



Miss World Beauties Mesmerized by Orugallu's Heritage



Contestants captivated by Bathukamma, Ramappa Temple traditions

Miss World 2025 contestants visit Warangal as part of cultural tour

Enthusiastic participation in Bathukamma festival at Haritha Kakatiya

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The historic city of Orugallu turned vibrant on Wednesday with the arrival of beauty queens from across the globe, who are in India for the Miss World 2025 pageant. As part of their cultural tour, the contestants were taken to Warangal to experience the rich heritage and traditions of Telangana. The group, which arrived from Hyderabad, received a grand welcome at the Haritha Kakatiya Resort in Hanmakonda. District Collector Praveenya and City Police Commissioner Sunpreet Singh, along with other senior officials and local women, greeted the beauty queens with traditional melatalas and colorful Bathukmmas. The participants joined local women in celebrating Bathukamma,

enthusiastically dancing around the vibrant flower arrangements, clapping and enjoying the festive spirit. The beauty queens expressed awe at the cultural richness and hospitality extended to them. From there, the group visited the UNESCO-recognized Ramappa Temple, a masterpiece of Kakatiya architecture. Donning traditional saris, some contestants embraced the Indian aesthetic and posed for a group photo in the temple complex. Guided tours were arranged to explain the unique architecture, life-like sculptures, and historical significance of the temple. The intricate carvings and artistic finesse of the Ramappa temple left the visitors fascinated. The group was later divided into two teams to explore other his-

toric landmarks in Warangal. At the Thousand Pillar Temple, Vedic scholars blessed the Miss World participants, adding a spiritual touch to their cultural journey. To ensure complete safety, the Warangal police made extensive security arrangements. Over 1,000 personnel were deployed, including three DCPs, one Additional DCP, 11 ACPs, 32 Inspectors, 81 Sub-Inspectors, 115 Constables, 325 women police, 106 Home Guards, and 210 District Special Police. Bomb disposal squads and dog squads were also on duty throughout the visit. The cultural tour aimed at showcasing Telangana's legacy was a memorable experience for the Miss World participants, offering them a deep insight into Indian traditions and spiritual heritage.

Harish Rao Slams Govt Over Procurement Delay

- Demands immediate procurement and payment to farmers
- Says farmers' suffering visible across every procurement center



TPN Correspondent | Telangana
Former Minister and senior BRS leader T Harish Rao strongly criticized the Congress government for delays in grain procurement, alleging that farmers across the state are in deep distress as their harvested paddy lies soaked and unsold under the open skies. He urged Chief Minister Revanth Reddy to act swiftly and save the lives and livelihoods of Telangana's farmers. In a heartfelt post, Harish Rao painted a grim picture of the crisis, stating, "Children who raised the grain have disappeared before our eyes, and the roof has suddenly collapsed on the shoulders of farmers." He said the crops cultivated with six years of effort are now turning into lumps due to exposure to unseasonal rains and neglect, leading to unbearable pain for the farmers. "How much suffering, how much heartache does a farmer endure watching his grain rot in front of him?" he questioned, pointing out that the situation is the same in every procurement center across Telangana.

"Whoever you talk to, you'll see only tears," he lamented. Harish Rao demanded that the Telangana CM, who monitors the situation through the Command Control Center surrounded by police guards, must "open his eyes at least now" and acknowledge the ground reality. He called for the government to immediately assure farmers that every grain, including the soaked stock, would be procured without delay, and that timely payments be made directly into farmers' accounts. "The state's food producers are suffering. The government should act not with command center reviews, but with compassionate field-level action," Harish Rao stressed. He concluded with a fervent appeal to the Congress government to act urgently, saying, "Save the farmers who provide rice to the country."

Welfare Schemes at Every Doorstep

- Indiramma houses, ₹10 lakh Aarogyasri cover, ₹21,000 Cr to SHGs
- 3,500 houses per constituency to be built in first year
- One crore women to be empowered financially over 5 years
- Free medical care under Aarogyasri increased to ₹10 lakh



TPN Correspondent | Khammam
Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu affirmed that the Telangana government is committed to delivering welfare schemes to every household, promising complete transparency on how much is being spent on each home and village. Speaking at a public meeting held at Errupalem mandal headquarters in Madhira constituency on Wednesday, he outlined a comprehensive welfare roadmap. He stated that the government would soon publish detailed expenditure reports, clearly showing the benefits reaching citizens under schemes such as farmer loan waivers, Rythu Bharosa, Rajiv Yuva Vikasam, subsidized rice, and more.

Coming down hard on the previous TRS regime, he said, "For ten years, the TRS leadership promised housing to the poor and failed. In contrast, our government is determined to construct Indiramma houses for every homeless family in the state within five years." In the first year itself, 3,500 houses per constituency are being built with a budget allocation of ₹22,500 crore. Despite a ₹7 lakh crore debt burden left by the previous government, Bhatti emphasized that the Congress-led "people's government" has initiated welfare schemes

on a large scale without any new sources of revenue. The deputy Chief minister highlighted the government's focus on key priority areas aimed at improving lives across Telangana. In the healthcare sector, ₹11,600 crore has been allocated, and the Aarogyasri insurance scheme has been expanded — coverage doubled from ₹5 lakh to ₹10 lakh, with additional treatments now included. For women empowerment, ₹21,000 crore has been released to Self-Help Groups in the first year alone. The government aims to make one crore women millionaires in five years through continued financial support. In rural development, farmers holding forest land titles will benefit under the Indira Giri Watershed initiative, which includes borewell installations, solar electricity, and horticulture support. The Deputy CM also announced several welfare initiatives. All white ration card holders will be assured 100 days of employment annually. Young India International Residential Schools will be built in every constituency with a total outlay of ₹11,600 crore. Full fee reimbursement is being provided for children from white ration card families.

BSF Jawan Released from Pakistani Custody

Pakistan hands over Purnam Shah at Attari border

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In a significant development, Border Security Force (BSF) jawan Purnam Kumar Shah, who was held in Pakistani custody for over three weeks, has been released and repatriated to India.



India, Turkiye Ties Headed for a Freefall

- India suspends Turkish news outlets, including Chinese Global Times
- Indian dry fruit traders and tourists cut ties with Turkiye
- Travel cancellations to Turkiye and Azerbaijan surge massively





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The handover took place at around 10:30 am on Wednesday at the Attari Joint Check Post in Amritsar, Punjab.

According to an official statement by the BSF, the 40-year-old jawan, posted in Ferozepur sector, had inadvertently crossed the international border into Pakistan on April 23. His unintentional incursion occurred during heightened border tensions triggered by a major terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, which had claimed the lives of 26 civilians just a day earlier. The BSF noted that the handover process was conducted peacefully and in adherence to established diplomatic and

security protocols. “BSF jawan Purnam Kumar Shah, who was in the custody of Pakistan Rangers since April 23, was handed over to India at around 10:30 am through the Attari check post. The process took place peacefully as per the prescribed protocols,” the statement said.

The delay in Shah’s return was attributed to the fallout from the Pahalgam attack, which had led to a temporary freeze in cross-border coordination between India and Pakistan. With his safe return, the BSF has expressed relief and is expected to initiate a routine medical examination and debriefing process.

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Additionally, the government is supplying subsidized rice and LPG cylinders at ₹500 to 90 lakh families. Women are being given free RTC bus travel, and up to 2 units of free electricity are being provided to households.

On employment, he said that the Telangana State Public Service Commission (TSPSC) has been restructured and already filled 56,000 vacancies, with another 30,000 recruitments on the way.

To support youth, the government has launched the Rajiv Yuva Vikasam with a ₹9,000 crore budget. Five lakh unemployed youth will benefit, and sanction letters will be distributed on June 2.

Dy CM concluded by stating, “This is a people’s government working with integrity, purpose, and results. We are determined to rebuild Telangana with welfare, transparency, and dignity for all.”

India, Turkiye Ties Headed for a Freefall

TPN Correspondent | New Delhi India’s diplomatic and civil response to Turkiye’s support for Pakistan following the Pahalgam terror attack is intensifying rapidly, pushing bilateral ties between New Delhi and Ankara into a steep downward spiral. The brutal attack, in which 26 innocent Indian tourists were killed by Pakistan-sponsored terrorists, has triggered a wave of public anger and institutional backlash across sectors.

In a strong retaliatory move, India has suspended the digital presence of several Turkiye-based media outlets, including portals accused of spreading anti-India narratives. Chinese state-run media Global Times has also faced similar restrictions, following its editorial support to Pakistan’s stance post-attack.

Beyond media and diplomacy, the protest has spread to economic and academic sectors. Prominent dry fruit trade associations dealing in apple and apricot products across Jammu & Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh have announced a boycott of imports from Turkiye, citing national solidarity and urging other trade bodies to follow suit.

The academic world has not remained silent either. Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) has officially severed its institutional ties with a major Turkish university, cancelling academic collaborations and student exchange programs, condemning Turkiye’s alignment with Pakistan as “deeply unacceptable” in the context of cross-border terrorism.

Meanwhile, Indian travelers are showing their protest in a personal but impactful way — by refusing to visit Turkiye and Azerbaijan. According to travel portal MakeMyTrip, bookings to both countries have plunged by 60% in the past week, while cancellations surged by 250%. The company has removed all promotional content for Turkiye and Azerbaijan and urged citizens to avoid non-essential travel to those destinations.

Nishant Pitti, founder of EaseMyTrip, reported that 22% of planned trips to Turkiye and over 30% to Azerbaijan have been cancelled on their portal. “We stand with the country in this time of grief and protest,” he said, adding that bookings involving Turkiye as a layover are still being honored to avoid passenger inconvenience.

The economic impact on Turkiye could be significant. In 2024, over 3.3 lakh Indian tourists visited the country, contributing an estimated \$350–\$400 million (around ₹3,000 crore) to its economy. With tourism forming 12% of Turkiye’s GDP, a sharp decline in Indian tourist inflow and consumer boycotts could dent its revenue stream.

As Operation Sindoor draws global attention, India’s response—marked by public outrage, trade boycotts, institutional disengagement, and digital countermeasures—is a clear signal that national sentiment is shaping a hardline stance against nations perceived to support terrorism. The India–Turkiye relationship, already tense in recent years, now stands on the edge of collapse.

Minister Briefs Governor on Indiramma Houses, Bhu Bharati Act

- Indiramma houses sanctioned for poorest across all constituencies
- 10,000 houses allocated for Chenchu families under ITDA
- Bhu Bharati Act now active in 28 mandals

TPN Correspondent | Telangana

Revenue, Housing, Information, and Civil Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy paid a courtesy call on Telangana Governor Shri Jishnudev Varma on Wednesday. Khammam MP Ramsahayam Raghuram Reddy was also present during the meeting held in Hyderabad.

During the interaction, Minister Ponguleti gave the Governor a detailed update on the state’s key initiatives—Indiramma House Scheme and



the recently launched Bhu Bharati Act. He highlighted that 4.5 lakh houses are being sanctioned this year under Indiramma Housing, with each elected representative receiving 3,500 houses to allocate in their constituency. As per the Governor’s suggestions and the Chief Minister’s directive, special focus is being given to marginalized

communities. An additional 500 to 700 houses are being allotted to each tribal constituency, and 10,000 houses are being sanctioned for Chenchu families within the ITDA limits.

The Minister stated that Indiramma houses have also been approved in several villages adopted by Governor Jishnudev Varma, including

Poosukunta (Kothagudem), Gogulapudi (Bhadradi), Bhurki and Mangli (Adilabad), and Appapur and Baurapur (Nagarkurnool).

Regarding the Bhu Bharati Act, Minister Ponguleti explained that it aims to offer a permanent solution to long-standing land-related issues in Telangana. Initially launched as a pilot project in four mandals from April 17, the scheme has now been expanded to 28 mandals from May 5. He assured that the application process is free of cost, and concerted efforts are being made to resolve citizens’ land problems transparently.

The meeting was also attended by IDC Chairman Muvva Vijayababu, Housing Corporation MD VP Gautam, and other senior officials.

Koheda Land Grabbing Continues Despite HYDRAA Action

Ranganath visits Koheda layout and meets victims

TPN Correspondent | Rangareddy

Despite action by the Hyderabad Disaster Response Assets Monitoring and Protection Agency (HYDRAA), land grabbers in Koheda village of Abdullapurmet mandal continue to act with impunity. Political backing and fabricated documents are allegedly being used to illegally occupy plots, roads, and parks belonging to genuine plot holders in the Rajaji Nagar layout.

During a surprise inspection on Wednesday, May 14, HYDRAA Commissioner AV Ranganath visited Rajaji Nagar layout and interacted with members of the Radhe Dham Layout Plot Owners Welfare Association, who alleged that a person named Sammired-



dy Bal Reddy, the layout’s owner, had encroached upon 5.5 acres of their land out of the total 17-acre layout using forged documents.

Earlier, based on a complaint filed by the victims, HYDRAA had taken action on February 9, 2025, by demolishing a compound wall, swimming pool, and a shed constructed

on the disputed land. However, residents say that Bal Reddy resumed illegal construction and that those who tried to resist were attacked by his associates.

One victim, who showed injuries from the assault, revealed he required six stitches on his head after being attacked by the accused’s

men.

Commissioner Ranganath assured the victims that criminal cases would be booked against the culprits following a thorough investigation. He emphasized that the illegally occupied plots, roads, and parks would be secured and handed back to the rightful owners.

During his visit, Ranganath also inspected Kotha Cheruvu, a nearby lake, following complaints that land outside the lake bed was wrongly marked as submerged, impacting local property rights. The incident has raised fresh concerns over the efficacy of enforcement mechanisms when land mafias continue to operate despite official demolitions and repeated complaints from citizens.

Excise Dept Invites Applications for 28 (2B) Bars



- Applications open till June 6
- ₹1 lakh non-refundable fee per bar

TPN Correspondent | Telangana

The Telangana Prohibition and Excise Department has issued a notification inviting applications for 28 new 2B bar licenses across the state. Applications will be accepted from May 15 to June 6, with a ₹1 lakh non-refundable fee per bar. Out of the 28 licenses, 24 are available within the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) limits, while the remaining four are distributed across Mahabubnagar, Bodhan, Nizamabad, and Saroornagar Jalpalli municipalities.

The notification also includes applications for the revival of 16 bars whose licenses were canceled due to non-payment of fees and other reasons, as well as 12 bars where the operators

failed to commence operations within 90 days and did not submit the necessary documentation and fees. Interested parties can apply for any or all of the 28 available bar licenses. The ₹1 lakh application fee must be submitted via Demand Draft (DD), which is non-refundable.

Applications, along with the DD, should be submitted to the Prohibition and Excise Commissioner’s Office in Hyderabad, the Rangareddy Deputy Commissioner’s Office, and other designated regional offices. The official application form, rules, and regulations are available on the Telangana State Beverages Corporation Limited (TG-BCL) website at tgbl.telangana.gov.in. Applicants are advised to carefully review all requirements and submit their forms before the June 6 deadline, as incomplete applications will not be considered.

Minister Surekha Unveils Poster for Saraswati River Pushkaralu 2025

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Forest, Environment, and Endowments Minister Smt. Konda Surekha released the official poster for the Saraswati River Pushkaralu 2025, scheduled to be held from May 15 to 26 at Kaleshwaram, Bhupalpally district, Telangana. The poster was released in collaboration with the Telangana Pollution Control Board, which has placed a strong emphasis on environmental protection during the event.

During the unveiling ceremony, Minister Surekha highlighted the importance of safeguarding the environment, particularly through the protection of rivers. She spoke about the need to ban single-use plastics (SUP), the importance of proper waste management, and the dangers of washing clothes in

rivers, which can contribute to water pollution and skin diseases.

The Minister also emphasized the role of public transport in reducing vehicular pollution and traffic congestion, urging citizens to embrace it as a cleaner alternative. “We must all take collective responsibility to ensure that the sanctity of Pushkaralu is preserved, keeping our environment clean and protected,” she stated.

The festival, which will take place at the sacred Kaleshwaram, is an opportunity for spiritual observance and a platform to promote environmental consciousness. The government’s initiative aims to make the event eco-friendly while safeguarding the region’s natural resources.



Statewide Revenue Meetings from June 2

60% land disputes expected to be resolved by May 30
Bhu Bharati Act aims for complete land problem resolution

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Telangana Revenue, Housing and Information Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy has announced that Revenue Meetings under the Bhu Bharati Act will be conducted across all mandals in the state starting June 2, coinciding with Telangana Formation Day. This decision is part of the state government's broader initiative to find long-pending solutions to land disputes that have persisted for over a decade.
In a statement issued on Wednesday, the Minister highlighted that the Bhu Bharati Act, launched by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy on April 14, has already undergone pilot testing in four mandals across four districts from April 17 to 30. Following encouraging results, Phase-II meetings are currently ongoing in 28 mandals of 28 districts from May 5 to 30.
Drawing from these experiences, the government has decided to expand the meetings to every mandal in the state from June 2. "A specific timeframe will be



set to resolve each application, and every complaint within the scope of the Act will be addressed," Ponguleti assured. The Minister stated that some land disputes in the pilot mandals have already been resolved and that around 60% of issues are expected to be settled by the end of this month. For cases that cannot be resolved under the Bhu Bharati framework—

either due to illegality or unsolvable constraints—written explanations will be provided to applicants. He emphasized that the Bhu Bharati Act is a landmark step aimed at offering permanent and comprehensive solutions to land ownership and revenue issues. Collectors have been instructed to speed up grievance redressal and take proactive

steps to bring transparency and efficiency at the field level. On the issue of simple title cases, the Minister noted that the matter is currently pending in court, and action will be taken as soon as the stay is lifted. In the meantime, only online applications will be accepted. Minister Ponguleti also highlighted the positive public response to recent reforms introduced by the Revenue Department over the past 18 months. Initiatives like the Sub-Registrar office slot booking system and the Bhu Bharati grievance mechanism have been well-received by the public. He criticized the previous government's inefficiency, stating that it had distanced essential services from the people, whereas the current administration is committed to restoring trust and access to public services. "The government is working with a clear mission—to bring the system closer to the people and ensure prompt and transparent service delivery," he concluded.

Why would Congress merge with BRS?

Whose faction you belong to, Prabhakar?

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In a scathing rebuttal, senior Congress leader and MLC G. Niranjan Dayakar launched a blistering attack on BJP leaders, particularly targeting NVSS Prabhakar, over claims that the BRS and Congress may merge. Speaking from Gandhi Bhavan on Tuesday, Dayakar dismissed the remarks as part of BJP's "habitual lies" and strongly asserted that the Congress will never align with the BRS under any circumstances.
"BJP leaders seem to have their brains in their knees. They're not changing their mindset and are stubbornly spreading lies. Dictators thrive on lies, and the BJP is no exception," Dayakar said, responding to BJP's repeated allegations about a possible Congress-BRS merger. He ridiculed the claims, asking, "Why would Congress merge with BRS? Rahul Gandhi has made it very clear—BRS and Congress will never come together."
Taking direct aim at NVSS Pra-



bhakar, Dayakar questioned his political allegiance within the BJP. "Whose faction do you belong to, Prabhakar? Is it Etemla Rajender's, Bandi Sanjay's or Kishan Reddy's? Even when KCR ousted Etemla, he didn't utter such foolish statements." Continuing his tirade, Dayakar accused the BJP and BRS of having similar DNA, saying their backdoor ties are evident. "That's why BJP has always trampled on people's welfare in Telangana. How did BJP MPs win in constituencies where BRS didn't? It's clear there's a dark political pact."

He likened BJP's alliances in Andhra Pradesh to the Telangana situation. "In Andhra, BJP's B-teams are YSRCP, TDP, and Janasena. In Telangana, it's BRS. You've grafted a rose flower (symbol of Congress) onto a lotus pot (symbol of BJP). That won't work." Dayakar also taunted Prabhakar over past controversies, alleging, "You've done similar car thefts before, and you know what happened. Now tell the people—who's giving you this false information?" He concluded by stating that BJP is deeply unsettled by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's popularity and growing acceptance. "They're scared because Revanth will not just complete this term but win the next one too. So they resort to such desperate talk." With strong language and biting sarcasm, Dayakar made it clear that the Congress is firm on its path and has no intention of entertaining alliances or falsehoods propagated by its rivals.

Miss World Pageant Undermining Telangana Culture

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Telangana BJP spokesperson and state media in-charge N.V. Subhash strongly criticised the Revanth Reddy-led Congress government for giving priority to events like the Miss World pageant over addressing the pressing problems of the people. Speaking at a press conference organised at the BJP state office in Hyderabad on May 14, Subhash expressed deep concern over what he termed the neglect of Telangana's cultural and spiritual ethos in the name of hosting international events. He questioned the double standards of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, who had previously opposed Formula E electric car racing events but is now enthusiastically supporting the Miss World beauty pageant. Subhash demanded answers on what "religious or cultural basis" such

pageants are being promoted in Telangana, especially at a time when farmers and the common people are suffering due to rising hardships and lack of support. "It is not right to push Telangana culture and spirituality aside to host the Miss World pageant," said Subhash. "While breadwinners of the state are in tears, crores are being spent on promoting beauty contests." He accused the government of ridiculing traditional values and encouraging the spread of foreign, extravagant culture. The BJP leader particularly objected to the organisation of pageant events in the historic and culturally sensitive areas of Old Hyderabad, including Charminar, Lad Bazaar, and Chowmahalla Palace. He said that such activities in these locations, while ignoring the revered Bhagyalakshmi Ammavari temple



nearby, are insulting to local sentiments and self-respect. "Bhagyalakshmi temple is not just a spiritual centre; it is a symbol of Telangana's self-respect," he said. "Revanth Reddy's choice to skip visiting this temple while promoting events aligned with Western glamour sends a dangerous signal." Subhash alleged that the Congress government is more interested in self-publicity through global events than solving real issues like poor infrastructure and lack of basic amenities in

Hyderabad. "Hundreds of crores are being spent on Miss World, while the city still struggles with potholes, sanitation, and water supply," he said, calling it shameful to damage Telangana's historical and cultural heritage in the name of tourism development. He urged the people to question the government's priorities and decide if they want a Chief Minister who, according to him, bows before Western influence while ignoring the spiritual and cultural identity of Telangana.

Former MLA Jeevan Reddy Gets Relief

SC Grants Anticipatory Bail in Moinabad Land Case



TPN Correspondent | Telangana
Former Armur MLA A. Jeevan Reddy secured major relief from the Supreme Court after being granted anticipatory bail in connection with a land encroachment case in Moinabad. The case pertains to allegations of illegal occupation of private land and unauthorized construction. The Supreme Court bench headed by Justice Parthiwala delivered the order after hearing both sides. It emphasized that Reddy must fully cooperate with the investigation and warned that any obstruction to the process would allow investigating officers to initiate action in accordance with the law.
Reddy had earlier approached the Telangana High Court seeking relief in the same case, but his plea was dismissed. The High Court had also directed him to cooperate with the investigation process. Challenging that decision, Jeevan Reddy moved the Supreme Court. During the hearing, Reddy's legal counsel informed the court that other family members involved in the case had already been granted bail. Taking this into consideration, and after examining the arguments presented, the Supreme Court granted anticipatory bail while laying down strict conditions for compliance. The apex court made it clear that any failure to support the ongoing investigation could lead to legal consequences. The development comes as a significant relief for the former MLA amid ongoing legal scrutiny in the land dispute.

KTR Slams Govt Over Demolition Of Poor People's Homes



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BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) has launched a scathing attack on the Congress-led Telangana government over the demolition of houses belonging to poor families in Warangal. In a sharp post on X (formerly Twitter), KTR questioned Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on whether the party had a secret agreement with bulldozer companies, referring to the widespread demolitions allegedly carried out in the name of beautification ahead of a beauty pageant event.
"Hello Rahul Gandhi, do you have any secret agreement with bulldozer companies?" KTR asked, highlighting what he termed the "inhumane actions" of the state government. He expressed outrage that homes along the main roads in Warangal, primarily inhabited by economically disadvantaged families, were being destroyed to make way for grand events.
"Is destroying the homes of the poor for beauty pageants public governance?" KTR questioned, further criticizing the government's lavish expenditure of ₹200 crore on banquets in palaces while failing to protect the basic housing rights of the underprivileged.
"What is the point of attacking the homes of the poor along with their lives every day?" he asked, accusing the Congress government of showing shamelessness and insensitivity by deploying bulldozers against vulnerable people. He added that the lives of the poor were being "crushed under giant bulldozers", and demanded a public explanation from Rahul Gandhi on whether this represented the Congress party's vision of governance.
KTR's comments have sparked a political uproar, with opposition parties echoing his concerns and activists urging the state government to stop the demolitions and compensate the affected families.

CM Reviews Streamlining of Civic Services

Efforts to simplify permissions and approvals in urban areas

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

Telangana Chief Minister Shri Revanth Anumula conducted a high-level review meeting on the simplification of civic services and approval processes for permissions related to infrastructure and facilities in the Telangana Core Urban Region. The meeting was held at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar State Secretariat, where the Chief Minister instructed officials to prepare a comprehensive report after an in-depth study of the current systems. During the meeting, the Chief Minister emphasized the need to streamline the process for residents within the GHMC (Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation) and HMDA (Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority) areas, particularly those falling under the Outer Ring Road. He directed that citizens should not have to visit multiple departments for construction-related approvals. Instead, all necessary permissions should be available through a single-window system, enabling

a smooth and efficient process. The Chief Minister also highlighted the importance of collaboration among various departments including Revenue, Municipal Administration, Water Resources, Water Supply, Sewerage, Police, Fire Services, and Electricity. He suggested the implementation of a unified payment system where bills from these departments are processed through a single platform, with the payments directly credited to the respective department accounts. In addition to these measures, the Chief Minister proposed conducting a LiDAR survey for property and resource identification to ensure accurate planning and efficient service delivery. He further stressed that no unnecessary delays should occur in the approval process, and if there are legitimate reasons for delays, applicants should be informed promptly and provided with solutions to resolve the issues. The review meeting was at-



tended by Chief Minister's Advisor Shri Vemnaender Reddy and senior officials from the State Municipal Administration and Urban Development Departments.

Bronze Statue For Rosaiah In Hyderabad

GHMC invites tenders, unveiling on July 4

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) has announced the installation of a bronze statue of former Chief Minister Konijeti Rosaiah in Hyderabad, to commemorate his enduring service to the state and the country. The statue will be located at a prominent crossroads near the Lakdikapool Metro Station. GHMC has officially released a tender notification seeking bids from eligible contractors for the construction of the nine-foot-tall statue, which will be made of bronze. The civic body aims to complete the process and unveil the statue on July 4, marking the birth anniversary of the late leader. Preparations are already underway to ensure the statue is unveiled in a fitting manner. GHMC officials are working on the groundwork while waiting for the tenders to be finalized.

Konijeti Rosaiah, known for his



decades-long political service, held several key positions including Finance Minister, Chief Minister of united Andhra Pradesh, and Governor of Tamil Nadu. His reputation for fiscal prudence, humility, and clean governance earned him respect across political lines. The installation of his statue is seen as a gesture of respect for a leader who played a pivotal role in shaping Andhra Pradesh's financial and political landscape.

Gali Janardhan Reddy Seeks Additional Facilities in Jail

Convicted in Obulapuram mining scam, serving 7-year sentence

Files petition in Nampally CBI court seeking added facilities



TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

Gali Janardhan Reddy, who is currently serving a seven-year prison sentence in the high-profile Obulapuram mining scam, has approached the CBI special court in Nampally, Hyderabad, seeking additional facilities in Chanchalguda Central Jail, where he is lodged. Through his legal counsel, Reddy submitted a formal petition requesting better amenities inside the jail premises. Though the nature of the additional facilities requested has not been disclosed

publicly, the plea is now under the consideration of the court registry. A decision on whether the petition will be accepted for a formal hearing is awaited. The Obulapuram mining case had triggered a political and legal storm in the Telugu states, drawing widespread attention. After years of investigation and legal proceedings, the CBI court found Reddy guilty of serious charges related to illegal mining operations and sentenced him accordingly. Now, Reddy is seeking improved conditions while in custody, prompting speculation about the specific needs outlined in his request. The court will decide on the admissibility of the petition after reviewing the documents submitted. As the matter continues to unfold, further developments are expected once the court registry finalizes its review and the case is taken up for hearing.

123 CCTV cameras installed across South West Zone

Aims to enhance women's safety and crime detection



TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

Hyderabad City's South West Zone has strengthened its crime prevention measures with the inauguration of 123 community CCTV cameras. The cameras were unveiled by Sri G. Chandra Mohan, Deputy Commissioner of Police

(DCP) of South West Zone, at Mehdiapatnam Police Station today. The cameras have been installed across several police station limits in the zone, including Mehdiapatnam, Asif Nagar, Habib Nagar, Kulsum-pura, Gudimalkapur, Langer House, and Tolichowki. This initiative, focused on

enhancing women's safety, crime prevention, and detection, was made possible through the generous donation from M/s Gemini Edibles & Fats India Ltd. (Freedom Oil), Hyderabad. The installation process was spearheaded by Sri G. Chandra Mohan under the supervision of Sri Mo-

ammed Iqbal Siddiqui, Additional DCP, South West Zone. The project was closely monitored by Sri K. Vijay Srinivas, ACP, Asif Nagar Division, and Sri S. Malles, Inspector of Police, Mehdiapatnam PS. The 123 cameras are placed at strategic locations, including Tolichowki Flyover, Meraj X Roads, Masab Tank, and Kulsum-pura. Two Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras have also been installed at Mehdiapatnam Junction to monitor traffic and enhance public safety. The initiative aims to improve surveillance, prevent crimes, and assist law enforcement in faster response times. DCP G. Chandra Mohan expressed his gratitude towards the donors and reaffirmed his commitment to making Hyderabad a safer city.

72 Bottles of Adulterated Liquor Seized

Car Seized, Two Arrested in Operation

TPN Correspondent | Shamshabad

In a major crackdown, the Shamshabad District Task Force (DTF) and Excise staff seized 72 bottles of adulterated liquor, valued at ₹20 lakhs, and arrested two individuals involved in the illegal operation. The arrest and seizure took place on Wednesday, when the gang, which was operating in the Katedan area of Rajendranagar, was caught transporting adulterated liquor bottles in a car. The liquor, which was labeled as expensive black label liquor from Delhi, was found to be a mix of genuine and low-priced alcohol. The gang had been supplying these counterfeit bottles to function halls and residential parties, misleading consumers with the promise of cheaper liquor. The gang had specifically chosen the liquor from Delhi with the aim of selling it at a reduced price of ₹500 to ₹1,000 per bottle.



A total of 72 black label liquor bottles (54 liters), a car, and two mobile phones were seized from the suspects, who are currently under interrogation. The total value of the seized liquor and car combined is estimated to be around ₹20 lakhs. Shamshabad Excise Superintendent Krishna Priya urged the public to refrain from purchasing such liquor, warning that consuming such adulterated alcohol could lead to severe health risks. She emphasized that no one should engage in such illegal activities and warned that anyone caught will face legal consequences. The operation was carried out under the supervision of CI Praveen Kumar, SI G. Srikanth

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Reddy, and staff members Parukoddean Ganesh, Nehru, and Sai Shankar. Enforcement Director Shahnawaz Qasim, Deputy Commissioner P. Dasarath, and Excise Superintendent Krishna Priya extended their congratulations to the team for the successful seizure and arrest of the counterfeit liquor gang.

Telangana Tops CBSE Class 12 Results with 99.73% Pass Rate

TPN Correspondent | Telangana

Telangana students have once again proven their academic excellence, recording a stellar 99.73% pass rate in the CBSE Class 12 examinations, far exceeding the national average of 88.39%. A total of 8,443 students appeared for the exams across 95 centres in the state, with 8,420 successfully clearing them. The exams were held from February 15 to April 4 in 146 CBSE-affiliated schools across Telangana. This performance places the state among the top achievers in the country. Nationally, the CBSE Class 12 pass percentage saw a slight improvement from last year's 87.98% to 88.39% this year. In Class 10 results, Telangana also saw impressive achievements. The Telangana Ekalavya Model Residential School Society (TEMRS) secured a remarkable 99.92% pass rate. Of the 1,294 stu-

dents who appeared, only one student did not pass. Top performers from TEMRS include M. Shankar with 660 out of 700 marks, Avire Ranjith with 647, and Chaitanya Rathod with 635. Impressively, 22 of the 23 TEMRS schools registered a perfect 100% pass rate. Hyderabad Public School (HPS) also maintained its tradition of academic excellence with a 100% pass rate in Class 12. All 66 students cleared the exams. In the Commerce stream, Srija led with 97.8%, while Maheeka Raj followed with 96.8%. In Mathematics, Karthikeya scored 93.6%, and Soumya topped Humanities with 93.2%. Telangana's exceptional performance across both Class 10 and Class 12 levels once again highlights the state's strong academic standards and continued focus on quality education.

CM Revanth's Village Sees Rapid Development

Collector directs speedy completion of road, solar, water works in Kondareddy Palli

TPN Correspondent | Nagarkurnool

Development works in Kondareddy Palli village of Achampet constituency—home for Chief Minister Revanth Reddy—are gaining momentum under the supervision of Nagarkurnool District Collector Badawat Santosh. A high-level review meeting was held on Wednesday at the Gram Panchayat office to assess the progress of various infrastructure projects. The Collector, along with Farmers Commission member KV Narasimha Reddy, District SP Vaibhav Gaikwad Raghunath,



and senior officials from relevant departments, conducted a thorough field-level review and issued clear directives to

ensure timely completion of all works. During the review meeting, District Collector Santosh di-

rected the concerned officials to accelerate various developmental works in the district without further delays. He emphasized the immediate completion of the two-lane road works and instructed that the construction of the new milk cooling building be finished at the earliest. The Collector also stressed the importance of providing solar power connections to every household as part of sustainable energy initiatives. In addition, he ordered the development of cement concrete (CC) roads and the installation of underground drainage sys-

tems to improve infrastructure and sanitation. He called for the installation of adequate street lighting along all main roads to enhance public safety. Highlighting the need for reliable water supply, Santosh urged officials to expedite Mission Bhagiratha works to ensure timely provision of drinking water to residents. To enhance community welfare, he also instructed the establishment of children's parks and open gyms in public areas, promoting both recreation and fitness for local residents. Collector Santosh emphasized

that all development projects in the village must be completed within the scheduled timeframe. He also said that continuous coordination between departments is crucial to maintaining the pace of development envisioned for the Chief Minister's adopted village. The meeting was attended by RDO Srinivasulu, Village Special Officer Vijay Kumar, R&B officials Deshya Nayak and Nagalakshmi, Electricity Department official Pal Raju, Mission Bhagiratha official Sudhakar, and other department representatives.

Minister Seeks Clarity On Vemulawada Temple Dispute

TPN Correspondent | Rajanna Sircilla

Telangana State Endowment Minister Konda Surekha on Wednesday inquired into the recent controversy surrounding the Vemulawada Sri Rajarajeshwara Swamy Temple. Responding to concerns raised over land and development works at the temple premises, the minister sought complete details from the Endowment Commissioner and the temple's Executive Officer (EO).

Officials informed Minister Surekha that the confusion stemmed from misconceptions about the temple's area and ongoing works in and around the Rajanna and Bhimeshwara temples. They clarified that the government has initiated steps to expand the temple area with the sole aim of providing better facilities and a smoother darshan experience for devotees.

The minister, however, was firm in her direction to the temple authorities. She instructed them to hold discussions with all local stakeholders, including devotees and residents, before proceeding with any further developments. She emphasized that no actions should create suspicion or lead to public inconvenience.



Development works at the historic Vemulawada temple, one of Telangana's most visited spiritual centres, are being closely watched by devotees and the public alike. Minister Surekha assured that the government is committed to preserving the sanctity of the temple while ensuring it evolves into a more accessible and comfortable space for worshippers.

VH Turns Laborer for Freedom Fighters' Memorial

TPN Correspondent | Nalgonda

Senior Congress leader and former MP V. Hanumantha Rao became a symbol of humility and patriotism as he worked alongside laborers in Valla village, Saligauram mandal of Nalgonda district, to help build a Maraka Stupa (memorial pillar) in honor of freedom fighters. In a remarkable gesture, the veteran leader carried gravel and cement on his head to lay the foundation of the structure being constructed at a government school.

The Maraka Stupa commemorates a tragic incident in 1948, a year after Independence, when students from the Valla Government School hoisted the national flag, defying the then Nizam's rule and the Razakars (the Nizam's private militia). In retaliation, the Razakars opened fire, killing the students who dared to uphold the national spirit. Hanumantha Rao, who has been visiting this school every August 15th for the past three years, decided last year to construct a memorial in their name so that future generations understand their sacrifice for the country.

Taking part in the construction work, the senior Congress leader noticed that laborers were placing less gravel in the bucket he was carrying. "I am not old yet. Please fill it properly," he said with

determination, as he lifted the bucket onto his head and poured it into the foundation pit. Speaking to the media, Hanumantha Rao said, "I consider it an honor to work as a laborer for this sacred cause. These children sacrificed their lives for the flag and nation — this memorial will remind us of their bravery."

Local leaders including Congress Sandesh MA Basit, Sarpanch Imtiaz, Acting Sarpanch Ashok Reddy, and Shambhula Srikanth Goud participated in the program and appreciated Hanumantha Rao's gesture, calling it a rare example of leadership grounded in action.



Civil Supplies Manager Inspects Paddy Purchase Centers

Ensures Farmers Face No Difficulties in the Process

TPN Correspondent | Medchal

Medchal Malkajgiri District Civil Supplies Manager Suguna Bai conducted a surprise inspection of several food purchase centers in Uddemarri, Lakshmapur, Kesavaram, and Jaganguda villages, located in the Muulchintalapalli Mandal. The inspection focused on ensuring the smooth operation of the centers and addressing any concerns faced by farmers during the paddy procurement process. During the visit, Suguna Bai reviewed the purchase center's records and emphasized the need for efficient operations to prevent any delays. She directed officials to deploy enough porters to assist farmers in unloading the paddy swiftly. "The food purchase process should be expedited to ensure that farmers face no difficulties while unloading their produce," she said. In addition to managing the un-

loading process, Suguna Bai instructed that arrangements be made for drinking water and that farmer details be promptly recorded in the system (online) as soon as the paddy is received. She also urged farmers to bring in paddy free of moisture, dirt, and dust to facilitate a smoother process.

As part of her visit, Suguna Bai also conducted a surprise inspection at a rice mill, where she examined the grain import records and issued directives to the mill operator for timely processing. The miller was instructed to import the grain as soon as it arrives to prevent any delays in the procurement process. This inspection highlights the district's continued efforts to streamline the paddy procurement process and support farmers by ensuring that they face minimal challenges while selling their produce.

Drainage Water Enters Houses

Residents Express Anger Over Municipal Inaction



TPN Correspondent | Medchal

Residents of Gagillapur Thanda, located under the Dundigal Municipal limits in Medchal district, are facing a severe crisis as drainage water suddenly entered

their homes due to recent rainfall. The situation has made it impossible for the locals to stay in their houses, as they deal with the flooding caused by the overflowing drains.

The local residents have expressed their frustration, highlighting that the issue has been ongoing since last year. They have specifically pointed out the lack of attention from Yellaiya, the Sanitation Officer responsible for the area. Despite repeated complaints, no action has been taken to resolve the drainage problem, leaving the residents in distress.

The residents are also raising concerns over the disparity in municipal services, particularly the collection of house taxes. While municipal officials are quick to collect taxes from the people, they question why no response has been made to address the drainage water problem that is severely affecting their daily lives. The community is urging the municipal officials to take immediate action to resolve the drainage issue and alleviate the suffering of the residents.

Misleading Kidney Stone Cure Seized in DCA Raid

TPN Correspondent | Peddapalli

Officials from the Telangana Drugs Control Administration (DCA) have uncovered a misleading ayurvedic product, Bennato Call Herbal Powder, that falsely claims to treat kidney stones. The product, manufactured by Green Care Bio Sciences in Hyderabad, was being illegally promoted in violation of the Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable Advertisements) Act, 1954.

The raid was carried out at a medical store in Godavarikhani, Ramagundam Mandal of Peddapalli District, where stocks of the product were found. The operation was led by Drugs Inspector P. Shravan Kumar, under the



supervision of M. Srinivasulu, Assistant Director, Karimnagar.

Authorities confirmed that the label of the product advertised treatment for kidney stones, a practice strictly

banned under the 1954 Act. The Act prohibits any advertisement or public claim regarding the treatment of certain diseases and disorders, including kidney stones, by any drug or medicinal prod-

uct. "This kind of false and misleading advertisement is punishable under the law. People must be cautious of such products that make tall, unverified claims," said Shahnawaz Qasim, IPS, Director General of the DCA. The manufacturer, Green Care Bio Sciences, is located at Doolapally, Phase-5, IDA Jeedimetla, Hyderabad. Officials stated that legal action will be initiated, and further investigation is underway to identify all parties involved in the promotion and distribution of the illegal product. The DCA has urged the public to report such misleading products and to rely only on verified, scientifically proven medicines.



The Truth Behind the Kashmir Imbroglia: A Tragic Legacy of Betrayal by Nehru

**Nehru's True Agenda Wasn't Peace
It Was Dismantling Monarchy and Targeting a Dogra king Raja Hari Singh**

The Kashmir issue has festered for over seven decades, draining India's military, economic, and emotional resources. While mainstream discourse blames Partition and Pakistani aggression, one uncomfortable truth is often ignored: the seeds of the Kashmir crisis were sown by the personal ambitions—and vendetta—of India's first Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, against Maharaja Hari Singh, the last Dogra ruler of Jammu and Kashmir.

This wasn't merely a political miscalculation. It was a personal feud, masked by diplomacy, but devastating in its consequences for India's unity and national security. Nehru's objective was not peace—it was power. He was determined to dismantle the monarchy and erase the authority of Maharaja Hari Singh, a proud and independent Dogra ruler who refused to bow to Congress pressure. Nehru, who lacked genuine grassroots support even in his home region and had lost the internal party race for Prime Minister to Sardar Patel, owed his elevation solely to Mahatma Gandhi's backing. Once in power, Nehru set about empowering his political ally Sheikh Abdullah and undermining the Dogra monarchy. The move to the United Nations provided him the perfect excuse to do both.

A Lawful Accession Betrayed

On 26 October 1947, Maharaja Hari Singh signed the Instrument of Accession, legally integrating Jammu and Kashmir with the Dominion of India. This



HOW PM NEHRU DELAYED KASHMIR'S ACCESSION TO INDIA

was the same legal framework under which over 500 princely states joined the Union. Facing an invasion by Pakistani-backed tribal raiders, the Maharaja acted under duress, but his decision was both sovereign and final. The Indian Army responded swiftly under Operation Gulmarg, pushing back the invaders and nearing full reclamation of the territory. There was neither military nor legal compulsion to internationalize the issue. Nehru's Unilateral Blunder: Why the United Nations? Yet in January 1948, Nehru unilaterally took the matter to the United Nations—not as a case of Pakistani invasion, but as a “dispute” between two countries. This redefined the status of Kashmir forever, handing Pakistan a diplomatic foothold it had not earned.

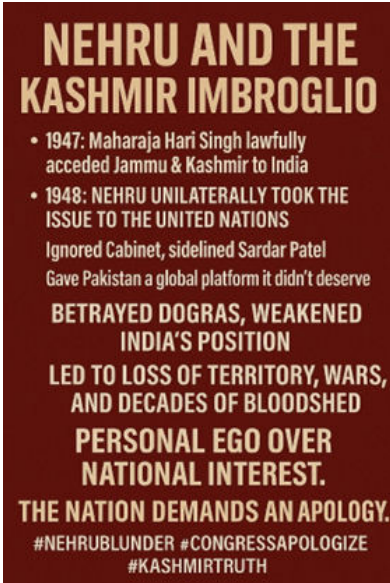
Why?

Why did Nehru act without Cabinet consensus, without military counsel, and even reportedly against the advice of Sardar Patel and other senior leaders? It wasn't a strategic necessity. It wasn't done under external



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pressure. It was a political decision—driven by ego and personal rivalry. By internationalizing the issue, Nehru diluted the legal accession, weakened India's position, and opened the door to global interference—all without cause. At the time, the Indian Army was gaining ground. Military experts and Cabinet members believed the entire territory—including what is today Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK)—could have been



recovered. Nehru's ceasefire halted this progress permanently.

Nehru's Grudge Against Maharaja Hari Singh

At the heart of Nehru's decisions lay a deep personal animosity toward Maharaja Hari Singh. As a Dogra ruler, Hari Singh was popular in Jammu and respected even in the Valley. He remained politically independent and refused to be dictated by Congress. Nehru, despite his Kashmiri ancestry, had no political base in the region and deeply resented the Maharaja's autonomy. Instead, Nehru backed Sheikh Abdullah and the National Conference—a party with limited credibility beyond the Valley. This calculated alliance was not about national integration; it was about political consolidation and punishing a monarch who refused to yield. The sidelining of the Maharaja and the elevation of Sheikh Abdullah was a deliberate power shift, ex-

ecuted not in national interest but to fulfill Nehru's personal vision.

Catastrophic Consequences of Nehru's Political Play Nehru's decision had far-reaching consequences:

- *PoK was created due to a premature ceasefire and the UN resolution.*
- *An internal, legal matter became an international dispute.*
- *Kashmir's full integration was delayed by decades.*
- *Separatism and communalism were emboldened by the power vacuum left by the Maharaja's removal.*
- *The Dogra community was politically and culturally marginalized.*
- *Central interference and dynastic politics took root in J&K, haunting the state until Article 370 was abrogated in 2019.*

Most tragically, India was forced into a defensive posture—militarily and diplomatically—for generations to come, all due to one man's reckless agenda. Nehru's “Statesmanship”: Image Over Integrity
Nehru is hailed as an “international statesman.” But in Kashmir, he chose image over reality. By appealing to the UN, he won international praise but sacrificed India's strategic advantage and weakened its sovereignty. Many believe that had Sardar Patel handled Kashmir—as he did Hyderabad, Junagadh, and the rest of the princely states—the issue would have been re-

solved swiftly and permanently.

Can Nehru's Political Conspiracy Ever Be Forgiven?

The people of India—especially those from Jammu and Kashmir—continue to bear the burden of Nehru's actions. His decision to go to the United Nations was no act of noble diplomacy. It was a historic betrayal rooted in ego and vendetta. The insurgency, the bloodshed, the exodus of Kashmiri Pandits, and the internationalization of India's internal affairs—all trace back to that single, reckless move.

History must not be whitewashed. The nation must confront Nehru's role in creating the Kashmir imbroglio. Forgiveness requires truth—and truth demands accountability.

Congress Must Apologize for Nehru's Historic Blunder

The Congress Party owes India a formal, unequivocal apology for the political disaster engineered by its tallest leader. Nehru's missteps cost India tens of thousands of lives, triggered multiple wars, displaced its own citizens, and kept Kashmir in perpetual turmoil.

If the Congress Party wants to be taken seriously on national unity and historical justice, it must start by acknowledging this truth and issuing a public apology for Nehru's Himalayan blunder.

Anything less is a continued betrayal—of the Dogras, of the Kashmiri Pandits, and of India itself.

Operation Sindoor: India's Bold Message Under Modi Doctrine Redraws the Line on Terror



In a stunning military operation that has altered the regional balance and sent shockwaves through Pakistan, Operation Sindoor has emerged as a defining moment in India's modern strategic history. Launched on the night of May 7, 2025, the precision strike marked a seismic shift in India's approach to cross-border terrorism, making it clear that New India, under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, will no longer tolerate provocations with silence.

Operation Sindoor was not just a retaliatory move—it was a strategic recalibration. Indian Air Force strike packages targeted eleven major Pakistani airbases, from Kamra to Jacobabad, systematically crippling their operations. Key runways were destroyed, aircraft shelters were breached, and emergency response capabilities were rendered ineffective. This display of air superiority and surgical precision left Pakistan's military scrambling for cover and exposed the vulnerability of their so-called “fortified” air defence.

But the operation didn't stop there. India also struck deep into the heart of Pakistan's terror infrastructure, targeting notorious hubs in Muridke (Lashkar-e-Taiba HQ) and Bahawal-

pur (Jaish-e-Mohammed stronghold). These sites, once believed to be untouchable, were hit with devastating accuracy. India's message was crystal clear: those who harbor or sponsor terror will face direct consequences—regardless of borders. In his national address on May 12, Prime Minister Modi laid out a new doctrine of zero tolerance. He announced that any future terror attack linked to Pakistani soil would result not just in retaliation, but in open military action against the Pakistani state. This marked a definitive end to India's long-held policy of strategic restraint.

Pakistan's attempts to invoke nuclear threats were met with composure and resolve. Rather than backing down, India intensified strikes in broad daylight, calling Pakistan's bluff and signaling to the world that India would not be intimidated by empty threats.

Operation Sindoor has redefined India's security doctrine and reshaped the regional power dynamic. It was more than an operation—it was a message written in fire: India will defend itself, decisively and without hesitation. The old rules are gone. The new red line has been drawn.

The Story Of '3 Brothers' And Why Azerbaijan Is Cheering For Pakistan

In the latest fallout from Operation Sindoor, Azerbaijan's vocal support for Pakistan has added a surprising geopolitical twist. While India and Azerbaijan share strong trade ties — India was the third-largest destination for Azerbaijan's crude oil exports in 2023, worth over \$1.2 billion — Baku's sharp condemnation of India's military action and its pro-Pakistan stance reveal a deeper alignment shaped more by ideology and strategic alliances than economics.

In a statement following India's strikes on terror hubs in Pakistan after the April 22 Pahalgam attack, Azerbaijan's Foreign Ministry expressed “solidarity with Pakistan” and condemned India's actions, claiming civilian casualties. Since then, Azeri state-controlled media has relentlessly pushed anti-India rhetoric, accusing New Delhi of “water terrorism” and falsely alleging India engineered the Pahalgam attacks to scrap the Indus Waters Treaty.

Why this hostility from a country that trades heavily with India? The answer lies in the post-2020 geopolitical realignment involving Azerbaijan, Tur-

key, and Pakistan—a grouping now referred to as the “Three Brothers.” Their relationship was cemented during Azerbaijan's 2020 war with Armenia over Nagorno-Karabakh, where Pakistan offered unconditional support and allegedly even mercenaries.

India, in contrast, maintained a neutral stance but later began supplying military hardware to Armenia, including the Swathi radar, Pinaka rocket systems, and Akash-IS air defence missiles. This has infuriated Baku, especially as Armenia continues

Azerbaijan's warnings to India have been frequent. President Ilham Aliyev has openly objected to Indian arms exports to Armenia, calling them a threat to Azerbaijani national security. Meanwhile, Turkish and Pakistani influence in Baku's strategic thinking has grown significantly.

Azerbaijan's support for Pakistan during Operation Sindoor is thus not rooted in religious solidarity or shared history alone, but in a broader geopolitical calculus. As India deepens its ties with



to strengthen its defences amid rising tensions. Ironically, Azerbaijan, which has mocked Indian defence products publicly, had previously expressed interest in procuring Indian weapons itself.

Armenia, and Azerbaijan draws closer to Turkey and Pakistan, Baku's antagonism appears to be more about alliances than logic — and India must now navigate this complex diplomatic terrain carefully.



Justice B R Gavai Sworn In as 52nd Chief Justice of India

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Justice Bhushan Ramkrishna Gavai was sworn in as the 52nd Chief Justice of India (CJI) on Wednesday, May 14, 2025. The oath of office was administered by President Droupadi Murmu at a formal ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi.

Justice Gavai succeeds Chief Justice Sanjiv Khanna, who retired on May 13 after a brief tenure as CJI. Justice Gavai will serve in the top judicial post until his retirement on November 23, 2025.

His elevation to the position of CJI marks a significant moment in the judiciary, as he becomes only the second Dalit to hold the office of Chief Justice of India, after former CJI K G Balakrishnan. His appointment is being seen as a historic moment for representation and diversity in the country's top court.

Justice Gavai was appointed to the Supreme Court on May 24, 2019. Since then, he has served on several Constitution benches and has been involved in delivering key rulings on constitutional and legal matters. He is known for his balanced judicial approach and deep understanding of constitutional principles.

Born in Maharashtra, Justice Gavai enrolled as an advocate in 1985 and began practicing in the Bombay High Court. He served as a judge of the Bombay High Court for over 15 years before his elevation to the Supreme Court. His legal career spans decades of experience in civil, constitutional, and service law.

During his tenure as a Supreme Court judge, Justice Gavai has been part of several landmark judgments involving issues such as fundamental rights, election laws, and federalism. He is also known for his clarity in reasoning and accessibility in court proceedings.

Legal experts and the wider legal fraternity have welcomed his appointment, citing his judicial integrity and wide-ranging experience. As CJI, Justice Gavai is expected to oversee several crucial constitutional cases and administrative reforms in the judiciary.

With major pending issues on the docket, including electoral reforms, the functioning of tribunals, and challenges to key legislative changes, Justice Gavai's leadership is anticipated to shape the legal discourse in the coming months.



Neeraj Chopra Conferred Honorary Lieutenant Colonel Rank in Territorial Army

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Olympic gold medalist and world champion javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra has been awarded the honorary rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Territorial Army, according to an official notification issued by the Ministry of Defence on May 13, 2025.

The announcement marks a significant recognition for Chopra's athletic achievements and his service to the nation as both a sportsperson and a soldier. The 27-year-old athlete, who hails from Khandra village near Panipat in Haryana, becomes one of the few Indian sportspersons to receive this honor. His appointment is effective from April 16, 2025.

Before receiving the honorary commission, Neeraj Chopra served as a Subedar Major in the Indian Army. It is reported that he was slated for retirement this year. The notification stated, "...in exercise of the powers

conferred by Para-31 of the Territorial Army Regulations, 1948, the President is pleased to confer Honorary Rank of Lieutenant Colonel in Territorial Army on Ex-Sub Maj Neeraj Chopra, PVSM, Padma Shri, VSM..." Chopra rose to national and global fame after securing a gold medal at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, becoming the first Indian to win an Olympic medal in athletics. He followed up this historic achievement with a silver medal at the 2024 Paris Olympics and clinched gold at the 2023 World Athletics Championships in Budapest, further cementing his status as one of the greatest javelin throwers in the world.

In 2024, he was named the world's best male javelin thrower by a leading U.S. track and field magazine. He has also been honored with prestigious civilian and military awards, including the Padma Shri, Vishisht Seva Medal (VSM), and Param Vishisht Seva Medal (PVSM).

PM Modi Chairs High-Level Security Meeting Amid India-Pakistan Tensions

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired a high-level meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) in New Delhi on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, to review the national security situation in light of escalating tensions between India and Pakistan. The meeting was followed by a session of the Union Cabinet, and a formal briefing is expected later in the day.

The CCS meeting comes shortly after a fresh diplomatic stand-off between the two nations. On Tuesday, India declared a Pakistani staff member at the Pakistan High Commission in New Delhi persona non grata, citing "activities not in keeping with his official status." In a tit-for-tat move, Pakistan expelled an Indian High Commission official in Islamabad on similar grounds.

Tensions have been running high since the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, which killed several Indian security personnel. In response, India launched Operation



Sindoor on May 7, targeting nine terror infrastructure sites deep inside Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK). The surgical strikes were widely seen as one of India's most assertive military responses to cross-border terrorism.

In parallel developments, the chiefs of India's armed forces — Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan, Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi, Air Force Chief Air Chief Marshal A.P. Singh, and Navy Chief Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi — met President Droupadi Murmu at Rash-

trapati Bhavan on Wednesday. During the briefing, the President was apprised of the execution and outcomes of Operation Sindoor. President Murmu lauded the Armed Forces for their courage and professionalism, calling the operation a "sterling success" in India's ongoing fight against terrorism.

Addressing the nation on May 12, PM Modi reaffirmed India's evolving doctrine on cross-border terror. "After the surgical strike in 2016 and the air strike in 2019, Operation Sindoor reflects India's unyielding policy against terrorism," he said.

In a significant diplomatic shift following the attack, the Indian government also moved to suspend the Indus Waters Treaty, signed in 1960 with Pakistan, citing national security interests.

The meeting and the developments underscore a sharply intensifying phase in India-Pakistan relations, with strategic, military, and diplomatic consequences playing out in real time.

MP HC Orders FIR Against Minister for 'Gutter Language' Remarks on Col Sofia Qureshi

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

In a scathing rebuke, the Madhya Pradesh High Court on Wednesday ordered the registration of an FIR against state minister Vijay Shah for making "scurrilous" and derogatory remarks against Indian Army officer Colonel Sofia Qureshi. The court described Shah's language as "language of the gutters" and stated that it had no choice but to take suo motu cognisance of the minister's inflammatory comments.

The division bench comprising Justices Atul Shridharan and Anuradha Shukla directed the state police to file the FIR under several sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), including Section 152 (acts endangering sovereignty and integrity of India), 196(1)



(b) (promoting enmity between groups), and 197(1)(c) (statements likely to cause enmity and hatred). The court mandated that the FIR be registered by 6 p.m. on Wednesday and warned that failure to comply could lead to contempt proceedings against the state's Director General of Police (DGP).

The controversy erupted after Vijay Shah, a senior BJP leader and Madhya Pradesh's Tribal Affairs Minister, made highly objectionable remarks against Colonel Qureshi at a public gathering in Ramkunda village near Indore. In his speech, Shah appeared to link Colonel

Qureshi to terrorism by calling her a "sister of terrorists," sparking widespread outrage.

Colonel Qureshi has recently been in the national spotlight for her role in briefing the media on 'Operation Sindoor'—a high-profile counter-terror operation carried out by Indian armed forces in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. She appeared alongside Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri and Wing Commander Vyomika Singh, underscoring her key role in military public affairs.

The High Court, while issuing its directive, underscored the sanctity of the armed forces, stating, "The armed forces are perhaps the last institution in this country that reflect integrity, discipline, sacrifice, and honour."

Pakistan Hands Over BSF Jawan To India After 21 Days

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Pakistan on Wednesday repatriated Indian Border Security Force (BSF) Constable Purnam Kumar Shaw, who had been detained by Pakistan Rangers after accidentally crossing the International Border on April 23, 2025. Shaw was handed over to Indian authorities at the Attari-Wagah border around 10:30 a.m., following sustained diplomatic and security-level efforts.

In an official statement, the BSF's Punjab Frontier Public Relations Office confirmed the successful return of Constable Shaw. "Constable Purnam Kumar Shaw, while on operational duty in the Ferozepur sector, inadvertently crossed into Pakistani territory around 11:50 a.m. on April 23 and was detained by Pakistan Rangers," the statement read. "His repatriation was made possible through consistent efforts involving regular flag meetings and formal communication channels with Pakistan Rangers."

Shaw, who hails from Hooghly in West Bengal, had been at the center of growing concern, with leaders across political lines urging the government to ensure his swift and safe return. On May 5, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee voiced her concern, calling the situation "extremely



unfortunate." She acknowledged that senior Trinamool Congress leader Kalyan Banerjee was in touch with Shaw's family. "We stand with the central government on all matters of national security," she had stated, adding that political divisions should not exist on such sensitive issues.

The BSF emphasized that such incidents highlight the operational challenges faced by personnel guarding the India-Pakistan border, one of the most sensitive and volatile frontiers in the country. The 3,323-km-long border, spanning Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, Rajasthan, and Gujarat,

is constantly monitored for infiltration attempts, smuggling, and other cross-border threats. Following the incident, the BSF issued fresh advisories, urging its troops to remain extra vigilant during patrols, particularly in high-tension areas like the Ferozepur sector.

The timely resolution of the issue has brought relief to Shaw's family and the BSF, with the force reiterating its commitment to the welfare and safety of its personnel. His return is seen as a diplomatic success in an otherwise tense bilateral environment between India and Pakistan.

Ready to begin talks on French nuclear weapons in European countries: Macron

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In a significant shift in European defense posture, French President Emmanuel Macron said on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, that France is “ready to open” discussions about deploying its nuclear weapons in other European countries. His remarks come amid rising concerns over European security, especially in light of the Trump administration’s reduced commitment to underwriting the continent’s defense and growing threats from Russia.

Speaking in a televised interview with TF1, Macron was responding to recent statements made by Polish President Andrzej Duda, who in April expressed interest in hosting both American and French nuclear weapons on Polish soil. Macron stated that France was open to the idea, but emphasized that such deployment would be governed by strict conditions and require broader European consensus.

“Let’s be clear, France will not pay for the security of others. It can be a European effort or the effort of each nation,” Macron said, outlining the first of three core conditions for any nuclear sharing ar-

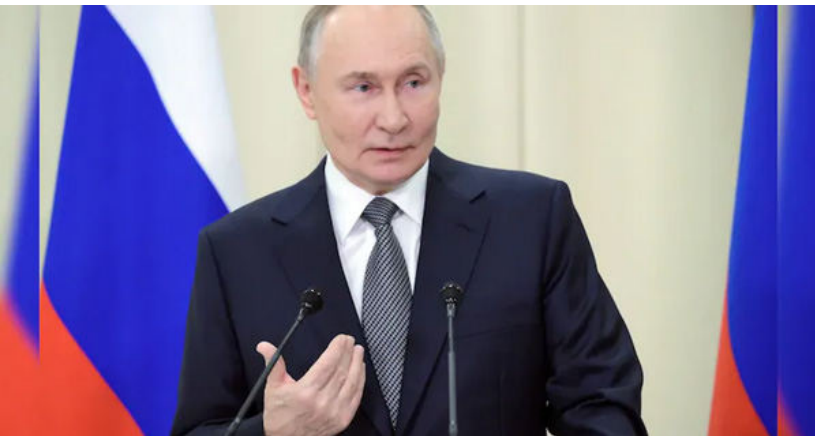


angement. The second condition is that the relocation of nuclear weapons must not compromise France’s own strategic deterrence capabilities. Finally, Macron made it clear that the authority to use any such weapons would remain solely with the French President.

Macron’s remarks indicate that preliminary discussions on the subject have already begun. He confirmed that he

had held talks with Germany’s newly sworn-in Chancellor, Friedrich Merz, during the latter’s recent visit to Paris. Chancellor Merz had also called for deeper discussions on nuclear deterrence involving France and the United Kingdom — the only two nuclear-armed countries in Europe — as part of a broader strategy to reinforce Europe’s defense in coordination with the United States and NATO.

Currently, American nuclear weapons have been stationed in Europe since the 1950s under a NATO nuclear sharing agreement, with gravity bombs stored in countries such as Italy, Germany, Belgium, Türkiye, and the Netherlands. France’s potential move to share its nuclear arsenal could represent a strategic realignment and bolster Europe’s autonomous defense capabilities at a time of shifting geopolitical alliances.



Putin Claims Ukraine "Catching Men Like Dogs", Russians Joining Army "Willingly"

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During a meeting with the ‘Business Russia’ organization on May 13, 2025, Russian President Vladimir Putin sharply criticized Ukraine’s military recruitment methods, asserting that Ukrainian authorities were forcibly conscripting men from the streets like “dogs.” He contrasted this with Russia’s reliance on voluntary enlistment, claiming that tens of thousands of Russians were willingly joining the military, presenting this as a sign of high morale and national support for the war effort.

Putin’s comments aimed to portray Ukraine’s military recruitment as disorganized and unpopular, while emphasizing that Russia’s forces were composed of volunteers. He stated, “If the Kiev authorities are conducting forced mobilisation—catching people like dogs in the streets—here, our guys are volunteering; they come on their own. They’re currently catching about 30,000 there, while here, 50-60,000 come on their own every month,” according to the Russian News Portal. Ukraine began a general mobilization in early 2022, barring most men aged 18 to 60 from leaving the country and setting the conscription age limit at 27. In response to significant military losses and shortages, the Ukrainian government lowered the conscription age to 25 and introduced harsher penalties for draft evasion. As the conflict has escalated, mobilization efforts have become more chaotic and aggressive, with videos circulating online of Ukrainian enlistment officers, often accompanied by police, chasing down potential recruits in the streets and using force to drag them into service.

The term “busification” has come to describe this process, referring to the violent manner in which recruits are packed into minibuses for transportation to military training. Critics have highlighted the brutality and coercion behind these efforts, painting a picture of desperation within Ukraine’s military ranks. Putin’s comments, aimed at contrasting the two countries’ military approaches, serve to underline the ongoing propaganda battle surrounding the war and recruitment efforts in both Russia and Ukraine.



Anita Anand's Appointment as Canada's Foreign Minister

Will She Bridge the India-Canada Divide?

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Anita Anand’s appointment as Canada’s first Hindu Foreign Minister has garnered significant attention, particularly in light of strained India-Canada relations following the assassination of Khalistani activist Hardeep Singh Nijjar in 2023. Anand, a Canadian of Indian descent, was sworn in with the Bhagavad Gita, marking a historic moment in the country’s politics. Her appointment is celebrated by the Hindu community in Canada, as she is seen as a source of inspiration. However, her stance on the Nijjar case and the tensions between Sikh and Hindu groups in Canada make her role more complex.

Anand, who has held several key ministerial positions, including Minister of National Defence, has been at the forefront of shaping Canada’s Indo-Pacific Strategy. This experience positions her to potentially strengthen India-Canada relations, particularly in trade, security, and immigration, areas of shared interest. However, resolving contentious issues like the Khalistani movement may prove more challenging. In 2023, she supported statements condemning anti-India posters targeting Indian diplomats, which may not sit well with pro-Khalistani groups, who seek justice for Nijjar’s killing.

While Anand’s appointment could symbolize a new chapter for Indo-Canada relations, her approach to the Khalistani issue will be crucial. Canada’s large Sikh diaspora, with significant influence in domestic politics, complicates this matter. Anand’s ability to navigate these pressures while maintaining diplomacy will be key to determining her success in mending ties between the two nations.

The geopolitical landscape is also shifting, with Canada’s focus on diversifying international partnerships, especially with the Indo-Pacific region, which aligns with India’s strategic interests. Anand’s heritage and political acumen could pave the way for improved relations, but addressing the Khalistani issue and the Nijjar case will be vital.

Bangladesh calls for regional economic plan with India's Northeast, Nepal, Bhutan

Bangladesh’s Chief Adviser, Muhammad Yunus, has called for a comprehensive regional economic strategy involving India’s northeastern states, Nepal, Bhutan, and Bangladesh. He emphasized the importance of regional collaboration, particularly in sectors like hydropower, healthcare, and road connectivity, highlighting that the countries stand to benefit more together than separately.

During a meeting with Indira Rana, the Deputy Speaker of Nepal’s House of Representatives, Yunus stressed the need for an integrated economic plan for Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, and India’s northeastern states, collectively referred to as the “Seven Sisters.” One of the key areas of discussion was energy cooperation, specifically regarding



hydropower. Yunus and Rana reviewed the Bangladesh-Nepal-India tripartite agreement signed in October 2024, under which Bangladesh imports 40 MW of power from Nepal through Indian transmission lines. Both parties agreed that there is potential for scaling up hydropower projects in the region.

Yunus also announced Bangladesh’s commitment to improving healthcare access for neighboring countries. He

highlighted the construction of a new 1,000-bed hospital in Rangpur, which will be open to patients from Nepal and Bhutan. “We believe in regional health security and shared prosperity,” Yunus remarked, underscoring the importance of regional cooperation in improving public health.

Rana expressed Nepal’s eagerness to strengthen bilateral ties with Bangladesh, noting the presence of over 2,700 Nepali students in Bangladesh,

particularly in medical colleges. She called for more educational exchanges and academic collaborations between the two countries.

Additionally, both sides discussed the need for improved road connectivity to reduce trade costs and facilitate the movement of goods and people across the region.

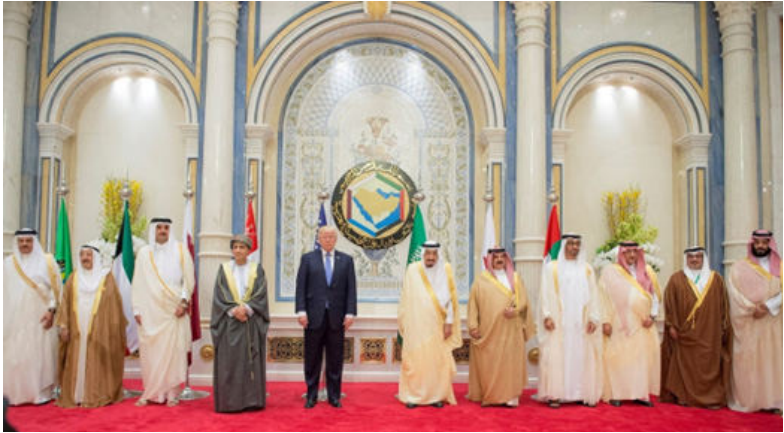
Yunus’s recent comments on India’s northeastern states, particularly during his March visit to China, have stirred controversy. He proposed that China could help expand its economic presence in Bangladesh, suggesting that India’s northeastern states could become an extension of China’s economic influence. This remark was met with criticism from Indian leaders, concerned about China’s growing influence in the region.

Israel Issues Evacuation Warnings as Houthi Missile Threatens Ports Amid Trump’s Gulf Visit

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Israel issued evacuation warnings for three major seaports in Yemen after missile fire from the Iran-aligned Houthi rebels targeted the region. The missile launch occurred during U.S. President Donald Trump’s visit to Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates, raising tensions in an already volatile area.

The Israeli army reported that the Houthi group had targeted the Ras Issa, Hodeidah, and Salif ports, all of which are believed to be used by the Houthis for military and logistical operations. Israel also confirmed that it had intercepted a missile launched from Yemen toward its territory. This escalation fol-



lows a pattern of attacks by the Houthis, who have been launching missiles, drones, and targeting vessels in international shipping lanes.

Trump had initiated a more aggressive military campaign against Houthi strongholds in Yemen starting on March 15. He subsequently agreed to a ceasefire deal medi-

ated by Oman, which aimed to halt hostilities between the Houthis and a coalition of forces, although the Houthi is stated that the agreement did not include Israel. Despite this, the Houthis continued to target Israel and disrupt global shipping, framing their actions as a form of solidarity with Palestinians in Gaza amid Israel’s ongoing mili-

tary campaign there.

Trump, speaking on Tuesday, noted that the Houthis had pledged to cease disrupting key shipping lanes in the Middle East, a significant development for international trade and regional security. In retaliation, Israel has conducted numerous airstrikes on Houthi targets in Yemen, marking an escalation in the ongoing conflict that has drawn in multiple international players.

The continued missile threat from the Houthis highlights the complex geopolitical dynamics in the region, with Israel’s security concerns intertwined with broader Middle Eastern conflicts and the strategic interests of global powers, including the U.S.

Markets End Higher Amid Global Cues and Inflation Relief; Nifty Nears 24,800, Sensex Gains 182 Points

Domestic stock markets closed with moderate gains on Wednesday. The indices initially rose on mixed signals from global markets. Investors took profits and diverted investment to China as tensions with the US eased. They recovered on the back of falling inflation, expectations of interest rate cuts and a stronger rupee. In the end, the Nifty rose by 88 points and the Sensex by 182 points. The India VIX also calmed down somewhat.

The BSE Sensex, which closed at 81,148 in the previous session, opened at 81,278 on Wednesday. It touched an intraday low of 80,910. It reached an intraday high of 81,691. It finally closed at 81,330 with a gain of 182 points. The NSE Nifty, which opened at 24,613, touched a low of 24,535 and a high of 24,764. It closed at 24,767, up 88 points. The Nifty Bank rose 139 points to settle at 54,801.

In the Nifty50, 38 companies gained while 12 lost. Tata Steel, Shriram Finance, BEL, Hindalco, Tech Mahindra were the top gainers. Asian Paints, Cipla, Kotak Bank, Tata Motors, Power Grid were the biggest losers. Metal, realty, IT, media, oil, auto, health-care, pharma, consumer durables indices rose. Private bank and finance indices rose marginally.

The market breadth is completely in favor of buyers on NSE today. Out of a total of 2960 stocks traded, 2183 gained and 694 lost. 61 shares reached their 52-week high and 13 shares reached their 52-week low. 200 shares touched the upper circuit and 30 shares touched the lower circuit.



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The rupee strengthened by 7 paise to settle at 85.27 against the dollar. NIIT's Q4 net profit fell 10.6% to Rs.48.7 crore from Rs.54.5 crore. CLSA has given an outperform rating to Bharti Airtel with a target price of Rs.2030 and GAIL with a target price of Rs.210. It is noteworthy that Morgan Stanley has given an overweight rating to Aditya Birla Capital with a target price of Rs 250. CLSA has given an outperform rating to Tata Motors with a target price of Rs 805. The cabinet has approved the HCL-Foxconn JV for the semicon plant. Sree Cement's net profit fell 16% to Rs 556 crore from Rs 662 crore. Ariyan Pro Solution's consolidated profit rose 30% and revenue by 32%. Berger Paints' net profit rose 18.2% to Rs 263 crore from Rs 222 crore. Weegaard's net profit was Rs 78 crore compared to the estimated



Rs 87 crore. Edelweiss' net profit fell 38% to Rs 105 crore. 16 lakh shares changed hands in Bharti Airtel. Bharti Hexacom's net profit rose 110% to Rs 468 crore, while revenue rose 22.5% to Rs 2289 crore.

1. Tata Steel (TATASTEEL)



Tata Steel is one of India's largest steel producers, with operations in India and Europe, focusing on steel manufacturing for automotive, construction, and infrastructure sectors. Tata Steel is transitioning to electric arc furnace steelmaking at Port Talbot, UK, with approval secured in November 2024, aiming for lower carbon emissions. . Focus on optimizing raw material costs and operational efficiency to counter global price volatility. Tata Steel benefits from reduced Chinese steel imports due to China's

output reduction, but U.S. tariffs and a strong dollar pose risks. Domestic demand and cost control are key growth drivers.

2. Hindalco Industries

Hindalco, part of the Aditya Birla Group, is a leading aluminium and copper manufacturer, with its subsidiary Novelis driving global aluminium recycling. Noted as a strong performer in the metal sector, trading within a range with bullish momentum. Hindalco is poised for growth in aluminium due to strong prices and domestic trade barriers, but global macro risks and U.S. tariff volatility could impact performance.



3. CG Power and Industrial Solutions



CG Power, part of the Murugappa Group, manufactures electrical equipment, including transformers, motors, and railway solutions, serving power and industrial sectors. The stock has shown resilience, with analysts noting its outperformance due to India's infrastructure push and electrification trends. Secured significant contracts in Q3 FY24 for transformers and railway components, boosting revenue visibility. CG Power is well-positioned to capitalize on In-

4. Vedanta Limited



Vedanta is a diversified natural resources company, with operations in aluminium, zinc, iron ore, oil, and gas, focusing on mining and metals. Progressing with business demerger to unlock value, expected to enhance investor focus on individual segments. Scaling up aluminium and zinc production from FY26, with capex plans on track. Vedanta's diversified portfolio and demerger plans position it for growth, but global trade wars and commodity price volatility are key risks.

5. Jindal Steel and Power



Jindal Steel and Power is a major steel producer, with operations in steel, power, and mining, focusing on infrastructure and automotive sectors. Jindal Steel benefits from strong domestic steel demand and China's output reduction, but near-term headwinds from global tariffs persist.

Tata Motors Q4 Profit Declines 51% YoY, Faces Challenges Amid Global Uncertainty

Tata Motors reported a significant 51% year-on-year decline in its consolidated net profit for the March quarter, bringing it down to Rs 8,556 crore. This is a sharp drop from the Rs 17,528 crore recorded in the same period last year. The decline was attributed to lower volumes and operating leverage pressures. Despite this, the company's total revenue from operations for the quarter remained almost flat, standing at Rs 1,19,503 crore compared to Rs 1,19,033 crore in the previous year.



For the fiscal year 2024-25, Tata Motors posted a consolidated net profit of Rs 28,149 crore, which was a decrease from Rs 31,807 crore in the previous year. However, total revenue increased slightly, reaching Rs 4,39,695 crore compared to Rs 4,34,016 crore in FY24.

The company's CFO, PB Balaji, noted that Tata Motors' automotive business is now debt-free, marking a significant improvement in financial health and reducing interest costs. "This is a testament to the resilient team and healthy business fundamentals," he added. The company remains focused on driving growth, improving cash break-even, and continuing investments in future technologies.

In its UK-based Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) division, the company reported a slight dip in revenue, with a 1.7% decrease year-on-year to 7.7 billion pounds for the March quarter. For the full fiscal

year, JLR's revenue stood almost unchanged at 29 billion pounds compared to FY24. Tata Motors welcomed a positive US-UK trade deal announced in May 2025, which reduces tariffs on UK auto exports to the US from 27.5% to 10%. This deal is expected to provide greater certainty for JLR's future operations.

On a standalone basis, Tata Motors posted a net profit of Rs 1,382 crore, down 35% from Rs 2,126 crore a year earlier. The standalone revenue also declined to Rs 19,999 crore from Rs 20,260 crore in Q4 of FY24.

The passenger vehicle (PV) segment saw a drop in volumes by 5.5%, with sales standing at 1.47 lakh units. However, Tata Motors continues to lead the SUV market and saw growth in CNG vehicle sales, driven by the increasing preference for environmentally friendly powertrains.

Looking ahead, Tata Motors remains cautious but optimistic, with a focus on driving growth in SUVs, CNG, and electric vehicles while keeping an eye on macroeconomic factors and global geopolitics.

Wholesale Inflation Eases to 0.85% in April, Driven by Lower Food and Manufactured Prices

India's wholesale price inflation (WPI) eased significantly in April, dropping to 0.85% from 2.05% in March, as food articles, manufactured products, and fuel costs saw a decline, according to government data released on Wednesday. This marks a decrease from the 1.19% inflation recorded in April 2024.

The Ministry of Industry attributed the positive inflation rate in April primarily to higher prices in the manufacturing of food products, chemicals, chemical products, other transport equipment, and machinery. Despite this, the easing of prices in several key sectors offset the overall inflationary pressure.

The WPI data revealed that food articles experienced de-



flation of 0.86% in April, a sharp improvement from the 1.57% inflation observed in March. This was largely driven by a significant drop in vegetable prices, with the category witnessing a deflation of 18.26% in April, compared to 15.88% in March. The inflation in onions eased to a mere 0.20% in April, down from a steep 26.65% in March.

Manufactured goods saw inflation at 2.62% in April, slightly lower than the 3.07% in March. Meanwhile, fuel and power recorded a deflation of 2.18% in April, compared to a slight 0.20% inflation in March.

The data also showed a downward trend in retail inflation,

which dropped to 3.16% in April, the lowest since July 2019. This was mainly due to the subdued prices of vegetables, fruits, pulses, and other protein-rich items. The easing of both retail and wholesale inflation offers the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) more flexibility in its monetary policy decisions.

The RBI, which primarily focuses on retail inflation when making policy decisions, had already reduced the benchmark policy rate by 0.25% to 6% in April to support economic growth amid external challenges like the threat of US reciprocal tariffs. The central bank's forecast for retail inflation in FY25 has been revised to 4%, down from the earlier estimate of 4.2%.

Airtel Q4 FY25: Net Profit Soars 432% to Rs 11,021 Crore, Announces Rs 16 Dividend

Bharti Airtel has posted a stellar performance in its Q4 results for the fiscal year 2024-25, reporting a 432% year-on-year (YoY) growth in net profit. The telecom giant's net profit surged to Rs 11,021 crore, up from Rs 2,071 crore during the same quarter in FY24. This impressive growth was driven by an increase in Average Revenue Per User (ARPU), which rose to Rs 245 in Q4 FY25, compared to Rs 209 in Q4 FY24.

The company's revenue for the quarter stood at Rs 47,876 crore, marking a 27.3% YoY increase. This growth was primarily fuelled by the expansion of mobile services, including tariff hikes, strong smartphone customer additions, and ef-

forts to drive premiumization within its customer base.

In recognition of its strong performance, Airtel's board has recommended a final dividend of Rs 16 per fully paid-up equity share of face value Rs 5 each. For partly



paid-up equity shares, the recommended dividend is Rs 4 per share with a paid-up value of Rs 1.25 per share. The dividend, subject to approval by the shareholders at the upcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM), will be credited within 30 days of the meeting.

Airtel's Q4 performance highlights its continued growth trajectory in the competitive telecom market, driven by strategic efforts in customer acquisition, premium service offerings, and improved financial metrics. The company remains well-positioned to continue its strong performance into the next fiscal year, with solid dividends further enhancing shareholder value.

“Rude” Chinese Customers Not Allowed At This Japan Restaurant, Row Erupts

A grill restaurant in Osaka, Japan, has ignited a firestorm of controversy after posting a sign explicitly banning Chinese customers. The restaurant, Hayashin, known for its popular grilled dishes, put up a notice written in simplified Chinese that labeled Chinese patrons as “rude” and declared they were not welcome.



The reason behind the restaurant’s decision remains unclear, but the discriminatory message quickly went viral on social media, triggering intense debate across both Japanese and Chinese online platforms. According to a report by the South China Morning Post, the notice has divided opinion — with some nationalist voices in Japan defending the move, while many others, especially in China, condemned it as overtly xenophobic and inappropriate.

One Chinese netizen criticized the restaurant, stating, “A business that puts up such a sign has worse manners than the rude customers it claims to reject.” Another user commented, “This is a shallow attempt to gain attention through misplaced patriotism.”

This incident isn’t without precedent. In recent years, tensions between Chinese and Japanese citizens have occasionally spilled into public spaces, including eateries. Notably, in 2020, during the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic, a restaurant in Shenyang, China, drew global backlash after displaying a mas-

sive red banner that celebrated the spread of the virus in the United States and Japan. The banner read, “Congratulations to the United States for the outbreak of Coronavirus and wish the pandemic lasts forever in Japan.” The manager responsible was later fired for putting it up without authorization.

The Hayashin controversy once again highlights how political and cultural tensions can influence — and sometimes poison — cross-cultural interactions in everyday settings like restaurants. Critics have argued that such blanket bans harm a nation’s image and fuel division rather than resolve interpersonal or cultural misunderstandings.

As the backlash grows, questions remain about how authorities and local communities in Japan will respond, and whether the restaurant will retract its statement. The incident underscores the importance of diplomacy not just between governments, but in daily social conduct and business ethics as well.

Can AI Really Replace Friends? Zuckerberg Thinks So Psychologists Strongly Disagree

In a world increasingly shaped by technology, Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg believes artificial intelligence may be able to fill a growing emotional void in people’s lives. In a recent episode of The Dworkesh Podcast, Zuckerberg claimed that while the average American has about three close friends, many desire deeper connections with up to 15 people. To him, AI companions could step in to meet this unmet social need.



But mental health experts are pushing back on that notion, warning that while AI might mimic aspects of friendship, it can never truly replace the richness of real human relationships.

Omri Gillath, a psychology professor at the University of Kansas, told CNBC Make It that Zuckerberg’s numbers paint a misleading picture. “For many people, three or four meaningful relationships are more than enough,” Gillath said, adding that what matters more is the quality of connections, not the quantity.

Zuckerberg’s vision sees AI as a 24/7 supportive friend — always present, always polite, never judgmental. And to some extent, the idea appeals to those feeling isolated or emotionally unfulfilled. AI companions, including chatbots and virtual assistants, are already being used for emotional support. A New York Times report recently highlighted individuals forming deep attachments — even romantic feelings — toward

AI chatbots.

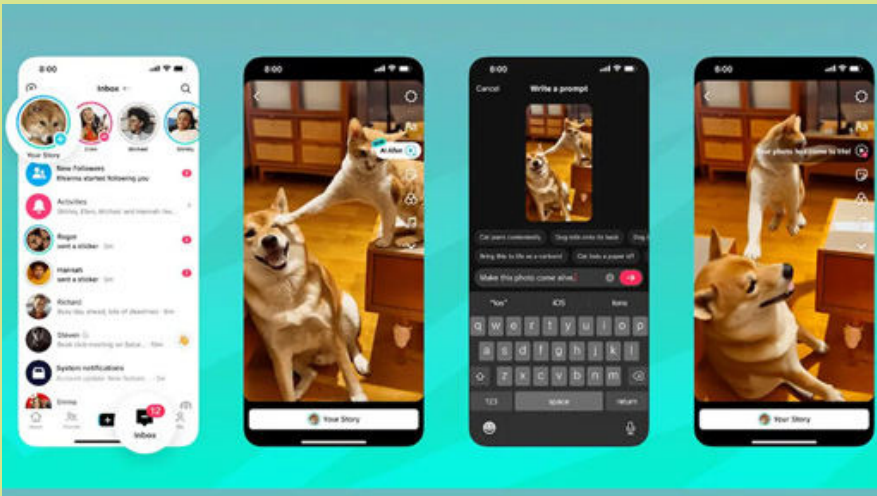
However, psychologists stress that these interactions are fundamentally one-sided. “AI might offer temporary emotional relief,” Gillath explained, “but it can’t touch you, it can’t surprise you with genuine care, and it can’t love you back.”

The real concern lies in the long-term emotional consequences. While AI may provide comfort in the short term, experts argue it lacks the capacity for empathy, growth, and vulnerability — key ingredients of authentic human connection. Relationships with AI are inherently limited, unable to evolve or reciprocate in the way human friendships do.

In an age of digital companions, psychologists urge caution. Rather than replacing real friends, they advocate for using AI to enhance — not substitute — human interactions. “We must not forget,” Gillath said, “that true connection comes from shared experiences, not just shared words.”

TikTok Unveils AI Alive: Turn Photos into Animated Videos

TikTok has launched an innovative new feature called AI Alive, allowing users to transform static images into animated videos using artificial intelligence. Announced on Tuesday, this new tool taps into generative AI technology, offering users the ability to create short video clips from photos, though currently limited to TikTok Stories and not directly on the main feed.



The AI Alive tool is the first of its kind among major video-based social media platforms, making TikTok the leader in AI-driven image-to-video generation. While other platforms like Instagram, X, and Snapchat do not offer such a feature, TikTok’s AI-powered tool stands out as a game-changer. Although YouTube Shorts is experimenting with a text-to-video feature, it hasn’t rolled it out to users at a large scale yet.

To use the AI Alive feature, TikTok users simply tap the blue plus icon (+) found on the top of the Profile or Inbox page. They then select a photo from their Story Album, where the AI Alive icon

appears on the right side of the editing toolbar. Upon selecting the icon, users can either input a custom text prompt describing how they want the image animated or use one of the suggested prompts. After clicking “generate,” a short animated video is created that can be shared within the user’s Story, appearing in the For You and Following feeds, as well as on their profile page.

In an effort to prevent misuse, TikTok has introduced moderation technology that scans the uploaded photo, text prompt, and

the resulting video before the content is shown to users. Another check happens before the video is posted to ensure it complies with platform guidelines. Additionally, TikTok is adding a visible AI-generated label to identify synthetic content, along with C2PA metadata to track the origin of AI-generated videos.

With AI Alive, TikTok has taken a bold step in integrating AI tools into social media, offering users an exciting way to enhance their content while balancing safety and authenticity.

McDonald’s Food Truck in Saudi Arabia Goes Viral During Trump’s Visit

A mobile McDonald’s food truck has taken social media by storm after being set up in Riyadh during US President Donald Trump’s visit to Saudi Arabia. The food truck, catering to Trump’s well-known love for McDonald’s, was spotted as part of the lavish royal welcome from Saudi Arabia’s Crown Prince Mohamed bin Salman.



Upon Trump’s arrival, he was greeted by Prince Mohamed with a grand display, including a purple carpet and a guard of honor. But what really captured attention was the presence of a McDonald’s food truck, a gesture that quickly went viral. Videos and pictures of the truck, with its iconic golden arches and signage in both English and Arabic, were widely shared online. American commentator Benny Johnson shared a video on X (formerly Twitter), noting, “Saudi Arabia brought in a mobile McDonald’s for President Trump on his visit.”

The sight of the food truck resonated with many, with some viewers praising the gesture. One user commented, “Saudi hospitality is AAA level,” while another called it “a very thoughtful gesture.” Some even added humor to the situation,

joking about the infamous McDonald’s ice cream machine, “I wonder if the ice cream machine is still broken?”

The viral moment was also dubbed “Big Mac diplomacy,” with one social media user remarking, “Now that’s some Big Mac diplomacy! President Trump has the golden arches following him like a VIP entourage.” Another chimed in, “Now, that’s what I call the Royal treatment.”

McDonald’s is a well-established brand in Saudi Arabia, with 267 restaurants across the central, eastern, and northern regions. This mobile food truck, however, was a unique and personal touch for Trump’s visit, capturing the spirit of hospitality while offering a lighthearted, yet symbolic, diplomatic gesture during the trip.

Why Birds Fly in a V-Shape: The Science Behind the Formation

The sight of birds soaring in a perfect V-shape across the sky is mesmerizing, but did you know this formation is far from random? It’s actually a smart survival strategy that helps them conserve energy during long migrations, thanks to the principles of aerodynamics.

The Science of V-Formation

Migratory birds like geese and pelicans fly in this unique V-formation to make their long journeys more efficient. Just like an airplane needs optimal takeoff and landing techniques, birds rely on aerodynamics to save energy while flying. The lead bird works the hardest, facing the most wind resistance, while the birds following behind catch a break. They

benefit from the updraft created by the lead bird’s wings, reducing drag and allowing them to use less energy.

Nature’s Flight Strategy

A study on ibises revealed fascinating details about this process. Researchers tracked these birds and found that they consistently fly about a meter behind and to the side of the bird in front, where the rising air provides the most lift. What’s remarkable is that these birds don’t stick to one position—they switch places regularly, unlike airplanes with a fixed leader. This dynamic formation ensures that no single bird carries the burden of wind resistance for too long.

The V-shape works like a well-coordinated team effort. When a bird flaps its wings, it creates both downwash (air pushed downward) and upwash (air pushed upward). Birds flying slightly behind and to the side place themselves in the upwash zone, where the air rising from the leading bird gives them extra lift, making it easier to stay airborne with less effort.

A Shared Technique

Interestingly, fighter jets use the same technique in formations to reduce air resistance and save fuel. In fact, birds flying at the back of the V have lower heart rates and flap their wings less often, conserving energy for the long journey ahead.



Pakistan’s Participation in Asia Cup Hockey in India Uncertain After Pahalgam Terror Attack



Pakistan’s participation in the 12th edition of the Hero Asia Cup hockey tournament in India is now in serious doubt following the recent escalation of tensions between the two countries, particularly after the Pahalgam terror attack. The Asia Cup is set to be held in Rajgir, Bihar, from August 27 to September 7, with India, Pakistan, Japan, Korea, China, Malaysia, Oman, and Chinese Taipei scheduled to compete. This tournament is crucial as it serves as a qualifying event for the 2026 World Cup, which will be hosted in the Netherlands and Belgium.

Hockey India Secretary General Bholanath Singh stated that the federation is awaiting a government advisory on the issue, as the current political situation between India and Pakistan remains volatile. Singh emphasized that the federation would follow the government’s directive, as it has in previous cases. The ongoing tensions, heightened by India’s military response to the Pahalgam attack, which claimed 26 lives, has made it uncertain whether Pakistan will be allowed to participate.

The situation escalated after India’s “Operation Sindoor,” which targeted terrorist hubs in Pakistan and Pakistan Occupied Kashmir, leading to further military clashes. Both nations agreed to a ceasefire on May 10, but Prime Minister Narendra Modi made it clear that any future engagement with Pakistan will depend on concrete actions against terrorism by the country.

The Pakistan Hockey Federation is closely monitoring the situation, and the final decision will depend on the government’s stance at the time. If Pakistan is barred from participating, the Asian Hockey Federation will decide whether the tournament will continue with six teams or if a replacement team will be brought in.

This is not the first time Pakistan’s participation in a multi-nation event in India has been questioned, with the 2016 Junior World Cup being another instance where Pakistan was replaced by Malaysia following a terror attack. The Asia Cup holds significant importance, as the winning team earns a direct qualification spot for the 2026 World Cup.

Lakshya Sen Exits Thailand Open; Aakarshi Kashyap and Unnati Hooda Progress

Indian badminton star Lakshya Sen was knocked out of the Thailand Open in the opening round, suffering a hard-fought defeat to Ireland’s Nhat Nguyen in a men’s singles match. The encounter, which lasted one hour and 20 minutes, saw Sen losing 18-21, 21-9, 17-21. Despite a strong comeback in the second game, where Sen dominated with aggressive rallies, Nguyen regained control in the decider. After a tight 17-13 lead, Nguyen sealed the victory, advancing to the next round.

Meanwhile, Priyanshu Rajawat also exited in the first round, falling 13-21, 21-17, 16-21 to Indonesia’s Alwi Farhan in a closely contested match.

In women’s singles, Aakarshi Kashyap triumphed in a thrilling battle against Japan’s Kaoru Sugiyama, winning 21-16, 20-22, 22-20. The match was



an intense affair, with Aakarshi holding her nerve in the final stages of the decider to secure the win.

Unnati Hooda also moved past her opponent, recording a determined 21-14, 18-21, 23-21 victory over Thailand’s Thamonwan Nithiittikrai. Unnati’s perseverance in the final game ensured her place in the next round of the tournament.

However, the tournament proved to be the end of the road for Rakshitha Sree Santhosh Ramraj. She was defeated 18-21, 7-21 by eighth seed Yeo Jia Min of Singapore in her opening match of the women’s singles event.

As the Thailand Open continues, Aakarshi and Unnati will look to build on their impressive performances and push further into the tournament.

Dan Ballard’s Last-Minute Goal Sends Sunderland to Championship Play-Off Final

Sunderland secured a dramatic 3-2 aggregate victory over Coventry City to reach the Championship play-off final, thanks to a last-gasp goal from Dan Ballard in the final seconds of extra-time. With the tie finely poised, Sunderland’s hopes of a return to the Premier League seemed set to be decided by a penalty shoot-out until Ballard’s heroic header in stoppage-time earned a 1-1 draw in the second leg, sparking wild celebrations from the 46,000-strong crowd at the Stadium of Light.



The dramatic climax followed a tense match where Sunderland trailed 1-0 on the night due to Ephron Mason-Clark’s 76th-minute goal. Coventry had the better chances throughout, with Jack Rudoni missing a golden opportunity just before half-time and Haji Wright failing to convert a header from close range in

stoppage-time. Sunderland, however, was resolute in defense, despite a nervous display, and nearly sealed the tie through Trai Hume, whose volley was saved in the second half.

With the aggregate score level at 2-2, extra-time loomed large, and just as it seemed the tie would go to penalties,

Ballard delivered. Meeting Enzo Le Fee’s corner with an unorthodox header, Ballard’s effort struck the crossbar before bouncing over the line, sending Sunderland’s fans into raptures.

Sunderland, who had suffered five consecutive defeats heading into the play-offs, will now face Sheffield United in the final at Wembley on May 24. Despite finishing 14 points behind their opponents in the regular season, Sunderland’s resilience and dramatic victory have kept their Premier League dream alive after an eight-year absence.

For Coventry, it was a heart-wrenching defeat, with their hopes of promotion dashed in cruel fashion, while Sunderland’s fairy-tale journey continues.

South African Players Set to Miss IPL Playoffs for WTC Final Duty

South African cricketers selected for the World Test Championship (WTC) Final against Australia are likely to miss the IPL playoffs, as Cricket South Africa (CSA) stands firm on prioritizing national duty over league commitments. The IPL, which was temporarily suspended due to geopolitical tensions, is set to resume on May 17, with the final scheduled for June 3. However, the resumption has created a scheduling conflict for players from both Australia and South Africa, as they are required for the WTC Final, which starts on June 11 in London.

CSA has reiterated its commitment to ensuring the team’s preparation for the WTC Final, insisting that players return no later than May 26 to allow sufficient time for acclimatization before the tournament. Enoch Nkwe, CSA’s director of national teams and high performance, confirmed during a press conference that the board is sticking to its original plan, prioritizing the WTC Final preparations over IPL commitments.

“We are finalizing this with the IPL and the



BCCI, but the No. 1 priority is the WTC Final,” Nkwe stated. “The latest players can return is May 26, and we are engaging with the IPL to ensure everything is aligned with our plans.”

Eight South African players are part of the Proteas squad for the WTC Final, including Kagiso Rabada, Lungi

Ngidi, Aiden Markram, Marco Jansen, and others, all of whom are involved in the IPL. With the revised IPL schedule, the playoff dates overlap with CSA’s plans, making it difficult for these players to participate in both events.

South Africa’s head coach, Shukri Conrad, echoed this stance, saying the players should return by May 26 for proper preparation. “We’re not budging on this; our players need to be back by the 26th,” Conrad confirmed.

While CSA has taken a hardline position, Cricket Australia has left the decision to its players, and the England and Wales Cricket Board is still reviewing its No Objection Certificate policy.

India, England Narrow Gap as Australia Maintain Lead in ICC Women’s ODI Rankings

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has released its updated Women’s ODI team rankings, with Australia continuing to lead the chart. However, their once-commanding position has slightly diminished as both England and India made notable gains, narrowing the points gap at the top.

As per the latest rankings released on Wednesday, Australia remain the No. 1 team in Women’s ODIs with 167 rating points. Despite holding their top spot, their lead has reduced from 44 points to 40 after the ICC’s annual ranking update. The new update reflects matches played from May 2022 to April 2024 with a 50% weighting, and those after April 2024 at full value.

England, holding firm in second place, now have 127 rating points. India, in third, gained eight points to move up to 121, reducing the gap with England from 11 points to just six. This marked improvement for India reflects their consistent performances in recent series and places them in a strong position as they aim to climb further.

New Zealand retained their fourth spot with 96 points, while South Africa, despite staying in fifth place, suffered a significant drop—losing nine rating points to finish at 90. A key factor in this decline was the removal of South Africa’s 2022 World Cup semi-final performance from the ranking calculation.

Sri Lanka also maintained their sixth position with



82 points. However, one of the biggest shake-ups involved the West Indies, who slipped from seventh to ninth place after losing 10 points. Their 2022 World Cup semi-final run no longer counts toward the current rankings, severely impacting their standing.

Bangladesh and Pakistan took advantage of West Indies’ decline, climbing to seventh and eighth positions with 79 and 78 points, respectively.

The latest rankings reflect not only current team form but also how previous performances are gradually phased out of the calculations. With major tournaments and bilateral series ahead, these updated standings set the stage for increased competition among the top sides.

India and England’s upward momentum signals a tighter race at the top, while Australia, though still dominant, face growing pressure from their closest rivals.



Vijay Deverakonda's 'Kingdom' Postponed: New Release Date Announced

Vijay Deverakonda's highly anticipated spy action thriller Kingdom has officially been postponed. Originally slated for a May 30, 2025 release, the film will now hit theaters on July 4, 2025. The announcement was made earlier today by the makers, who cited unforeseen national events and an unsuitable promotional environment as reasons for the delay.

Directed by Gowtham Tinnanuri, Kingdom has generated significant buzz since its announcement, with fans eagerly awaiting Deverakonda's next big-screen appearance. However, recent developments have led the production team to reconsider their release strategy. In a heartfelt statement, the makers explained their decision:

"We explored every possibility to stick to the original date, but recent unforeseen events in the country and the current atmosphere have made it difficult for us to move forward with promotions or celebrations. We believe this decision will help us present Kingdom in the best possible way, with the creative excellence and spirit it deserves. We truly value your support and hope to receive your love when we meet you at the cinemas on July 4."

The producers also expressed gratitude to actor Nithiin and producer Dil Raju for their understanding and support. Notably, the original release date for Kingdom would have clashed with Nithiin's film Thammudu, leading to potential competition at the box office. The change now allows both films to have breathing space and their own dedicated viewership.

Starring Bhagyashree Borse as the female lead, Kingdom is being produced by Sithara Entertainment



ments in collaboration with Fortune Four Cinemas. The film's music is composed by the acclaimed Anirudh Ravichander, adding further excitement to the project.

While the delay may disappoint some fans, it also raises anticipation for a bigger and better release. The team has promised to return stronger with full-scale promotions in the coming weeks. With a power-packed cast, a gripping spy narrative, and a visionary director at the helm, Kingdom is expected to be a major cinematic event this July.

Critically Acclaimed Courtroom Drama Kesari Chapter 2 to Release in Telugu on May 23

Following its impressive theatrical run in Hindi, the powerful historical courtroom drama Kesari Chapter 2 is now set to captivate Telugu-speaking audiences. Asian Suresh Entertainment has officially announced that the Telugu-dubbed version of the film will release on May 23, 2025.

Originally released on April 18, 2025, Kesari Chapter 2 received widespread acclaim from both critics and audiences. Starring Akshay Kumar, R. Madhavan, and Ananya Panday, the film delves deep into one of the most tragic events in India's colonial history — the Jallianwala Bagh massacre of 1919. The movie brings to life the intensity of the courtroom battle that followed, shedding light on the brutalities of British rule and the resilience of Indian revolutionaries.

Directed by Karan Singh Tyagi, the film is rated "A" for its intense and emotionally charged content. Its success in Hindi has paved the way for the Telugu version, allowing regional audiences to witness a major cinematic retelling of history in their own language. Digital promotions for the Telugu release will commence shortly, as anticipation begins to build in the Telugu states.

The film is produced by Dharma Productions, Leo Media Collective, and Cape of Good Films, three major production houses known for backing content-driven cinema. With its hard-hitting courtroom sequences, emotional performances, and strong historical context, Kesari Chapter 2 has struck a chord with audiences across the country.



Akshay Kumar delivers a commanding performance as a freedom fighter turned legal crusader, while R. Madhavan brings depth to his role as the opposing counsel. Ananya Panday surprises viewers with a mature and impactful performance in a supporting but significant role.

As the Telugu version gears up for its release, all eyes are on how it will resonate with regional audiences. With its gripping narrative and historical relevance, Kesari Chapter 2 is expected to make a strong impression in the Telugu market. Mark your calendars for May 23, and don't miss this compelling drama in theatres.

RAPO22 Title Glimpse to Be Unveiled on Ram Pothineni's Birthday

Tollywood star Ram Pothineni is all set to make headlines once again with his upcoming film, currently known as RAPO22. Directed by young filmmaker Mahesh Babu P, the film has been generating buzz since its announcement — and now, fans have something exciting to look forward to.

The makers have officially confirmed that the title glimpse of RAPO22 will be released tomorrow, May 15, 2025, at exactly 10:08 AM, coinciding with Ram Pothineni's birthday. This strategic and celebratory reveal has fans eagerly counting down the hours, as it marks a major milestone in the film's promotional journey.



In RAPO22, Ram will be seen portraying a relatable middle-class character who is an ardent admirer of Sandalwood superstar Upendra. This intriguing layer adds emotional depth and personal passion to the character, setting the stage for a heartwarming and possibly intense narrative. The film's team is confident that the story will strike a strong emotional chord with audiences across regions.

Bhagyashree Borse has been cast as the female lead, further raising curiosity among movie lovers. With her recent projects gaining attention, her pairing with Ram is expected to offer fresh on-screen chemistry.

Produced by the prestigious Mythri Movie Makers, RAPO22 boasts solid production values. The music is being com-

posed by the dynamic duo Vivek-Mervin, known for their energetic and modern soundtracks. Fans can expect the film's music to complement its emotional and narrative tones perfectly.

As anticipation builds, tomorrow's title reveal is expected to set the tone for the film's promotional campaign. Given the buzz around the project and Ram's growing popularity, the glimpse could offer a deeper look into the film's theme, mood, and visual style.

With a promising cast, an emotionally rich storyline, and a director eager to make his mark, RAPO22 is shaping up to be one of the most awaited Telugu films of the year. Don't miss the big moment tomorrow at 10:08 AM, as the title and glimpse are officially unveiled.

Sitaare Zameen Par Trailer: Love, Laughter & Happiness

Amir Khan is back on the big screen with Sitaare Zameen Par, the official Hindi adaptation of the Spanish hit Champions. Directed by RS Prasanna, the film's trailer dropped recently, offering a glimpse into a heartfelt story filled with warmth, humor, and emotional growth. The film is slated for a grand release on June 20, 2025.

Sitaare Zameen Par follows the story of a hot-headed basketball coach who is assigned to train a team of specially abled players for a national championship. What begins as a punishment soon transforms into a life-changing journey for the coach, as he learns about compassion, teamwork, and resilience from the very team he's sup-



posed to guide.

While the film shares thematic similarities with Aamir's past masterpiece Taare Zameen Par, it carves out its own emotional space. The core message revolves around acceptance, inclusivity, and the transformative power of human connection. However, the trailer, while informative, leaves little to the imagination — revealing much of the plot upfront and not quite de-

living the deep emotional punch that one might expect from a film with such themes. Still, there's anticipation about how Sitaare Zameen Par will adapt Champions to an Indian setting. The trailer hints at a mix of light-hearted moments and poignant storytelling, with a focus on bonding, self-discovery, and redemption.

Joining Aamir Khan in pivotal roles are Genelia

Deshmukh, Aroush Datta, Gopi Krishnan Varma, Vedant Sharmaa, and several talented newcomers. The ensemble cast is rounded out by actors like Dolly Ahluwalia, Brijendra Kala, Gurpal Singh, Simran Mangeshkar, and others who add richness to the narrative.

Produced by Aamir Khan and Aparna Purohit, the film features music by the celebrated trio Shankar-Ehsaan-Loy, adding another layer of emotional depth to the project.

With a story focused on hope and second chances, Sitaare Zameen Par has the potential to touch hearts — if it can balance entertainment with authenticity. Audiences will find out when it lights up theatres on June 20.

Mohanlal's Thudaram Creates Box Office History, Shatters Records in Kerala

Mollywood megastar Mohanlal has once again proven his unmatched box office appeal with his latest film, Thudaram. Directed by Tharun Moorthy, the film had a relatively low-key release but has now exploded into a massive blockbuster, stunning audiences, critics, and trade analysts alike. Defying expectations, Thudaram has created history by becoming the first-ever Malayalam film to cross the ₹100 crore mark in Kerala alone. This unprecedented feat cements the film's legacy as a true game-changer for the Malayalam film industry. Despite arriving with minimal pre-release buzz, the film's strong word-of-mouth and Mo-

hanlal's magnetic screen presence have propelled it to extraordinary commercial success. Now in its third week of theatrical run, Thudaram continues to draw full houses across the state, with no signs of slowing down. Its success isn't just confined to Kerala; globally, the film has grossed around ₹200 crore, making it the third-highest grossing Malayalam film of all time. The film's storyline and execution, paired with emotionally powerful performances, have struck a chord with viewers. Critics and fans have particularly praised the mature and nuanced direction by Tharun Moorthy, who has skillfully balanced mass appeal



with meaningful storytelling. In addition to Mohanlal's commanding lead performance, Thudaram boasts a strong supporting cast. Sobhana, Prakash Varma, Binu Pappu, and Thomas Mathew have all delivered impactful performances, contributing significantly to the film's success. Each character adds depth and

substance, making the narrative even more engaging. The massive success of Thudaram also marks a significant comeback for Mohanlal, whose recent films had seen mixed responses. This triumph reaffirms his enduring stardom and ability to connect with audiences across generations. With more records likely to fall in the coming days, Thudaram has not only elevated the benchmark for Malayalam cinema but also reinforced Mohanlal's status as a true cinematic legend. As the film continues its stellar run, it stands as a proud moment for Mollywood and its ever-growing audience.