

# Proud To Be A Child Of Palamuru: CM Revanth Reddy



2.30 Lakh Farmers Receive Land Titles  
6.69 lakh acres titled under Forest Rights Act  
Rs. 600 crore allocated for solar irrigation  
CM says Nallamala now a model region under Congress rule

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**Nagarkurnool:** Chief Minister Revanth Reddy reaffirmed his pride in being a “child of Palamuru and Nallamala” while launching the state government’s ambitious ₹12,600 crore ‘Nallamala Declaration’ and the ‘Indira Saura Giri Jal Vikasam’ scheme at Macharam village in Amrabad mandal of Achampet constituency, Nagarkurnool district. The event saw the participation of Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka, ministers Jupalli Krishna Rao, Damodar Rajanarsimha, Uttam Kumar Reddy, Seethakka, Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, Tummala Nageswara Rao, Ponnam Prabhakar, MP Mallu Ravi, Achampet MLA Rikudu Vamsi Krishna, and other public representatives. Arriving by helicopter from Hyderabad, Revanth Reddy and his cabinet

colleagues were welcomed by District Collector Badawat Santosh and senior officials. The CM and his team offered special prayers at the Seetharamanjanya Swamy temple and were greeted with traditional Poornakumbha honors by the priests. During his speech at the public meeting, Revanth said that Nallamala, once considered a backward region, has now become a symbol of progress. He recalled the contributions of great leaders from the area like Mahendranath, Jaipal Reddy, and Burgula Ramakrishna Rao, stating, “This land has a legacy of leadership, and I am proud to carry it forward.” The CM highlighted that the Congress government is focusing on the holistic development of tribal regions. He assured that special plans would be implemented in Nallamala for employ-

ment, education, and agriculture. “The Indira Saura Giri Jal Vikasam scheme is aimed at bringing self-respect to the tribal population,” he said. He also announced that all farmers in Achampet will receive free solar pump sets within the next 100 days. “Achampet will be a model for the state and the country in solar energy usage,” he declared. He directed the District Collector to promote solar power awareness and installations in both homes and farms. Revanth also touched upon the transformation in agriculture since Congress came to power. “Unlike the previous government that discouraged paddy cultivation, we are giving a ₹500 bonus even for poor-quality paddy,” he said. Revanth criticized those who mocked him

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## Gulzar House Fire

# KTR Demands ₹25 Lakh Compensation for Victims’ Families

17 deaths, including 8 children, is a painful chapter in city’s history

Criticizes lack of oxygen, water and safety gear in fire engines



**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**  
BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao on Sunday expressed deep sorrow over the tragic fire at Gulzar House in Hyderabad, which claimed the lives of 17 people, including eight children from the same family. Speaking after visiting the grieving families, KTR said the incident would be remembered as one of the darkest in the city’s history and demanded ₹25 lakh compensation for each of the affected families. KTR pointed out critical lapses in the firefighting and emergency response during the tragedy. “It is unfortunate that the fire engines arrived without water, and the fire brigade could not enter the building due to the lack of proper oxygen masks. Even ambulances did not have oxygen cylinders or masks. These basic lapses cost precious lives,” he said. He mentioned that members of the Agarwal family, who have lived near Charminar for over 125 years, were left devastated. “This is not just a family loss; it’s a loss to the history of Hyderabad,” he remarked. KTR clarified that the victim’s relatives were not blaming anyone but highlighted the absence of life-saving facilities as a major reason behind the high casualties. “Eight children reportedly died right before the eyes of the sur-

vivors. The family told me that if there had been oxygen cylinders and masks, at least a few lives could have been saved,” KTR said. He stressed the need for the government to prioritize emergency preparedness over glamour events. “The kind of attention and funds we allocate for beauty pageants should also be directed towards strengthening basic emergency infrastructure like fire services and ambulance facilities,” he said. Calling for immediate action, KTR urged the Municipal Administration Minister to convene a review meeting on fire safety, especially considering the rising summer temperatures. He demanded regular training for officials and frequent mock drills, which he said were completely lacking in the current system. KTR also expressed concern over the Old City’s vulnerability due to its narrow lanes and high population density, which delay emergency response. “There was no proper access for ambulances and fire engines. This is a serious issue that must be addressed with urgency,” he said. On the issue of compensation, KTR called the government’s current offer of ₹5 lakh insufficient. “The Agarwal family not only lost their loved ones but also their

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# Centre Slams Rahul’s Claims on Jaishankar, Op Sindoor

MEA says Pakistan informed only after operation began  
Centre accuses Congress of twisting Jaishankar’s statement  
Rahul Gandhi’s claims termed false by PIB



**TPN Correspondent | New Delhi**  
The Indian Ministry of External Affairs has issued a sharp rebuttal to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi’s allegations that Pakistan was forewarned before the launch of ‘Operation Sindoor’. The controversy stems from Rahul Gandhi’s interpretation of Union Minister S. Jaishankar’s comments, which both the BJP and the Ministry say have been deliberately distorted. Responding to the row, the MEA clarified that Minister Jaishankar never stated that Pakistan was informed before the military action began. Instead, he mentioned that information was shared with Pakistan and other concerned nations after the operation was launched. The Ministry described the Congress narrative as “completely untrue” and condemned the misrepresentation of facts.

Rahul Gandhi had accused the government of alerting Pakistan before the attack on terrorist launchpads, claiming that the Pakistani Army was tipped off. These remarks have drawn criticism not only from the BJP but also from government authorities. The BJP defended Jaishankar, stating that his remarks had been taken out of context for political gain. It pointed to the statement made by the Director General of Military Operations, Lt. Gen. Rajiv Ghai, who clarified that Pakistan was only informed once the operation commenced. He had also said that Pakistan responded with a warning about potential future retaliation. “This is yet another attempt by the Congress to discredit the Centre’s efforts in safeguarding the

nation’s security,” the BJP said, strongly backing Jaishankar’s diplomatic approach and India’s military strategy. Meanwhile, the Press Information Bureau (PIB) also conducted a fact check and dismissed Rahul Gandhi’s interpretation. It stated that nowhere did Jaishankar claim that India informed Pakistan prior to the operation. The PIB urged the public to verify such serious claims before believing or spreading them. As tensions flare over the issue, the Centre has made it clear that Operation Sindoor was executed with complete confidentiality and strategic clarity. The allegations, it claims, only weaken national morale and mislead the public for political ends.

# Terror Suspects Siraj and Sameer Remanded for 14 Days



**TPN | Narasimha Vijayanagaram:** In a major breakthrough, two suspected terrorist sympathizers, Siraj Ur Rehman and Syed Sameer from Secunderabad, have been remanded to 14-day judicial custody by the district court following their arrest in a joint operation by Telangana and Andhra Pradesh police forces. The two were reportedly acting on instructions from an ISIS module based in Saudi Arabia. According to counterintelligence sources, the suspects were involved in gathering explosives and planning activities that pose a threat to public safety. Explosives were identified at a location in Vijayanagaram, further heightening the seriousness of the investigation. Following their remand, both accused have been shifted to Vizag Central Jail. Meanwhile, the Counterintelligence Department is preparing to file a petition in court seeking police custody of the suspects in order to intensify the inves-

tigation and uncover deeper links in the terror network.

**Authorities are particularly focused on uncovering:**  
The source of funding for the suspects’ activities.  
The role of handlers and masterminds behind Siraj and Sameer.  
The methods used to procure explosives.  
Possible cooperation or supply from local firecracker dealers or other commercial entities.

Officials believe that bringing the suspects under police custody will yield more information and potentially expose a larger terror network operating within or beyond the two Telugu states. The arrest is being hailed as a significant development in preempting a potential terror incident, and investigations are ongoing to ensure every link in the chain is identified and dismantled.



# Massive Reshuffle of DSPs Across Telangana

- 77 DSPs and ACPs transferred across Telangana
- Key reshuffles in Hyderabad city including Madhapur, Shamshabad, Medchal
- Some officers directed to report at DGP office without new postings

TPN Correspondent | Telangana

In a major administrative shake-up, Director General of Police (DGP) Jitender on Monday issued orders transferring 77 DSP and ACP level officers across Telangana. This large-scale reshuffle is said to have been carried out for administrative convenience and departmental efficiency. As part of the transfers, N. Venkataswamy has been posted as SDPO of Jagityala, while D. Raghuchandar has been entrusted with duties in the Intelligence Department. A significant number of changes have also occurred within Hyderabad city limits, affecting several key zones. Among the major postings in the



- city:
- P. Naresh Reddy has been appointed as ACP Balanagar
  - V. Srikanth Goud as ACP Shamshabad
  - CH Sridhar as ACP Madhapur
  - CH Srikanth as ACP Chikkadapalli
  - CH Shankar Reddy as ACP Medchal
  - Sukhdev Singh as ACP Santosh Nagar
  - Subbarami Reddy as ACP Malakpet
  - Sadanand as ACP Husnabad
  - A. Yadagiri as ACP Gandhinagar, Hyderabad

Meanwhile, several officers have been relieved from their current roles and directed to report to the DGP office. These include:

- L. Ramesh Kumar, former ACP Chikkadapalli
- B. Srinivas Reddy, former ACP Medchal
- M.D. Ghaus, former ACP Santosh Nagar
- G. Shyam Sundar and V. Satish, previously serving as Husnabad ACPs

While no official reason has been specified beyond administrative restructuring, these changes indicate a strategic reorganization of the state police machinery ahead of expected law and order demands and internal department reforms.

# 10,000 Apply for 5,000 Licensed Surveyor Posts

- Training begins May 26 at TALIM
- Village map digitalization to start in 3 pilot villages

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

Revenue, Housing, Information and Civil Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy announced that over 10,000 applications have been received for the 5,000 licensed surveyor posts notified under the Land India Act, which mandates submission of land survey maps during property registration. He said this initiative aligns with the vision of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy-led Congress government to resolve land disputes and boost rural employment. Minister Ponguleti, who reviewed the surveyor recruitment process on Monday, stated that 10,031 applications were received by the deadline of May 17. He directed officials to make immediate arrangements for training, which will begin on May 26 at the Survey Training Academy (TALIM) located in Gachibowli. The training program will run



for two months. "The appointment of licensed surveyors will not only expedite land registrations and dispute resolution but also generate employment in villages," said Ponguleti. He emphasized the

government's commitment to improving land management systems across Telangana.

Digitalization of Village Maps  
The minister also announced the launch of a pilot project to digitize village survey maps through the Telangana Remote Sensing Applications Center (TGRAC). He revealed that digital mapping will begin in three villages within the next two days: Lingala in Lingala mandal (Nagarkurnool), Takkalapalli in Mallyala mandal (Jagtial), and Peddakurukondi in Kallur mandal (Khammam).

He explained that digital survey records will enable faster access to accurate land data, such as plot size and shape, from anywhere. "Digital mapping reduces costs, improves precision, and enhances transparency in revenue services," he said.

Ponguleti highlighted that digital land records will simplify the mutation process and ensure long-term security and ease of updates. "This is a crucial step towards modernizing Telangana's land management infrastructure," he added.

# Hydra Clears Encroachments In Puppalaguda

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In a significant move, Hydra has removed major encroachments in Dollar Hills layout, located in Manikonda Municipality's Puppalaguda area of Narsingi Mandal. The action comes after residents complained that construction was being carried out on disputed land without any permission.

The controversy stems from 60 acres of land originally owned by Santosh Reddy and his associates across survey numbers 104/1, 106, and 113. In 1998, a preliminary layout named Dollar Hills was initiated, and 80% of plots were sold under HMDA's initial approval. However, due to non-payment and lack of development, the layout was cancelled by HMDA in 2005. Unaware of this cancellation, many plot buyers proceeded with LRS permissions and built houses. Meanwhile, the landowners converted the area into agricultural land and sold the entire stretch, including park areas and roads, to real estate firm NCC, sparking legal disputes. Since 2016, the matter has been pending in court, barring any new construction. Despite this, residents alleged that NCC began digging cellars using explosives, violating court orders and planning regulations. Responding swiftly, Hydra Commissioner A.V. Ranganath inspected the site on May 14, call-



ing both parties to the office and reviewing documents. Residents also confirmed that a case was filed against Santosh Reddy at Narsingi police station. On Monday, Hydra stopped the illegal works and removed all unapproved constructions carried out by NCC. It also took a serious view of the encroachment of park land and public roads, especially the unauthorized digging. Hydra has now marked the site with protective boards, indicating that it is under government observation. Authorities warned that strict action will be taken against further violations, reaffirming the agency's role as a protector of public spaces and lawful layouts.

# Congress to turn Telangana's land slogans into laws over next 20 years

TPN Correspondent | Achampet

Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka inaugurated the Indira Solar Tribal Development Scheme in Achampet constituency, emphasizing the government's commitment to tribal welfare and land rights. He stated that the slogan of "Dunnevanide Bhoomi" has been part of Telangana for decades and is now being implemented through schemes like Indira Solar Giri District Development. Bhatti Vikramarka asserted that for these slogans to become law, the Congress government must continue in power for another 20 years. He promised that the government will follow the Nallamala Declaration strictly and deliver tangible results to the tribals within four years. He described the launch of the Indira Solar Tribal Development Scheme as a historic day to be recorded in golden letters in India's history, calling it a program the country can be proud of. He recalled the neglect and injustice under the



previous government, where tribals were mistreated even during harvests, with police cases filed against men unjustly. Bhatti Vikramarka warned that any conspiracy or criticism against this pro-people government will be seen as an attack on the people of Telangana. He announced a sanction of Rs. 1000 crore on June 2 under the Rajiv Yuva Vikasam Self-Employment Scheme aimed at empowering tribal youth.

He emphasized that this government prioritizes the poor and will continue to protect their interests. Indira Jal Vikasam is just the beginning, with many more welfare schemes planned ahead. He further said the entire cabinet, under CM Revanth Reddy's leadership, is united in working for the welfare of Telangana's people, with special attention to tribal development. The government is also committed to building a joint family and a strong society through initiatives like Young India Residential Schools.

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for promoting small paddy cultivation, noting that ministers and MLAs have now embraced the practice and shared meals with the poor using this rice. The Chief Minister emphasized that fine rice from small paddy is now being distributed through ration shops to 3.1 crore people each month. "It is not just food; it's a matter of self-esteem," he

asserted. He added that schemes like Grihajyoti and Mahalaxmi are transforming lives across the state. "We are not just talking development—we're delivering it," he concluded, promising continued focus on backward regions and the welfare of tribals and farmers.

## KTR Demands ₹25 Lakh Compensation for Victims' Families

house and business. They need support to rebuild their lives. I demand at least ₹25 lakh in compensation per affected family," he asserted. KTR concluded his visit by stating that he was not there to politicize the issue but to raise important

concerns. "I have not come here for politics. I came here so that no other family has to go through this kind of suffering. I request the government to respond with humanity," he said. He assured that BRS would also offer support to the affected families.

# Redeveloped Stations Get Modern Look Under Amrit Bharat Scheme

TPN Correspondent | Telangana

South Central Railway (SCR) today conducted a guided media tour of Begumpet, Karimnagar, and Warangal railway stations, which have been redeveloped under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme (ABSS). The tour highlighted the newly built infrastructure and modern amenities now available for passengers. At Begumpet station in Hyderabad, SCR Chief Public Relations Officer Shri A. Sridhar and Divisional Commercial Manager Shri Vishal showcased the upgraded facilities to the media. They toured the new station building, entrance porch, foot over bridge, lifts, escalators, and circulating area. Shri Sridhar informed that plans are also underway to develop a second entry at the station with



a proposed cost of ₹12 crore. "Begumpet is one of the key suburban stations in the Hyderabad region. Redevelopment under ABSS was sanctioned at ₹26.55 crore. All works have now been successfully completed and are ready for inauguration," he said. The station currently handles around 100 trains and caters to 15,000 passengers daily. Enhancements include a waiting hall, Divyangjan-friendly in-

frastructure, modern toilets, landscaping, façade lighting, a rock garden, water fountain, and a 12-meter foot over bridge. At Karimnagar station, Assistant Commercial Manager Shri P. Shiva Prasad led the media through the upgraded facilities. The redevelopment project here was taken up at a cost of ₹25.85 crore. The station serves around 1,000 passengers and 10 trains daily. New amenities include a

solar power plant of 115 kWp, new shelters on three platforms, platform resurfacing, foot over bridge, lifts, escalators, and improved lighting and landscaping. Similarly, at Warangal station, Assistant Commercial Manager Shri I.S.R. Murthy briefed media personnel on the redevelopment executed at a cost of ₹25.41 crore. The station, one of the busiest in the region, handles 150 trains and sees footfalls of nearly 22,000 passengers every day. The upgraded infrastructure includes modern platforms, ramps, foot over bridge, toilets, signages, and a newly landscaped circulating area. As part of ABSS, 40 railway stations in Telangana have been selected for redevelopment with an overall budget of ₹2,750 crore, aiming to transform passenger experience across the state.



# Rs. 300 Crore for Beauty Pageants, Only Rs. 35 Crore for Pushkaras?

**TPN Correspondent | Kaleshwaram**  
Union Minister of State and senior BJP leader Bandi Sanjay came down heavily on the Congress-led Telangana government for allocating inadequate funds to the ongoing Saraswati River Pushkaras. After taking a holy dip at the sacred Kaleshwaram Triveni Sangam, he expressed deep dissatisfaction with the gov-

ernment's decision to allocate only ₹35 crore for the Pushkara arrangements. Bandi Sanjay compared this to the grand organization of the Kumbh Mela in Uttar Pradesh under the BJP regime, where he said crores of devotees were accommodated with appropriate infrastructure and planning. "Pushkaras come once every 12 years. Crores of devotees participate, and the spir-

itual significance is immense. Allocating just ₹35 crore is deeply disappointing," he said. "What kind of priorities does this government have?" he questioned, highlighting the irony that ₹300 crore was allocated for beauty pageants while only ₹35 crore was earmarked for a sacred event like Pushkaras. He emphasized that if BJP had been in power in the state, Pushkaras would

have been organized on a much larger scale, attracting devotees from across the country. Sanjay also criticized the limited geographic scope of the Pushkara celebrations and advised the state government to broaden its approach in future. He said that Kaleshwaram, which has earned negative attention due to the failure of the irrigation project, now has



an opportunity to regain a positive image through spiritual events like the Pushkaras. He concluded by urging the Congress government to treat

spiritual and cultural events with the respect they deserve and to provide better facilities and budgets in the future.

# Jagga Reddy Slams Kishan Reddy Over Gulzar House Fire Remarks

*Says CM acted responsibly while Union Minister played politics*

**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**  
Senior Congress leader and MLA T. Jagga Reddy strongly criticized Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy for his remarks and conduct following the tragic fire accident at Gulzar House in Hyderabad that claimed 17 lives. Addressing the media, Jagga Reddy expressed sorrow over the incident and defended the actions taken by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. "It is truly heartbreaking that 17 people lost their lives in the Gulzar House fire. One of the victims was even from the family of a close friend of mine," Jagga Reddy said. He clarified that as soon as the tragedy came to light, CM Revanth Reddy immediately alerted GHMC and other concerned officials but refrained from personally visiting the site to avoid hampering rescue and relief operations. The Congress leader emphasized that no matter how quick the response, the damage had already occurred. "The



Chief Minister responded swiftly, but even he couldn't prevent the tragic loss of lives," he added. Jagga Reddy took a swipe at Union Minister Kishan Reddy for using the incident to target the state government instead of offering help. "He should have called the Prime Minister or at least contacted the Chief Minister to assist in relief measures. Instead, he acted like a mudslinger, forgetting his position as a Union Minister," he stated. He went on to allege that Kishan Reddy's comments were politically motivated, hinting at possible coordination

with BRS leader KTR. "A friend told me that Kishan Reddy may have acted on KTR's instructions. This kind of politics over death is unacceptable," he remarked. Drawing a comparison, Jagga Reddy questioned why no BJP leaders criticized Prime Minister Modi when 140 people died in the Gujarat bridge collapse. "Even then, Rahul Gandhi did not make such baseless accusations," he pointed out. The Congress MLA reminded that two people died during Kishan Reddy's Bharat Mata Yatra due to celebratory crackers and another person died after falling into the Tank Bund. "CM Revanth Reddy called it unfortunate. Why didn't Kishan Reddy express regret for those incidents?" he questioned. He concluded by advising Kishan Reddy to "stop politicizing tragedies and learn to serve people responsibly," urging leaders to rise above political differences during times of crisis.

# CM Revanth Reddy Wiping Away Hardships of Tribals

**TPN Correspondent | Nagarkurnool**  
Minister Seethakka praised Chief Minister Revanth Reddy as a leader who wipes away the hardships and tears of tribal communities. She highlighted that the government is actively undertaking development programs in remote and backward areas, aiming to uplift communities far from mainstream society. She stressed the importance of special laws for the development of backward communities and tribes, recalling how Prime Minister Nehru and Constitution maker Dr. B.R. Ambedkar had established these protections and rights. Compre-



hensive tribal development institutions like ITDAs were created, alongside laws to protect tribal land rights. However, Seethakka accused the previous TRS government of weakening ITDAs by removing their govern-

ing bodies and undermining tribal laws, leading to the illegal seizure of tribal lands. She pointed out efforts to restore these lands, including freeing Chenchu lands from encroachments and handing them back to rightful tribal owners. Under the current leadership, she praised the launch of the Indira Solar Tribal Development Scheme aimed at ensuring tribal waste lands are put to productive use. The scheme supports cultivation, increases production, and creates local employment. Seethakka called for strengthening ITDAs and appealed for Mannanur ITDA to be converted into a full-

fledged unit. She vowed to return seized lands and protect tribal rights, emphasizing the importance of tribal women joining associations and women's groups to access interest-free loans and other benefits. She also spoke about efforts to eradicate exploitation by moneylenders in backward areas through the Poverty Eradication Organization and SERP, which mobilizes 65 lakh women. The government plans to build small check dams and install solar pumps to support rural children and advance development in tribal regions, aiming to make these areas comparable with more developed regions.

# "They can't find anyone more handsome than me": Owaisi to Pak trolls

**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**  
Hyderabad MP and AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi made a sharp counter to trolls from Pakistan, following his strong statements against the neighbouring country's support for terrorism. Known for his firm stand against extremism, Owaisi reiterated that violence has no place in Islam, and condemned Pakistan's continuous encouragement of terrorist activities. Speaking to the media on being trolled by Pakistani netizens, Owaisi responded with sarcasm and clarity. "People in Pakistan can't find anyone more handsome than me, that's why they keep watching my speeches," he said with a laugh. "Listen to my speeches and remove the garbage from your brain. That will be good for everyone – and your ignorance too will end," he added, giving a sharp yet humorous rebuttal to his critics. Takes On Pakistan's Terror Legacy Owaisi has consistently maintained a tough stance against Pakistan. He recently said that Pakistan has turned into a terrorist nation and has regressed by half a century. "They are stuck in time while the world is moving forward. Their ideology is dangerous not just to others but to themselves," Owaisi stated. His comments came shortly after



he received a personal invitation from Union Home Minister Amit Shah to attend an all-party meeting, signaling his importance in national discussions, especially on issues concerning terrorism and national security. Owaisi emphasized that Islam is a religion of peace and said that those who misuse religion to justify violence are doing a disservice to their faith. He also urged Pakistanis to focus on development and education instead of hatred and propaganda. By taking on trolls with wit and countering extremism with firm words, Asaduddin Owaisi continues to assert himself as a strong voice against terrorism both within India and across borders.

# Jeevan Reddy Questions Sanjay's Role in Jagityal Affairs

**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**  
Senior Congress leader and former MLC T. Jeevan Reddy made sharp remarks against BJP MLA Bandi Sanjay, questioning his political relevance in Jagityal. Speaking at Gandhi Bhavan, Jeevan Reddy said, "I don't even know which party Sanjay belongs

support for the region's development. Jeevan Reddy welcomed the central government's intention to conduct a caste and population census, stating it would be a significant move toward ensuring social justice. "Rahul Gandhi's vision is to ensure justice for the weaker sections through a caste census," he said. He pointed out that following Rahul Gandhi's initiative, the Telangana government led by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy successfully conducted a caste census. "It was passed in both the Council and Assembly, and even received the Governor's approval," he said. The Congress leader demanded that the Centre include the caste census in the 9th Schedule of the Constitution to avoid any legal complications. "If included in the 9th Schedule, it would pave the way for 42% reservations benefiting weaker sections, students, and employees," he said. He also stressed the need for OBC reservations to be aligned with state-specific demographics, urging the central government to take prompt action. Jeevan Reddy concluded by noting that the Telangana BJP unit had urged activist and leader R. Krishnaiah to write to the Centre, indicating growing consensus on the issue. "Now the ball is in the Centre's court," he asserted.



to. Who is he to intervene in Jagityal's development?" He added that if the Speaker is asked to clarify Sanjay's political affiliation, the truth will be known. Highlighting his own experience, Jeevan Reddy stated, "I am very senior and I have complete knowledge about Jagityal's development." He mentioned that Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy was invited to Jagityal and that Ponguleti assured financial

# INTUC Leaders Clash at Press Club

*Fight erupts between Sanjeeva Reddy and Krishnamurthy factions*



**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**  
Tensions flared at the Basheerbagh Press Club in Hyderabad as leaders of the Congress-affiliated Indian National Trade Union Congress (INTUC) clashed violently during a press conference. The altercation occurred between the faction led by Sanjeeva Reddy and the rival INTUC(R) group led by Ambati Krishnamurthy.

The situation escalated when followers of Sanjeeva Reddy attempted to obstruct a press meet being addressed by INTUC(R) National President Bati Krishnamurthy. In a shocking turn of events, the clash turned physical, with both factions reportedly exchanging PD (private defence) punches in full public view. The incident quickly drew the atten-

tion of the police, who intervened and detained several members from both factions to bring the situation under control. According to sources at the venue, Sanjeeva Reddy's close associate Chandrashekhar allegedly initiated the confrontation by disrupting the ongoing press meet. The entire altercation was caught on camera, and video footage of the scuffle is now going viral on social media, further embarrassing the Congress-backed trade union. Eyewitnesses described the scene as chaotic and said the press club was briefly shut down to clear the disturbance. This incident highlights deepening internal rifts within INTUC, which have been simmering over leadership claims and organisational control. The police are expected to initiate further inquiries into the brawl and may book cases based on complaints received from both sides.



Hydernagar Diamond Estate Dispute Ends

Non-Bailable Case in ₹300 Cr Land Grab Case

Hydra reclaims layout, removes encroachments  
High Court verdict finally enforced  
Victims thank officials for restoring their land  
79 plot owners regain their land after years of struggle

**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**  
A long-standing land dispute in Hydernagar's Diamond Estate layout finally reached a happy ending as Hyderabad District Revenue Authority (Hydra) officials reclaimed the layout from illegal encroachments and handed it back to the 79 rightful plot owners. The move follows a High Court verdict from September last year, which had ruled in favor of the victims but remained unimplemented until now. The Diamond Estate layout, located in Survey No. 145 of Alvin Colony, spans around 9 acres and 27 guntas. In 2000, 79 middle-class families had legally purchased plots here for residential purposes. However, their plans were thwarted when a man named Shiva Durga Prasad, along with others, illegally occupied the land and even secured a stay order to block the rightful owners. Despite the High Court's clear ruling in favor of the original buyers, the occupiers refused to vacate the premises and continued to deny access to the plot holders. With their hopes fading, the victims turned to Hydra officials through the Prajavi public grievance platform, pleading for intervention. Responding swiftly, Hydra mobilized enforcement teams on Monday, supported by heavy po-



lice security, and launched a demolition drive in the layout. The illegal structures were razed, and the land was restored to the legitimate owners, marking a significant victory for the victims. The plot owners were elated. Many expressed deep gratitude to the Hydra teams and the police for their prompt action and for standing by them after years of legal and emotional turmoil. "After two decades, we have finally seen justice. This is a new beginning for us," said one of the relieved owners. This case serves as a landmark example of administrative responsiveness and a reminder that justice, though delayed, can indeed be delivered when institutions act decisively.

Parthasarathy, son & others booked for encroaching govt land

**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**

In a major crackdown on land encroachment in Banjara Hills, police have registered non-bailable criminal cases against Paru Sharam Parthasarathy, his son Vijaya Raghav, and several others for allegedly attempting to encroach upon 5 acres of high-value government land worth ₹300 crore in the heart of Hyderabad. The disputed land falls under TS No. 1/P, Block-H, Ward-10, in Survey No. 403/P of Sheikpet Mandal. According to officials, Parthasarathy and his associates had previously forged documents to claim ownership over the land. Two criminal cases had earlier been filed against Parthasarathy, and he was jailed in connection with the same. Despite this, the accused continued their efforts. In February, Parthasarathy's followers reportedly illegally entered the land, constructed a tem-



porary structure, and installed CCTV cameras, claiming ownership. Recently, they again removed official government warning boards, reinstalled surveillance equipment, and kept watch over the site. Sheikpet Tahsildar Anita Reddy, upon learning of this, dispatched revenue staff on May 16 to reinstall the boards and remove the cameras. However, the encroachers allegedly wiped off

the warnings and continued their activities. On Saturday, officials locked the gate and seized materials from the site. The Tahsildar formally lodged a complaint at Banjara Hills Police Station, following which a non-bailable case was registered against the accused under multiple sections 111(4) IPC – Registered as organized crime, Sections 25, 329(3), 221, 352, 322, 324(2), and 62 r/w 3(5).

Tragic Fire at Gulzar House Claims Three Generations of Modi Family



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A devastating fire in Hyderabad's Old City has claimed the lives of three generations of the Modi family, who were well-known pearl merchants at Gulzar House. The family home, once a lively gathering place filled with laughter and celebrations, turned into a scene of heartbreak and mourning. The Modi family's pearl business traces its roots back 150 years when Prahlad Modi's grandfather first came to Hyderabad and purchased the building at Gulzar House Square. The business flourished under the care of Prahlad's father, Poonachand, and later by Prahlad and his brother Rajendra Kumar Modi. The business operated from the ground floor of the two-storey building, while the family resided on the upper floors. Prahlad Modi had four children. The eldest son recently relocated to a new home in Attapur, while his two daughters were married and living in Rajiv Nagar and Sanath Nagar respectively. The youngest son, Pankaj Modi, his wife, and their three children lived with Prahlad in the ancestral home and helped manage the business. The house was especially busy during the recent vacation period with relatives and friends visiting from northern parts of the city. Despite repeated requests from family members to move to a safer location, Prahlad, a lifelong resident of the Old City, remained resolute, saying, "I was born here... I will die here." Tragically, on Sunday, a fire engulfed the house, killing Prahlad Modi, his wife, their son, two daughters, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. The charred remains of the home and the family sent shockwaves through the community. Locals and relatives who once worshipped in the house are now left shattered by the loss of three generations at once. The entire Old City is mourning the tragic loss and praying for the souls of the departed, while remembering the Modi family's deep connection and contributions to this historic neighborhood.

‘Suraksha Kavach’ Orientation Held at Cyberabad CPO

Focus on Physical, Cyber, Psychological, and Road Safety in Schools

**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**

A powerful orientation session under the 'Suraksha Kavach' initiative was held on 19 May 2025 at the Cyberabad Police Commissionerate Office to empower schools in creating safe and secure environments for students. The event, spearheaded by the Cyberabad Police in association with the Society for Cyberabad Security Council (SCSC) and the Telangana Anti-Narcotics Bureau (TGANB), focused on strengthening safety practices in educational institutions through structured programs. The session was graced by top officials including TGANB Director Sandeep Shandilya, IPS, Cyberabad CP Avinash Mohanty, IPS, TGANB DIG Abhishek Mohanty, IPS, SB DCP Sai Sri, and SCSC leaders including General Secretary Ramesh Kaza, CEO Naved Khan, and Jt Secretary of the Children & Youth Safety Forum Dr Vanitha Datla. School principals, educators, and stakeholders from various institutions also participated.

**Four Pillars of Safety**  
'Suraksha Kavach' is based on



four core safety pillars — Physical, Cyber, Psychological, and Road Safety. Discussions during the orientation addressed key topics such as substance abuse prevention, emotional well-being, online safety, and safe commuting practices for students. Dr Vanitha highlighted the importance of establishing Prahari Clubs and Safety Clubs in schools as proactive safety mechanisms.

She emphasized that these clubs can act as the foundation for cultivating safe, informed, and responsible student communities. Strong Stand Against Drugs Calling upon educators, NGOs, and citizens to act as "Anti-Drug Soldiers," TGANB Director Sandeep Shandilya encouraged student engagement through essay writing, debates, street plays, and short films. Entries can be

sent to tganb.awarenessday@gmail.com. Slogans like "Say No to Drugs – Yes to Dreams" and "Choose Health Over Harm" are at the heart of this campaign. Cyberabad CP Avinash Mohanty, IPS, reiterated the urgent need to form safety clubs in schools and make safety education a routine part of student life. He stressed that basic civic sense and awareness about personal safety must be cultivated from a young age. The orientation concluded with an interactive session and a collective pledge by school leaders to adopt and implement the Suraksha Kavach framework. The SCSC announced that by June 2025, schools in the Cyberabad limits will begin formal implementation of Safety Clubs and requested school managements to collaborate in creating a safe educational environment. Schools interested in adopting the Suraksha Kavach model and forming Safety Clubs can reach out to CYSafety@scsc.in for further guidance.

Cyberabad Police Support Deceased Home Guard's Family

**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**

In a compassionate gesture, the Cyberabad Police extended financial support to the family of late Home Guard Officer N. Simhachalam, who lost his life in the line of duty. A cheque of ₹6.28 lakh was handed over by Cyberabad Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic), Dr. Gajarao Bhupal, IPS, to the bereaved family on Monday, 19 May 2025. The event took place in the presence of Medchal Traffic DCP Gunashekar, Miyapur Traffic ACP Venkataiah, and Traffic Inspector Prasanth. Officer Simhachalam, aged 43 and a native of Srikakulam district, had been serving

the Cyberabad Police since 2007. He was attached to the Miyapur Traffic Police Station and died tragically in a road accident while on active duty on 7 April 2025. Moved by the loss, members of the Cyberabad Police—from the Traffic, Law & Order, and other wings—came together to voluntarily contribute towards a relief fund for his family. The fund aims to assist the officer's wife, two children, and elderly parents who now face an uncertain future without their breadwinner. The gesture reflects the Cyber-



abad Police's commitment not just to public safety but also to the welfare of their personnel

and their families during times of grief.



# Jobs In Hydra Spark Massive Response Across Telangana

Hundreds queue up for 200 driver posts

Applicants include ex-police exam aspirants



TPN Correspondent | Telangana  
The Telangana Congress government’s much-talked-about

initiative Hydra, launched to curb illegal encroachments and streamline civic enforcement, has once again captured public attention — this time for generating employment. A recent job notification for 200 driver posts under Hydra, to be filled through outsourcing, has drawn a massive response from unemployed youth across the state. Applications are being accepted for three days, from May 19 to 21, and even on the first day, long queues formed outside the Hydra parking office as early as 10 AM. Hydra has rapidly earned a repu-

tation as a force behind vigorous demolition drives and anti-encroachment actions. The job notification has amplified its popularity, with many job aspirants seeing this as a strong career opportunity, especially given the name recognition and perceived stability attached to the project. Notably, many of those who had recently attempted the Telangana Police Constable exams but narrowly missed selection have turned up in large numbers. Hydra has clarified that priority would be given to such candidates during recruitment. Applicants from multiple dis-

tricts including rural areas travelled to Hyderabad, highlighting both the employment desperation and the craze for being associated with Hydra. The overwhelming turnout signals the high trust in this Congress-led government project, not only as a regulatory force but now as a potential employment provider. Officials said they were surprised by the volume of applications on day one and expect similar numbers over the next two days. Interviews and selections are expected to be conducted shortly after the application window closes.

# Saraswati Pushkaras Enter Fifth Day at Kaleshwaram

Devotees gather in large numbers for holy dip at Triveni Sangam



TPN Correspondent | Jayashankar Bhupalpalli

to intensify in Kaleshwaram, as the sacred event enters its fifth day today. Thousands of devotees from Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Chhattisgarh have been arriving at the holy site to take part in the revered Pushkara bath at the Triveni Sangam. Today’s Pushkara bath carries added spiritual significance as it will be performed by Nasik Trimbakeshwar Sri Sri Mahamandaleshwar Acharya Sam-

vidananda Saraswati Maharaj Swami, a highly revered spiritual leader. Devotees who reached Kaleshwaram in the early morning hours are taking holy dips and offering prayers at the confluence of rivers, seeking divine blessings. A steady flow of pilgrims is also seen at the Kaleshwara Muktiwara Swamy temple, where they are offering their prayers with devotion and reverence. In view of the heavy turnout, the authorities have

put in place extensive arrangements to ensure that the devotees do not face any inconvenience. Sanitation, drinking water, and security have been adequately managed, enabling smooth conduct of the Pushkaras. The holy event is expected to draw even more devotees in the coming days, with spiritual programs and rituals continuing at full pace under the supervision of temple priests and district officials.

## TGSRTC MD VC Sajjanar Inspected Adilabad Depot

Reviewed implementation of free travel for women  
Announced plans for new routes and phased resolution of staff issues

**TPN Correspondent | Adilabad**  
TGSRTC Managing Director VC Sajjanar conducted a detailed inspection of the Adilabad depot and bus station on Monday. During the visit, he reviewed operational services, examined passenger facilities, and interacted with staff and passengers to assess ground-level execution of schemes. Sajjanar held discussions with depot officials regarding the ongoing services and took direct feedback from drivers, conductors, and garage staff. Special attention was given to understanding the implementation of the Mahalaxmi scheme, which offers free bus travel for women. The MD also engaged with passengers at the bus stand, where QR-coded keychains with service details were distributed to raise awareness about the RTC’s offerings. Speaking on the occasion, Sajjanar credited the organization’s development to the dedication of RTC employees. “TGSRTC is moving forward steadily due to the commitment and hard work of our workforce,” he said. He noted that the corporation has inducted 50% of its new buses in the last three years, based on passenger traffic trends. “We are actively working to ensure bus services reach every village,” he stated, highlighting the organization’s mission of universal connectivity. Sajjanar instructed officials to focus on linking tourist destinations in Adilabad with dedicated bus routes to improve access and promote local tourism. He assured that the RTC management, in coordination with the state government, is taking steps to address long-standing employee issues in a phased manner, aiming to boost morale and efficiency.



## 10-Year-Old Killed, 12-Year-Old Critical in Car Mishap

**TPN Correspondent | Sangareddy**  
A tragic accident at Narregudem ground in Aminpur mandal of Sangareddy district claimed the life of a young boy and left a girl critically injured. The incident occurred on Sunday evening when a car driven by a woman hit two children playing on the ground. According to the Aminpur police, the children — Manivarma (10) and Ekavani (12) — were engaged in play when the woman drove the vehicle onto the ground and hit them. Manivarma was immediately rushed to Panacea Hospital, but despite efforts by doctors, he succumbed to his injuries. Ekavani, who sustained serious injuries, is currently undergoing treatment at Haranya Hospital, where her condition remains critical. The body of Manivarma has been moved to the Patancheru mortuary for postmortem. A case has been registered, and the Aminpur police have launched an investigation into the incident. More details are expected as the inquiry progresses. The incident has sent shockwaves through the local community, with residents demanding strict action against the driver and calling for measures to ensure children’s safety in public spaces.



## Arrangements In Place for Inter Supplementary Exams

**TPN | Avinash Reddy**  
Bhadradri Kothagudem: District Collector Jitesh V. Patil has directed officials to ensure elaborate and efficient arrangements for the Intermediate Supplementary Examinations for the academic year 2024-25. A review meeting was held on Monday at the Collector’s Camp Office with officials from various departments to chalk out plans for the smooth conduct of the examinations. The exams are scheduled from May 22 to 27, with first-year exams from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM and second-year exams from 2:30 PM to 5:30 PM, including Sunday. A total of 7635 students will appear across 24 examination centers in the district. To facilitate students coming from rural areas, the Collector instructed RTC officials to align bus services with exam schedules. Transco was directed to ensure uninterrupted power supply, while the Police Department has been tasked with providing adequate security and ensuring safe delivery of question papers to centers. The Postal Department has been instructed to handle and transport

answer sheet bundles carefully after each examination. To avoid malpractice, Xerox centers near exam venues will remain closed, and Section 144 will be enforced around examination centers. The Collector emphasized that CCTV cameras must be installed in all centers to maintain transparency. He also directed that drinking water, urinals, toilets, and sanitation be ensured at every exam center to keep students comfortable during the summer heat. Additionally, first aid kits, Asha workers, and ANMs will be deployed at centers to handle any medical emergencies. “All departments should coordinate closely and fulfill their responsibilities with commitment to conduct these exams peacefully and efficiently,” the Collector said. The meeting was attended by District Intermediate Officer CH Venkateswara Rao, Tekulapally Junior College Principal Sulochana Rani, Deputy DMHO Jayalakshmi, SB Inspector CH Srinivas, and representatives from Transco, Postal, Panchayat, and Sanitation departments, among others.



## Another Brutal Murder in Medchal



**TPN Correspondent | Medchal**  
In a shocking incident that has rattled Medchal town, Motilal (45), a construction worker, was brutally stabbed to death by his nephew Shankar (35) early Monday morning. The murder occurred at around 7:30 am near their residence in Saraswati Nagar. According to police reports, the day before the incident, Shankar arrived home drunk and accused Motilal of forcing him to sleep on the railway station platform near their house. This led to a heated argument between the two. The next morning, after Motilal left for work, Shankar confronted and verbally abused him. Suddenly, Shankar attacked Motilal from behind on the main road, stabbing him multiple times before fleeing the scene. The police, led by CI Satyanarayana, arrived promptly and have launched a thorough investigation. Efforts are underway to locate and apprehend Shankar. The brutal nature of the attack has shocked the local community, raising concerns about rising violence in the area. More details will be shared as the investigation progresses.



# US-China Deal Sends a Stark Message to the Global South

The recent US-China trade agreement under President Donald Trump underscores a critical shift in American foreign policy: transactional diplomacy has taken precedence over values. For nations across the Global South, the message is clear—economic leverage and strategic utility matter far more than democratic credentials or human rights records.

The deal, which eased tariffs and outlined a three-month timeline for broader negotiations, made no mention of human rights concerns. Notably absent were issues like forced labor in Xinjiang or the imprisonment of Hong Kong media mogul Jimmy Lai, whom Trump had previously suggested he would raise during talks. Lai, a prominent pro-democracy figure, faces life in prison on charges critics call politically motivated.

Trump's silence on such matters isn't accidental—it reflects a deliberate strategy. Unlike the Biden administration, which framed diplomacy through the lens of values and democratic principles, Trump prioritizes deals, investments, and pragmatic alliances. This approach resonates with many leaders in the Global South, who have long viewed Western moralizing as hypocritical and condescending.

Experts like Susannah Patton from the Lowy Institute note that Trump's cuts to civil society funding and indifference



to press freedom empower autocratic regimes in regions like Southeast Asia. Countries such as Cambodia and Myanmar now face less pressure to conform to democratic norms, given Washington's transactional turn.

Trump's recent visit to Saudi Arabia further reinforced this trend. His warm praise for Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman and the announcement of a massive investment deal—despite the prince's alleged role in journalist Jamal Khashoggi's murder—stood in stark contrast to Biden's more restrained approach in 2022.

This shift is prompting a realignment in the Global South. Many nations are now adopting a multipolar strategy, balancing US and Chinese influence while building stronger regional ties. From New Delhi to Singapore, countries are increasingly less dependent on Washington.

While some may welcome this pragmatism, the long-term consequences are troubling. A world where power overrides principle risks eroding international law and stability. As America trades ideals for influence, it may find its global leadership waning—and the rules-based order weakening.

## Innovation Without Equity Is Unethical: What the WHO Pandemic Agreement Gets Right

As the 78th World Health Assembly convenes, the adoption of the WHO Pandemic Agreement marks a pivotal moment in global public health. In an era of fragmentation and inequality, this agreement aims to strike a much-needed balance between innovation and equity—acknowledging that scientific progress must also serve global justice.



Finalized in Geneva this April, the agreement recognizes the vital role of intellectual property (IP) rights in driving medical innovation while asserting that these rights should not obstruct access to life-saving products. The COVID-19 pandemic exposed how patents can act as barriers, limiting the availability and affordability of critical treatments and vaccines, particularly for low- and middle-income countries.

Under Article 11 of the agreement, countries are encouraged to share licenses on a non-exclusive, transparent basis to benefit developing nations. It also calls

for capacity-building and the transfer of know-how—marking a clear departure from the rigid IP regimes that dominated early pandemic responses.

During COVID-19, India and South Africa led calls for a temporary waiver of IP protections under WTO's TRIPS agreement. Despite fierce resistance from wealthy nations and pharmaceutical companies, the debate highlighted how patents can restrict supply, inflate prices, and even dictate who lives or dies. The U.S., for instance, purchased nearly the entire global stock of Remdesivir in 2020, leaving

other countries with none.

Critics of IP argue that while it incentivizes invention, it can also suppress competition and stifle collaborative research. Reports like Keeping Science Open suggest that patents may create secrecy rather than open innovation. Moreover, much of the scientific progress hailed as private innovation is often publicly funded or state-supported, as seen in vaccine development.

This raises a moral question: should life-saving innovations remain the exclusive property of a few, especially when public money and collective effort contribute to their creation?

The WHO Pandemic Agreement does not undermine innovation—it realigns it with global equity. When the world faces its next health emergency, this agreement sends a clear message: innovation without access is not just unjust—it is unacceptable.



## Why Tharoor's Global Role Nomination Has Sparked Turmoil in Congress

Shashi Tharoor's nomination to lead a key all-party parliamentary delegation overseas following Operation Sindoor has unexpectedly rocked the Congress Party, exposing deep internal disquiet. While the leadership has refrained from public criticism, off-the-record murmurs and discontent among senior Congress members speak volumes.

Operation Sindoor, India's swift military retaliation against the Pahalgam terror attack, garnered widespread national support. Most political parties echoed the national mood and backed the government's decisive actions. However, Congress has appeared out of sync, criticizing the government even as the public united behind the armed forces. While questioning the intelligence lapse behind the Pahalgam attack is valid, the party's tone and timing have created friction—even within the INDIA bloc.

Adding fuel to the fire was the government's choice of Shashi Tharoor and Manish Tewari—both Congress MPs—for diplomatic outreach, ignoring Congress's official nominees. The party had suggested names like Gaurav Gogoi and Syed Naseer Hussain. In response, Jairam Ramesh's cryptic remark—"being in Congress is not the same as being of the Congress"—reflected the leadership's displeasure.

Interestingly, other parties like the DMK accepted similar decisions without protest. Even Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju clarified that party consultations were "out of courtesy," not obligation. Congress's sharp reaction, therefore, seems politically tone-deaf at a moment demanding national unity.

The irony deepens when recalling that in 2006, Tharoor's UN Secretary-General bid was backed by the Congress-led UPA. His global experience now makes him a natural choice for diplomacy, yet he finds himself viewed with suspicion. Speculation is rife that Tharoor may aim for a larger role in Congress—possibly even eyeing the Kerala chief ministership, which could pit him against Rahul Gandhi loyalist KC Venugopal.

The bigger concern is the Congress's growing disconnect—not just with national sentiment but also with internal coherence. As the INDIA bloc remains silent on Congress's demand for a special Parliament session, leaders like Sharad Pawar and Mamata Banerjee are choosing pragmatism over posturing.

In a time when unity and diplomacy are vital, Congress risks being perceived as fractured, insular, and increasingly out of step.

# Operation Sindoor: How Bharat Fought a War of Missiles and Morality

Operation Sindoor, launched by the Indian armed forces in response to the brutal Pahalgam massacre, was not only a military strike—it was a profound civilisational statement. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India targeted nine terror hubs in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), signaling a clear message: India will not tolerate terrorism, and its responses will be grounded not just in strength, but in ethical and cultural conviction.

What set this operation apart was its mastery of semiotics—the science of symbols and meaning. Operation Sindoor wasn't just a codename; it was a layered metaphor. "Sindoor," the sacred red vermillion worn by Hindu women, symbolizes protection, purity, and commitment. The name framed the mission as a vow by the state to safeguard its people, evoking powerful emotional resonance, especially among Bharatiya women.



From invoking the Bhagavad Gita to referencing Lord Shiva's Tandava—the cosmic dance of destruction—India's response blended spiritual depth

with military precision. Hymns like the Shiva Tandava Stotra were played during mission briefings, reinforcing courage and moral clarity. This was

not religion being used as rhetoric; it was civilisational identity affirming righteousness in action. Prime Minister Modi emphasized that Bharat

stands for Buddha, not Yuddha (war), but it will not hesitate to act when Dharma (righteousness) is under threat. Drawing from scriptures and literary giants like Ramdhari Singh Dinkar and Tulsidas, India framed its retaliation as a moral necessity rather than aggression.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh clarified that the war was not with the people of Pakistan, but with those who sponsor terror. The symbolism extended to India's military arsenal—Sudarshan, BrahMos—each named after mythological weapons of justice, unlike Pakistan's missiles, named after invaders and plunderers.

Operation Sindoor was more than a kinetic victory—it was a narrative triumph. Bharat showed that power rooted in ethics, heritage, and culture commands global respect. In this war of symbols and substance, India emerged not just as a force—but as a principle.



# ISRO Forms Committee to Probe PSLV Mission Failure: Chairman V. Narayanan

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Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) Chairman V. Narayanan on Sunday confirmed that a high-level committee has been constituted to investigate the failure of the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) mission that was intended to place Earth Observation Satellite EOS-09 into orbit. The failure marks a rare setback for the otherwise reliable PSLV series.

The incident occurred early Sunday morning, following a 22-hour countdown and a successful launch from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota at 5:59 AM. Initial launch phases proceeded as expected, but an anomaly in the third stage of the rocket disrupted the mission's trajectory.

"All systems were functioning normally up to the second stage. However, in the third stage, we noticed a drop in chamber pressure within the solid propulsion motor. This anomaly made it



clear that the mission could not proceed as planned," Narayanan told reporters at the airport.

The PSLV, ISRO's workhorse, is a four-stage launch vehicle comprising both solid and liquid propulsion systems. The first stage uses a 134-tonne solid booster with six strap-on motors. The second stage features a 40-tonne liquid engine, followed by an 8-tonne solid third stage, and concludes with a liquid fourth

stage.

Narayanan, who also serves as the Secretary of the Department of Space, called the failure "regrettable" but assured that ISRO is actively analyzing the incident. "A dedicated failure analysis committee has been formed and has already begun multiple rounds of discussions to pinpoint the exact cause of the failure," he said.

Despite the setback, Narayanan emphasized that ISRO's upcoming missions remain on track. "We have planned one launch every month for the rest of the year. Our commitment to advancing India's space capabilities remains unwavering," he added.

The failed mission marks ISRO's 101st launch from Sriharikota and a rare deviation from the PSLV's longstanding record of reliability. The space agency is expected to release a detailed report once the committee completes its analysis.

## Two Terrorist Associates Arrested in Joint Operation by Indian Army and CRPF in J&K's Shopian

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In a significant breakthrough, the Indian Army and the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) have arrested two terrorist associates in the DK Pora area of Shopian, Jammu and Kashmir. The operation was conducted by the Indian Army's 34RR SOG (Special Operations Group) Shopian and CRPF's 178 Battalion, as part of ongoing efforts to dismantle terrorist networks in the region.



According to a statement by Shopian police, the arrested individuals were found in possession of substantial weaponry and explosives, including two pistols, four grenades, 43 live rounds, and other incriminating materials. The police have registered an FIR (First Information Report) and stated that further investigation is ongoing.

This operation comes on the heels of several successful actions by security forces in the region. On May 13, three militants affiliated with the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) were killed

in a gunfight in the Shukroo forest area of South Kashmir's Shopian district. The security forces had launched a massive cordon-and-search operation after receiving intelligence regarding the presence of terrorists in the area. When the forces approached, the militants opened fire, leading to a fierce exchange of gunfire that resulted in the deaths of the three LeT operatives.

The Shopian Police have reiterated their commitment to neutralizing threats to national security and maintaining peace in the region. The arrest of the two terrorist associates is seen

as a significant step in the ongoing fight against terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir.

Earlier this year, the police conducted extensive searches in Srinagar, targeting Over Ground Workers (OGWs) and associates of terrorist organizations, further bolstering their efforts in maintaining security. This operation coincides with India's recent success in Operation Sindoor, where precise airstrikes targeted key terrorist bases in Pakistan, leading to the elimination of nearly 100 militants, including those linked to Jaish-e-Mohammad and Lashkar-e-Taiba.



## TVK to Host Second Phase of Booth Committee Conference in Vellore; Vijay to Lead Roadshow

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Following the successful first phase of its booth committee conference in Coimbatore, Tamilaga Vетtri Kazhagam (TVK) is preparing to hold the second phase in Vellore. Party chief and actor Vijay is actively coordinating with senior leaders to strengthen the party's grassroots network as part of its larger political strategy ahead of future elections.

Vellore has been officially chosen as the venue for the upcoming two-day organisational event after multiple locations were scouted. TVK General Secretary N. Anand and other top executives recently visited the city to inspect preparations and finalise logistical arrangements.

The Vellore conference will bring together booth-level committee members from 20 districts, including Vellore, Ranipet, Tirupattur, Tiruvannamalai, Cuddalore, and Krishnagiri. The focus will be on enhancing booth-level coordination, improving voter outreach efforts, and refining political strategies.

TVK president Vijay is set to attend the event and will deliver a key address outlining the

party's next steps. His speech is expected to focus on organisational expansion, electoral readiness, and deeper district-level mobilisation.

Adding to the momentum, party sources revealed that a public roadshow featuring Vijay is also in the works and may be held alongside the conference. The roadshow is anticipated to draw large crowds, reinforcing TVK's growing popularity and visibility in northern Tamil Nadu.

While the exact dates for the Vellore event are yet to be announced, preparations are already underway under the guidance of state-level coordinators. Party cadres have begun mobilising local units to ensure a strong turnout and smooth execution of the conference.

The Vellore gathering marks the continuation of TVK's strategic grassroots outreach, as it works to establish a robust presence across Tamil Nadu. Through direct engagement with booth-level workers and dynamic public outreach events like Vijay's roadshow, the party aims to build a sustainable and widespread support base in the lead-up to the next electoral cycle.



## India-Pak conflict in conventional domain, no nuclear signalling: Vikram Misri to parliamentary panel

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri told the Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs on Monday that the recent military confrontation between India and Pakistan was strictly conventional, with no nuclear posturing from Islamabad. His comments came nine days after both nations agreed to a ceasefire on May 10, following a brief but intense exchange of cross-border hostilities.

During the closed-door briefing, Misri clarified that despite the scale and precision of India's military operations — launched in retaliation for the April 22 terror attack in Pahalgam which killed 26 people — there were no indications that Pakistan attempted any nuclear signalling. This assertion eased concerns about potential escalation into a nuclear standoff between the two nuclear-armed neighbours.

Misri also emphasized that the ceasefire was reached independently, without mediation from any foreign power. "The decision to end hostilities was taken bilaterally," he is learnt to have said, countering media speculation that the United States played a back-channel

role in calming tensions.

India launched "Operation Sindoor" on May 7, targeting terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. The strikes marked one of the most significant conventional military actions between the two countries since the Balakot airstrikes in 2019.

The Foreign Secretary's briefing reportedly included a detailed assessment of the strategic environment and the diplomatic outreach conducted by India in the days following the operation. He is believed to have underlined India's commitment to responding decisively to terrorism while avoiding unnecessary escalation.

Members of the committee were also informed about India's diplomatic messaging, which highlighted the surgical nature of its operations and the limited scope aimed solely at counterterrorism targets.

Misri's reassurance on the absence of nuclear brinkmanship is expected to bolster India's narrative that it remains a responsible regional power, even when compelled to act militarily.

## Rahul targets Jaishankar, says his silence damning; it's Pakistan's language, says BJP

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, launched a sharp attack on External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar on Monday, questioning his silence over the alleged pre-warning to Pakistan before India's military strikes under Operation Sindoor. Gandhi claimed that Jaishankar's silence on the number of aircraft India may have lost in the operation was "damning".



warning Pakistan may have compromised the mission.

The controversy arose after Gandhi posted an undated video of Jaishankar and alleged that the minister admitted to informing Pakistan before the military operation began. He questioned who authorized such a move and what the strategic losses were.

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) responded by stating that Gandhi's interpretation of Jaishankar's comments was a "complete misrepresentation". The ministry clarified that the reference to communication with Pakistan was made after the operation began, not before, and was in line with international diplomatic norms.

The BJP hit back strongly. Union Minister Pralhad Joshi accused Gandhi of misquoting the MEA and undermining the armed forces. BJP IT cell head Amit Malviya said Gandhi was "distorting facts" and accused him of siding with Pakistan's narrative. National spokesperson Pradeep Bhandari went a step further, calling Gandhi "complicit" and accusing him of feeding a hostile narrative at a sensitive time.



# Israel will 'take control of all' of Gaza: Netanyahu

TPN Correspondent | Jerusalem

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu declared on Monday that Israel would take control of all of Gaza, even as mounting international pressure forced the government to partially lift a blockade on humanitarian aid to the war-ravaged enclave. The Israeli military, intensifying its offensive, warned residents in southern Gaza's Khan Younis to evacuate to coastal areas ahead of what it called an "unprecedented attack."

"There is intense and massive fighting. We are going to control all parts of Gaza," Netanyahu said in a video message, promising "complete victory" by eliminating Hamas and freeing the 58 hostages still held in the territory.

Despite military escalation, aid trucks were seen entering northern Gaza after Israel agreed to allow limited supplies in, responding to global alarm over famine-like conditions. Netanyahu acknowledged that even Israel's staunchest allies in the U.S. were growing concerned, cautioning him that scenes of starvation could cost Israel crucial support.

"We must address this problem to achieve victory," he said, subtly pushing back against far-right elements in his



coalition who oppose aid entry, fearing it could reach Hamas.

Over the last 24 hours, the Israeli military said it struck 160 targets across Gaza under "Operation Gideon's Chariots," targeting anti-tank sites, tunnels, and weapons depots. Palestinian officials reported at least 20 deaths overnight.

In a covert raid, Israeli forces disguised as displaced persons killed Ahmed Sarhan, a top commander of the Popular Resistance Committees, allied with Hamas, in Khan Younis. Eyewitnesses claimed Israeli troops entered the home,

killed Sarhan, and detained his wife and child before fleeing under air cover.

Meanwhile, ceasefire talks in Qatar made no progress. Hamas has rejected Israeli demands for demilitarization and exile of its leaders in exchange for ending the war.

Over 53,000 people have been killed in Gaza since the war began after Hamas' October 7, 2023 attack that left 1,200 Israelis dead and 251 taken hostage. Displacement, destruction, and starvation now define life for Gaza's 2.3 million residents.

## Pope Leo XIV Meets US Leaders Vance and Rubio to Discuss Ukraine Peace Efforts

TPN Correspondent | Vatican City

Vatican City, May 19, 2025 — Newly elected Pope Leo XIV welcomed U.S. Vice President JD Vance and Secretary of State Marco Rubio to the Vatican on Monday, marking a significant diplomatic moment as the U.S. intensifies its efforts to broker peace in the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war.

The Chicago-born Pope, who began his papacy on May 8, has made peace a central theme of his leadership. Photographs released by the Vatican show a warm exchange between the Pope and the two American leaders. The meeting comes one day after the official inauguration mass in St. Peter's Square, attended by over 200,000 dignitaries, royals, and faithful, including Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky.

During the 45-minute audience, Pope Leo discussed the need for a negotiated resolution to global conflicts, particularly focusing on Ukraine. Vice President Vance also held "cordial talks" with Archbishop



op Paul Richard Gallagher, the Vatican's Secretary for Relations with States. The meeting covered ongoing bilateral relations and emphasized the importance of respecting humanitarian and international law in zones of conflict.

Pope Leo has offered to mediate peace talks, expressing his commitment to "make every effort so that this peace may prevail." The Vatican has signaled willingness to host direct negotiations between conflicting nations, a stance reaffirmed by Secretary of State Pietro Parolin last week. The meeting coincided with a series of diplomatic discussions

surrounding both Ukraine and the ongoing Gaza conflict. President Donald Trump is expected to speak with Russian President Vladimir Putin later today in a separate effort to bring about a ceasefire in Ukraine.

While Pope Leo had previously reposted social media criticism of the Trump administration's immigration policies and questioned Vance's political positions, Vice President Vance praised the pontiff, saying, "The United States is very proud of him. Our prayers go with him as he starts this very important work."

Both Vance and Rubio are Catholics, with Vance having converted in 2019. Their discussions with Vatican officials also included topics of religious freedom and Church-State collaboration.

Pope Leo XIV now faces the dual challenge of promoting peace abroad while managing internal divisions within the global Catholic Church, especially between reformists and conservative factions, particularly in the United States.

## Will play constructive role for lasting Indo-Pak ceasefire: China

Offers to Mediate Lasting India-Pakistan Ceasefire as Tensions Cool

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China has pledged to play a "constructive role" in fostering a lasting ceasefire between India and Pakistan, following recent hostilities between the two nuclear-armed neighbors. The comments came as Pakistan's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Mohammad Ishaq Dar, arrived in Beijing on Monday for a three-day diplomatic visit.

Dar is the first high-ranking Pakistani official to visit China after India launched precision strikes under Operation Sindoor on May 7, targeting terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. The Indian action was a direct response to the April 22 terror attack in Pahalgam, which killed 26 civilians.

During his visit, Dar is expected to meet with China's top diplomat, Wang Yi, to discuss a wide range of bilateral and regional issues, including India's recent decision to suspend the Indus Waters Treaty and broader regional security concerns.



Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning emphasized that China regards both India and Pakistan as important neighbors and reiterated Beijing's commitment to promoting peace and stability. "We are willing to maintain communication with both sides and play a constructive role in realizing a full and lasting ceasefire," Mao stated at a press briefing.

China, a key defense supplier and strategic partner to Pakistan, has reportedly remained neutral throughout the recent India-Pakistan escalation, while encouraging restraint. Mao dodged questions about India's allegations that Chinese air

defense and satellite systems underperformed during Pakistan's recent military operations.

While Chinese state media amplified some of Pakistan's military claims, including alleged downing of Indian aircraft, it avoided reporting on India's successful strikes on Pakistani airbases and neutralization of Chinese-supplied radar systems.

Sources have indicated that Beijing is privately displeased with Islamabad for seeking U.S. mediation in the ceasefire talks—efforts that U.S. President Donald Trump has publicly claimed credit for. There are also unconfirmed reports of tripartite talks involving China, Pakistan, and Afghanistan's Taliban-led government, though Beijing has not officially commented.

Pakistan is increasingly concerned about the growing ties between India and the Taliban government in Kabul and has reinforced its border security along the Pakistan-Afghanistan frontier.



## Joe Biden Diagnosed with Aggressive Prostate Cancer That Has Spread to Bones

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Former U.S. President Joe Biden has been diagnosed with an aggressive form of prostate cancer, his office confirmed in a statement released on Sunday. The cancer has reportedly metastasized to his bones, signaling an advanced stage of the disease.

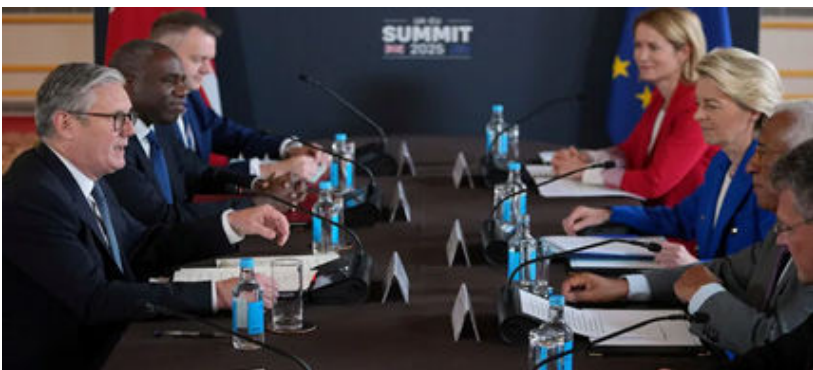
According to the statement, Biden, 82, began experiencing urinary symptoms, leading to the discovery of a prostate nodule during a medical examination. Further evaluation confirmed a Gleason score of 9 (Grade Group 5), which indicates a highly abnormal and fast-growing cancer.

While the diagnosis is serious, doctors note that the cancer appears to be hormone-sensitive, which opens up effective treatment options. Biden and his family are currently consulting with his medical team to decide the next steps in treatment. This diagnosis comes a decade after the loss of his son, Beau Biden, who died of brain cancer in 2015. The news has prompted an outpouring of support from political leaders across the aisle.

Former President Donald Trump, often a fierce critic of Biden, expressed sympathy: "We extend our warmest and best wishes to Jill and the family, and we wish Joe a fast and successful recovery," he wrote on Truth Social. Vice President Kamala Harris, who stepped in as the Democratic nominee in the 2024 election after Biden withdrew, shared her support on X (formerly Twitter): "Joe is a fighter... We are hopeful for a full and speedy recovery."

Barack Obama also responded with a heartfelt message, praising Biden's long-standing commitment to cancer research and expressing hope for his recovery. Biden's health had already been under scrutiny. He dropped out of the 2024 presidential race following a disastrous debate performance against Trump, which raised concerns about his cognitive decline. These concerns are now resurfacing, especially with the release of a new book and leaked recordings highlighting his mental struggles.

Adding to the attention is a resurfaced 2022 remark where Biden claimed to have cancer while speaking at a climate event in Massachusetts, a comment that at the time sparked confusion and concern. As the Biden family considers treatment options, the nation watches closely, rallying around a leader who has faced adversity with resilience throughout his career.



## UK ,EU Summit: Britain Agrees To Trade, Defence Reset With EU

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In an apparent response to India's recent diplomatic initiatives, Pakistan has announced a delegation led by Bilawal Bhutto Zardari to advocate for peace on the global stage. This move follows India's extensive diplomatic outreach, where New Delhi sent seven multi-party delegations to various international forums to highlight the success of Operation Sindoor and its commitment to combating cross-border terrorism.

On Saturday, Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, chairman of the Pakistan People's Party (PPP), revealed that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif had appointed him to lead the peace delegation. Zardari emphasized that the delegation's goal was to present Pakistan's stance on the growing tensions between India and Pakistan, particularly in the aftermath of Operation Sindoor.

The operation, launched by India on May 7, targeted terrorist infrastructure across Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), resulting in over 100 terrorist casualties. India's subsequent military actions, including cross-border shelling and airstrikes, intensified tensions between the two nations, leading to calls for global attention on Pakistan's alleged support for terrorism.

Pakistan's decision to send Zardari as its representative is seen as a move to salvage its international reputation, which has been heavily criticized due to its historical ties with terrorist groups. Despite Pakistan's intentions, the delegation faces an uphill battle in convincing the global community, given the ongoing international concerns about Pakistan's role in cross-border terrorism.





## “Markets Consolidate Amid Global Cues; Realty & PSU Banks Shine as Nifty Slips 74 Points, Sensex Down 271”

Domestic stock markets fell moderately on Monday. They remained range-bound since the beginning. The reasons for this are mixed signals from global markets, lack of momentum triggers, and the benchmark indices being in the consolidation phase. Buying continued in realty, PSU bank and finance shares. Overall, Nifty lost 74 points and Sensex lost 271 points.



The BSE Sensex, which closed at 82,354 in the previous session, opened at 82,354 on Monday. It touched an intraday low of 81,964. It reached an intraday high of 82,423. It finally closed at 82,059, down 271 points. The NSE Nifty, which opened at 25,005, touched a low of 24,916 and a high of 25,062. It closed at 24,944, down 74 points. The Nifty Bank rose 81 points to settle at 55,436.

In the Nifty50, 19 companies gained and 31 lost. Bajaj Auto, Shriram Finance, Power Grid, Hero Moto, Bajaj Finance were the top gainers. Eternal, Grasim, Infi, Tata Consumer, Dr. Reddy's were the biggest losers. Today, the India Vicks rose 4.86% to 17.36. Realty, PSU Bank, Finance, Pharma, Auto indices rose. Telecom, IT, Media, Oil, FMCG indices turned red.



Today, the market breadth in NSE turned in favor of buyers. Out of a total of 3005 shares traded, 1842 gained. 1072 lost. 67 shares reached the 52-week high and 19 shares reached the 52-week low. 175 shares touched the upper circuit and 54 shares touched the lower circuit.

SBI has cut interest rates on all types of fixed deposits by 20 basis points. Jupiter Wagons' net profit is Rs. 103 crore. Mahindra Lifespace has approved the issue of 3 rights shares for 8 shares at Rs. 257 each. Varun Beverages has acquired a 50% stake in Everest Industrial Lanka for \$ 3.75 million. Rajesh Exports' total assets rose

47% to Rs 96,651 crore. 20 lakh shares changed hands in Naika. IRB Infra's total income was Rs 2217 crore and net profit was Rs 214 crore. Reliance Power Company signed a power purchase agreement with Bhutan. HFCL won orders worth Rs 76 crore from a foreign telecom company.

### Container Corporation of India (CONCOR)

CONCOR's share price rose by 2.26% to ₹746.95 on May 19, 2025, compared to the previous close of ₹690.25. Over the past week, the stock



has gained 8.53%, and over the past month, it has increased by 6.84% . The company has scheduled a board meeting on May 22, 2025, to consider the March quarter results and a potential bonus share issue .

### Bajaj Auto

Bajaj Auto's shares increased by 4.35% during the trading session on May 19, 2025, amid high trading volumes. The company's Netherlands-based investment arm secured ₹5,426.5 crore through unsecured loans to support the restructuring of KTM AG, in which Bajaj Auto holds a 49.9% stake. This move aims to aid KTM ahead of a critical rescue deadline .



### Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd (RVNL)



Stock Performance: RVNL's shares surged by 7% on May 19, 2025, reaching an intraday high of ₹438.5 .The company announced the incorporation of a wholly-owned subsidiary, Sabbavaram Sheelanagar Road Development Ltd, in Andhra Pradesh. This move is expected to strengthen

RVNL's presence in the infrastructure and construction sector

### Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC)



INDIAN RAILWAY FINANCE CORPORATION  
(A Government of India Enterprise)

IRFC's shares climbed 6.4% to ₹138.50 on May 16, 2025, following government approval for the company to raise up to ₹10,000 crore through deep-discount bonds . In May 2025, IRFC's share price has increased by 12% amid multiple positive developments, including being the lowest bidder to extend a ₹50 billion loan to NTPC .

### DLF Ltd



DLF's shares experienced a notable surge of 3.01% to reach ₹737.45 during the trading session on May 19, 2025, accompanied by high trading volume . Analysts have highlighted DLF as one of the top trading ideas for May 19, 2025, suggesting potential for short-term gains

## Vodafone Idea Shares Plunge After Supreme Court Rejects ₹30,000 Crore AGR Waiver Plea



Vodafone Idea shares tumbled over 12% during intraday trading on Monday, 19 May 2025, following the Supreme Court's decision to reject the telecom company's plea seeking a waiver of ₹30,000 crore in adjusted gross revenue (AGR) dues. The stock closed 8.68% lower at ₹6.73, compared to its previous close of ₹7.37. Earlier in the day, it touched an intraday low of ₹6.47, reflecting investor concern over the company's precarious financial position.

The Supreme Court's ruling came after Vodafone Idea approached the judiciary, seeking intervention to direct the government to waive interest and penalties on its AGR liabilities. The petition followed a denial from the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) on April 29, which turned down a similar relief request from Vodafone Idea CEO Akshaya Moondra. Moondra had warned that the future of the telecom company—India's third-largest—was at stake without government support.

Despite the Centre converting part of Vodafone Idea's dues into equity and acquiring a 49% stake in the company, finan-

cial stress continues to mount. The AGR burden stems from a 2019 Supreme Court verdict that redefined telecom revenue calculations, substantially increasing dues owed by telecom operators.

Vodafone Idea is jointly owned by the UK-based Vodafone Group and India's Aditya Birla Group. In the wake of the SC decision, the company reiterated the importance of the telecom sector and argued that the government should act in the "public interest." The legal proceedings are expected to continue later this week.

Meanwhile, Vodafone Idea's Q4 FY24 financials revealed a troubling trend. The company posted a net loss of ₹7,674.6 crore, up from ₹6,418.9 crore in the same quarter last year, and ₹6,986 crore in Q3 FY24. The rise in losses is attributed to stagnant revenue and soaring finance costs, which increased 25.5% year-on-year to ₹6,280.3 crore. The total loss for FY24 widened to ₹31,238 crore.

With continued financial strain and now legal setbacks, the road ahead for Vodafone Idea remains uncertain.

## Power Grid Q4 Results: Net Profit Slightly Down to ₹4,143 Crore, Final Dividend of ₹1.25 Announced

Power Grid Corporation of India, the state-owned power transmission behemoth, released its financial results for the fourth quarter of FY2024-25 on Monday, 19 May 2025. The company reported a marginal decline in net profit, alongside the announcement of its fourth and final dividend for the fiscal year.

In the January to March quarter, Power Grid posted a net profit of ₹4,143 crore, slightly down by 0.56% compared to ₹4,166 crore during the same period last year. Despite the dip in profits, the company's operational revenue saw a modest increase. Revenue from core operations rose 2.4% year-on-year, reaching ₹12,275 crore, up from ₹11,978 crore in Q4 FY2023-24.

On the expense front, Power Grid reported a 6.8% rise in total expenses, amounting



to ₹7,550 crore, compared to ₹7,066 crore in the corresponding quarter of the previous fiscal. The increase in operational costs partly offset the gains in revenue, contributing to the slight profit dip.

**Final Dividend Declared**  
Power Grid's board of directors declared a final dividend of ₹1.25 per equity share (face value ₹10) for the financial

year 2024-25. The dividend is subject to shareholder approval at the upcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM). This marks the company's fourth dividend payout of the fiscal year.

### The dividend history for FY25 includes:

₹3.25 interim dividend (Feb 7, 2025)  
₹4.50 interim dividend (Nov

14, 2024)  
₹2.75 final dividend (Aug 16, 2024)  
₹4.50 interim dividend (Feb 15, 2024)

### Stock Performance

Following the earnings announcement, Power Grid shares closed 1.27% higher at ₹304.10 on the BSE, up from the previous close of ₹300.30. The Q4 results were announced after the market closed.

Over the past five years, Power Grid shares have yielded impressive returns of over 247%. However, the stock has seen a 6.57% decline over the last year.

Despite the marginal profit dip, Power Grid remains financially stable with consistent dividends and strong long-term returns, reinforcing its position as a key PSU in India's power sector.

## Gold Prices Surge , Silver Up ₹1,000 Despite Global Pullback

Gold prices in the national capital witnessed a sharp increase rising by ₹1,400 to ₹96,450 per 10 grams due to renewed buying by jewellers and stockists, according to the All India Sarafa Association. The rise marks a strong rebound in the domestic bullion market even as international gold prices showed signs of weakening.

Gold of 99.9% purity climbed to ₹96,450 per 10 grams, while 99.5% pure gold settled at ₹96,000, both inclusive of all applicable taxes. This represents a steep gain from Thursday's closing prices of ₹95,050 and ₹94,600, respectively.

Silver also followed suit, appreciating by ₹1,000 to reach ₹98,000 per kilogram, up from ₹97,000 in the previous session.

However, the domestic rally came in contrast to a decline in global gold prices. Spot gold in international markets dropped by



USD 50.85, or around 1.57%, to USD 3,189.25 per ounce. The pullback was attributed to market reactions surrounding anticipated trade agreements between the United States and key economic partners, including the United Kingdom and China.

Jateen Trivedi, Vice President – Research Analyst for Commodity and Currency at LKP Securities, noted that global gold prices remained volatile around the USD 3,200 mark. He pointed out that the lack of a dovish stance from the US Federal

Reserve, particularly in terms of delaying any immediate interest rate cuts, has capped global bullion buying momentum.

Kaynat Chainwala, AVP of Commodity Research at Kotak Securities, highlighted that investors are now awaiting fresh macroeconomic cues from the US. Key data expected includes housing market statistics and the preliminary University of Michigan's Consumer Sentiment and Inflation

Expectations reports for May. Additionally, comments from Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) member Mary Daly later in the day are likely to influence market sentiment.

Analysts believe that these data points and the Fed's tone will offer clearer direction for the interest rate outlook and may impact global gold prices in the coming sessions. For now, however, Indian bullion markets remain buoyant on the back of strong local demand.



# French Accused of Covering Up Nestlé Mineral Water Scandal: Senate Report

A new French Senate report has accused the French government of deliberately covering up a major scandal involving Nestlé Waters and its use of banned treatments on popular mineral water brands, including Perrier, Hepar, and Contrex. The explosive report claims that the cover-up was orchestrated “at the highest level of the state,” pointing fingers at senior government officials and even the presidential office.



The Senate’s six-month-long investigation included over 70 hearings and concluded that French authorities failed in their duty to inform the public and European regulators. It alleged that President Emmanuel Macron’s office had known of the violations since at least 2022, with Alexis Kohler, then Secretary-General at the Élysée Palace, reportedly meeting with Nestlé executives.

Although Nestlé admitted in 2024 to using illegal treatments and paid a €2 million fine to avoid prosecution, the Senate emphasized that this did not absolve either the company or the government of responsibility. The report warned that such concealment amounted to consumer fraud and raised serious questions about regulatory oversight and public health protections.

Despite claims from Nestlé that the water remains “pure” and the replacement filtration methods were government-approved, the Senate stressed that transparency still has not been achieved nearly four years after the issue first emerged.

The controversy stems from the discovery in late 2020 by new Nestlé Waters management that prohibited methods—including ultraviolet treatment and banned filtration systems—had been used at several of their French sites. Under EU law, natural mineral water must be bottled at the source and cannot undergo treatments that alter its purity or composition. The methods Nestlé employed were in clear violation of these rules.

Rather than taking immediate public action, Nestlé approached French authorities in mid-2021 to present a corrective plan, including a proposal to replace the banned filters with microfiltration techniques. The Senate report claims this plan was discussed at an inter-ministerial meeting on October 14, 2021, and was quietly approved 18 months later, without any transparency or legal action.

# Will Schools Survive the AI Revolution? Duolingo CEO Predicts a Radical Shift

As artificial intelligence continues to redefine how we live and learn, Duolingo CEO Luis von Ahn has shared a provocative vision for the future of education. Speaking on the No Priors podcast, von Ahn suggested that while schools may still physically exist, their role could fundamentally change. Rather than remaining centers of academic instruction, schools might evolve primarily into childcare and supervision hubs—with AI taking over most of the actual teaching.



“Education is going to change. It’s just a lot more scalable to teach with AI than with teachers,” von Ahn said. While he clarified that teachers won’t be entirely replaced, he emphasized that AI offers capabilities that human instructors cannot match, especially in large classrooms.

In a traditional classroom setting, a teacher may struggle to deliver personalized learning experiences to 30 different students. AI, however, can track individual progress in real time, identify strengths and weaknesses instantly, and tailor lesson plans accordingly. Von Ahn believes this level of precision and adaptability makes AI a powerful educational tool—potentially surpassing traditional methods.

Importantly, von Ahn does not advocate for eliminating teachers altogether. He stressed that human supervision remains critical, especially when it comes to the care and social de-

velopment of children. Schools, in his view, will continue to serve a purpose, but not necessarily the one they were built for.

This prediction aligns with broader trends. Since the launch of ChatGPT in 2022, students have rapidly adopted AI tools for learning, often outpacing their schools’ ability to adapt. Meanwhile, Duolingo itself has shifted decisively toward an AI-first strategy. The company recently announced it would reduce its reliance on contractors for tasks AI can handle, including some aspects of performance evaluation and internal operations.

“We’re going to be AI-first,” von Ahn declared in a company-wide memo. “It’s not a question of if or when. It’s happening now.”

If von Ahn’s forecast proves accurate, the future of education could be more algorithmic than academic—with schools becoming safe spaces for social interaction and care, while AI does the teaching.

# UK Man Sets World Record with 667 Tattoos of Daughter’s Name

Mark Owen Evans, a 49-year-old man from the United Kingdom, has set a new Guinness World Record by tattooing his daughter’s name, Lucy, an astonishing 667 times on his body. Driven by a deep sense of love and determination, Evans went to extreme lengths to reclaim his former title after it was surpassed in 2020.

Evans originally held the record in 2017, when he had Lucy’s name inked 267 times across his back. However, the title was later overtaken by Diederik Vigil, a 27-year-old woman from the United States, who tattooed her own name 300 times on her body.

Unwilling to let go of the unique honor, Evans was determined to regain his spot in the record books. With no space left on his back, he opted to have 400 additional tattoos—200 on each thigh—to bring his total count to 667. The tattoo session took five and a half hours, and he proudly declared, “I couldn’t wait to claim the record back and dedicate this to my daughter.”

But for Evans, this was more than just a record attempt. The tattoos also



serve as a tribute to Lucy’s birth and the medical care she received during her early days. As part of the initiative, he also aimed to raise funds for the hospital that supported her recovery.

Evans had initially planned for only 100 tattoos during his first attempt. However, with the help of two skilled tattoo artists from Dexterity Ink in Wrexham, he managed to fit twice as many on his back. The design featured an open Guinness World Records

book, with Lucy’s name repeatedly inked on both pages.

Speaking about the experience, Evans recalled, “It felt weird—because there were two tattooists doing it at the same time, the pain was kind of cancelled out.” Despite the unusual nature of his achievement, he takes pride in what he calls a “living tribute.”

“I love that I’m literally wearing my record and it goes everywhere with me,” he said. For Evans, this remarkable display of dedication is both a personal celebration and a lasting symbol of paternal love.

# Apple Developing AirPods and Apple Watch with Built-In Cameras, Launch Expected by 2027

Apple is reportedly working on advanced versions of its AirPods and Apple Watch that will feature built-in cameras, according to a recent report by Bloomberg. These next-generation wearables are expected to launch around 2027, potentially marking a major leap in Apple’s wearable technology strategy.



The tech giant is said to be developing specialised chips to power these devices—“Nevis” for the camera-enabled Apple Watch and “Glennie” for the upgraded AirPods. These chips are designed to support enhanced artificial intelligence (AI) capabilities, moving Apple’s wearables beyond fitness tracking and notifications into a new era of “Visual Intelligence.”

While these new AirPods and Apple Watch models are not expected to support traditional photography or video calling features like FaceTime, the built-in cameras are believed to serve advanced AI-driven functions. For the Apple Watch, one proposed design could embed a camera within the screen or place it near the Digital Crown, especially in the upcoming Apple Watch Ultra models. These cameras could interpret the user’s environment, providing context-aware insights, navigation help, and environmental recognition.

According to Bloomberg’s Mark Gurman, these features are part of Apple’s broader push into on-device AI, where visual data collected by the cameras would be processed locally for privacy and speed.

Beyond the AirPods and Apple Watch, Apple is also making strides in developing a low-power chip for its upcoming smart glasses, inspired by the energy-efficient processors used in the Apple Watch. Unlike the high-performance chips in the iPhone or Mac, this new chip will prioritise battery life and compact design—key elements for future augmented reality (AR) devices.

Although a few years away, these developments suggest that Apple is preparing to transform its wearable ecosystem into smart, AI-powered companions that combine audio, visual, and contextual awareness.

On the AirPods side, Apple is exploring the use of infrared cameras to improve spatial audio experiences, particularly when paired with products like the Apple Vision Pro. The visual sensors may also enable gesture recognition, allowing users to control devices through hand movements, potentially revolutionising how we interact with wearables.

# FaceAge: The AI Tool That Measures Your Health from a Selfie

A groundbreaking AI tool called FaceAge is making waves in the medical community by promising to assess a person’s health simply from a photograph. Developed by researchers at Mass General Brigham, a leading nonprofit healthcare system based in Boston, FaceAge uses deep learning algorithms to analyze facial features and predict a patient’s “biological health age” rather than just their chronological age.

FaceAge is inspired by the traditional “eyeball test” used by physicians—an intuitive, quick judgment about a patient’s health based on appearance. However, while human doctors might rely on subjective experience, FaceAge uses large datasets and AI to deliver a more standardized, objective measurement. According to the research team, this system evaluates visible facial cues such as skin texture, muscle tone, and other subtle features to estimate how “aged” a person appears in terms of overall health.

The goal is not to tell you how many birthdays you’ve had, but rather how your body is aging biologically. This distinction matters: two people aged 50 chronologically might differ significantly in biological age depending on factors like lifestyle, disease, and genetics. A person with a biological age of 60 may be at higher health risk than someone whose biological age is closer to 40.

Published in The Lancet Digital Health on May



8, 2025, the study highlights how FaceAge could help doctors make faster, data-driven decisions, especially in emergency and critical care settings. Early results suggest that FaceAge’s assessments correlate with health outcomes and mortality risk more accurately than some traditional methods.

That said, the researchers caution that FaceAge is still in the experimental phase and not ready for clinical deployment. More testing across diverse populations and environments is needed before it can become a trusted tool in hospitals or clinics.

Still, the potential is immense. In a future shaped by AI, FaceAge could help personalize treatments, monitor aging, and even catch health issues before symptoms appear—all from a single selfie.



## Jasmine Paolini Makes History with Stunning Italian Open Victory Over Coco Gauff

In a moment of triumph that electrified the Foro Italico, Jasmine Paolini etched her name into the history books by becoming the first Italian woman in 40 years to win the Italian Open, defeating world No. 3 Coco Gauff 6-4, 6-2 in a memorable final on Saturday.

This win marks the biggest claycourt title of Paolini's career and her second WTA 1000-level title, following her triumph in Dubai last year. At 29 years old, the Tuscan native delivered a composed and aggressive performance, cheered on by an impassioned home crowd that added to the spectacle of her historic victory.

Paolini's win comes at a crucial time, providing a major confidence boost ahead of the French Open, which begins on May 25. She was runner-up in Paris last year, and her form on clay this season signals she could go even further.

Facing off against Coco Gauff, the reigning US Open champion, Paolini showcased her composure and tactical brilliance. Although Gauff had a winning record in their previous encounters (2-1), she was unable to match Paolini's precision and consistency on the day. Gauff struggled with 55 unforced errors, while Paolini dominated with 76%



success on her first serves and a clear edge in rallies.

"Congrats for the amazing week, Coco. You reached the final, so you're playing great. You are such a great player and a great person," Paolini said during the trophy ceremony, gracious in victory.

Paolini seized control of the match early, clinching the tight first set in 54 minutes, and then raising her level further to storm ahead 3-0 in the second set. From there, she didn't look back, thrilling the home fans with a commanding finish.

With this victory, Paolini becomes the first Italian woman to win the tournament since Raffaella Reggi in 1985, a milestone that elevates her status in Italian tennis lore and cements her as a serious contender heading into Roland Garros.

## Sindhu, Prannoy Lead Indian Challenge at Malaysia Masters Amid Form Slump

Indian badminton stars PV Sindhu and HS Prannoy are set to lead the nation's charge at the Malaysia Masters Super 500 tournament, beginning Tuesday at Kuala Lumpur's Axiata Arena. With a total prize purse of USD 475,000, the tournament offers a crucial opportunity for both veterans to bounce back after a period of form and fitness struggles. Sindhu, currently ranked world No. 16, has had a tough season and is looking to regain momentum after her last outing at the Sudirman Cup, where she fell short against Indonesian opposition. She begins her Malaysia Masters campaign against Japan's Natsuki Nidaira, ranked 20th. HS Prannoy, once among the world's top 10, has dropped to world No. 35 and faces a challenging opening-round encounter against fifth seed Kenta Nishimoto of Japan. Prannoy, too, is hoping to put behind a disappointing Sudirman Cup performance and rediscover his winning touch. The Indian contingent at the Malaysia Masters includes several promising talents. In women's singles, Malvika Bansod, runner-up at the 2024 Hylo Open, will meet Chiu Pin-Chian of Chinese Taipei, while young star Unnati Hooda, a semifinalist at the Taipei Open, faces Lin Hsiang Ti. Aakarshi Kashyap draws a tough opener against eighth seed Putri Kusuma Wardani from Indonesia.

In men's singles, Sathish Karunakaran, champion at the Odisha and Guwahati Masters, takes on top seed Anders Antonsen of Denmark. Rising star Ayush Shetty, a world junior bronze medallist, meets Brian Yang of Canada, and Priyanshu Rajawat opens against Singapore's Jia Heng Jason Teh. In mixed doubles, India's top pair Dhruv Kapila and Tanisha Crasto face a qualifier. Other notable entries include Rohan Kapoor and Ruthvika Shivani Gadde, who play the fourth-seeded Chinese duo Guo Xin Wa and Chen Fang Hui, and Ashith Surya and Amrutha Pramuthesh, drawn against top seeds Jiang Zhen Bang and Wei Ya Xin. Indian representation also extends across men's and women's doubles, with several young combinations looking to make their mark. The qualifying rounds will see Kidambi Srikanth, Tasnim Mir, Anmol Kharb, and others vying for main draw spots. The Malaysia Masters presents a vital test—and a chance for redemption—for India's shuttlers ahead of a packed international calendar.



## Abhishek Sharma Smashes 18-Ball Fifty, SRH Take Charge Against LSG

In a high-stakes IPL 2025 clash between Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) and Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH), young SRH opener Abhishek Sharma stole the show with a breathtaking 18-ball half-century, smashing LSG's spinner Ravi Bishnoi for four consecutive sixes in a single over. His explosive innings set the tone for SRH's chase of 206 at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium in Hyderabad.

Despite SRH already being out of playoff contention, they came out firing. Abhishek, in particular, played with freedom and flair, racing to his fifty with audacious strokeplay. However, his aggressive knock came to an end soon after his milestone, sparking a heated exchange with LSG pacer Digvesh Rathie as he walked off the field. The spat added more drama to an already intense encounter.



At the end of 12 overs, SRH stood at 142/3, with Heinrich Klaasen and Kamindu Mendis steadying the innings and keeping the chase alive. With 64 runs needed from the final 8 overs and seven wickets in hand, SRH remain well-placed to pull off a morale-boosting victory.

Earlier in the day, LSG posted a competitive total of 205/5 in their 20 overs,

a score that came despite another disappointing outing for their marquee player Rishabh Pant. Acquired for a massive Rs 27 crore at the auction, Pant failed to make an impact yet again, raising questions about his form and value to the side.

However, LSG's top order delivered when it mattered. Aiden Markram and Mitchell Marsh both registered fluent half-centuries, setting a solid platform. Nicholas Pooran added impetus in the latter stages with a crucial 45, ensuring LSG crossed the 200-run mark—a total they must defend to keep their playoff hopes alive.

For LSG, every match from here is a virtual knockout, and a loss today would end their playoff aspirations. SRH, meanwhile, are playing for pride, and with Abhishek Sharma's heroics leading the way, they're showing they intend to finish their campaign on a high.

## India Edge Past Bangladesh in Thrilling Final to Clinch SAFF U-19 Championship

In a pulsating final full of drama, tension, and heroic moments, India U-19s successfully defended their SAFF U-19 Championship title by defeating Bangladesh 4-3 on penalties after the match ended 1-1 in regulation time. The final, played at the Golden Jubilee Stadium in Yulia, Arunachal Pradesh, on Sunday, had everything a football fan could ask for—early goals, missed opportunities, a fierce comeback, and a nail-biting shootout.

India got off to a flying start, taking the lead within just two minutes through captain Singamayum Shami, who unleashed a powerful curling free-kick from over 30 yards. The Bangladesh keeper, Md Ismail Hossain Mahin, got a hand to it, but the sheer power of the shot carried it into the net, sending the home crowd into a frenzy.

India dominated the early proceedings, with their swift passing and movement putting Bangladesh on the defensive. Omang Dodum came close to doubling the lead with a brilliant solo run, only to be denied by a superb save from Mahin.

However, Bangladesh regrouped and clawed their way back into the contest. They gradually disrupted India's rhythm



and began creating chances of their own. The equaliser finally came in the 61st minute, when Md Joy Ahamed capitalised on a goalmouth scramble from a corner to smash the ball past Suraj Singh—India's first goal conceded in the tournament.

The rest of the match became a tactical and physical battle, with both sides creating half-chances but unable to find a winner. With the scores tied, the match went into a penalty shootout.

Bangladesh appeared to have the upper hand early in the shootout after Indian forward Rohen Singh's weak effort was saved. But India held their nerve. Bangladesh captain Nazmul Huda Faysal fired over the bar, and goalkeeper Suraj Singh Aheibam came up with a crucial save.

In the end, it was Shami who stepped up again, slotting home the final penalty with composure to seal a famous victory for India and retain their crown as SAFF U-19 champions.

## Jannik Sinner Calls Rome Final Defeat to Alcaraz a 'Good Lesson' Ahead of French Open

World No. 1 Jannik Sinner remained upbeat despite falling short in the Italian Open final on Sunday, where he lost 7-6(5), 6-1 to Carlos Alcaraz. The match marked Sinner's return to competitive tennis after a three-month hiatus due to a doping suspension, making his run to the final at the Foro Italico all the more significant.

The 23-year-old Italian had been sidelined following a controversial ban stemming from traces of clostebol found in his system, which authorities ruled was due to accidental contamination. Despite the setback, Sinner impressed on home soil, stringing together a series of strong performances before meeting his match in the Spanish prodigy.

"The first set was definitely the turning point," Sinner reflected after the final. "But overall, I'm very happy with how I played this week. Coming back after



three months and reaching the final here in Italy means a lot."

Backed by a passionate Rome crowd, Sinner looked close to clinching the first set, holding two set points at 5-6 on Alcaraz's serve. But the Spaniard held firm, eventually snatching the tiebreak before dominating the second set. The loss brought an end to Sinner's 26-match winning streak, with Alcaraz once again proving to be a formidable

opponent — he now leads their head-to-head 7-4.

Still, Sinner viewed the match as a valuable stepping stone ahead of the French Open, which begins on May 25. "This week gives me confidence. Some matches I played really well, others could have been better — but that's tennis," he said. "There are things to improve if I want to do well in Paris."

Initially scheduled to play next week in Hamburg, Sinner now plans to rest and recover instead. "I played the maximum matches here, which is great. Now I need a few days to mentally switch off before preparing for Roland Garros," he added.

Sinner acknowledged that his lack of match play showed at times but remains optimistic: "If I could replay some points, I'd do them differently. But no excuses. It's all part of learning."





## Venky Atluri, Mamitha Baiju & All Good Vibes Surround Suriya’s Next Film!

After the underwhelming performance of *Retro*, directed by Karthik Subbaraj, actor Suriya is determined to bounce back stronger, especially in the Telugu market which has seen a decline for him in recent years. The Tamil star has now teamed up with director Venky Atluri for a new film, currently referred to as #Suriya46.

The project was officially launched today with a traditional pooja ceremony held at Ramanaidu Studios, Hyderabad. The film is being pro-

duced by Sithara Entertainments, in collaboration with Fortune Four Cinemas and Sreekara Studios. GV Prakash Kumar will compose the music for the film, continuing his successful association with director Venky Atluri after hits like *Sir* and *Lucky Baskhar*.

Adding fresh energy to the project is Mamitha Baiju, who rose to fame with the Malayalam blockbuster *Premalu*. She will be playing the female lead opposite Suriya, making this her Telugu debut. Her presence is expected to add youthful charm

and new appeal to the film.

Director Venky Atluri is currently riding high on the success of his recent films and fans are hoping he can work his magic again to deliver the much-needed hit that Suriya is looking for. With consecutive hits under his belt, there is a lot of anticipation around what Venky can bring to the table for Suriya.

Interestingly, producer Naga Vamshi stirred excitement with his social media post hinting at the return of ‘Sanjay

Ramaswamy’—Suriya’s iconic character from the cult film *Ghajini*. The character left a strong impact on both Tamil and Telugu audiences, and the idea of revisiting that intensity has added a buzz around #Suriya46.

More details about the cast and crew are expected to be revealed soon. Until then, fans of Suriya can take comfort in the fact that all good vibes are surrounding this project. Let’s hope this collaboration helps Suriya reclaim his box office glory.

## Hari Hara Veera Mallu: ‘Asura Hananam’ Single Announced with Fierce New Poster!

The much-awaited period action epic *Hari Hara Veera Mallu*, starring Pawan Kalyan, is back in the spotlight with a major update that has thrilled fans. The film’s third single, titled “*Asura Hananam*,” has officially been announced, accompanied by a powerful new poster that showcases Pawan Kalyan in an intense and commanding avatar.

Set in a grand historical backdrop, the film has already built up considerable buzz, and this latest musical announcement only adds to the mounting excitement. Composed by the Oscar-winning music director MM Keeravaani, and written by Rambabu Gosala, “*Asura Hananam*” is expected to be a high-energy, intense track that captures the essence of the film’s larger-than-life narrative. The song will be released on May 21, 2025, at 11:55 AM, and fans are eagerly counting down the hours.

The poster released alongside the song announcement features Pawan Kalyan in a fierce pose, with intense expressions and warrior-like attire, hinting at the action-packed scale and emotional depth of the film. It perfectly sets the tone for what promises to be an epic musical piece from the film’s soundtrack.

*Hari Hara Veera Mallu* is being helmed by directors Jyothi Krishna and Krish Jagarlamudi, and is pro-



duced by Mega Surya Production. The film features Nidhhi Agerwal as the female lead and is being made as a pan-Indian project, aiming to captivate audiences across languages and regions.

With the theatrical release confirmed for June 12, 2025, promotions are now gaining full momentum. After a period of silence, the film is making a powerful comeback, and fans can expect more updates and surprises in the coming weeks.

All eyes are now on May 21, when “*Asura Hananam*” will officially drop. Until then, the new poster and the promise of Keeravaani’s rousing music are keeping the hype alive. Stay tuned for more thrilling updates from *Hari Hara Veera Mallu*!

## Allu Arjun to Play Triple Role in Atlee’s Mega Sci-Fi Film ‘AA22xA6’

After the phenomenal success of *Pushpa 2*, Allu Arjun is riding a wave of national fame. With unmatched screen presence, powerful performances, and mass appeal, he has become a household name across India. Now, the spotlight is on his next project — a grand science fiction film titled *AA22xA6*, directed by blockbuster filmmaker Atlee, known for *Jawan*.

The film is already being touted as one of the most expensive Indian productions ever, with a whopping budget of Rs. 600-700 crore. This ambitious project promises a unique blend of action, emotion, and high-end visuals that could rival the best of Hollywood.

What’s making the most noise, however, is the revelation that Allu Arjun will



be seen in not one or two, but three different roles in this sci-fi epic. According to reports, the star will portray a hero, a villain, and, in a groundbreaking twist, a full-length animated character. This would mark the first time an Indian actor takes on such a role in a major commercial film.

To deliver on the scale and vision required, Atlee is collaborating with international VFX teams, ensuring that the animation and visual storytelling are top-tier. Allu Arjun is also said to be undergoing intensive preparation — from physical training to experimenting with varied looks — to bring each character to life

convincingly.

There’s also plenty of buzz around the casting, with names like Janhvi Kapoor and Ananya Panday reportedly in talks for key roles, though the production team has yet to confirm.

Set against a time-travel narrative, *AA22xA6* is expected to offer a rollercoaster ride of thrilling action sequences, emotional depth, and mind-bending science fiction. Filming is slated to begin this summer, with a planned 2026 release. However, due to the scale and VFX workload, a 2027 release is also being considered.

With this bold project, Allu Arjun and Atlee look ready to redefine Indian sci-fi cinema.

## Actor Vishal Set to Tie the Knot with ‘Kabali’ Actress Sai Dhanshika?

The Tamil film industry is abuzz with fresh rumours about actor Vishal’s long-awaited wedding. According to recent reports, the 47-year-old actor is all set to marry actress Sai Dhanshika, known for her roles in hit films like *Kabali* and *Solo*.

While both actors have remained tight-lipped, speculation intensified after Vishal spoke briefly about his marriage plans during a recent media interaction. He revealed that he has found the right person and confirmed it would be a love marriage. However, he added that he would officially announce his bride’s identity and wedding details in due course. Vishal had previously stated that he would marry only after the completion of the *Nadigar Sangam* building project, a commitment he reiterated multiple times over the years. Now that the construction is nearing com-



pletion, fans and media alike are eagerly watching for a formal announcement.

Industry insiders claim that the mystery bride is none other than Sai Dhanshika. Adding fuel to the rumours, Vishal is slated to attend the audio launch of Dhanshika’s upcoming film *Yogi Da* as the chief guest tonight (May 19). Sources hint that he may use the event as a platform to confirm their

relationship publicly. Reportedly, Vishal and Dhanshika met several months ago and quickly became friends. Their friendship is said to have blossomed into romance over time. Neither has confirmed the relationship, but close associates suggest that wedding bells are indeed around the corner. Vishal’s personal life has often drawn public interest. He was previously linked with actress Varalaxmi Sarathkumar, and he even got engaged to actress Anisha Alla in 2019, though the engagement was eventually called off for undisclosed reasons. On the professional front, Vishal was last seen in *Madha Gaja Raja*, which surprisingly turned into a box-office success despite a delayed release spanning over 12 years. As fans await an official word, all eyes are on tonight’s *Yogi Da* event for a possible big reveal.

## “Let’s Live This Moment”: DSP Delivers a Musical Treat for Kireeti & Sreeleela’s Junior

With the grand release of *Junior* just around the corner on June 18th, the makers have kickstarted the musical journey of the film with a vibrant and energetic first single titled “*Let’s Live This Moment*”. The film marks the debut of Kireeti Reddy, son of entrepreneur and politician Gali Janardhan Reddy, and stars the ever-popular Sreeleela as the female lead.

The song is composed by the

ever-reliable Devi Sri Prasad (DSP), whose magic once again brings a perfect mix of rhythm and melody to the track. While the lyrics do carry a subtle preachy tone about cherishing love and living life to the fullest, the overall composition is upbeat and filled with feel-good vibes.

Singer Jaspreet Jasz delivers the track with an energetic and soulful rendition, giving the song an infectious charm.

Lyricist Shreemani adds poetic value with lines that inspire and uplift. The combination of meaningful words and DSP’s peppy music results in a potential chartbuster that could dominate playlists in the weeks to come. Visually, the lyrical video showcases Kireeti impressing with his confident screen presence and impressive dance moves. His chemistry with Sreeleela is fresh and breezy, making their pairing one to watch out for.

The choreography is vibrant, perfectly complementing the celebratory tone of the song. Directed by Radha Krishna and produced by Rajani Korrapati under the Vaaraahi Chalana Chitram banner, *Junior* is already generating buzz not just for its star cast but also for its promising production values and appealing music. Adding to the excitement, actress Genelia will be seen playing a significant role, marking a notable return to Telugu cinema.



With “*Let’s Live This Moment*,” the musical promotions have started on a high note, building anticipation for what’s

shaping up to be a youthful entertainer filled with emotion, dance, and feel-good moments.