

KTR, Harish Rao Patch Up



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BRS working president KT Rama Rao and senior party leader T Harish Rao have reportedly set aside their differences and decided to work shoulder-to-shoulder in strengthening the party. The meeting between the two leaders on Friday stirred political circles and assumed significance, especially as it came in the wake of Harish Rao feeling sidelined at the party's silver jubilee celebrations held in April at Elkathurthy in Hanamkonda district.

Social media was abuzz with reactions as the two prominent BRS leaders spent over three hours in a closed-door meeting at Harish Rao's residence. The meeting was reportedly convened on the instructions of party supremo K Chandrasekhar Rao, who directed both leaders to come together, mend ties, and project unity. According to party sources, the leaders had a comprehensive discussion on the current political landscape of Telangana and the state of the party post the assembly elections. They addressed the pressure points in their relationship and spoke at length about unifying the party cadre and sending out a clear message that there is no internal rift within BRS. They are also said to have discussed plans to effectively take on the Congress government by highlighting issues such as delays in paddy procurement, the recent Supreme Court directive

Leader's pledge unity to strengthen BRS

Plan joint strategy against Congress

KTR, Harish meets for 3 hours to resolve differences

Unity move comes after Harish felt sidelined in April

Focus on reviving cadre, countering Congress

regarding Kancha Gachibowli land, and controversial comments made by some Congress ministers. The leaders reportedly agreed on launching targeted programmes and campaigns to expose the lapses in the ruling party's governance in the coming days.

Apart from the political strategy, the meeting also touched on internal issues, particularly concerns raised by BRS MLC K Kavitha. Sources revealed that Kavitha had written a letter to KCR, expressing her frustration over being targeted by certain individuals within the party. Rama Rao and Harish Rao reportedly deliberated on this issue and discussed ways to address her concerns and clarify her role in the party moving forward.

As a follow-up to this reconciliation, Rama Rao and Harish Rao are expected to visit KCR's farmhouse in Erravalli within the next two to three days. The visit will likely focus on finalising upcoming party programmes, including a membership drive, fresh committee appointments, and other organisational efforts aimed at strengthening the party's grassroots presence. This long-awaited meeting between the two influential leaders has now sent a strong message of unity to party members and supporters, reinforcing that BRS remains intact under the leadership of K Chandrasekhar Rao despite internal challenges and recent electoral setbacks.

GOAL TO MAKE 1 CRORE WOMEN MILLIONAIRES: CM REVANTH



Launches We Hub Women Acceleration program

Free bus travel, ₹500 gas cylinders, and Amma schools mentioned

Women managing solar, petrol pumps, uniforms and more

TPN Correspondent | Telangana

Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has set an ambitious goal to transform the lives of one crore women in the state by making them financially self-sufficient and turning them into millionaires. Speaking at the launch of the 'We Hub Women Acceleration' program held at JRC Convention in Jubilee Hills, Revanth stated that women's empowerment is essential if Telangana is to become a trillion-dollar economy. Referring to former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi as an icon who showed the world the power of women, the Chief Minister emphasized that his government is committed to the upliftment of women across the state. He said many schemes are already in place, including free RTC bus travel for women and the supply

of gas cylinders at ₹500.

Revanth visited the women-run stalls at the venue and expressed appreciation for their entrepreneurial efforts. He mentioned that 'Amma Adarsh Schools' are now being managed by women and that Miss World contestants visiting Hyderabad on the 21st of this month will also be shown these stalls and women's work.

The Chief Minister stressed the success of women self-help groups (SHGs) and outlined his vision to expand their reach to include one crore members. He highlighted the credibility and integrity of women borrowers, stating that while corporate defaulters flee the country, Telangana's women repay every rupee with interest.

Further, Revanth announced that women are now managing a 1,000 MW solar power project, with potential for more projects to be entrusted to them based on performance. The government is also encouraging women to operate petrol pumps, sewing units for school uniforms, and solar businesses. He stated that women-made products will be offered as gifts to official guests as a mark of encouragement. Assuring full support, CM Revanth Reddy concluded by saying, "I am your Revanth and I will always stand by you."

Nobel Laureate Joins TelanganaRising Board

Prof Abhijit Banerjee meets CM Revanth, backs creative jobs push



TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

Renowned economist and Nobel laureate Prof Abhijit Banerjee will now be part of the TelanganaRising Vision Advisory Board. During his meeting with Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Friday in Hyderabad, Prof Banerjee discussed forward-looking strategies to boost Telangana's economic growth, employment generation, urban development, and public revenue enhancement. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy invited the Nobel Prize-winning economist to join the globally reputed list of advisors shaping the TelanganaRising vision, which Banerjee readily accepted. In a wide-ranging discussion, Prof Banerjee recommended

ed the creation of innovative short-term skill courses rooted in traditional Indian crafts, fused with modern design, marketing, and social media strategies. He proposed integrating arts and crafts as a central element of the upcoming Bharat Future City, aiming to turn artisans into modern entrepreneurs. He also praised the Telangana government's inclusive steps, especially the recruitment of transgenders into the police and municipal departments, and the state's efforts in launching a skills and sports university. The Nobel laureate acknowledged these measures as path-breaking in building a socially inclusive economy.

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Tiranga Rally at Tank Bund Celebrates Op Sindoor's Success



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Tank Bund in Hyderabad turned into a vibrant display of patriotism on Saturday, May 17, as a grand Tiranga rally was held to honour the Indian armed forces and mark the successful execution of Operation Sindoor. Hundreds of citizens participated, waving the tricolour with pride and chanting slogans in support of the nation's defence forces.

Security personnel ensured the peaceful conduct of the event, managing traffic and crowd control efficiently. Addressing the gathering, former Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu took a firm stand against any dialogue with Pakistan on the Kashmir issue.

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Army Jawan Alleges Land Grab By VRO's Kin In Siddipet

Soldier accuses VRO's family of encroaching ancestral land

Claims officials ignored complaints despite multiple appeals

Harish Rao steps in, urges Siddipet Collector to act

TPN Correspondent | Siddipet

An Indian Army soldier currently posted along the India-Pakistan border in Jammu and Kashmir has accused the kin of a local Village Revenue Officer (VRO) of illegally encroaching on his ancestral property in Telangana's Siddipet district. The soldier, B Rama Swamy, hailing from Chowdarpal-

ly village in Akberpet-Bhupally mandal, made the allegations through a video released on social media. In the video, which has since gone viral, Rama Swamy claimed that his family has been harassed by the alleged encroachers and that their names were illegally removed from the official land records.



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Arogyasri Cards for Orphans

- 2,200 orphans in Hyderabad receive Arogyasri health cards
- Statewide expansion of the scheme to begin soon
- Govt stands as a family for parentless children, says Seethakka

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
Ministers Seethakka and Ponnam Prabhakar on Saturday presented Arogyasri health cards to orphans in daycare centers across Hyderabad, marking a significant step in social welfare and health equity. Speaking at the event, Minister Seethakka said it was a revolutionary move by the government to extend health security to orphans who lack family support. “We are not just giving them cards, we are filling the void left by the absence of par-

ents,” she said, stressing that these children are now government children and the state stands as their family. Seethakka emphasized that the decision to provide Arogyasri cards to orphans reflects the government’s deep commitment to inclusive welfare. She said the pain of growing up without parents cannot be erased, but the state will take responsibility to provide them with the courage, care, and support they deserve. “Don’t be disheartened by the loss of your parents. Life imposed these tragedies on you, but you did nothing



wrong. Be strong. Move forward with confidence,” she told the children. Minister Seethakka also said that the government wants to ensure every child without parental care in Telangana receives these health benefits. She announced that 2,200 orphans in Hyderabad are the

first beneficiaries, and this program will soon be expanded statewide. “We must reach out to every helpless child, no matter where they are in the state,” she added. The ministers also assured that for those who take care of orphans, the government will provide financial support of

₹4,500 per month. They promised to work continuously for the welfare of these children and make sure they grow into capable, confident citizens. “The government is your biggest institution and your closest family,” Seethakka remarked. After the distribution ceremony,

Ministers Seethakka and Ponnam Prabhakar shared a heartwarming lunch with the orphans, joined by several dignitaries and social workers. The event highlighted the government’s compassionate approach and its ongoing commitment to ensuring no child in the state is left behind.



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CM Revanth Reddy shared his vision of Hyderabad’s historical global reputation and the global potential of products made in Telangana. He detailed key empowerment programs focused on women Self-Help Groups, youth skill-building, and farmer welfare.

The meeting also saw participation from key officials including Industries and IT Minister D. Sridhar Babu, Chief Secretary Ramakrishna Rao, Finance Secretary Sandeep Kumar Sultania, and Hyderabad Police Commissioner C.V. Anand.

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“There is no question of holding talks with Pakistan. The only discussion worth having is about integrating Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) with India,” he stated. He dismissed the need for any foreign mediation, adding, “Whether it’s the USA or China, Indians must make it clear—Kashmir is an internal matter.” Naidu recalled India’s peaceful legacy, stating that the country has never invaded another in 5,000 years. “We became a nuclear power under Vajpayee’s NDA government only for defence. We believe in peace, but we will not hesitate when it comes to protecting our sovereignty,” he added. Defence advisor G Satheesh Reddy, former DRDO chairperson, termed Operation Sindoor a “one-sided war,” applauding India’s self-reliance in defence manufacturing. He highlighted Hyderabad’s critical role, noting that key systems like BrahMos and Akash missiles, anti-drone systems, and advanced radar technologies used in the operation were developed at DRDO facilities in the city. “Not only were terrorist camps destroyed, but we also neutralised Pakistan’s radar stations, airbases, and even hit Karachi Port. Pakistan’s missile attempts were thwarted by our indigenous air defence systems—among the

best in the world,” he said. Reddy hailed the campaign as a “Made-in-India, Aatma Nirbharta war,” underlining how the armed forces’ familiarity with domestically developed weapons ensured high-precision strikes. The rally was attended by several BJP leaders including state president G Kishan Reddy, BJP floor leader A Maheshwar Reddy, former Maharashtra governor K Vidyasagar Rao, MPs Eatala Rajender, DK Aruna, and M Raghunandan Rao. Public figures from the entertainment world like actress Manchu Lakshmi and singer Mangli also took part, further energizing the crowd. This event is part of a ten-day nationwide campaign from May 13 to May 23, aimed at spreading awareness and appreciation for Operation Sindoor. The campaign includes bike rallies, public meetings, flag-hoisting ceremonies, and outreach efforts across India. Operation Sindoor was launched on May 7 in response to the brutal massacre of 25 Indian tourists and a local pony operator by terrorists in Pahalgam on April 22. The operation saw India launch precision strikes against terror infrastructure in Pakistan, drawing praise for its strategic execution and indigenous technological prowess.

Army Jawan Alleges Land Grab By VRO’s Kin In Siddipet

Despite repeated appeals to authorities—including the Mandal Revenue Officer (MRO), Revenue Divisional Officer (RDO), and the Siddipet District Collector—no corrective action has been taken so far, he alleged. The soldier believes the VRO’s family is leveraging their influence to block intervention from the local administration. In his emotional appeal, Rama Swamy urged the public to share the video widely in an attempt to bring the matter to the attention of Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy. His plea has received overwhelming support from netizens,

with many calling for swift justice and official accountability. Responding to the growing public concern, former minister and Siddipet MLA T Harish Rao contacted District Collector M Manu Chowdary and urged immediate action. “Soldiers protecting our borders should not have to fight for justice back home. We all have a duty to stand by them,” Rao stated. The issue continues to gain traction online as citizens and activists demand that the state government intervene promptly and safeguard the rights of the soldier and his family.

Sridhar Babu Acquitted In Kaleshwaram Case

- Special Court quashes false case filed in 2017 over Kaleshwaram protest
- Minister calls verdict a victory for farmers and justice
- Alleges misuse of power by BRS to suppress voices of dissent

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Minister for IT and Industries, Duddilla Sridhar Babu, on Saturday addressed the media near the Nampally Court after the Special Court for Public Representatives dismissed a long-pending case against him and several others related to protests over the Kaleshwaram Project. The Minister, visibly relieved, described the court’s verdict as a victory for the people and especially for the farmers who lost their lands and livelihoods due to the controversial project. The case, filed in 2017 by the Basanthnagar Police in Peddapalli district, named Sridhar Babu along with Harkara Venugopal, Annayya Goud, Shashibhooshan Kache, and nine others. The charges, which the Minister termed as “baseless and politically motivated,” were filed during the previous BRS regime when the leaders were advocating justice for displaced families. The court’s dismissal of the case marks the



end of an eight-year legal battle fought by the accused. Speaking to the media, Sridhar Babu said, “This is a victory for the people — particularly the farmers. The judiciary has understood the plight of the marginalized. This judgment further strengthens our faith in the legal system.” He went on to accuse the previous BRS government of weaponizing the police force and legal system to intimidate dissenters. “They pressed non-bailable charges against us just because we tried to submit a representation during a public inquiry in Karimnagar. That’s the level of autocracy they practiced.” He sharply criticized the Kaleshwaram

Project, calling it a structural and administrative failure. “Thousands of acres were forcibly acquired without compensation, and not a single drop of water was delivered. Instead, BRS leaders enriched themselves at the cost of poor farmers.” Sridhar Babu also referenced the infamous case involving the murder of a lawyer couple, accusing the then government of shielding the culprits. The Minister further stated that the people’s government under Chief Minister Revanth Reddy stands in contrast to the earlier regime. “We are committed to justice, democracy, and transparency. The era of using power to crush the voice of the people is over.”

14 New Excise Stations Soon In Telangana



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Telangana Excise Minister Jupally Krishna Rao has announced the inauguration of 14 newly established excise stations across the state within the next four days. He made this statement on Friday, May 16, while addressing excise personnel including circle inspectors, sub-inspectors, and others at his camp office. The minister also declared that transfers of eligible excise personnel, ranging from constables to inspectors, will be completed within a week. He acknowledged that the transfer process had been delayed due to its connection with promotions, which are currently stalled due to legal complications. In order to move forward and reduce disruption in the department, the government has decided to decouple the transfer process from promotions. Jupally assured that clear guidelines for transfers will be issued within four days, allowing the process to proceed smoothly. The move is aimed at improving administrative efficiency and operational readiness in the state’s excise enforcement machinery.

Mulugu Police Arrest 20 Maoists

Police recover rifles, explosives, radios and cash during large-scale crackdown



TPN Correspondent | Mulugu
In a major crackdown, the Mulugu police have arrested 20 Maoists, including senior cadre members, and seized a significant cache of arms and equipment over a two-day operation. Among the confiscated items were INSAS, SLR, and .303 rifles, grenades, and communication devices. The operation began on May 16 when six Maoists were nabbed during routine vehicle checks near the Palem project under Venkatapuram police station limits. The following day, a search operation in the Murumuru forest under Wazedu police station led to the arrest of seven more. Later, seven additional Maoists were apprehended near Guttala Gangaram Guttikoya village under Kannaigudem police station limits. Among the arrested were one

Division Committee Member (DVC), five Area Committee Members (ACMs), and 14 Party Members (PMs). Acting on intelligence gathered from the suspects, police recovered 3 INSAS rifles with 6 magazines and 70 live rounds, 4 SLR rifles with 10 magazines and 88 live rounds, 1 .303 rifle with 11 rounds, 4 8MM rifles, 16 cartridges for 12-bore weapons and 2 grenades. In addition to weapons, police seized ₹58,155 in cash, 4 walkie-talkies with antennas, 6 radios, pen drives, memory cards, 18 card readers, 2 kit bags, and other materials used for Maoist activities. Officials praised the coordinated efforts of the police teams involved and said that such operations would continue to ensure peace and safety in Maoist-affected regions of Telangana.

BRS Will Disappear from Telangana by Next Elections

- Three-way battle in BRS between KTR, Harish Rao, and Kavitha
- Congress delivering governance as promised, says TPCC chief
- BJP, BRS running malicious propaganda on social media

TPN Correspondent | Nizamabad
TPCC President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud strongly criticized the BRS and BJP, predicting that the BRS party would be completely erased from Telangana's political map by the next elections. Speaking at a press conference in Nizamabad, he said the internal power struggle within BRS involving Kavitha, KTR, and Harish Rao has forced former CM KCR to remain confined to his farmhouse. He asserted that BRS leaders are now merely fighting for their political existence, with no role to play in Telangana's future. He also came down heavily on the BJP, accusing it of consistently attempting to derive political mileage by in-

citing communal sentiments. Referring to Prime Minister Modi's remarks on 'Operation Sindoor', Mahesh Kumar Goud said Modi has exposed his political desperation. He questioned what India gained from the war and what was lost, demanding clarity from the Centre on the issue, while stating that people cannot tolerate American interference in India-Pakistan matters. Mahesh Kumar Goud lauded the Congress government in Telangana, claiming that CM Revanth Reddy and his ministers are functioning with unity and public consent. He credited Revanth Reddy with conducting a historic caste census as envisioned by Rahul Gandhi, and noted that Congress deserves recognition for pro-

viding 42% reservation to BCs. He highlighted the national impact of Rahul Gandhi's announcement that a caste census would be held alongside the population census under a future Congress-led central government. Describing Telangana as a "compass for the country," he said the Congress rule under Revanth Reddy has become a national model. He announced that several committees would be constituted to strengthen the party and governance: an Advisory Council Committee to bridge senior leaders and government, Political Affairs Committees for daily activity, a Samvidhan Bachao Committee to safeguard the Constitution, and a Delimitation Committee ahead of the 2026

reorganization. He also emphasized the importance of coordinating between senior and new leaders within the Congress party. Addressing recent controversies, Mahesh Kumar Goud clarified that Minister Konda Surekha's comments were distorted and maliciously circulated online. He revealed that she would soon file a cybercrime complaint. He condemned both BJP and BRS leaders for deliberately degrading Congress and promoting false propaganda through social media. To curb such acts, the Congress government is studying laws enacted in Madhya Pradesh and is planning to introduce a new law specifically to regulate online misinformation.



He dismissed rumors about a possible change of Chief Minister in Telangana, branding them as fabricated conspiracies by opposition parties. Highlighting the achievements of the Congress government, he listed free bus facilities, distribution of fine rice, and the provision of over 65,000 government jobs in its first year in power. He stated that the Re-

vanth Reddy-led government is revamping the educational and medical sectors that were left in disarray by the previous BRS regime. Integrated schools equipped with modern technology are being set up with a budget of ₹200 crore, and reforms are being implemented from primary health centers to NIMS to strengthen healthcare delivery across Telangana.

Revanth's Real Threat Is Uttam, Not BRS: Gangula



TPN Correspondent | Telangana
BRS senior leader and former minister Gangula Kamalakar has stirred the political waters with his sharp remarks, asserting that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy is not under threat from the opposition but from his own Congress party leaders. Addressing recent political developments in Telangana, Kamalakar said his party has no intention of destabilizing the Congress government. "We want the Congress government to continue for the full five-year term," Kamalakar stated, adding that it

is only through a complete tenure that people will come to understand the difference between Congress rule and the administration under former Chief Minister KCR. "Only then will people realise the value of KCR's governance," he added. Kamalakar also brought to light internal rifts within the Congress party, noting that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy himself had hinted at issues with senior Congress leaders. "Revanth clearly pointed out that his problems are not with the opposition but with party seniors like Uttam Kumar Reddy. That is where the real dan-

ger lies," he said. Interestingly, Kamalakar's comments echo similar sentiments expressed by BJP Telangana president and Union Minister Kishan Reddy. In recent statements, Kishan Reddy dismissed any speculation of the Congress government collapsing, questioning what anyone would gain from such a move. He had also stated, on the day Revanth took oath as CM, that the BJP wanted the Congress government to function for five full years. With both BRS and BJP leaders extending verbal support for the Congress government's continuity, the focus now shifts to internal Congress dynamics. Revanth Reddy's public acknowledgment of tensions within his party—particularly with Uttam Kumar Reddy—has added fuel to the growing speculation over intra-party power struggles. As Telangana's political scene continues to evolve, it appears the Chief Minister may be facing more turbulence from within than from the outside.

Owaisi to Join MP Team for Anti-Terror Tour

Owaisi says he will fulfill the Centre's responsibility

TPN Correspondent | Telangana
AIMIM chief and Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi has said he will effectively fulfill the key responsibility entrusted to him by the central government, as he prepares to be part of an all-party delegation aimed at increasing diplomatic pressure on Pakistan. In a significant move following Operation Sindoor, the Indian government has decided to continue its diplomatic offensive against Pakistan by forming seven all-party MP teams that will travel to various countries and highlight Pakistan-sponsored terrorism on international platforms. These teams are scheduled to depart on May 22 and 23. The selected MP teams will visit the United Kingdom, France, Belgium, Germany, Italy, and Denmark. Each team comprises members from different political parties to present a united front. Asaduddin Owaisi is part of the delegation led by BJP leader Bajajant Jay Panda. Other members of the team include MPs Nishikant Dubey, Phangnon Konyak,



Rekha Sharma, Satnam Singh Sandhu, and Ghulam Nabi Azad. Speaking about his inclusion, Owaisi said, "This is an important responsibility for the country. We will explain to the international community how Pakistan is supporting terrorism. I will do my best to effectively fulfill this responsibility entrusted by the central government. We will expose the real face of Pakistan at the international level." He further noted that the visit is a

non-partisan mission, reflecting national interest over politics, and that there will be a detailed briefing session before departure to ensure all MPs are aligned on the key issues to be presented abroad. The delegation's primary goal is to counter Pakistan's propaganda by showcasing evidence of its involvement in terrorist activities, especially in the context of recent developments and India's firm stance on cross-border terrorism.

Mallu Ravi Slams BJP for False Propaganda



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Nagarkurnool MP Mallu Ravi launched a sharp attack on BJP Legislative Party leader Maheshwar Reddy, accusing him of speaking irrationally and spreading false propagan-

da against the Congress-led government. Responding to Maheshwar Reddy's remarks about alleged cabinet expansion hurdles, Mallu Ravi dismissed the allegations as baseless and said that there is complete coordination between the

Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Minister, and other ministers in the state. He called it foolish to claim that the Chief Minister is obstructing cabinet expansion and ridiculed the BJP for lacking clarity in its criticism. "With welfare and development programs progressing remarkably, the BJP is resorting to senseless statements simply to stay in the news," Ravi stated. He questioned whether BJP-ruled states offer free bus travel for women, thin rice, Rs 500 paddy bonus, 200 units of free electricity, or subsidized gas cylinders at Rs 500. He added that while the Congress government is attracting industries, creating employment for youth, offering 60,000 government jobs, and establishing integrated residential schools and

a skill university, BJP leaders remain blind to these achievements. Mallu Ravi challenged BJP leaders to explain how all these programs could be implemented if the cabinet was indeed dysfunctional. Instead, he alleged that it is the BJP that is dealing with deep internal factionalism, which is why they have not held internal party elections for a long time. He also claimed that the BJP is relying on a daily media strategy of spreading falsehoods against the Congress and the government. Calling BJP leaders the political descendants of Goebbels, he said their entire strategy is based on lies. "No matter how much they rant, their words will have no impact on this government or its cabinet," Mallu Ravi concluded.

KTR's Dallas Meet Grand Plans for BRS Silver Jubilee in US

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The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) USA unit is making comprehensive arrangements to ensure the grand success of Working President K. T. Rama Rao's upcoming meeting in Dallas, along with large-scale celebrations of Telangana Formation Day and the BRS Party's Silver Jubilee. A series of preparatory meetings are being held across major US cities to coordinate these events and boost participation among NRIs, Telangana associations, and party supporters. The initiative aims to celebrate the spirit of the Telangana movement while uniting the global BRS community. Over the past few days, successful preparatory meetings have already been conducted in cities such as Los Angeles, Atlanta, and Washington DC. These sessions, held with the support of local Telugu and Telangana associations and party workers, focused on organizing logistics, cultural programs, media coordination, and promotional campaigns for the upcoming

events in Dallas. Senior BRS leader Balka Suman, attending as a special guest from Telangana, interacted with the NRI workers and expressed confidence in their collective efforts. Party activists and supporters in the US have responded enthusiastically, with a renewed sense of commitment and energy seen in every meeting. The BRS USA team announced that over the next ten days, more such preparatory meetings will be held in cities including New Jersey, Bay Area, Chicago, Houston, Dallas, and New York. These meetings are expected to finalize arrangements and rally wider support for the celebrations. According to party sources, NRIs are keen to participate in large numbers, seeing the celebrations as a platform to reaffirm their connection to Telangana and the BRS vision. The Dallas event featuring KTR is being treated as a flagship gathering to showcase the strength of the party's overseas network and its deep ties with the diaspora.



Nigerian Drug Gangs Under Watch in Hyderabad

Anti-Narcotics Bureau uncovers shocking tactics
Nigerians overstaying visas, using fake IDs and marriage to settle in India
Drug trade being run from jail using mobile phones
Police plan special operations to curb growing threat

TPN | V Krishna Mohan
Hyderabad: Nigerian nationals residing in Hyderabad have drawn up a detailed plan to continue their involvement in the drug trade even after their visas expire, according to a recent investigation by the Telangana Anti-Narcotics Control Bureau. The findings have alarmed the authorities, who are stepping up surveillance and preparing special operations to curb their activities. According to officials, Nigerians who originally entered the country on student visas have been staying on under various pretexts and becoming deeply entrenched in narcotics networks. Over the years, many have been arrested during raids by both Law and Order police and Anti-Narcotics teams. Most of them were found living in key areas like Humayun Nagar, Mehdiptanam, Langar House, Tolichowki, and Golconda, using their student status as a cover to run a highly profitable drug racket. What has shocked authorities further is that even after being jailed, some of these individu-



als have been managing drug operations through mobile phones with the help of accomplices outside. Investigations revealed that fake identity cards were being created with the help of local associates, allowing them to evade detection and continue their activities. To stay in India long-term, several Nigerians are now resorting to marrying Indian women—many of whom are themselves drug addicts. Anti-Narcotics officials have reportedly uncovered multiple instances where these individuals are intentionally get-

ting women hooked on drugs, marrying them, and using these relationships as a legal shield to avoid deportation after their visas lapse. Dozens of such marriages have already taken place, according to sources. Moreover, a financial network has also come to light, with the gang channeling drug money through shell companies. The laundered money is then routed back to Nigeria, making it difficult to trace. Authorities have significantly tightened their watch on financial transactions connect-

ed to these networks. In the wake of these developments, the police have intensified monitoring of individuals who were previously jailed and later released. Surveillance has also been increased in areas with high concentrations of Nigerian nationals. Police have already deported several Nigerian nationals involved in drug crimes and are preparing to launch a large-scale operation targeting others who remain under the radar. The Telangana Anti-Narcotics Bureau is now working closely with central agencies and local law enforcement to counter what they describe as a dangerous and well-coordinated network. Authorities have expressed concern that the elaborate efforts being made by foreign drug networks pose a serious threat to public safety and national security. With mounting evidence and pressure, a coordinated crackdown is expected in the coming days as authorities aim to dismantle the nexus and curb the growing drug menace in the city.

Youth Congress Burns Effigies of Modi, Nitish

Protests held in Hyderabad over FIRs against Rahul Gandhi in Bihar



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In a show of protest against the alleged undemocratic actions by the Modi-led BJP government, the Telangana State

Youth Congress, under the leadership of its president Shri Jakkidi Shiva Charan Reddy, staged a symbolic demonstration at Gandhi Bhavan in Hyderabad on Saturday. The pro-

test included the burning of effigies of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar. Speaking at the protest, Shiva Charan Reddy strongly condemned the alleged obstruction of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's visit to Dalit students at the Ambedkar Hostel in Darbhanga, Bihar. He said the Modi government is "growing impatient" with the increasing public support for Rahul Gandhi, and is resorting to the use of central police forces to block his tours, file false FIRs, and harass him politically. "It is a shame that the Modi government is trying to stop Rahul Gandhi from meeting students and the public. No matter how many conspira-

cies they plan, the people of the country will not abandon Rahul Gandhi. His support is growing stronger," said Shiva Charan Reddy. The Telangana Youth Congress alleged that these actions reflect the BJP's "dictatorial rule" and warned that such attempts to suppress dissent would only strengthen the opposition's resolve. "Youth across India are watching. The people will soon teach the BJP a lesson and give the right advice to the communal forces," he added. Youth Congress State Vice Presidents, General Secretaries, Secretaries, district, constituency, and mandal-level presidents, along with several other leaders, participated in the protest.

Ganja Racket Busted In Kompally

Excise officials seize 10 kg ganja, arrest two youths

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
The Medchal district excise enforcement team has busted a ganja smuggling operation and seized 10 kg of the contraband near the Suchitra-Kompally junction. Two accused from the Guntakal area of Anantapur were caught while attempting to sell the ganja brought from

Karnataka. According to officials, Chakali Vamsi and Nemakal Valmiki Venugopal transported the ganja on a bike after procuring it from a person named Ramu in Karnataka. The duo was intercepted by the Medical Enforcement and Excise staff while waiting for their contacts to arrive at the Suchitra Kompally intersec-

tion. The operation, led by Assistant Excise Superintendent Madhavaya, CI Narsi Reddy, and SI Pawan Kumar Reddy, resulted in the seizure of ganja worth ₹5 lakh, a two-wheeler, and mobile phones worth ₹1.20 lakh. A case has been registered against three individuals in total, with two already taken into custody. Excise staff

members Sattar, Sanjay, Venkateswar Rao, and Teja Munap played key roles in the successful bust. Medchal Excise Superintendent Fayazuddin appreciated the efforts of the entire team involved. The seized ganja and the accused have been handed over to the Qutbhallapur Excise Station for further investigation.



TPN Correspondent | Telangana
In a decisive move to tighten pharmaceutical enforcement, the Director General of the Drugs Control Administration (DCA), Telangana, Sri Shahnawaz Qasim, IPS, con-

vened a state-level conference at the department headquarters on May 17, bringing together Enforcement Officers, including Drugs Inspectors, Assistant Directors, and Deputy Directors from across the state. During the session, the Director

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Special emphasis was laid on monitoring habitual offenders and curbing the abuse of habit-forming substances. "Preventing the misuse and indiscriminate sale of narcotic and psychotropic substances is a top priority," the DG stated, aligning the department's efforts with the Chief Minister's vision of making Telangana a drug-free state.

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Secretariat Model by Class 10 Boy Stuns All

Telangana Secretariat recreated using cardboard
Akshay Goud receives wide praise for his talent

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

A 10th class student from Medchal-Malkajgiri district has caught everyone's attention with his extraordinary creativity. Balagoni Akshay Goud, a resident of Pocharam village in Ghatkesar mandal, has constructed a miniature model of the Telangana Secretariat using cardboard, astonishing locals and viewers alike. With Telangana's new Secretariat standing as a symbol of unique architecture, Akshay replicated its design with meticulous detail using cardboard boxes. A student of a private school in Narapalli, he worked on the model consistently in his free time, showcasing not only his craftsmanship but also his deep interest in creative innovation. What's more, Akshay went a step ahead and fitted his cardboard model with a lighting system that can be operated via remote control. The added feature has left viewers amazed and earned him widespread praise from his community. This is not his first attempt at creativity. In the past, he has made cardboard models of his own house, a tractor, a truck, and even a jeep. His talent has



been nurtured at home, where his parents, Balagoni Narasimha Goud and Lakshmi, encourage his curiosity. At school too, his chairman Samala Sandeep Reddy has been a strong supporter of his ideas. Akshay is equally active in academics and sports, consistently securing first-class ranks in exams and winning several prizes in competitions. Speaking with confidence, he said that with continued encouragement, he hopes to pursue even more innovative projects in the future. His efforts are now being widely appreciated across the region. Truly, young Akshay Goud is a shining example of talent, discipline, and imagination, and deserves a round of applause for this remarkable feat.

Min Ponnam, Mayor Travel in RTC Bus

Minister, Mayor, and MP travel from Punjagutta to Lakdikapool
Women express satisfaction over free bus travel benefits

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

In a unique public outreach initiative, Telangana Transport Minister Ponnam Prabhakar, Hyderabad Mayor Gadwal Vijayalakshmi, and Rajya Sabha MP Anil Kumar Yadav travelled in an RTC bus from Punjagutta to Lakdikapool, purchasing tickets like ordinary passengers. The leaders interacted closely with fellow passengers, especially women beneficiaries of the Mahalaxmi scheme, during their short city commute. The Minister and the Mayor spoke at length with the women about the free bus travel facility offered under the state's Mahalaxmi scheme. Many passengers shared that this initiative was providing substantial monthly savings, helping ease their household financial burdens. Minister Ponnam emphasized that the scheme has become a lifeline for working women and daily commuters, affirming the government's commitment to women's welfare and empowerment. Ponnam Prabhakar also highlighted other key welfare measures being rolled out by the Revanth Reddy-led government, including the distribution of fine rice, Indiramma housing for the poor, free electricity up to 200 units, and subsidized gas cylinders at ₹500. He reiterated that the state aims to financially empower one crore women, turning them into lakhpatis (millionaires) through various self-help and group-based support programs. The Minister also assured that more RTC buses have been added to the fleet to improve urban transportation and that the government is taking measures to address passenger concerns and reduce travel inconvenience across the city.



DCA Cracks Down On Spurious Drugs

DG Shahnawaz Qasim orders intensified raids and vigilance measures

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Sangameshwara..Show Us The Way..

Border dispute between AP, Telangana affecting temple access
Sangameshwara Temple accessible only four months a year
AP fishermen blocking Telangana boats at Siddeshwaram
Devotees forced to spend more time and money for darshan

TPN |Naveen Nagarkurnool: Devotees visiting the historic Sangameshwara temple at the confluence of seven rivers are facing increasing hardships due to a border dispute between fishermen and boat operators from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. The temple, located in Kothapalli mandal of Andhra Pradesh, becomes visible only during the summer months of March to June, when the Srisa- ilam reservoir’s water recedes. The Sangameshwara temple holds immense spiritual significance as it marks the con-

vergence of the Krishna, Veni, Tunga, Bhadra, Malapaharini, Bhavanashini, and Bheema- rathi rivers. A unique feature of this temple is that the Shival- inga was installed by Bhima, one of the Pandavas, using sac- red wood (vepadharu) instead of stone. Devotees from Hyderabad and surrounding districts reach Somashila in Nagarkurnool district, Telangana, to access the temple via boat. Howev- er, as the temple lies within Andhra Pradesh, boatmen and fishermen from villages like Sangameshwaram and Sid-

deshwaram are preventing Telangana boats from cross- ing into their territory. Their objection stems from a lack of financial benefit, leading to repeated confrontations and delays. Due to the blockade, pilgrims are being forced to disembark at Siddeshwaram in Andhra Pradesh and take a local auto for 3 km to reach the temple. After darshan, they must re- peat the process in reverse, often spending Rs. 300 in to- tal—Rs. 100 each at three stag- es. The entire journey, involv- ing multiple changes between

boats and autos, is taking over 2 to 3 hours. This conflict has not only turned a sacred pilgrimage into a logistical nightmare but is also deterring tourists. With no coordination between authorities of the two Telugu states, the burden is falling on devotees who are simply seek- ing divine blessings during the limited four-month window when the temple is accessible. Locals are calling for an urgent resolution through inter-state dialogue to ensure smooth darshan and uphold the sanc- tity of this ancient shrine.



Bhu Bharati Act A Model For Nation: Ponguleti

Act drafted after studying land laws in 18 states
Law designed to resolve farmer issues quickly
Revenue officers to be assigned to 10,956 villages from June 2



TPN Correspondent | Jagityala
The Bhu Bharati Act will become a model for the entire country, said Telangana Revenue, Housing, and Information & Public Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy. He stated that the law was formulated only after consulting lakhs of people and experts and study- ing land policies across 18 states. The initiative aims to resolve land disputes quickly and transparently, especially for the benefit of farmers and the poor. Speaking at a revenue conference held under the Bhu Bharati Pilot Project in Buggaram mandal of Jagityala district

on Saturday, the Minister emphasized the state’s commitment to restructur- ing the revenue system and delivering justice through decentralisation and field-level accountability. He said the new law will help ensure that no land- owner faces unnecessary trouble due to administrative issues. “Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has guided this process with a focus on peo- ple’s participation,” the Minister said, noting that unlike the previous govern- ment’s “Dharani system brought with- in four walls,” Bhu Bharati was devel- oped openly with public input. “We have

already received 13,000 applications re- lated to land issues during pilot project meetings and are focused on resolving them swiftly.” Highlighting the steps being taken to strengthen the revenue department, the Minister announced that from June 2, 10,956 revenue villag- es will have dedicated revenue officers. Additionally, 10 to 15 surveyors will be appointed in each mandal to address pending land issues. He noted that land rights will now be traceable through a decentralized structure, with powers spread from the Tahsildar level to the Chief Commis- sioner of Land Administration (CCLA). Farmers will now have the option to file appeals in land matters, ensuring access to justice. Minister Ponguleti also announced that the selection of beneficiaries under the Indiramma housing scheme will be completed by the end of May, with housing construction continuing for the next five years to fulfill the dreams of the poor. The event concluded with the distribu- tion of land title deeds to eligible farm- ers. Dharmapuri MLA and Government Whip Adluri Laxman Kumar, Jagityala MLA Dr. Sanjay Kumar, and District Col- lector Satya Prasad were also present at the program.

How Can They Survey Our Lands Without Informing Us? - MLA Marri Rajasekhara Reddy

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Malkajgiri MLA Marri Rajasekhara Reddy has strongly objected to a land survey carried out by revenue officials on his property in the Suchitra area of Medchal district, alleging that it was done without prior intimation and in violation of legal procedures. The MLA expressed his displeasure over the officials’ actions, stating that a survey was conducted on his land located in survey numbers 82 and 83 on the previous day, without serving any notice or informing the landowners. “This is a complet- ely illegal act,” he said. Marri Ra- jasekhara Reddy clarified that he is not opposed to the revenue depart- ment conducting surveys, especial- ly if they are under police protection and as per court directives. “How- ever, it is mandatory under law to inform the landowners at least 15 days before conducting any survey

and to issue them proper notices,” he said. “Bypassing this legal pro- cedure is unacceptable and reflects high-handedness.” The MLA main- tained that the land in question was purchased in full compliance with legal norms and registered officially. He further added that he suspects vested interests are behind the survey being conducted in this manner. “Some individuals seem to be taking the law into their own hands and influencing officials to act with bias,” he remarked. Marri Rajasekhara Reddy warned that legal action would be initiat- ed against those responsible for conducting the survey without due process, including the revenue offi- cials involved. He called for accountability in the revenue department and urged the district administration to ensure that such incidents do not repeat in the future.



Development Will Answer Critics: Bhatti

Indira Solar Hydro Project launched with no burden on tribals
Delivered 17,162 MW peak power without outage

TPN | Avinash Reddy
Kothagudem: Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu declared that no other state in the country has the ca- pability to match Telangana’s development trajectory. Speak- ing at the Kothagudem Collec- torate after laying the founda- tion stone for several power substations and a high-level bridge in Palvancho, he em- phasized that Telangana’s de- velopment itself would be the answer to those who had mis- governed the state for ten years while sleeping in farmhouses and wasting public money. He stated that Telangana is progressing across sectors— software, pharma, electricity, health, housing, and welfare— and that those who once failed to deliver basic infrastructure are now rattled by the rapid progress. Bhatti pointed out that under CM Revanth Reddy’s leadership, a people’s govern-

ment is implementing a com- prehensive, well-planned de- velopment strategy. A major announcement was the launch of the Indira Sau- ra Giri Jal Vikasam scheme, aimed at empowering tribal communities and preserving forests. With a massive bud- get of ₹12,500 crore, the project will proceed without im- posing any financial burden on the tribals. Scheduled to be officially launched in Acham- pet, Nagarkurnool district on Monday, the scheme includes digging borewells, providing solar-powered electricity, and promoting avocado and bam- boo cultivation through horti- cultural support. Bhatti noted that Telangana achieved a record 17,162 MW of electricity supply in March without a single interruption—an unmatched milestone in the state’s history. He criticized previous governments, particu-

larly KCR’s, for failing to deliver reliable power despite sim- ilar demands. “Only Congress brought electricity to this state and gave it,” he said, dismiss- ing the BRS regime’s claims. He also said the government is targeting 20,000 MW of green power through solar, wind, thermal, and hydel sourc- es, emphasizing sustainable growth. Highlighting irrigation failures under the past regime, Bhatti lashed out at KCR for building projects like Kaleshwaram at the cost of ₹1 lakh crore without delivering irrigation to even a single acre. “We will complete Dindi, SLBC and ensure land ac- quisition for irrigation canals to make existing projects use- ful,” he added. A study will soon begin on en- abling navigation on the Goda- vari river, considering Telanga- na lacks a seaport. If feasible, Bhatti said this proposal will be



taken to the cabinet in consul- tation with the Chief Minister. The Deputy CM also explained that a special system has been established in Delhi to track central funds and coordinate development projects. MPs and

ministers from the state are actively working with central authorities to push for Telan- gana’s interests. Bhatti concluded by stating that Young India Integrated Resi- dential Schools are being de-

veloped to provide world-class free education across all com- munities. In the first phase, these schools will be opened in 104 constituencies, providing quality education to children from marginalized sections.

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
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- 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

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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

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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'

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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'

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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

TPN Correspondent | Baghdad

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.

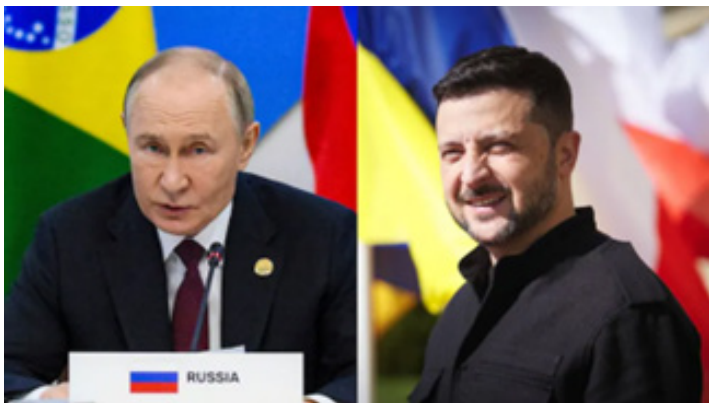
Egyptian President Abdel-Fatah al-Sisi, representing a key mediator in the peace process, described Israel’s operations as “systematic crimes” aimed at “obliterating and annihilating” the Palestinian people and “ending their existence in the Gaza Strip.” Iraqi Prime Minister Mohammed Shia al-Sudani,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