



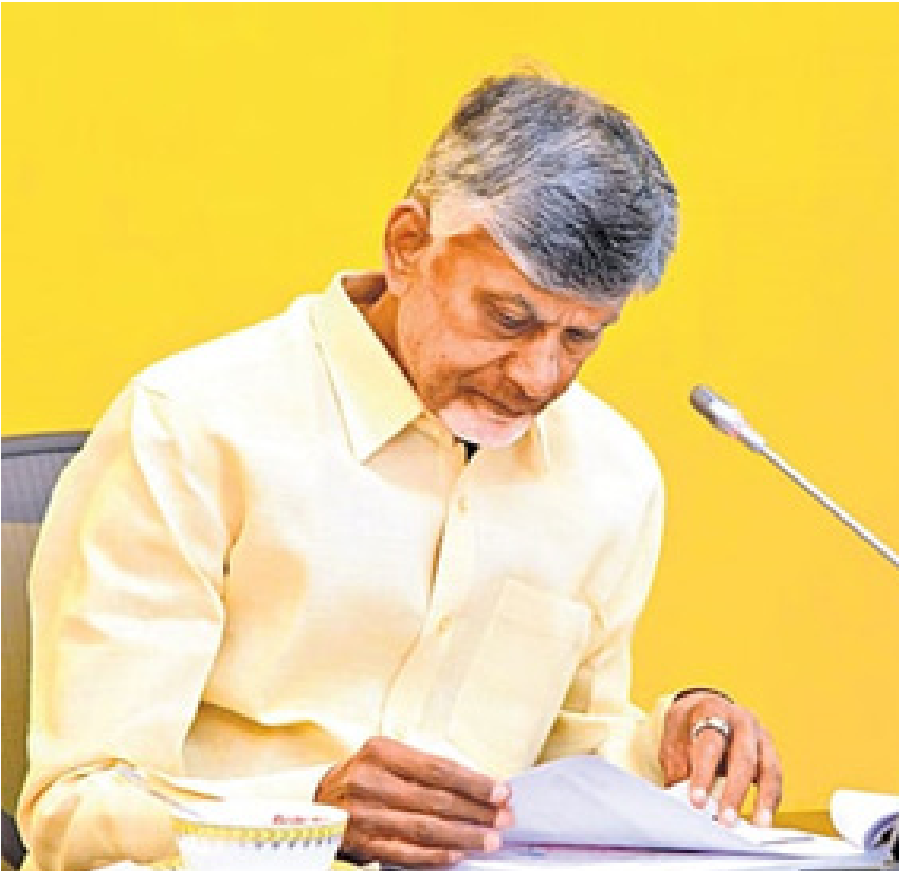
CM Naidu Calls for Record-Breaking Yoga Day in Visakhapatnam

PM Modi to Attend, Event to Involve 2 Crore Citizens

- PM Modi to join International Yoga Day in Vizag on June 21
- CM Naidu launches ‘Yogandhra-2025’ to spread yoga statewide
- ‘Yoga Month’ from May 21 to June 21 across Andhra Pradesh

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Friday directed officials to ensure that the upcoming 11th International Yoga Day celebrations in Visakhapatnam become a record-breaking and unforgettable event, especially with Prime Minister Narendra Modi participating on June 21. Chairing a high-level meeting with officials at his Undavalli residence, Naidu called the event a matter of prestige for Andhra Pradesh. “The presence of Prime Minister Modi gives this event national and international significance. It must be conducted in a spectacular fashion, marking the beginning of a massive yoga movement across the state,” he said. The Chief Minister launched the initiative ‘Yogandhra-2025’, aiming to involve every citizen in the yoga movement. He instructed officials to ensure that the event reaches at least two crore people across Andhra Pradesh, turning Yoga Day into a people’s campaign. Highlighting the theme for this



year, “Yoga for One Earth, One Health”, Naidu announced that a month-long campaign titled

‘Yoga Month’ would be observed from May 21 to June 21. During this period, yoga practice sessions

will be conducted across the state both online and offline. He urged officials to partner with yoga associations, certified trainers, and experts to run the sessions efficiently. Those who complete the training during the month-long campaign will be awarded certificates, further encouraging participation. Naidu also emphasized the importance of grassroots involvement, directing village and ward secretariats to facilitate registrations for the event. Students from schools and colleges will also play a key role in the programme. Officials presented detailed plans for the PM’s participation at the RK Beach venue and crowd arrangements stretching up to Bheemili. The large-scale mobilisation of yoga participants will make the coastline a symbolic stretch of India’s yoga spirit. Naidu concluded by saying that the International Yoga Day 2024 should not just be an event, but the beginning of Andhra Pradesh’s journey as a national hub for yoga promotion and wellness.



Dalit Student Brutally Tortured in Tirupati

Attempts to Kill Alleged by Chota Blade Gang

TPN Correspondent | Tirupati

In a disturbing incident in Tirupati, a Dalit student named James, a third-year engineering student at Vidyaniketan College, was reportedly kidnapped, brutally tortured, and nearly killed by a local gang led by rowdy sheeter Sai Rupesh and his associates, identified as members of the Chota Blade gang. According to James, the gang held him captive for nearly a day and a half, during which he was subjected to severe physical abuse and caste-based humiliation. The victim, currently undergoing treatment at Ruia Hospital in Tirupati, shared the horrific details of the torture he endured. “They kept insulting me daily with mean and casteist slurs,” James stated, breaking down as he recalled the ordeal. He alleged that Sai Rupesh even went to the extent of pouring urine into his mouth during the torture. The Thiruchanur police have so far only registered a nominal case, despite the gravity of the crime. James has made a public appeal demanding that a case under attempt to murder and SC/ST Atrocities Act be filed immediately against those responsible. “They tried to kill me and repeatedly humiliated me for being a Dalit. If justice is not served, I have no option but to take my own life,” James said in a statement from his hospital bed. The shocking incident has raised serious concerns about the protection of Dalit students and the growing impunity of rowdy elements in Tirupati. Activists and student unions have begun rallying around James, demanding stringent action against the culprits and police accountability for not acting firmly under the appropriate legal sections. Public outrage is building as calls grow for swift intervention from senior police officials and the SC/ST Commission to ensure justice is delivered without delay.

Lokesh Meets PM Modi In Delhi With Family

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Keeping his word, Lokesh arrived in Delhi on Saturday evening along with his family. The family was warmly received by the Prime Minister, who is said to have spent personal moments with Lokesh’s son and daughter, Devansh and his sister, showing affectionate gestures during the interaction. Apart from exchanging pleasantries and discussing family matters, the duo is believed to have held discussions on several key issues concerning Andhra Pradesh. While official details of the topics discussed remain undisclosed, sources suggest that developmental projects and coordination between the Centre and the state featured in the conversation. This meeting marks another step in Lokesh’s expanding political visibility at the national level, coming shortly after the Telugu Desam Party’s crucial return to power in Andhra Pradesh and its influential role in the NDA government at the Centre.

Minister Dola Directs Issuance of ID Cards to Disabled

Slot Booking Through Manamitra, Meeseva, and Village Secretariats

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

In a significant step towards empowering persons with disabilities, Andhra Pradesh Social Welfare Minister Dr. Dola Sri Bala Veeranjanyaswamy has directed officials to expedite the issuance of identity cards for the disabled. The announcement came during a review meeting held at the Velagapudi Secretariat on Friday, focusing on the welfare of the disabled and the elderly. The minister emphasized the need for swift issuance of Sadaram disability certificates and directed that they be issued within one month from the date of slot booking. To ensure better accessibility, he ordered that slots be made available through village secretariats, Meeseva Kendras, and the Manamitra WhatsApp Governance



system. He also instructed officials to conduct Sadaram assessment camps in a manner that eases access for individuals from remote and tribal areas.

Dr. Veeranjanyaswamy stated that the central government has already initiated steps to provide standardized identity cards to the disabled. These cards will include

the individual’s name, the percentage of disability, and other relevant personal information. The Minister instructed the authorities to ensure all necessary arrangements are made to prepare and distribute these cards across the state. Further addressing the welfare of senior citizens, the minister spoke about the PMJAY Vandana Scheme, under which individuals above the age of 70 will be eligible for free medical treatment worth up to ₹5 lakh. He emphasized the importance of raising awareness and ensuring that eligible beneficiaries avail themselves of this scheme. The minister concluded by reaffirming the government’s commitment to inclusivity and equal support for the differently-abled and elderly communities in Andhra Pradesh.

Tiranga Yatra In Gudivada Sees Massive Participation

Unity Is Our Strength, Says MLA Venigandla Ramu

TPN Correspondent | Krishna

A massive Tiranga rally was held in Gudivada town on Saturday evening as part of Operation Sindhur Vijayotsava, showcasing the unity and patriotic spirit of the people. Gudivada MLA Venigandla Ramu, along with thousands of citizens, led the march waving a 300-foot-long national flag through the heart of the town. The rally began at the Municipal Corporation Office and passed through Market Center, Vasavi Chowk, AGK School Center, and Nehru Chowk before returning to the starting point. Officials, political leaders, volunteers, and ex-servicemen participated with enthusiasm, shouting slogans like “Bharat Mata Ki Jai” and remembering the sacrifices of Indian soldiers. Speaking at the event, MLA Ramu said, “The conspiracies of terrorists like those in Tehalgam aimed at



creating hatred in the country have been defeated by the unity of the Indian people.” He hailed the successful efforts of the three armed forces, stating that their operation has gone down in history as a powerful message to those who seek to destabilize the country. “Pakistan has been silenced by India’s response, and the world has witnessed our military might and wisdom,” said Ramu, adding that India accepted the ceasefire only at

the global community’s request. He thanked the armed forces on behalf of the people of Gudivada and reiterated their support to Prime Minister Modi and the security forces. RDO G. Balasubramaniam and DSP Dheeraj Vinil said the rally symbolised the people’s unity and their deep respect for the nation’s armed forces. They called upon everyone to never forget the sacrifices of immortal soldiers. District BJP President Guthikonda Sri Raja Babu said India

responded appropriately to terrorism and taught a fitting lesson. Jana Sena in-charge Booragadda Srikanth saluted martyrs like Murali Nayak for their courage. The rally witnessed participation from a wide spectrum of society including Municipal Commissioner Simhadri Manohar, NTR Stadium Committee Vice Chairman Yelavarthi Srinivasa Rao, senior TDP leaders Pinnamineni Babji, Dr. Gorji Satyanarayana, Lingam Prasad, Pandraju Sambaiiah, Rural TDP President Vasey Murali, Nandivada Mandal President Daneti Sanyasirao, Tahsildar Ramakoteswara Rao, BJP Conveener Davuluri Surendrababu, government employees, students, and local dignitaries. The Tiranga yatra stood as a symbol of national unity, with thousands walking together to honour the country, the soldiers, and the tricolour.

Power of Armed Forces Displayed to the World: Payyavula



TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

Following the resounding success of Operation Sindoor, massive Tiranga rallies were held in Anantapur and Guntur districts to express solidarity with India's armed forces and pay tribute to their valor. Ministers, MLAs, officials, students, and citizens participated in large numbers, waving the national flag and raising slogans in support of the military.

In Anantapur, the rally began from the Arts College Grounds and continued till Saptagiri Circle, with the presence of State Ministers Payyavula Keshav, Satyakumar, MLAs, District Collector Vinod Kumar, and SP Jagadish. Addressing the gathering, Minister Payyavula Keshav stated, "The power of our three services has been made known to the world through Operation Sindoor. Terrorist conspiracies can never stop the development of this country."

Minister Satyakumar also addressed the public, noting that under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, India has demonstrated its military might decisively. He added, "Our army has shown that if innocent lives are lost, retaliation will be swift and strong."

Meanwhile, in Guntur, Union Minister of State Pemmasani Chandrasekhar, along with MLAs Nasir Ahmed, Ramanjaneyulu, and MLC Alapati Rajendra Prasad, led the Tiranga rally. Pemmasani condemned the terrorist attack in Pahalgam and said the elimination of terrorists through Operation Sindoor showcased the army's precision and strength.

He paid glowing tribute to Murali Nayak, the soldier who laid down his life during the operation. "His sacrifice is an inspiration for every Indian. The security of our nation remains the top priority for the NDA government," Pemmasani asserted.

The rallies served not only as a tribute to the bravery of the armed forces but also as a unifying message that the country stands united against terrorism and values the sacrifices made by its soldiers.

Chandrababu's Family Paid Taxes, Built Homes with Legal Income

“Even with 11 seats, your mindset hasn’t changed”: Subhash

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

State Minister Vasamsetty Subhash has hit back at the Yuva-Jana Sramika Rythu Congress Party (YCP) for its recent criticism of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu's assets. In a pointed social media post, Subhash asserted that Chandrababu's family constructed their homes through honest business earnings and by paying due taxes, unlike those who collect money by threatening others.

Taking a direct dig at the opposition, Minister Subhash wrote, "People gave you 11 seats hoping your poverty would go away... but even that hasn't changed your perverted mind." He emphasized that Chandrababu's family didn't accumulate property through coercion or illegitimate means, and instead followed a lawful path to progress.

This comes in response to a tweet by YCP, which questioned Chandrababu's rise from owning just two acres at the beginning of his political career to possessing a Jubilee Hills resi-



dence, Hi-Tech City properties, and farmhouses in Kondapur, along with a new construction in Kuppam and a lavish structure on 5.16 acres in Amaravati. The party mocked his claims of poverty, saying he portrays himself as "a man living in a hut," while residing in palatial buildings.

Minister Subhash defended the CM's record, saying the Naidu family has always remained transparent in their dealings

and continued to contribute to the economy legally, contrasting them with YCP leaders who "accumulate assets through fear and force."

The exchange marks the latest escalation in the war of words between the ruling Telugu Desam Party (TDP) and the opposition YCP, with both sides using social media to make sharp personal and political attacks ahead of key political developments in the state.

Chandrababu's Only Goal Is to Destroy YSRCP: Bhumana

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

YSRCP official spokesperson and former TTD chairman Bhumana Karunakar Reddy launched a scathing attack on Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, accusing him of using his position to target and destroy the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP). Speaking to the media, Bhumana alleged that the ruling TDP-led coalition has taken the path of revenge politics ever since it came to power in the state.

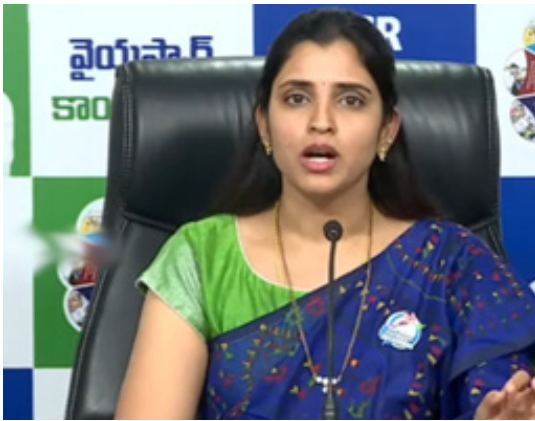
Bhumana expressed grave concern that YSRCP leaders, activists, former ministers, MLAs, and even IAS and IPS officers are being systematically targeted. "The government is acting like a monster. False cases are being filed and arrests are being made simply because they were loyal to the previous government," he said. He cited the arrests of Krish-



namohan Reddy and Dhanunjaya Reddy, calling them victims of politically motivated action under the guise of accountability. He further alleged that the government is now attempting to create a liquor scam out of thin

air with the sole aim of implicating former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy. He warned that if the government continues with such tactics, public opinion would soon turn against it. "If the ruling party wants to govern with fabricated cases and political vendetta, it will eventually have to pay the price," Bhumana cautioned. He also criticized the coalition for failing to fulfill its promises, particularly the much-publicized Super Six guarantees, and accused it of using diversionary politics to cover up its shortcomings.

Bhumana added that a sense of fear has gripped the administrative machinery, with honest officers now facing harassment under the current dispensation. He reiterated that these acts are eroding public trust and would lead to consequences for the ruling government in due course.



Krishnamohan Is Honest and Innocent: Shyamala

YCP spokesperson calls arrest unfair

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

YSRCP official spokesperson and popular anchor Shyamala has condemned the arrest of former OSD Krishnamohan Reddy in connection with the alleged liquor scam in Andhra Pradesh. Speaking to the media, Shyamala said the arrest was unjust and asserted that Krishnamohan Reddy is a deeply honest and innocent individual.

Describing his background, she stated, "Krishnamohan Reddy worked with two great leaders who dedicated their lives to public welfare – Dr. YS Rajasekhara Reddy and YS Jagan Mohan Reddy. He followed their service principles with utmost sincerity." She emphasized that Reddy always believed in serving leaders who, in turn, served the people.

Shyamala added that his loyalty and character are well known in political and public circles, and that his commitment to values has always been evident in his work. She stated confidently that "he will soon be released and the truth will come out."

Calling on society to recognize and support individuals who serve with values, she said, "We need people like Krishnamohan Reddy. His services to the people are invaluable, and such people should not be dragged into baseless allegations."

Modi Silent Coz Trump's Image Takes a Hit: KA Paul



TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

Prajashanti Party president Dr. KA Paul launched a scathing attack on former US President Donald Trump, accusing him of promoting conflict through massive arms sales while falsely projecting himself as a peace advocate. Speaking to the media at Telangana Bhavan in Delhi, Paul also questioned Prime Minister Narendra Modi's silence over what he called Trump's misleading statements regarding the India-Pakistan ceasefire.

"Trump claimed he stopped the war between India and Pakistan, but it was actually US Vice President JD Vance who clarified that America wouldn't intervene before a ceasefire. Trump lied and took credit for something he didn't do," Paul stated. He criticized Trump for allegedly selling arms worth one-third of India's GDP to countries like Saudi Arabia, UAE, and Qatar within a span of three days. "Those who sell arms can never want peace. They thrive on war," he added.

Paul expressed disappointment over Modi's silence on the issue, suggesting that it may be driven by a desire to protect Trump's global image. "Modi's silence is damaging. When false claims are made, it is important to speak the truth, especially when it concerns national matters," he said.

As part of his peace efforts, Paul announced that a global peace conference would be held on the 24th of this month at Gymkhana Grounds in Secunderabad, where representatives from nearly 200 countries are expected to participate. He said the purpose of the conference is to raise awareness about the global need for peace and to condemn the arms trade that fuels conflicts worldwide.

Paul concluded by emphasizing that lasting peace can never be achieved without putting an end to the international arms industry, urging world leaders to take concrete steps in that direction.

Bring Out Liquor Scam's Big Boss

TPN Correspondent | Tirupati

Former minister Dokka Manikya Varaprasad made serious allegations regarding the liquor scam, demanding that the "Big Boss" behind the massive corruption be brought to justice. Speaking to the media after visiting the Tirumala temple this morning, he claimed that the scam involved corruption worth lakhs of crores and accused the previous YSRCP government of endangering people's lives by selling substandard liquor.

Varaprasad said the liquor scam is not just a case of financial mismanagement but a crime that directly impacted the health and safety of people across Andhra Pradesh. He emphasized the need for strict action, saying, "The real kingpin behind this scam must be held accountable."

The former minister also offered prayers to Lord Venkateswara and stated that he sought divine strength for Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu to complete the development of Amaravati as the state's capital. "I prayed to Swamy to give our



CM the strength to fulfill his vision for Amaravati," Dokka added.

So far, six people have been arrested in connection with the liquor scam. The key accused, Krishnamohan Reddy and Dhanunjaya Reddy, who are believed to be the main masterminds behind the racket, were recently taken into custody.

Varaprasad's remarks have added fresh intensity to the already heated debate surrounding the liquor scam, further cornering the previous YSRCP regime amid ongoing investigations.

Key Dates Set for Super Six...

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During a recent public event in Kurnool district, Chandrababu Naidu confirmed that free APSRTC bus services for eligible women will begin on Independence Day, delivering on a major poll promise. He made the announcement during his participation in the Swarnandhra - Swachhandhra campaign, where he also administered a public pledge on cleanliness and called on citizens to promote greenery across the state.

He reiterated that the Talliki Vandanam scheme will benefit every child attending school, without restrictions. Additionally, he highlighted plans to develop Rayalaseema as a horticulture hub, boosting economic opportunities in the region.

With opposition parties, including YSRCP and AP Congress Chief YS Sharmila, criticising delays in implementing the Super Six promises, the government appears to be directly addressing these attacks. Sharmila herself protested via bus rides demanding free travel for women, while YSRCP leaders alleged non-implementation.

Now, with clear timelines in place—June 12 for student and farmer benefits, and August 15 for women's bus travel—the government seems to have moved proactively to fulfil its commitments and counter the criticism.

Swachh Andhra Swachh Diwas

Green Drive at Mangalagiri Police Headquarters
Program held on the 3rd Saturday of every month
DGP Harish Kumar Gupta plants saplings to promote greenery

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati
The Swarnandhra-Swachh Andhra cleanliness program took place today at Mangalagiri State Police Headquarters, reinforcing the state government's commitment to environment and hygiene. The monthly program, held on the third Saturday, focused on cleanliness and increasing green cover, aligning with Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu's vision for a cleaner and greener Andhra Pradesh. DGP Harish Kumar Gupta actively participated in the event by planting saplings, highlighting the government's pri-



ority on ecological balance. He emphasized that Amaravati, the state capital under devel-

opment, is being built with world-class standards, including a dedicated 30 percent green cover to enhance the city's environmental quality. The DGP urged citizens to take sapling planting seriously as a social responsibility to help the state compete globally in green initiatives. This initiative forms part of a broader campaign where cleanliness and greenery are given equal importance, reflecting the state's commitment to sustainable development. The Swarnandhra-Swachh Andhra program continues to mobilize government departments and the public to maintain a healthy environment across Andhra Pradesh.

NTR District Police Clean Police Stations

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada
On 17th May 2025, the N.T.R. District Police Commissionerate conducted a comprehensive cleaning drive across all police stations and offices as part of the Swachh Andhra Swachh Diwas program. This initiative, organized on the third Saturday of every month, focuses on promoting cleanliness, hygiene, and environmental awareness among police personnel. Following the directions of City Police Commissioner Sri S.V. Rajasekhara Babu, IPS, officers and staff of all police stations, ACP offices, DCP offices, and SB CCRB offices took part in the drive. They removed all useless items and thoroughly cleaned their respective premises and the surrounding areas. In addition to cleaning efforts, saplings were planted within

police station compounds to foster a greener environment. The program also aims to protect the health of police personnel and instill discipline towards their profession by maintaining clean and organized workplaces. The Swachh Andhra Swachh Diwas initiative continues to be a key step in creating a cleaner, healthier, and more disciplined work environment within the police force of the NTR District.



Tree Shifted To Safer Spot In Gollapudi

30-year-old Ravi tree relocated to bus shelter area by ADC

TPN Correspondent | NTR District
In a thoughtful and eco-friendly move, a 30-year-old Ravi tree at Gollapudi 1 Center, which was previously causing minor disruptions to roadside traffic, has been given a new lease on life. Officials from the Amaravati Development Corporation (ADC), in coordination with the local traffic police, successfully relocated the tree using a crane. The tree was carefully transplanted into an open space beside the nearby RTC bus shelter, where it now provides much-needed shade to commuters braving the harsh summer heat. Recognizing the tree's age and value, ADC Horticulture Department Head V.S. Dharmaja is taking special care to ensure its survival in the new location. The initiative has been widely appreciated by the public for preserving greenery while also addressing urban traffic concerns.



Tenali Leads Nation in Wet-Dry Waste Collection

Nadendla calls on citizens to join monthly Swachh Saturdays



TPN Correspondent | Tenali
Tenali town in Guntur district has achieved a historic milestone by becoming the first municipality in India to initiate separate collection of wet and dry waste, said Andhra Pradesh Civil Supplies Minister Nadendla Manohar. The announcement was made during the launch of the Swarnandhra-Swachh Andhra program held in the town today, as part of the Swarnandhra-2047 Sankalpa. Minister Nadendla began the day's inspection at 7 am from Shivaji Chowk, proceeding along Burripalem Road, visiting areas

including Ramulavari Temple, Bandlamudivari Street, and Mahatma Gandhi Vegetable Market. He personally participated in the sanitation work by removing garbage alongside sanitation workers, listened to the public's grievances, and engaged with the elderly and women in the locality. Speaking at the event, the Minister stressed that Swachh Andhra is a voluntary program to be held on the third Saturday of every month, aiming to raise sanitation awareness and foster community involvement. "This is not a one-day change," he said. "It is a continuous process towards a clean-



er, greener Andhra." Highlighting major sanitation reforms, Nadendla stated that 75 to 95 metric tons of wet and dry garbage will now be collected separately every day, addressing a longstanding issue with Tenali's neglected dumping yard. He urged government officials to be accessible to the people, instructing them to conduct weekly door-to-door visits in each secretariat to understand and resolve citizen problems. The Minister also assured action on several pressing issues as Addressing mosquito and stray dog problems, Resolving housing proj-

ect delays for those who had already paid amounts ranging from ₹50,000 to ₹3 lakh and Road and drainage improvements before the onset of the monsoon. Minister Nadendla emphasized the need for a circular economy, stating that wealth can be generated from waste. He announced plans to set up e-waste collection centers and encouraged everyone to follow the Reduce, Reuse, Recycle principle. "Each month will feature a unique theme," he added, "to inspire sustained efforts towards a cleaner Andhra Pradesh."

17,000 Compost Pits to Be Built in NTR District

Collector Lakshmi Shah stresses need for Organic fertilizer pits

TPN Correspondent | NTR District
District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmi Shah has directed officials to initiate immediate construction of organic fertilizer pits across NTR district, emphasizing both their sanitation and environmental benefits. In the first phase, the administration has set a target of completing 17,000 pits, with the support of the Employment Guarantee Scheme. The Collector formally launched the excavation drive in G.Kondur on Saturday and urged officials to spread awareness among the public about compost pits. She stressed that these pits not only aid in managing household and livestock waste but also help reduce dependence on chemical fertilizers, thereby enhancing environmental sustainability. Collector Lakshmi explained two models: Type-1 pits are ideal for houses with livestock, measuring 1.5m x 3ft x 1.5m, requiring up to six working days for construction. Type-2 pits, designed for general households, involve two pits of 1m diameter and 3ft depth, constructed over two days. These can be filled alternately with

kitchen and household waste to generate natural compost. Highlighting the sanitation advantages, he noted that proper waste management through these pits will help curb mosquito breeding and promote cleaner surroundings. The Collector also urged active participation of self-help group (SHG) women and encouraged officials to motivate more households to take up the initiative at no cost under MGNREGS. Officials including DWAMA PD A. Ramu, DRDA PD ANV Nanchara Rao, and DPO P. Lavanyakumari were present during the event.



CM Relief Fund Aids Poor in Gudivada

TPN Correspondent | Krishna
Gudivada MLA Venigandla Ramu stated that the poor and weaker sections in the constituency are receiving improved medical treatment through the Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF). He emphasized that the government is committed to supporting underprivileged families facing health challenges. On Saturday, at the TDP office Praja Vedika on Gudivada-Eluru Road, MLA Ramu distributed ₹30 lakh worth of CMRF recommendation letters to affected families. He personally inquired about their health conditions and offered words of encouragement. The families expressed gratitude to the MLA for responding swiftly to their medical needs. Speaking on the occasion, MLA Ramu said that in the past 11 months of coalition government rule, ₹1.5 crore worth of CMRF assistance had been provided across the Gudivada constituency. He assured that steps are being taken to ensure beneficiaries receive CMRF cheques within a few days of hospital admission. He added that a special assistance system has been established at the Praja Vedika office to guide and support families in need. Citizens facing health emergencies are encouraged to approach the office, where TDP representatives will assist in processing CMRF applications from start to finish.



MLA Ramu expressed hope that the beneficiaries recover fully with proper treatment and divine blessings. Among those who received CMRF recommendation letters were Sheikh Salima from Gudivada Ward 12, Kurma Nagaraju from Vinnakota village (Gudlavalleru Mandal), Medam Pandu Babu, R. Narasimha Rao from Kauthavaram village, and Gandikota Achamma from Pedda Lingala village in Nandivada Mandal. Gudivada TDP President Dintyala Rambabu, Nandivada Mandal President Daneti Sanyasirao, and party leaders Pandiraju Sambaiah and Sheikh Ibrahim were also present at the event.

IRCTC Launches Special Pilgrimage Trains

3 summer packages from Hyderabad covering major holy sites
Special trains to start between May 22 and July 13

TPN Correspondent | Tirupati
The Indian Railways, through IRCTC Tourism, has announced three special summer pilgrimage packages for devotees from the Telugu states. These trains, starting from Hyderabad, are aimed at providing comfortable and comprehensive spiritual journeys between May 22 and July 13.

IRCTC Joint General Manager DSGP Kishore detailed the packages:
Package 1: Divya Dakshina Yatra with Jyotirlingam (SCZBG42)
Destinations: Arunachalam, Rameswaram, Madurai, Kanyakumari, Trivandrum, Tiruchi, Thanjavur
Dates: May 22 – May 30
Fare: ₹14,700 (Sleeper), ₹22,900 (3AC), ₹29,900 (2AC)
Route: Via Secunderabad, Vijayawada, Nellore, Renigunta, and others.

Package 2: Ganga Ramayana Punya Kshetra Yatra (SCZBG44)
Destinations: Varanasi, Ayodhya, Naimisharanya, Prayagraj, Shringawarpur
Dates: June 14 – June 22
Fare: ₹16,200 (Sleeper), ₹26,500 (3AC), ₹35,000 (2AC)
Route: Via Secunderabad, Rajahmundry, Vizag, Bhubaneswar, and others.

Package 3: Five Jyotirlinga Yatra (SCZBG43)
Destinations: Ujjain (Mahakaleshwar), Omkareshwar, Triambakeshwar, Bhimashankar, Ghrihneswar, Ellora, Mow, Nagpur
Dates: July 5 – July 13
Fare: ₹14,700 (Sleeper), ₹22,900 (3AC), ₹29,900 (2AC)
Route: Via Secunderabad, Kamareddy, Nizamabad, Nanded, and Poorna.

Each pilgrimage train includes all travel, hotel accommodation, bus transport, meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner), water bottles, and full escort services without any extra cost. The packages also cover travel insurance and transportation from stations to temples. Every train will carry 718 pilgrims, with two coordinators for every 70 passengers. Coaches will have security guards and CCTV surveillance. Pilgrims interested in booking can contact the following numbers 9701360701, 9281030712, 9281030749, 9281030750, 9281030740 Or visit: www.irtctourism.com

DSGP Kishore emphasized that all arrangements are made to ensure a safe and spiritually fulfilling experience for devotees.

Tiranga Rally In Srikalahasti

Tributes paid to soldiers of Operation Sindoor
Massive rally held by MLA Sudheer Reddy and BJP's Kola Anand



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Tirupati: A grand Victory Tiranga Rally was held in Srikalahasti town to honor the brave soldiers who laid down their lives

during Operation Sindhuram. The rally, organized jointly by local MLA Bojjala Sudheer Reddy and BJP State Secretary Kola Anand, witnessed overwhelm-

ing participation from the public, alliance leaders, and several organizations. Starting from Berivari Mandapam junction and moving through the historic four Mada streets, the rally saw hundreds holding the Tricolour high, chanting slogans like "Vande Mataram" and "Bharat Mata Ki Jai" in tribute to the valor of the Indian Armed Forces. The rally symbolized national pride, solidarity with the armed forces, and celebration of India's victory in the operation against Pakistan. MLA Sudheer Reddy and BJP leader Kola Anand paid floral tributes to the martyred soldiers and lauded the dedication

and sacrifice of the military. They also praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his unwavering commitment to the nation, calling him a true servant of the people. District BJP President Samanchi Srinivasulu, along with leaders like Dollar Diwakar Reddy, Chandrappa, and others, joined the rally. Members of the RSS, Vishwa Hindu Parishad, Telugu Yuvatha, Jana Sainiks, businessmen, urban dignitaries, and local residents participated enthusiastically. The rally concluded with renewed patriotic fervor and a collective vow to always stand by the armed forces who serve as the shield of the nation.

HM Anita Stops Convoy to Help Accident Victim

Shows humanity by rushing injured youth to hospital

TPN Correspondent | Visakhapatnam
Andhra Pradesh Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha once again displayed her compassionate side during her visit to Visakhapatnam. While on her way to the airport, Minister Anitha's convoy reached Tadichetlapalem junction, where she noticed a young man lying unconscious on the roadside following a road accident. Without hesitation, the Home Minister halted her convoy and personally got involved in the situation. She immediately instructed the police officers in

her convoy to shift the injured youth to the nearest hospital to ensure he received timely medical treatment. Minister Anitha also noticed an elderly woman at the accident site who had sustained minor injuries. She approached the woman, offered words of encouragement, and ensured she was given the required assistance on the spot. This act of kindness by the Home Minister has been widely appreciated by locals and officials, highlighting her quick response and humanitarian concern in the face of emergencies.



3 Apollo Pharmacy Staff Killed in Tuni Road Accident



TPN Correspondent | Kakinada
A tragic road accident occurred on the national highway at Tuni in Kakinada district late Friday night, claiming the lives of three young Apollo Pharmacy employees and leaving two others seriously injured. The incident happened when the car they were

travelling in rammed into a stationary lorry parked beside the highway. According to police reports, the victims were returning to Rajahmundry after attending an official meeting in Visakhapatnam. The car crashed into an iron-laden lorry parked dangerously close to the road, resulting in

instant fatalities. The deceased have been identified as Geddam Ramaraju and Hazrat Wali from Rajamahendravaram, and Varada Sudheer from Tanuku. Two others, Gona Sivashankar and Venkata Subbarao, sustained severe injuries and were rushed to the Kakinada Government Hospital, where they are currently undergoing treatment. Authorities have registered a case and are investigating the cause of the crash, including whether negligence in parking the lorry played a role. The bodies of the deceased were shifted to the hospital for postmortem. The incident has sent shockwaves among the Apollo Pharmacy staff and the local community. Andhra Pradesh Minister for Information Technology and Services, Nara Lokesh, expressed deep sorrow over the incident. He conveyed his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families and directed officials to ensure the best medical care for the injured. "The government stands with the families of the victims in this hour of grief," he said.

‘Sankalpa Ratham’ Campaign Against Drugs

Committed to making Vizianagaram a drug-free district: SP Vakul Jindal

TPN Correspondent | Vizianagaram
In an effort to combat drug abuse and promote awareness at the grassroots level, Vizianagaram District Superintendent of Police Vakul Jindal has launched an innovative campaign named Sankalpa Ratham. The initiative, supported by the State Home Affairs Department, aims to educate youth and the general public about the dangers of drug use and promote a drug-free district. The specially designed Sankalpa Ratham travels to one mandal each day across the district. The vehicle is stationed in front of colleges during the mornings, where police officials engage with students, screen awareness videos, and explain the harmful effects of drugs. In the evenings, the campaign moves to prominent intersections and public places in the same mandal to address the broader public, including youth groups and local residents. From January 1 to May 14, the campaign has already made a significant impact, reaching 32,226 students

across 155 schools and 18,953 individuals in 190 different locations or villages. The initiative has drawn strong participation from local police station officers and staff, who actively support the daily awareness efforts. District SP Vakul Jindal said that the Sankalpa Ratham is not only focused on drug abuse but also covers important topics such as road safety, women's safety, and cyber fraud awareness. A detailed schedule has been prepared for the vehicle's district-wide visits, ensuring that every mandal is covered and that citizens receive accurate and impactful information. "Through videos, live interaction, and public engagement, we are committed to making Vizianagaram a model drug-free district," SP Vakul Jindal stated. "The cooperation of college staff, students, local leaders, and the general public has been encouraging." The program will continue throughout the year with the clear objective of fostering responsible citizenship and preventive awareness through consistent field-level campaigns.



Allagadda Electrical ADE Caught Red-Handed Taking Bribe

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In a significant crackdown against corruption, the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) of Andhra Pradesh arrested Allagadda Electrical Assistant Divisional Engineer (ADE) Ravikanth and a bill reader from Kurnool district while accepting a bribe of Rs. 30,000. The operation was conducted following a complaint lodged by a local resident, E. Lingamurthy of Chinnakambalur village, Kurnool district. According to the complaint, Lingamurthy had applied for the installation of electricity poles and trans-

formers on his agricultural land. To process this application, Ravikanth allegedly demanded a bribe of Rs. 30,000. Refusing to pay the illegal amount, Lingamurthy approached the ACB with his grievance. Acting swiftly, the Kurnool ACB registered a case under Crime No. 1/RCT-KNL/2025 under Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018. On May 16, 2025, while ADE Ravikanth was accepting the bribe through the outsourcing bill reader, Bandi Pratap, the ACB officials caught both in the act and arrested them.

The arrested individuals were produced before the Hon'ble Special Judge, SPE & ACB Court, Kurnool on May 17, 2025. The ACB has urged citizens to report any instances of bribery or corruption involving State Government employees by contacting local ACB offices, calling the toll-free number 1064, mobile number 94404 40057, or emailing complaints-acb@ap.gov.in. This arrest reinforces the government's firm stance against corruption and its commitment to ensuring transparency in public service delivery.

Was Gandhi Under Invisible Pressure or Influence?

- Undermined India’s National Interest for Pakistan
- Gandhi’s Unilateral Affection for Pakistan Misplaced?

Gandhi stood for peace, justice, and communal harmony. But when it came to his Pakistan and Muslims one-sided—and ultimately harmful to India’s interests? He consistently reached out to Muslim leaders, even when they rejected dialogue. He opposed Partition, yet when it happened, he continued to preach reconciliation—even as Hindus and Sikhs were being slaughtered in Pakistan. He fasted to stop Hindu retaliation in India, but did not fast against the brutalities committed against Hindus in Pakistan. He demanded that India pay Pakistan ₹55 crores, even when Pakistan was actively waging war in Kashmir. He did not ask Pakistan to honor its borders, halt its invasion, or ensure the safety of minorities on its soil.

This raises difficult questions:

- Why was Gandhi willing to sacrifice goodwill—and even India’s security—for a moral ideal that was not reciprocated?*
- Why didn’t he hold Pakistan and Muslim leaders equally accountable for violence and betrayal?*
- Was this truly compassion—or a dangerous blind spot?*

Affection and moral leadership are powerful—but only when paired with justice and balance. In Gandhi’s case, his unilateral empathy was not met with equal responsibility from the other side. And India paid the price. Even today, the consequences of that imbalance—in Kashmir, in communal distrust, in unresolved border issues—still ripple through the nation. When Pakistan-backed tribal forces invaded Kashmir in October 1947, Gandhi stayed largely silent. He did not publicly condemn the invasion, nor did he fast against this blatant act

of aggression. He did not demand that Pakistan vacate Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) or honor the international boundary. And yet—he went on a fast unto death to pressure India to pay ₹55 crores to Pakistan. Money that he knew Pakistan could use to buy arms—possibly against India itself.

But was this truly in India’s national interest?

Gandhi and the Pakistan Dilemma: Unanswered Questions

Failure to Prevent Partition and Religious Divide


Gandhi’s lifelong vision was of a united India—Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs, and others coexisting under one nation. But by 1947, the momentum for Partition, driven by communal tensions and political brinkmanship, was too strong. Gandhi opposed it until the very end, but lacked the leverage to stop it.

Nehru and Patel had already conceded under pressure from Jinnah and Mountbatten. The Muslim League’s demand for a separate nation could not be reconciled with Gandhi’s idealistic vision. He failed to persuade Muslim leadership, especially Jinnah, who believed Muslims would be politically marginalized in a Hindu-majority India.

Hindu Genocide and Violence in Pakistan – Gandhi Remained Silent

Why didn’t Gandhi fast to protect Hindus and Sikhs in Pakistan?

Post-Partition violence was catastrophic. In areas like West Punjab and Sindh, large-scale massacres and forced conversions of Hindus and Sikhs occurred. Gandhi could not prevent this bloodshed. His power lay in moral authority, not military might.



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While he went on hunger strikes to stop riots in India, there was little he could do across the border, where India had no jurisdiction—and where Pakistan’s new regime was unstable and complicit in violence.

Why Gandhi Never Went to Pakistan (Even During the Bloodshed)

He chose to stay in Calcutta and later Delhi during and after Partition, trying to stop riots in India. His logic: “Let me stop the fire here first.” But here’s the problem: while he fasted to stop Hindu retaliation in India, he did not go to Pakistan to stop Muslim mobs from massacring Hindus and Sikhs. Criticism: If his mission was peace and justice, why only on one side? Why protect Muslims in India but not Hindus in Pakistan?

No Influence in Pakistan

Gandhi had no political capital in Pakistan. The Muslim League had rejected his vision. Jinnah saw him as irrelevant. His presence might have been ignored—or worse, endangered. Counterpoint: But Gandhi didn’t need political power. His strength was moral. If he could



calm Calcutta, why not even try in Lahore or Karachi? Instead of confronting Pakistan’s crimes, Gandhi focused on repairing India’s conscience. His selective pressure was extremely sensitive to Muslim suffering in India—but largely silent on Hindu and Sikh suffering in Pakistan. He believed Hindus had a moral duty to rise above revenge. But morality without balance becomes bias.

He never fasted to demand:

- Safety for Hindus in Pakistan*
- Justice for Partition massacres*
- A halt to Pakistan’s aggression in Kashmir*

The Pakistan Invasion of Kashmir – And Gandhi’s Silence

When tribal militias backed by Pakistan invaded Kashmir in October 1947, it was an act of war. India responded militarily, and Kashmir acceded to India. But Gandhi did not lead public opinion or condemnation. His silence suggests either strategic restraint—or an inability to

engage with the new post-Partition geopolitical realities. When evil forces rise—and Pakistan’s invasion certainly was evil—can they be defeated with moral gestures alone?

The ₹55 Crore Transfer and Gandhi’s Controversial Fast

Why was moral pressure used to secure payment to Pakistan—but not to demand Pakistan respect borders or stop violence? Perhaps the most confounding act was Gandhi’s fast unto death in January 1948 to ensure that India transferred ₹55 crores (550 million rupees) to Pakistan—part of the partition settlement. Why didn’t Gandhi make the payment conditional on Pakistan stopping its invasion of Kashmir?

Why did he do it?

- Moral Principle: Gandhi believed withholding the payment was unjust and violated the partition agreement.*
- Communal Harmony: He feared withholding funds would provoke riots in India.*

GANDHI AND LOVE FOR PAKISTAN

WHY DID GANDHI NEVER GO TO PAKISTAN AFTER PARTITION?

- HE FOCUSED ON STOPPING RIOTS IN INDIA, IGNORED PERSECUTION OF HINDUS AND SIKHS IN PAKISTAN
- HE HAD MORAL AUTHORITY, BUT NO LEVERAGE WITH PAKISTAN’S LEADERS
- HE DIDN’T WANT TO VALIDATE PARTITION AS FINAL, EVEN THOUGH IT WAS REALITY
- HE ONLY PRESSURED INDIA, NEVER DEMANDED ACTION FROM PAKISTAN

GANDHI PUT MORAL IDEALISM ABOVE HARD TRUTHS

- Personal Conviction: Gandhi believed India must act morally—even if the other side did not.*

But here’s the rub: this decision was deeply controversial—and arguably naive. Pakistan was buying arms, some of which were used in Kashmir. Many Indian leaders, including Patel, opposed the transfer.

Could Gandhi have conditioned the payment on Pakistan honoring the border?

Absolutely. But Gandhi was not a realpolitik strategist. He operated from moral absolutism, often disconnected from the brutal realities of power.

Against the Spirit of the Bhagavad Gita?

Gandhi revered the Bhagavad Gita—but arguably misapplied it. In the Gita, Krishna exhorts Arjuna to fight—not out of hatred—but because dharma demands it.

Evil must be resisted—not appeased.

Gandhi chose idealism over realism, principle over pragmatism. And India paid the price—with blood, with territory, and with a conflict that continues to this day. This is not about disrespecting Gandhi. It’s about asking: What did India need at that hour—a saint, or a statesman?

Virat Kohli’s Legacy Is India’s Legacy: A Journey of Grit, Fire, and Global Pride

Chappell’s tribute reflects how Kohli didn’t just lead a team—he led a national transformation in mindset and ambition

Greg Chappell’s powerful tribute to Virat Kohli upon his retirement from Test cricket resonated far beyond cricketing circles. It captured a truth Indian fans have lived for a decade: Kohli wasn’t just a player—he was the embodiment of a new India. Confident, unapologetic, and fiercely competitive, Kohli’s evolution on the field mirrored the country’s shift from hesitant participant to global contender. Chappell’s words cut deep: “He redefined expectations... and symbolised the self-assured, unapologetic India of the 21st century.”



More than stats, Kohli brought a new fire. He revolutionized India’s cricket culture by demanding elite fitness, championing fast bowling, and insisting on winning not just at home but on the toughest foreign pitches. His legacy lies not just in centuries or wins, but in reshaping India’s collective cricketing psyche. Under Kohli, India became a team that was not just competitive abroad—it expected to dominate. His era saw India topple Australia in Australia, lead a series in England, and become consistent finalists in World Test Championships.

Though India had legends be-

fore—Tendulkar, Dravid, Ganguly, Dhoni—the overseas record always lagged. Tendulkar’s brilliance coexisted with a lingering psychological submission, especially in SENA countries. Kohli ended that era. From 2016 to 2019, India began every season as the top-ranked Test team. With Ravi Shastri as coach and a pace battery led by Bumrah and Shami, Kohli turned aggression into art.

His personal story reinforced his aura—famously continuing a Ranji innings hours after his father’s death. That commitment became the blueprint for a generation shaped not

just by IPL flair but by Kohli’s red-ball grit. Kohli and Rohit Sharma, both retiring together, mark the close of a Test-centric generation. Their exit leaves a talented but largely white-ball-raised squad to face a daunting England tour—with fragile fitness, inexperienced spinners, and big shoes to fill.

Kohli’s Instagram farewell called Test cricket a “slow grind” and the place where “you discover the cricketer in yourself.” That ethos, and his ferocious belief in excellence, form the bedrock of his legacy. Kohli didn’t just lead India—he redefined it.

After Operation Sindoor: The Growing Threat of 'Al Qaeda India'



Following India’s swift response to Pakistan’s provocations in Operation Sindoor, a new and concerning development has emerged. The group Al Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS) has made a chilling declaration, urging Muslims to wage a ‘holy war’ against the Indian government, which it claims is targeting mosques and settlements in Pakistan. This renewed threat signifies AQIS’s attempt to reassert its presence, particularly after a period of relative dormancy.

Formed in 2014 by Ayman Al-Zawahiri, AQIS initially focused on targeting American and Pakistani forces. However, following the death of its leader Asim Umar in 2019, the group shifted its focus, increasingly directing its attacks towards India. This was further evidenced in 2022, when Indian authorities uncovered a network linked to AQIS in Assam, aimed at inciting insurgency in India’s eastern regions. The UN’s 2024 report also noted the increasing cooperation between AQIS and Pakistan-based terror groups, raising alarms about the growing coordination of these groups under Pakistan’s influence.

Despite these threats, the international community remains divided on the issue. UN reports have consistently failed to mention key Pakistani-backed groups like Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM), a result of Pakistan’s pressure on the body. This manipulation of global narratives to shield terror outfits is part of a long-standing strategy employed by Pakistan, which continues to use terror as a geopolitical tool.

The resurgence of AQIS and its calls for violence must be taken seriously by India. The group’s recent statement, combined with its established networks in Assam and potential support from Pakistan’s intelligence agencies, could lead to coordinated attacks within India. Pakistan’s motive is clear: to further destabilize India, ignite religious tensions, and force India back to the negotiating table.

India must bolster its intelligence efforts, engage in international consultations, and adopt advanced technologies like AI and facial recognition to monitor and neutralize threats. Vigilance and cooperation are key in countering this new wave of terrorism.

"World Listens To Language Of Love Only When You Have Power": Mohan Bhagwat

TPN Correspondent | Jaipur

RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat emphasized India's unwavering commitment to global harmony and welfare while highlighting the country's formidable strength that the world now recognizes. Speaking at a program held at Ravinath Ashram in Harmara, Jaipur, Bhagwat stressed that the "language of peace" is only truly respected when it comes from a position of power.

Addressing recent actions against Pakistan, Bhagwat clarified that India harbors no hatred toward any nation but insisted that "the world listens to the language of love and welfare only when you have power." He remarked that this reality is unchangeable and urged that for the welfare of the world, India must remain powerful—a fact

that the world has already witnessed.

Underlining the ideological foundations of this belief, Bhagwat said, "The world's welfare is our religion. This is especially a firm duty of Hinduism." He portrayed India as an elder brother to neighboring countries and reaffirmed its role in fostering peace and harmony in the region.

Bhagwat cited examples where India acted swiftly to assist countries like Sri Lanka, Nepal, and the Maldives during their times of crisis, reinforcing India's leadership in regional stability. He underscored India's tradition of sacrifice and respect, from revered figures like Lord Shri Ram to the historic hero Bhamashah, emphasizing the country's deep-rooted cultural val-

ues.

The RSS chief's remarks came amid heightened tensions following India's recent military operations targeting terrorist camps across the border. His message underscored a balanced approach where India remains committed to peace but does so from a position of strength and readiness.

Bhagwat's speech reflects the broader sentiment within India's leadership that global respect and peace come hand in hand with power and preparedness. His comments highlight the importance of India maintaining its influence not only for its own security but also to contribute positively to global welfare and stability.



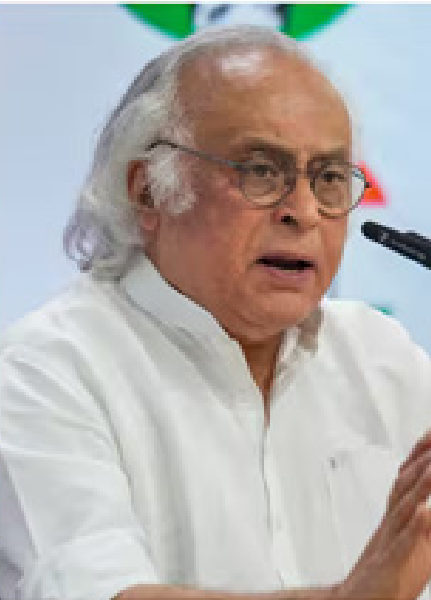
I Know My Worth: Tharoor On Congress 'Insult' After Jairam Jibes Over Anti-Terror Delegation

Tharoor's Acceptance of Centre's Delegation Invitation Sparks Rift in Congress

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Congress MP Shashi Tharoor's decision to accept the Centre's invitation to lead a multi-party delegation abroad has stirred internal tensions within the party, with senior leader Jairam Ramesh accusing the government of bypassing democratic norms and acting with a "mischievous mindset." Tharoor defended his acceptance, stating that in times of national crisis, politics should take a backseat. "We all are Indians. When the nation is in crisis and the central government seeks the help of a citizen, what other answer would you give?" he told reporters, according to PTI.

Tharoor, representing Thiruvananthapuram, said he agreed promptly due to his experience in foreign affairs. He emphasized the importance of having a role in shaping the international narrative following the recent 88-hour conflict with Pakistan. He dismissed any speculation of dissatisfaction within Congress, saying he had informed the party about the invitation and was confident in his worth despite the party releasing a separate list of preferred delegates. Tharoor called for unity and said serving the nation is every citizen's duty. However, Jairam Ramesh, Congress general secretary in-charge of communications, voiced strong objections, accusing the govern-



ment of shattering trust with the Opposition by finalizing the delegation list without party consultation. "There is a difference between being in the Congress and of the Congress," Ramesh remarked, highlighting that MPs should seek party approval before accepting such roles. Congress had nominated Anand Sharma, Gaurav Gogoi, Syed Naseer Hussain, and Amarinder Singh Raja Brar, but the government named Tharoor alongside leaders from other parties, including Kanimozhi and Supriya Sule. Ramesh called the government's diplomatic outreach "dishonest" and "cosmetic," alleging it was designed to salvage the narrative on Operation Sindoor after interna-

tional scrutiny. He criticized the BJP for "Narad Muni politics," pointing to their contradictory stance of labeling Congress leaders anti-national while inviting them to represent India abroad. Ramesh insisted Congress would not change its nominated names and accused the government of acting in bad faith. Tharoor posted on X, expressing honor at the invitation and reaffirming his commitment to national interest. The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs said the delegations represent "India's national consensus and resolute approach to combating terrorism," with Minister Kiren Rijiju emphasizing unity above politics.

India Imposes Port Restrictions on Certain Bangladeshi Goods in Response to Dhaka's Curbs

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India has imposed port restrictions on the import of specific Bangladeshi goods, including readymade garments and processed food items, following similar trade curbs by Bangladesh on Indian products last month. The move, announced by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) on May 17, 2025, aims to address trade imbalances and restrictions imposed by Bangladesh, particularly affecting India's northeastern states. According to the notification, these restrictions will not affect Bangladeshi goods merely transiting through India to Nepal and Bhutan. However, imports such as readymade garments from Bangladesh will no longer be permitted through any land port; instead, they must enter India only via the Nhava Sheva and Kolkata sea-ports. Additionally, shipments of

fruits, fruit-flavored and carbonated drinks, processed foods like baked goods, snacks, cotton and cotton yarn waste, plastic products, dyes, and wooden furniture from Bangladesh will be barred from entry through land customs stations (LCSS) and integrated check posts (ICPs) in Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura, Mizoram, and specific land ports in West Bengal. Exceptions include the import of fish, LPG, edible oil, and crushed stone, which will continue unaffected by these restrictions. The policy change was introduced immediately to address ongoing trade concerns, following India's earlier withdrawal on April 9 of a transshipment facility that allowed Bangladesh to export goods via Indian ports to other countries. This move came in reaction to controversial remarks by Bangladesh's interim government head Muhammad Yunus, who referred

to India's northeastern states as landlocked and reliant on Bangladesh for sea access—a comment that sparked criticism across Indian political circles. India-Bangladesh relations have deteriorated amid rising tensions over minority attacks in Bangladesh and trade disputes, particularly affecting the textile sector where both countries compete heavily. India's northeastern states have suffered from restricted market access and high transit charges due to Bangladesh's policies, prompting the Indian government to impose reciprocal measures. Bangladesh exports over \$700 million worth of garments annually to India, but India insists that bilateral trade must be fair and balanced. Officials stress that while India remains open to dialogue, Bangladesh must foster a cooperative environment to ensure equitable trade relations.

UK Foreign Secretary says ceasefire between Pakistan, India must be 'sustained'

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

During his two-day visit to Pakistan, UK Foreign Secretary David Lammy stressed the importance of maintaining the ceasefire between India and Pakistan, highlighting that further conflict would be detrimental to both nations and the region. Lammy's visit, the first by a British Foreign Secretary to Pakistan since 2021, came shortly after India's 'Operation Sindoor,' which targeted terrorist camps in Pakistan following the deadly Pahalgam terror attacks that claimed 26 lives.

At the conclusion of his trip, Lammy shared a video message on his X account, reinforcing his appeal for sustained peace. "My message has been clear with India, Pakistan and international partners. The ceasefire must be sustained, further conflict is in nobody's interest," he said. Lammy also praised the efforts of British Foreign Office staff in both countries and the UK for providing timely and accurate advice to British nationals in the region to ensure their safety.

Lammy held talks with Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar during his visit, which followed the "hugely welcome ceasefire" agreed upon by the two countries on May 10. The UK government has played a notable role in facilitating this ceasefire, with Lammy earlier assuring the House of Commons



that the UK "stands ready to work with both sides to make a lasting ceasefire a reality."

The Foreign Secretary's visit underscores the UK's commitment to helping India and Pakistan sustain peace and counter terrorism through cooperation with international partners. The UK has strongly condemned the April 22 terror attack in Pahalgam, describing it as "horrendous," and reiterated the need for ongoing regional stability.

Officials from the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) stated that Lammy's visit was aimed at emphasizing the importance of lasting peace in South Asia, given the long-standing tensions and the potential impact on global security. The UK continues to advocate diplomatic engagement to ensure the ceasefire holds and the cycle of violence is broken between the two nuclear-armed neighbors.

15 Delhi Councillors Quit AAP to Launch New 'Indraprastha Vikas Party'

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

In a significant blow to the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), fifteen municipal councillors in Delhi resigned from the party and announced the formation of a new political group named the Indraprastha Vikas Party. The new party will be led by Hemchand Goel and includes key former AAP leaders such as Mukesh Goel, Himani Jain, Devindra Kumar, Rajesh Kumar Ladi, Suman Anil Rana, and others. Mukesh Goel's exit is particularly notable as he served as the Leader of the House for AAP in the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD). Goel expressed frustration, stating that the party's internal disruptions had made it impossible to serve the public effectively over the past couple of years. He also hinted that more councillors might join the new party in the future. Despite contesting the February 2025 Delhi Assembly elections on an AAP ticket, Goel was unsuccessful. The joint resignation letter from the councillors criticized AAP's leadership for failing to run the MCD smoothly after gaining power in 2022. They highlighted a breakdown

in coordination between the party's top leadership and the municipal councillors, which they said led to the party moving into opposition within the civic body. The councillors stated their resignation was motivated by their inability to fulfill promises made to the public. The announcement included the names of thirteen councillors, as two were absent during the declaration and thus were not part of the formal resignation list. This exodus adds to a series of challenges for AAP within the MCD. Earlier this year, in February, the BJP became the single largest party in the civic body after three AAP councillors defected to the BJP. Similar defections took place in September 2024, just before an important standing committee election in the MCD. Facing ongoing defections, AAP withdrew from the April 25 mayoral race, effectively clearing the way for the BJP to assume control of the MCD, marking a continuing decline in AAP's influence in Delhi's municipal politics.



Trump Claims India Ready to Slash ‘100% of Tariffs’ for U.S.

Highlights Role in India-Pakistan Peace

U.S. President Donald Trump reiterated his claim that India is willing to eliminate all tariffs on American goods, suggesting a breakthrough in trade relations between the two countries. Speaking in an interview with Fox News on May 16, 2025, Trump emphasized his role in easing tensions between India and Pakistan, saying he leveraged trade talks to help reduce conflict. Calling India one of the highest tariff nations globally, Trump said, “Do you know that they’re willing to cut 100% of their tariffs for the United States?” While this bold statement signals optimism, no official announcement has been made from the Indian government regarding such a deal.

Trump explained that he used trade as a tool to “settle scores and to make peace,” noting that discussions around trade could pave the way for broader cooperation. He described India-U.S. tariff negotiations as “going great” and expressed confidence that an agreement would be reached soon. However, Trump also stressed that he is not rushing into deals with every country, highlighting that about 150 countries are interested in striking trade agreements with the U.S.

Meanwhile, Indian officials have remained cautious. The External Affairs Ministry spokesperson, Randhir Jaiswal, clarified



that trade issues did not feature in recent high-level talks between India and the U.S. following Operation Sindoor — India’s military action targeting terror camps in Pakistan and PoK earlier in May. With ministerial-level trade talks set to begin in Washington on May 17, 2025, led by India’s Union Minister Piyush Goyal, both sides aim to assess the progress of ongoing negotiations for a bilateral trade agreement.

Trump’s repeated assertions about his role in mediating peace between India and Pakistan have been a recurring theme in his public statements, underscoring his administration’s focus on using trade diplomacy to influence geopolitical dynamics. As talks advance, observers will watch closely to see if India’s tariff cuts and other trade commitments materialize into a formal agreement.

Kim Jong Un Oversees Air Force Drills, Urges Intensified War Preparations



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North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has intensified his military oversight, supervising air force drills and calling for a significant escalation in war readiness across all military units, state media reported on May 17, 2025. During an inspection of anti-aircraft combat and air strike exercises by the country’s first Air Division on May 15, Kim emphasized the urgent need for “a breakthrough in war preparation,” urging every

unit to enhance its combat capabilities, according to the Korean Central News Agency (KCNA).

Footage broadcast on North Korean state television showed a MiG-29 fighter jet launching a missile resembling a domestically produced version of a Russian mid-to long-range air-to-air missile. Hong Min, a North Korea analyst at the Korea Institute for National Unification, confirmed the missile’s similarity to Russian designs. This

demonstration is part of a broader series of military activities led by Kim this month, which include a recent missile test, inspections of tank and munitions factories, supervision of tank firing drills, special operations training, and a rare visit to the Russian embassy in Pyongyang to reaffirm the alliance between the two countries.

Tensions in the region have escalated as South Korea reported that North Korea fired several missiles toward its eastern waters. Meanwhile, Pyongyang condemned the U.S. State Department’s annual decision to list it among countries that do not fully cooperate with U.S. counterterrorism efforts—a designation it has received every year since 1997, according to South Korea’s Yonhap News Agency.

In response, a North Korean Foreign Ministry spokesperson warned that U.S. provocations only deepen hostility, stating, “The more the U.S. provokes the DPRK with unnecessary and inefficient malicious acts, the further it will escalate the irreconcilable hostility between the DPRK and the U.S.” The statement added that North Korea would “take effective and proper measures to cope with the U.S. hostile provocations in all spheres,” signaling continued defiance amid mounting geopolitical tensions.

Arab Leaders Urge Immediate Gaza Ceasefire and Pledge Support for Reconstruction

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At the 34th Arab League summit held in Baghdad on May 17, 2025, Arab leaders united in calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza amid escalating violence and a devastating Israeli bombing campaign. The leaders strongly condemned Israel’s actions, accusing it of attempting to forcibly displace Palestinians from the Gaza Strip through relentless airstrikes. Alongside demands for peace, they pledged financial and logistical support for Gaza’s reconstruction once hostilities end.

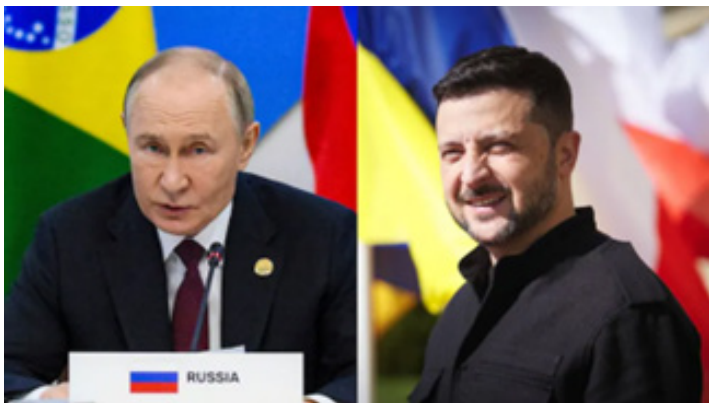
Egyptian President Abdel-Fatah al-Sisi, representing a key mediator in the peace process, described Israel’s operations as “systematic crimes” aimed at “obliterating and annihilating” the Palestinian people and “ending their existence in the Gaza Strip.” Iraqi Prime Minister Mohammed Shia al-Sudani, the summit host, went further by labeling Israel’s



campaign as genocide. The summit’s atmosphere reflected deep concern over the humanitarian crisis unfolding in Gaza, where over 53,000 Palestinians have died, and nearly all of the 2.3 million residents have been displaced, according to Gaza health authorities.

The conflict reignited in March after a six-week ceasefire ended, with Israel imposing a total blockade and escalating military action. Israel’s stated goal is to eliminate Hamas’ military and governmental capabilities fol-

lowing the October 7, 2023 attack, which killed around 1,200 Israelis and involved the taking of over 250 hostages. Israel blames Hamas for civilian casualties, accusing militants of operating within populated areas, a claim denied by Hamas. United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres condemned collective punishment of Palestinians, emphasizing that “nothing justifies” such actions. UN aid chief Tom Fletcher urged the Security Council to act to “prevent genocide” as humanitarian conditions worsen.



Kremlin Says Putin-Zelenskyy Meeting Possible, But Only After Agreement and Ceasefire

The Kremlin has stated that a meeting between Russian President Vladimir Putin and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy can take place, but only after both sides reach a formal agreement and present ceasefire proposals. This announcement came on May 17, 2025, a day after Moscow and Kyiv conducted their first direct talks in over three years, which ended without a ceasefire or truce.

The recent talks, held in Turkey, marked a critical step but failed to bring an immediate halt to hostilities. The day following the discussions, a Russian drone struck a minibus evacuating civilians in Ukraine’s eastern Sumy region, killing nine people and injuring five. Zelensky condemned the attack, emphasizing that “there was an opportunity to cease fire,” but Russia “retains the opportunity to continue killing.” He called on Ukraine’s allies to increase sanctions on Moscow, warning that “without stronger sanctions, without stronger pressure on Russia, there will be no real diplomacy there.”

Despite the lack of a ceasefire, the talks did yield a concrete agreement to exchange 1,000 prisoners on each side, marking the first tangible outcome since the war began in 2022. Ukraine’s Defence Minister and chief negotiator, Rustem Umerov, said the next logical step would be a face-to-face meeting between Zelenskyy and Putin. The Kremlin responded positively to the idea but emphasized that such a meeting depends on the progress and agreements resulting from ongoing negotiations.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said that before any summit, the prisoner swap must be completed and both parties must share their visions for a future ceasefire. Russian chief negotiator Vladimir Medinsky mentioned that Moscow and Kyiv will present their proposals for ending the conflict but did not specify a timeline.

Peskov concluded that for now, both sides need to focus on implementing what was agreed upon during the recent talks in Turkey, highlighting that the path to a high-level summit depends on concrete progress on the ground.

Iran’s Supreme Leader Khamenei Rejects Trump’s Peace Claims Amid Rising Nuclear Tensions

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Iran’s Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei sharply criticized former US President Donald Trump on Saturday, accusing him of lying about seeking peace in the Gulf region. Speaking at a religious event in Tehran, Khamenei dismissed Trump’s recent statements during his Gulf tour, where Trump claimed he wanted peace. Instead, Khamenei condemned the US for arming Israel, referring to the delivery of “10-ton bombs” to the “Zionist regime” used against children in Gaza. He described Trump’s remarks as “an embarrassment to the speaker and the American people” and refused to dignify them with a response.



Khamenei labeled Israel as the root cause of conflict in the Middle East, calling it a “dangerous, deadly cancerous tumour that must be uprooted,” affirming Iran’s stance that it will eventually be removed. This echoed the heightened rhetoric amid ongoing nuclear tensions between Iran and the United States.

Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian also weighed in, criticizing Trump’s contradictory message of peace alongside threats of military action. Pezeshkian questioned the credibility of Trump’s statements, emphasizing that while Iran is not seeking war, it will not back down from its “legitimate rights.” Speaking at a naval event in Tehran, Pezeshkian reaffirmed Iran’s refusal to yield to what it calls US bullying, which Washington portrays as the source of regional instability.

Meanwhile, the nuclear negotiations between Iran and the US remain stalled. Trump had claimed on Friday that Iran needed to respond swiftly to a US proposal on its nuclear program or face serious consequences. However, Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi contradicted this, stating on X that no such proposal had been received by Tehran. Araqchi also criticized Washington’s shifting negotiation framework, saying it only prolongs the talks.

Lakshya Powertech – Trading at a Deep Discount, Backed by Robust Financials and Order Book Strength



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We are today discussing LAKSHYA POWERTECH which is in SME Segment with a trading lot of 800. The reasons why it merits investment.

1. It is in Power Sector which commands a mind boggling PE Ratio of 74.
2. It is the most under valued share with a PE of just 13 against the industry PE of 74.
- 3.It came for IPO in October, 2024 and subscribed 573 times.
- 4.It is available at a discount of nearly 50% to the all time high of Rs.376

All the small caps and SME share were battered down in the huge sell off that tool place in the market after September, 2024. Lakshy Powertech is not an exception. Now they are slowly recovering with all tail winds turning in favour of the economy - strengthening dollar, jump in GST collections, postponement of Trump Tariffs, inflation well under control and last

but not least the falling oil prices in the international markets.

SOME BASICS :
Face Value Rs.10
Capital Rs.12.08 Lakhs.
No of Shares : 12080000 (One crore twenty lakhs eighty thousand only)
Market Price as on 16-05-25 Rs.180.

NATURE OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY : It is engaged in providing EPC related services in Power, Oil and Gas Sectors. Subsequently it has forayed into data centre infrascuture and renewable energy.

HEALTH OF THE COMPANY : It is ultimately the financial performance that decides the overall health of the company. The Company declared financial results for the year ended on 14-05-2025. Annual Revenue went up from Rs.150 Crores to Rs.160 Crores from 2024 to 2025.

Net Profit went up from Rs.14.60 Crores to Rs.15.80 Crores from 2024 to 2025 with an EPS of 13.84. It has a NPM of about 10% on its Sales It means it has been doing its business from a position of strength.

- OTHER NOTE WORTHY POINTS :**
1. Company's debt equity ratio has come down from 1.51 to 0.27 from 2022 to 2025. This boost has come from IPO funds.
 2. It's return on equity is 16.58% which means that the company has been effeciently utilising the total funds (Capital plus Reserves) at its disposal at acceptable rate of return.
 3. There is constant flow of orders to the company. The present outstanding order book is Rs.110 Crores. It is the regular flow of orders that tells us whether growth of the company is stagnant or racing up-

wards. Constant flow of orders also gives us visibility about the future business prospects.

THIS ASPECT HAS TO BE MONITORED BY ALL INVESTORS ON A REGULAR BASIS TO GUARD THEMSELVES AGAINST UNEXPECTED STAGNANCY IN BUSINESS LEVELS.
4.It has marquee clients like ONGC, CAIRN, BHEL, AMAZON ETC.
5.It has a track record of 138 completed projects.

LAST BUT NOT THE LEAST : RISKS
The Company has high books debts in its Balance Sheet. Further Operating Cash Flow is negative since four years. This can turn into RED SIGNAL unless the management has tight rein on managing its book debts.

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India’s GDP growth revised downward to 6.3% for 2025

Country remains one of fastest-growing large economies

The United Nations has revised India's GDP growth forecast for 2025 to 6.3%, down from the previous projection of 6.6%. Despite this downward adjustment, India remains one of the fastest-growing large economies, supported by strong private consumption, public investment, and robust services exports, according to the UN's "World Economic Situation and Prospects as of Mid-2025" report.



The report highlights that global economic conditions are precarious, with heightened trade tensions and increasing policy uncertainty. The recent surge in tariffs, particularly by the United States, threatens to raise production costs, disrupt global supply chains, and exacerbate financial instability. Nevertheless, India's growth continues to be driven by resilient domestic consumption and strong government spending, which are expected to support the economy in 2025, despite the moderation in growth.

While India's GDP growth rate is projected to slow from 7.1% in 2024 to 6.3% in 2025, the country is still set to outpace many other large economies.

The report also notes that India's inflation rate is expected to slow to 4.3% in 2025, staying within the central bank's target range. Unemployment in India remains stable, although gender disparities in employment highlight the need for greater inclusivity in the workforce.

On the global front, the report forecasts global GDP growth at just 2.4% in 2025, a sharp decline from 2.9% in 2024. This slowdown is expected to impact both developed and developing economies, with major economies like the United States and China facing growth downgrades. The report also stresses the importance of strengthening multilateral cooperation to tackle global challenges such as trade friction, rising tariffs, and geopolitical tensions.

Despite global challenges, India's economic resilience positions it as a key player in the global economy moving forward.

India’s Trade Deficit Widens to \$8.65 Billion in April, Services Sector Cushions Impact

India's trade deficit expanded to \$8.65 billion in April 2025, rising significantly from \$5.77 billion in the same month last year, according to the latest figures from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. The widening deficit reflects faster growth in imports compared to exports, even as India's overall trade performance hit record highs during the fiscal year 2024-25.



Total exports, including both merchandise and services, reached an all-time high of \$824.9 billion in 2024-25, marking a 6% increase over the previous year. Merchandise exports grew 9% to \$38.49 billion in April alone, showing strong momentum in key sectors. However, imports of goods surged sharply by 19.1% to \$64.91 billion in the same month, driven by rising demand for raw materials and intermediate goods. This imbalance pushed the merchandise trade deficit to \$26.4 billion in April, up from \$19.19 billion a year earlier.

Despite the widening goods deficit, India's services sector continues to provide a vital cushion. Services exports grew robustly by 17% in April 2025, reaching an estimated \$35.31 billion. Meanwhile, services imports increased at a much slower pace of 4.6%, totaling \$17.54 billion. This divergence led to a healthy services trade surplus of \$17.77 billion for the month, helping to offset the widening gap in merchandise trade.

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Several export categories showed impressive growth in April 2025. Tobacco exports surged by 66.43%, coffee by 47.85%, and electronic goods by 39.51%. Other notable gainers included mica, coal, ores and minerals (up 34.43%), fruits and vegetables (30.72%), marine products (17.81%), and tea (15.93%).

Commerce Secretary Sunil Barthwal highlighted the strength of the services sector and the overall resilience of India's export performance amid global economic uncertainties. The data underlines the importance of diversifying export markets and boosting value-added sectors to sustain growth. As India continues negotiations on trade deals like the India-U.K. agreement, the balance between merchandise and services trade will remain critical to managing the overall trade deficit.

Hyundai Motor India Q4 Profit Dips 4%, Announces Rs 21 Dividend

Plans New Plant and Product Launches



Hyundai Motor India Ltd. (HMIL) reported a 4% decline in consolidated net profit for the fourth quarter ended March 31, 2025, with earnings dropping to ₹1,614 crore from ₹1,677 crore in the same period last year. Despite the profit dip, the company's consolidated revenue saw a marginal increase of 1.5%, reaching ₹17,940 crore, reflecting the challenges in the operating environment.

For the full fiscal year 2024-25, HMIL's net profit fell 7% year-on-year to ₹5,640 crore, while revenue remained largely flat at ₹69,193 crore. In response to the results, the company's board recommended a dividend of ₹21 per share for FY25.

Looking ahead, Hyundai announced ambitious plans to launch 26 new products, including refreshed models, by FY2030. This lineup will feature 20 internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles, six electric vehicles (EVs), and additional hybrid models, signaling a clear commitment to expanding its portfolio amid the evolving automotive landscape.

The company also revealed that its new manufacturing plant in Pune is expected to become operational by the third quarter of FY26. This facility is set to boost Hyundai's

growth trajectory within India, enhancing production capacity and enabling the company to better meet domestic and export demand.

Unsoo Kim, Managing Director of HMIL, emphasized the company's resilience amid a challenging year, stating, "FY25 business performance demonstrates our ability to navigate the tides by responding quickly to ever-changing customer aspirations." He credited Hyundai's strong brand presence in key emerging global markets for sustaining export volumes despite external headwinds.

Kim expressed cautious optimism for the near-term domestic market, noting macro-economic uncertainties and weakening customer sentiment. While domestic growth for FY26 is expected to align with industry estimates of low single digits, Hyundai aims for 7-8% volume growth in exports by leveraging its strong brand equity and legacy in key emerging markets.

Overall, Hyundai's strategy focuses on balancing steady domestic performance with increased export growth and a diversified product portfolio to navigate the evolving automotive sector.

Apple Pay Meltdown: Millions Face Global Payment Disruption in Rare Outage

A rare global outage of Apple Pay left millions of users stranded as key digital payment services went offline for over two hours. Apple Pay suffered a major global outage that disrupted digital transactions for over 745 million users around the world, including more than 60 million in the United States. The incident began around 8:14 PM IST and impacted core services such as Apple Wallet, Apple Card, and Apple Cash. According to Apple's System Status page, the issue was resolved by 10:31 PM IST, but not before it sparked mass confusion and frustration among users attempting to make payments or access funds.

DownDetector, a website that monitors service interruptions, recorded over 2,000 reports from users in the U.S. alone. Complaints flooded in from New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, and other major urban centers, along with minor disruptions reported across the



ing the root cause or scale of the problem. The vague response drew criticism from users and tech experts who called for greater transparency, especially given Apple Pay's critical role in millions of financial lives.

Social media platforms were flooded with comments, some highlighting concerns over the increasing reliance on digital payment ecosystems. "This is the problem with handing everything over to the technocracy," one user wrote. "When Apple Pay goes down, everything just stops." Others questioned whether Apple should adopt better contingency protocols or be more forthcoming during such outages. While service was restored within a few hours, the event raised serious questions about the vulnerability of digital financial infrastructure and the preparedness of tech giants to handle such global disruptions.

UK and Europe. Many users attempting to complete transactions received a generic error message: "Cannot receive payments sent with Apple Cash at this time." The inability to access even basic payment features sent shockwaves through daily commerce, particularly in regions highly dependent on digital wallets.

Apple offered a short statement confirming that "some users may have experienced an issue" without detail-

China Says Humanoid Robots Won't Replace Jobs, Will Assist Humans Instead

Beijing official stresses that robotics development is aimed at support, not substitution, amid booming AI investment

As China rapidly expands its robotics sector with heavy state investment, a top Beijing official has sought to calm fears about mass unemployment due to humanoid automation. Liang Liang, deputy director at the Beijing Economic-Technological Development Area—one of China's largest and most advanced tech hubs—clarified during an interview with foreign media on May 16 that humanoid robots are being developed to enhance human productivity, not replace workers.

Liang emphasized that these machines are meant to support humans in hazardous or repetitive tasks, freeing people for more creative and value-driven work. "They are tools that will aid our productivity and safety—not competitors for jobs," he said. His comments come as the country witnesses an aggressive push in AI and robotics, leading to concerns about job displacement and the ethical implications of machines mimicking human behavior.

To reinforce this vision, Liang pointed to the world's first humanoid robot half-marathon, held in Beijing last month. The event was deliberately de-



signed to showcase the collaborative potential between humans and machines. The marathon featured several humanoid robots, including the "Ultra" model, a sports-focused design capable of running at speeds up to 12 kilometers per hour (7.56 mph). These robots captured public imagination but also raised questions about the future balance between human labor and artificial intelligence.

In addition to athletic robots, the tech center displayed various other prototypes built for practical applications—from logistics and customer service to hazardous industrial work. These robots are being developed to handle mun-

dane or dangerous tasks that are either too dull or too risky for humans. Liang noted that China's goal is not to create a robotic workforce that mirrors science fiction's fears, but rather to shape a co-operative future where machines and humans work in tandem.

While skepticism remains, especially among labor advocates, the official position is clear: humanoid robots in China are being designed to uplift human efforts, not erase them. The nation is positioning itself not only as a global leader in robotic innovation but also as a responsible steward of how that technology integrates into everyday life.

Rs 2 Lakh Bill, 140 Guests And A Lion Dance: Inside China's Viral Hotpot Wedding

After their original venue was cancelled, a couple turned a Haidilao hotpot restaurant into an unforgettable wedding stage

A wedding at a hotpot chain might not be what most people picture for their big day, but for one couple in China, it turned into a heartwarming viral story of spontaneity and celebration. On May 1, in Taiyuan, Shanxi province, a 26-year-old bride surnamed Zhao and her partner tied the knot at a Haidilao hotpot outlet after their planned wedding venue fell through at the last minute. The change forced the couple to rethink everything with barely any time to prepare, yet what emerged was a joyful, unconventional wedding attended by 140 guests and a two-metre-long receipt totaling around 22,000 yuan—approximately ₹2.56 lakh or



US\$3,000.

Zhao told local media that the urgency of the situation left them with no option but to improvise. "Given the short notice, we could not prepare for a traditional wedding," she said. Instead of fretting over lost deposits or postponing the event, the couple embraced the chaos

and opted for a setting everyone could enjoy—one filled with food, fun, and family. The hotpot feast included classic dishes served across multiple tables, and what it lacked in formality, it made up for in flavor and festive spirit.

Adding a cultural flourish to the already vibrant

scene was a traditional lion dance, which further lifted the mood and energized the celebration. Videos of the wedding quickly went viral on Chinese social media platforms, with netizens applauding the couple's adaptability and praising the warm atmosphere. Many users commented on the joy of a wedding that focused more on togetherness than perfection, calling it a refreshing change from the typically lavish and rigid ceremonies.

While the bride and groom may not have had the wedding they initially envisioned, their special day ended up being memorable for all the right reasons. In the face of disruption, they chose laughter over stress, turning an everyday restaurant into a backdrop for love, resilience, and viral fame.

Anti-Ageing Influencer Bryan Johnson Replaces His Plasma With Albumin in Experiment

Bryan Johnson, the U.S.-based tech entrepreneur and anti-ageing enthusiast, has once again drawn attention with his latest radical health experiment aimed at defying the ageing process. In a new Instagram video, Johnson revealed that he had all of the plasma in his body removed and replaced with albumin—a major protein found in blood plasma—as part of his ongoing quest to extend human longevity.



Known for his extreme biohacking efforts, Johnson previously made headlines for undergoing a controversial blood plasma transfusion using his teenage son's plasma. Now, he has taken his experiments a step further. "You remember that 'blood boy' thing? That's when my son gave me plasma," Johnson said. "Well, today, we are doing a version two of that."

In this phase of the project, Johnson explained that instead of a traditional transfusion, he opted for complete plasma removal and replacement with albumin. "I removed all the plasma from my body, and the doctor said it's the cleanest she's ever seen," he stated confidently. According to Johnson, this procedure was designed to investigate whether removing and replacing plasma could enhance the body's ability to cope with the toxins and environmental stressors of modern life.

In a follow-up video, Johnson elaborated on his motivations. "The human body has a natural abili-

ty to remove waste products," he said, "but sometimes it can't deal with the load of our modern world or certain kinds of toxins. So we intervene."

Despite the intensity of the procedure, Johnson reported no adverse effects. "So, what happens when you remove all the plasma from your body? Nothing, really. I did the entire thing, I felt the same, went to bed, slept the same," he explained. However, he noted that individuals with certain health conditions might experience significant improvements in energy and alertness after such a procedure.

As with all his experiments, Johnson emphasized that his team would be monitoring dozens of biomarkers to measure the impact on his health and longevity. "We will see a before and after and then make an assessment of what it's doing for me," he concluded.

Chennai Couple's Bird Haven Draws Global Visitors and Meiyazhagan Memories

With 15,000 parrots flocking seasonally, Sudarson and Vithiya's terrace sanctuary is winning hearts—and sparking debate



In the bustling city of Chennai, a couple has quietly turned their home into a paradise for birds. For the past 16 years, Sudarson and Vithiya have been feeding thousands of parrots, pigeons, doves, and house sparrows on the terrace of their residence. What began as a small act of compassion has now evolved into a sprawling sanctuary, with up to 15,000 parrots arriving during peak months between December and March, and around 2,000 in the summer. A viral video of their bird-filled terrace, shared by ANI, has captivated social media users, drawing both admiration and concern.

The couple's effort, known to many as "Parrot Sudarson," started in the aftermath of Sudarson's father's death. One morning, he noticed hungry parrots on the terrace, seemingly displaced after thousands of trees were cut across the city. Moved by their plight, he began offering food every morning and evening. Gradually, more birds arrived, and what started as a quiet tribute grew into an extraordinary daily ritual. They now prepare fresh food every day, including soaked rice, raw groundnuts, and seasonal fruits. The terrace has also gained cinematic fame after being featured in scenes from the Tamil film

Meiyazhagan, starring Arvind Swamy.

Each evening, the terrace draws 100–150 visitors, from curious locals to bird-loving tourists. Children, especially during summer vacations, flock to the site to witness the avian spectacle. The couple's home has become so renowned that people from countries like Sweden, Switzerland, and England book visits months in advance. "Search 'Parrots Sudarson' on Google, and you'll find us," Sudarson proudly states.

While many on social media celebrate their dedication, others raise public health concerns. Some users compared pigeons to flying rodents and questioned the safety of attracting such large flocks in residential areas. Still, for many, the sight of thousands of birds in harmony is a rare and beautiful escape from city life. Whether seen as a health hazard or an act of kindness, one thing is clear—this bird haven has left a lasting impression, blending compassion, cinema, and nature in the heart of Chennai.

Rohit Sharma Honoured With Stand at Wankhede, Gets Emotional With Family by His Side

A teary-eyed Rohit Sharma thanks parents, wife, and childhood dreams as Wankhede Stadium immortalizes his legacy

In a deeply emotional ceremony at Mumbai's iconic Wankhede Stadium, cricketing legend Rohit Sharma was honored with a stadium stand named after him—an accolade that brought tears to his eyes and left his family visibly moved. Held on May 16, the event was organized by the Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA) and marked a significant moment not just in Rohit's career but also in Indian cricket history.

Rohit, 38, walked onto the stage hand-in-hand with his parents, his voice choked with emotion as he acknowledged the sacrifices they made throughout his journey from a young boy with a dream to an international cricket star. "It is going to be even more special, to have my family here—parents, brother, wife. I am grateful and thankful for whatever they have sacrificed for me," he said, as his wife Ritika Sajdeh stood proudly beside him.

The ceremony was attended by Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis and NCP-SP chief Sharad Pawar, who joined Rohit in unveiling the 'Rohit Sharma Stand' amidst applause, fireworks, and celebratory confetti. The moment was made even more poignant by the fact that Rohit is still an active ODI player, making the honor a rare and memorable tribute during his playing years.

Reflecting on the significance of the occasion,



Rohit shared, "As a kid growing up, I wanted to play for Mumbai, for India. To have my name among the greats of the game, I cannot express it in words."

He also noted the emotional resonance of the stadium, recalling how his cricketing journey began at Wankhede and expressing excitement about playing there again for the Mumbai Indians on the 21st. "It will be surreal when I play and see my name on a stand—it's something beyond words," he said.

Alongside Rohit, stadium stands were also named in honor of Sharad Pawar and former Indian captain Ajit Wadekar, further enriching Wankhede's legacy. For Rohit Sharma and Indian cricket fans alike, this ceremony marked not just recognition of past achievements, but also a moment of heartfelt gratitude, pride, and inspiration.

KKR Eliminated as Rain Forces Abandonment of IPL Match Against RCB at Chinnaswamy Stadium

The IPL 2025 clash between Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) and Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) was called off due to relentless rain at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru, ending KKR's hopes of advancing to the playoffs. The match had already faced several interruptions with overs being reduced continuously, but persistent rainfall made it impossible to even conduct the crucial toss in time. According to IPL rules, a minimum of five overs per side are needed to constitute a game, with the cutoff for a five-over-a-side match set at 10:56 pm IST, and the toss was required by 10:40 pm IST. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate, and the match was officially abandoned.

KKR entered this fixture with 11 points from 12 matches, desperate for a win to keep their playoff dreams alive. A washout, however, meant no points were gained, which led to their elimination from the IPL 2025 playoff contention. For the Knight Riders, this was a significant setback after a challenging season that had seen them struggle for consistency.

On the other hand, RCB benefitted from the rain-shortened result, earning valuable points as the match was called off. The sharing of points increased RCB's tally to 17 points from 12 matches, strengthening their position in the playoff race. This situation brought them clos-



er to securing a spot in the next stage of the tournament without having to play the match, much to the frustration of fans hoping for a full contest.

The weather continued to dominate the evening at the Chinnaswamy Stadium, with both teams and spectators left disappointed as the much-anticipated game failed to take place. While KKR's campaign comes to an end, RCB will now look forward to the remaining fixtures with renewed confidence, aiming to build on their points lead and make a deep run in IPL 2025.

As the league progresses, the unpredictable monsoon season once again demonstrated how much cricket depends not just on players' skills but also on the whims of nature.

Real Madrid Sign Spanish Starlet Dean Huijsen for ₹569 Crore in Major Defensive Revamp

Los Blancos secure 20-year-old defender from Bournemouth amid Premier League interest as summer overhaul begins

Real Madrid have officially signed Spanish defender Dean Huijsen from Premier League side Bournemouth after activating his £50 million (approximately ₹569 crore) release clause, making the 20-year-old one of the most expensive defensive signings in recent history. The club confirmed the deal on Saturday, announcing that Huijsen will be part of the squad from June 1, 2025, until June 30, 2030. The move comes amid heavy interest from several English clubs, but Ma-

drid acted swiftly to secure the rising talent.

Huijsen, born in the Netherlands but raised in Spain since the age of five, spent time in Malaga's youth setup before moving to Juventus. He joined Bournemouth in 2024 for £12.8 million and delivered a stellar debut Premier League season, catching the attention of top European clubs. His rapid development and composure on the ball made him an ideal target for Real Madrid, who are seeking to rebuild their backline after a turbulent season.

The transfer not only benefits Bournemouth but also sees financial

gains for Huijsen's former clubs, Juventus and Malaga, who are set to receive a share of the transfer fee. Madrid's statement highlighted the long-term nature of the deal, describing Huijsen as a cornerstone for the club's future.

Huijsen recently made his senior debut for the Spanish national team in a Nations League clash against the Netherlands, helping La Roja secure a win and advance to the tournament's final four. His international experience, coupled with his impressive club performances, makes him a key piece in Madrid's defensive restructuring.

Real Madrid endured a disappointing 2024–25 season, losing 14 matches across all competitions and finishing without silverware. With Carlo Ancelotti set to depart and take charge of the Brazil national team, incoming manager Xabi Alonso is expected to oversee significant changes at the Santiago Bernabéu.

Alongside Huijsen, England international Trent Alexander-Arnold is also set to join the Spanish giants following the expiry of his contract with Liverpool, indicating a summer of ambitious reinforcements as Madrid look to bounce back with a younger, more dynamic squad for the upcoming season.

India is elated and proud, says PM Modi as Neeraj Chopra breaches 90m mark

Olympic champion records personal best of 90.23m in Doha Diamond League, becomes first Indian to cross the elite milestone

In a moment of immense national pride, India's javelin superstar Neeraj Chopra breached the coveted 90-metre mark for the first time in his career, recording a throw of 90.23 metres at the Diamond League meet in Doha on May 16, 2025. The landmark throw came during his third attempt in a fiercely contested event, securing him second place behind Germany's Julian Weber, but firmly etching his name among the global elite in javelin history.

Chopra, 27, a two-time Olympic medallist, became the first Indian and only the third Asian ever to throw beyond 90 metres—a benchmark that defines the upper echelon of javelin throwers. He now joins a legendary list that includes his own coach, Czech great Jan Železný, who still holds the world record. Neeraj's previous personal best stood at 89.94m, and breaking this psychological and physical barrier has been a long-anticipated milestone in his already glittering career.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi led the tributes, posting on social media platform X to commend the athlete's grit and dedication. "A spectacular feat! Congratulations to Neeraj Chopra for breaching the 90m mark at Doha Diamond League 2025 and achieving his personal best throw. This is the outcome of his relentless dedication, discipline and passion. India is elated and proud," wrote Modi, capturing the nation's sentiment.

Despite finishing second in Doha, Chopra's performance is being hailed as a historic moment for Indian athletics. The competition was intense, with Julian Weber registering a top throw of 90.78m to clinch first place, but Chopra's 90.23m throw has reaffirmed his status as one of the top javelin throwers in the world.

The Doha meet marks the beginning of Chopra's 2025 season, and this performance has set a thrilling tone for the year ahead, including the World Championships and Paris Olympics. With his latest milestone, Neeraj Chopra has not only fulfilled a long-standing personal goal but also inspired a generation of Indian athletes to aim higher.

Punjab Kings Aim for Playoff Push as Rajasthan Royals Play for Pride in Jaipur Showdown

Shreyas Iyer-led PBKS looks to consolidate top-four spot; Royals hope to end poor season on a high at home Punjab Kings will look to solidify their playoff ambitions as they take on Rajasthan Royals in what promises to be an emotional final home game for the Jaipur-based franchise in IPL 2025. Scheduled for Sunday at the Sawai Mansingh Stadium, the clash holds contrasting stakes for the two teams. While PBKS are flying high in third place with 15 points from 11 games, the Royals are already out of the playoff race, sitting ninth with just three wins from 12 outings.

The Kings, led by skipper Shreyas Iyer, return to action after an unsettling break caused by the cancellation of their May 8 match in Dharamsala due to India-Pakistan border tensions. That game was halted mid-innings with PBKS racing to 122 for 1 in just 10.1 overs—a display that showcased the team's aggressive batting intent. Despite the disruption, Punjab appears poised to resume their charge, though they will have to temporarily cope without overseas stars Marcus Stoinis and Josh Inglis, who are rejoining the squad but will miss this match.

Adding to their selection headaches is the absence of South African pacer Marco Jansen,



recalled by his national board after claiming 11 wickets this season. To fill the void, New Zealand's Kyle Jamieson has come in as a replacement for the injured Lockie Ferguson. However, PBKS remain strong with a core of Indian talent, including the dependable Shreyas, explosive opener Priyansh Arya, and promising batters Prabhsimran Singh and Nehal Wadhwa. The bowling unit is headlined by Arshdeep Singh and veteran leg-spinner

Yuzvendra Chahal, who has bagged 14 wickets with a best of 4/28.

For the Royals, the campaign has been a disappointing one, marred by injuries and inconsistent performances. The absence of skipper Sanju Samson has left a major void in leadership and middle-order stability. While 14-year-old prodigy Vaibhav Suryavanshi stunned the league with a 35-ball century, relying on such brilliance repeatedly is not sustainable. The responsibility now falls on Yashasvi Jaiswal and Riyan Parag to guide the batting, especially in light of Jofra Archer opting out of the final two games.

With playoffs out of reach, the Royals will look to finish strong in front of their fans, while Punjab eye a critical win to stay ahead in the top-four battle.



Kamal Haasan’s ‘Thug Life’ Trailer Out Now: Mani Ratnam Promises a Gripping Gangster Drama

The highly anticipated trailer of Tamil superstar Kamal Haasan's upcoming film *Thug Life* has officially been released, creating a massive buzz among fans and cinephiles alike. Directed by the legendary Mani Ratnam, this film marks a major collaboration between two of Indian cinema's most celebrated artists—Kamal Haasan and Mani Ratnam—after their previous hit *Nayakudu* (*Nayakan*), which has since gained cult status.

Thug Life is being jointly produced by Raj Kamal Films International, Madras Talkies, and Red Giant Movies. The trailer offers a glimpse into a gritty and intense gangster saga set against a dark and moody backdrop. Kamal Haasan appears in a powerful and transformative role, radiating both menace and charisma, which has only raised expectations further.

The film also boasts a stellar ensemble cast including Silambarasan T.R., Trisha, Ashok Selvan, Aishwarya Lekshmi, Joju George, Abhirami, and veteran actor Nassar. Each of them is shown in compelling avatars, adding depth and intrigue to the storyline. The visuals are striking, with Mani Ratnam's signature cinematic style clearly visible—combining emotional storytelling with intense action and visual poetry.

The trailer suggests that *Thug Life* will delve into themes of loyalty, vengeance, power, and redemption, all wrapped in the turbulent world of gangsters. Kamal Haasan's voiceover and screen presence dominate the trailer, promising a memorable performance that fans are already hailing as a potential career-defining role.

The film is scheduled for a grand theatrical release on June 5, 2025, and is expected to be one of the biggest blockbusters of the year. With the



powerful combination of Mani Ratnam's direction and Kamal Haasan's acting prowess, *Thug Life* is shaping up to be an unforgettable cinematic experience.

As the trailer garners millions of views across social media platforms, the excitement surrounding *Thug Life* continues to grow. Audiences are eagerly awaiting what could be the next great chapter in Indian gangster cinema.

‘Bakasura Restaurant’ Trailer Promises a Laugh Riot with a Spooky Twist

The much-awaited trailer of *Bakasura Restaurant*, a horror comedy featuring popular comedians Praveen and Harsha Chhemudu (a.k.a. Viva Harsha), has finally been released—and it's packed with laughs, scares, and quirky moments. Directed by debutant SJ Shiva, the film is produced by Lakshmaiah Achari and Janardhan Achari under the SJ Movies banner.

The trailer offers a glimpse into a bizarre and hilarious world where comedy meets supernatural chaos. Praveen and Harsha play the central characters who find themselves caught up in strange and spooky events inside a mysterious restaurant named “Bakasura.” True to its title, the film seems to draw inspiration from the mythological demon known for insatiable hunger, promising a wild mix of food, fear, and fun.

The film also features a large and colorful ensemble cast including Shining Fani (of *Bamchik Bunty* fame), KGF Garuda Ram, Krishna Bhagavan, Srikanth Iyengar, Uppena Jayakrishna, Vivek Dandu, Amar, Rampatas, Ramya, Prachi Thakur, and Jabardasth Apparao. Each character adds a layer of comic chaos and suspense, making the film a complete entertainer.



Behind the scenes, *Bakasura Restaurant* brings together a seasoned technical crew. Bala Saraswathi handles the cinematography, while editing is done by the renowned Marthand K. Venkatesh. The music, composed by Vikas Badisa, adds energy and tension to the trailer, enhancing both the humor and horror elements. The film's art direction is led by Sri Raja CR Thangala, with Eluru Srinu and Maduri Madhu managing promotional activities as PROs.

The first look poster had already caught attention, and the trailer has now amplified the excitement, especially among fans of horror comedies. With its blend of spooky visuals, sharp dialogues, and comic timing, *Bakasura Restaurant* is shaping up to be a perfect laugh-out-loud entertainer with a scary twist.

The film's release date is yet to be announced, but the trailer has set the tone for a rib-tickling ride into a haunted culinary adventure.

Nayanthara Surprises Fans by Promoting ‘Mega157’ from Day One



In a move that has pleasantly surprised her fans and the film industry alike, actress Nayanthara has broken her usual low-key approach to film promotions by actively promoting her upcoming film *Mega157* right from the start. Known for maintaining a private and reserved public image, Nayanthara made an unexpected yet delightful gesture by releasing a special video to announce her involvement in the much-anticipated film.

Directed by Anil Ravipudi and starring Megastar Chiranjeevi in the lead role, *Mega157* has already garnered attention as a high-profile project. The announcement video features Nayanthara in a refreshing and fun avatar. In the video, she is seen interacting casually with her personal staff in Telugu, jamming to Chiranjeevi's popular songs during a car ride, and even enjoying reading the film's script. She tops it off by mimicking one of Chiru's iconic dialogues, much to the delight of fans.

What makes this announcement even more special is that it marks

Nayanthara's third collaboration with Chiranjeevi, following their successful outings in *Sye Raa Narasimha Reddy* and *Godfather*. Her decision to take part in this promotional campaign highlights not only her excitement about the project but also the camaraderie she shares with the megastar.

Credit for this bold and engaging promotional effort is being given to director Anil Ravipudi, who is known for bringing a fun and energetic tone to his projects. His ability to persuade Nayanthara to step out of her comfort zone and actively engage with fans shows his strong rapport with the cast and his promotional vision for *Mega157*.

With *Sankranthi 2026* set as the film's release window, this early promotional move has already started building strong anticipation. The combination of Chiranjeevi's mass appeal, Anil Ravipudi's direction, and Nayanthara's enthusiastic participation ensures that *Mega157* is well on its way to becoming one of the most awaited blockbusters of the upcoming festive season.

‘Kesari Chapter 2’ Trailer Released in Telugu: Akshay Kumar Returns with a Powerful Sequel

Bollywood superstar Akshay Kumar is back with *Kesari Chapter 2*, the much-anticipated sequel to his 2019 hit *Kesari*. The makers have now officially released the Telugu trailer of the film, creating buzz among Telugu audiences. Titled *Kesari Chapter 2: The Untold Story of Jallianwala Bagh*, the film explores the aftermath of one of the darkest chapters in India's freedom struggle.

Directed by Karan Singh Tyagi and produced by Karan Johar under the banner of Dharma Productions, *Kesari Chapter 2* features a powerful ensemble cast that includes R. Madhavan, Regina Cassandra, and Ananya Panday in key roles. The film, which released in Hindi on April 18 as a summer treat, received



a strong response at the box office and among critics. Given its success, the makers decided to bring the emotionally charged narrative to Telugu audiences. The Telugu version is set to release on May 23, 2025, under the banner of Suresh Productions.

While the first *Kesari* film focused on the legendary Battle of Saragarhi, Chapter

2 turns its focus to the chilling events of the Jallianwala Bagh massacre, which took place on April 13, 1919. The film does not just depict the tragedy, but delves into the emotional, social, and political fallout of the massacre—how it became a turning point in India's independence movement. The trailer showcases intense drama, stirring performances, and

a gripping narrative that is sure to resonate deeply with the audience.

Akshay Kumar once again steps into a patriotic role with conviction and emotional depth, while Madhavan adds gravitas to the storyline. Regina Cassandra and Ananya Panday also appear to have strong roles that contribute meaningfully to the narrative.

The newly released Telugu trailer has already started making waves on social media, sparking curiosity and excitement among regional audiences. With its historical relevance, strong performances, and emotional storytelling, *Kesari Chapter 2* is poised to make a strong impact in its Telugu release as well.

BTS’ Jin Tops Global Charts with ‘Echo,’ Surpasses Jungkook, V, and K-Pop Legends

BTS' Jin is making history once again with the release of his highly anticipated solo album *Echo*. Dropped on May 16, 2025, the album has quickly taken the global music scene by storm, topping iTunes charts worldwide and breaking multiple K-pop records within hours of its release. From dominating global brand power rankings to surpassing industry giants like G-Dragon and BLACKPINK's Lisa, Jin has cemented his place as a solo force to be reckoned with.

Currently on his first solo world tour, Jin has officially surpassed fellow BTS members Jungkook, V, and J-Hope in brand power rankings for the month of May. *Echo* also dethroned Lisa's *Alter Ego* from the top spot on iTunes,



becoming the highest-charting K-pop solo album of 2025 so far.

Released under BigHit Music, *Echo* is Jin's second solo album and features a total of six emotional and thematically diverse tracks. The lead single, “Don't Say You Love Me,” is a haunting ballad that sets the tone for the album. The song's music video stars acclaimed K-drama actress Shin Se Kyung, adding cinematic depth to

the heart-wrenching story of lost love and longing. The teaser for the video had already built significant anticipation, and its release has only amplified the album's momentum.

In addition to the title track, *Echo* includes songs such as “Nothing Without Your Love,” “Loser,” “With the Clouds,” “To Me,” “Today,” and “Background.” Each track explores unique aspects of love, from vulnera-

bility and regret to hope and healing—showcasing Jin's artistic growth and emotional range.

On Korea's MelOn chart, the album's tracks have taken multiple top spots, while international streaming platforms reflect a similar surge in popularity. Fans and critics alike are praising Jin's matured vocal delivery and the sincerity of his lyrics, noting how *Echo* stands apart from his earlier solo efforts.

With *Echo*, Jin not only redefines his own musical identity but also sets a new standard for K-pop solo ventures—proving that his global star power continues to shine just as brightly outside BTS.