s #RAPO22

The buzz around #RAPO22, the upcoming action entertainer starring Ram Pothineni, continues to rise with every new reveal. Directed by Mahesh Babu P, who made a stellar debut with Miss Shetty Mr. Polishetty, the film is being produced by the renowned Mythri Movie Makers, known for backing high-quality pan-India projects. Adding to the excitement is the casting of Bhagyashree Borse as the female lead.

Now, the spotlight shifts to Kan-nada superstar Upendra, whose character Surya Kumar was recently introduced through a striking poster. In the image, Upendra is seen exuding charisma, surrounded by a storm of flashbulbs, capturing attention with a magnetic pose that hints at power, intensity, and intrigue. His look immediately grabbed fans’ interest and has added a new layer of anticipation around the film. The makers also confirmed that a title glimpse for #RAPO22 will be unveiled on May 15, further fueling excitement.

Ram Pothineni, known for his high-energy performances, is set to portray a completely unconventional character in this film. Sporting a stylish and edgy new makeover, Ram is stepping into a role unlike any he has done before. His transformation and screen presence are expected to be among the film’s biggest highlights. Combined with Mahesh Babu P’s fresh storytelling approach and Mythri Movie Makers’ top-tier production quality, #RAPO22 is shaping up to be a visual and emotional rollercoaster.

The film also features music by the dynamic composer duo Vivek–Merwin, while Siddhar-



tha is handling the cinematography, promising a visually rich experience that matches the scale and ambition of the story.

With a strong cast, a gripping narrative, and striking visuals teased in early promotional content, #RAPO22 is positioning itself as a highly awaited release in Indian cinema. As the countdown to the title reveal begins, fans are bracing for more surprises, action, and style in what promises to be a standout film in Ram Pothineni’s career.

Rajinikanth’s Body Double Takes the Spotlight for Major Portions of ‘Coolie’ Shoot

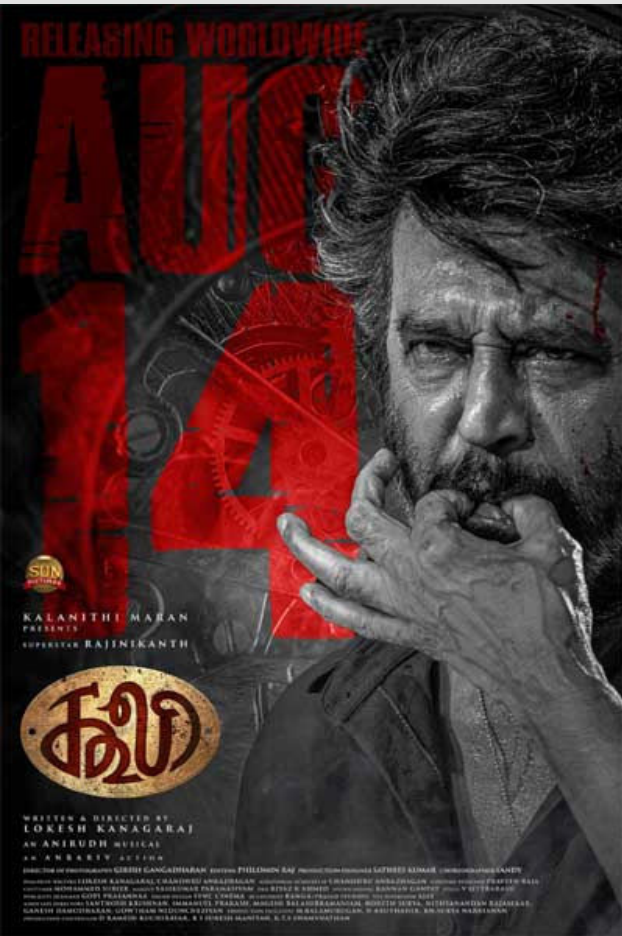
Superstar Rajinikanth’s much-anticipated film Coolie, directed by Lokesh Kanagaraj, is making waves yet again — this time due to an intriguing update from behind the scenes. While the project has already captured fan excitement with its stylish promos and high-octane expectations, a fresh revelation about the film’s shoot schedule has added a surprising twist.

According to industry reports, Rajinikanth allotted 70 days for the shooting of Coolie. However, it appears that the iconic actor was physically present on set for significantly fewer days than anticipated. Reports suggest that a body double stepped in for nearly 45 of those 70 shooting days, indicating that a major chunk of the film — possibly the more physically intense action sequences — was completed without Rajinikanth directly in front of the camera.

While it is common in cinema to use stunt doubles for action-heavy portions, especially for senior actors, the sheer number of days — 45 out of 70 — has sparked widespread curiosity and conversation among fans and film observers. This revelation hints at Coolie being action-packed and heavily stylized, staying true to Lokesh Kanagaraj’s signature filmmaking style, known for slick visuals and dynamic sequences.

Despite the use of a body double, fans are confident that Rajinikanth’s iconic charisma and unmatched screen presence will be preserved. With clever camera work, seamless editing, and advanced visual effects, the audience may hardly notice the difference, ensuring the final product maintains the grandeur expected from a Rajini film.

Coolie marks a significant collaboration be-



tween Rajinikanth and Lokesh, a director who has carved a niche for gritty and compelling narratives. The pairing has already raised expectations sky-high, and every new detail — even behind-the-scenes updates — is being closely followed.

As the film nears completion, fans are eagerly awaiting a teaser or trailer to see how this ambitious project is shaping up. Whether or not the heavy use of a body double affects the film’s impact remains to be seen, but one thing is certain: Rajinikanth’s aura is set to dominate the screen once again.

Midnight Chills: Final Destination Returns with ‘Bloodlines’ in Indian Theatres



In a rare cinematic event for a Hollywood horror film, Final Destination: Bloodlines, the sixth and final installment of the iconic thriller franchise, is set to premiere with midnight shows across India on May 15, 2025. Cities like Hyderabad, Vijayawada, and Vizag will host the special 11:59 PM screenings — a privilege usually reserved for major Indian star-driven blockbusters, signaling the franchise’s enduring popularity.

The Final Destination series, which debuted in 2000, carved out a unique space in the horror-thriller genre with its signature premise: death itself is the antagonist. The chilling concept of individuals foreseeing fatal accidents in their dreams — only to meet gruesome ends in reality despite their attempts to escape fate — captured audiences with its unsettling unpredictability and imaginative death sequences. The success of the first film led to four sequels in 2003, 2006, 2009, and 2011, each upping the ante with more elaborate and shocking scenarios.

Now, 15 years later, the saga returns with Final Destina-

tion: Bloodlines, promising the most intense and visually disturbing chapter yet. The trailer hints at elevated gore, darker themes, and mind-bending fatal setups that stay true to the series’ disturbing yet captivating roots. With dubbing in Telugu and other Indian languages, the film aims to reach a broader regional audience.

Though the film franchise consists of six movies, the origin of Final Destination lies in a ten-part book series, all of which became bestsellers. It also inspired two comic book adaptations, expanding the eerie universe beyond the screen. For fans who have followed the franchise for over two decades, the arrival of Bloodlines marks the end of an era — a mix of excitement and nostalgia hangs in the air.

As fans gear up for these special late-night shows, one thing is clear: Final Destination: Bloodlines isn’t just another horror film — it’s the final chapter of a legacy that terrified and thrilled an entire generation. Whether it ends in closure or chaos, one can expect the ride to be as deadly and unforgettable as ever.

Pawan Kalyan Set to Resume OG Shoot

In an exciting update for fans of Power Star Pawan Kalyan, the star is all set to resume the shoot of his much-awaited film OG tomorrow. The actor has been working diligently to wrap up his ongoing film projects, promising a series of back-to-back cinematic delights for his dedicated audience.

The production of OG, directed by Sujeeth, has been progressing steadily, and after a brief pause, the shoot is now set to pick up pace once again. The latest update reveals that Pawan Kalyan will join the sets tomorrow, with plans to complete his portions in just a few days. This news comes as a major boost for his fans, who have been eagerly awaiting the film’s swift completion and a potential early release.



OG is shaping up to be an intense period gangster drama that promises to captivate audiences with its compelling story and powerful performances. Alongside Pawan Kalyan, who plays the central character, the film also stars Emraan Hashmi as

the antagonist, adding a layer of intrigue and intensity to the plot. The talented cast also includes Priyanka Arul Mohan, Arjun Das, Sriya Reddy, Prakash Raj, Harish Uthaman, and Shaam in pivotal roles.

Fans are already buzzing with excitement as they look forward to seeing Pawan Kalyan in yet another powerful role. Known for his dynamic presence on screen, the actor’s involvement in OG has been a highlight of the film’s production, and with his return to the sets, expectations are at an all-time high.

With Pawan Kalyan back at work, fans can expect to see this much-anticipated film come to life soon. The film is set to make waves upon its release, adding to the ever-growing legacy of the Power Star’s career.

Cannes Film Festival 2025 Enforces Strict Dress Code: Nudity and Oversized Clothing Banned

The 78th Cannes Film Festival officially kicks off today, May 13, 2025, and with it comes a significant update to the prestigious event’s dress code. The organizers have implemented new rules for the iconic red carpet, now banning both full nudity and oversized clothing for the first time in the festival’s history.

The primary reason behind these strict guidelines is to maintain the festival’s esteemed reputation. According to the organizers, allowing individuals to appear in provocative outfits or excessively bulky attire could tarnish the image of Cannes, which is known for its glamour and sophistication. The aim is to prevent any degradation of the festival’s iconic identity while ensuring that it remains an event that upholds dignity and respect for all participants.



Another major concern surrounding oversized clothing, especially items like long gowns and large decorative pieces, is the potential for discomfort and safety issues. Such garments can impede mobility, making it difficult to walk or sit properly, which could disrupt the event’s flow and cause discomfort to other guests. This can also raise

safety concerns, particularly in the crowded environment of the red carpet.

The decision to introduce these changes follows a series of recent incidents that have sparked controversy in the fashion world. One such event was the appearance of Bianca Sensori at the Grammy Awards earlier this year, where her revealing outfit

led to widespread discussion and criticism. This incident, among others, pushed Cannes organizers to enforce stricter regulations.

In an official statement, the festival organizers clarified that their goal is not to control anyone’s personal style, but rather to ensure that the event remains a dignified and safe space for all. The new dress code applies to all attendees, with the assurance that those who do not comply will be denied access to the red carpet.

With this change, the Cannes Film Festival seeks to uphold its long-standing tradition of elegance and respect while adapting to modern sensibilities, ensuring that its red carpet remains a celebration of cinematic achievement rather than a forum for controversy.