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Kavitha alleged BRS wanted to merge with BJP, targets KTR indirectly

Denies Congress links, says last contact was in 2013

Clarifies she will only work under KCR's leadership

Alleges conspiracy behind her MP defeat, leaks, and paid attacks

Declares full loyalty to KCR; rules out forming a new party

TPN Correspondent | Telangana

The simmering unrest within the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) exploded into the open as MLC Kalvakuntla Kavitha launched a sharp, indirect attack on BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR). Without naming him directly, Kavitha accused the leadership of mismanaging party affairs and sidelining her despite her continued commitment. "People who can't even manage the party are giving me morals," Kavitha said pointedly, questioning why those who failed to take responsibility were advising her on conduct. She questioned the relevance of the working president's role, asking, "Is the post limited to just tweeting?"

Alleges internal betrayal and conspiracy

Kavitha made the sensational

claim that she was defeated in the MP elections not by opponents, but due to a conspiracy from within her own party. She expressed anguish that despite her loyalty, some individuals within BRS have systematically worked to marginalize her. "When the liquor case broke, I offered to resign, but KCR refused. Still, I was left to fight alone," she said. She further alleged that internal feedback she shared was deliberately leaked, and she was then attacked by "paid artists" on social media. "Is it polite to talk about a daughter of the house like that?" she asked emotionally.

Congress link denied, BJP merger feared

Refuting rumors of links with the Congress, Kavitha stated firmly: "I haven't spoken to Congress since 2013." She added that despite such rumors, she

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"People who can't run the party are teaching me morals," says BRS MLC



remained loyal to the BRS and has not engaged in any back-channel talks. However, she raised serious concerns about some party members making "101 percent efforts" to merge the BRS with the BJP. "Even while I was in jail, I said BRS should not merge with BJP," she said, urging that

the party's independent identity be preserved. "Why was my letter leaked?" Kavitha expressed anger that one of her letters on internal issues was leaked, unlike in the past when her letters to KCR were never made public. "I've written 100 letters before, and KCR used to tear them up.

Why did this one leak?" she questioned, hinting at deliberate sabotage. She also condemned the party's silence over issues like the replacement of the Telangana Thalli statue and mocked the celebration of the Warangal meeting despite growing internal discontent. Not forming a new party, loyal

only to KCR

Despite widespread speculation about her political future, Kavitha made it clear she has no intention of launching a new party. "There's no need for a new party. KCR should protect this one," she asserted.

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Jai Hind Yatra Revanth Reddy Slams BJP, Pitches Rahul for PM

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TPN Correspondent | Medchal

Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy launched a blistering attack on the BJP during the Jai Hind Yatra Sabha held at Kolan Gopal Reddy Convention Centre in Nizampet on Thursday. The event marked a significant turn in the state-wide yatra, which began earlier in the day from VNR Vigyan Jyoti Engineering College, Bachupalli, under the leadership of the Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC). Flanked by TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud, AICC in-charge Meenakshi Nataraajan, Minister Ponnamm Prabhakar, and other senior Congress leaders including MPs, MLAs, MLCs, and Corporation Chairmen, CM Revanth Reddy used the occasion to rally support for Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and to criticize the Modi-led BJP government at the Centre.

In his fiery speech, Revanth Reddy said:

"He gave up the war on Pakistan and pawned the self-respect of 140 crore Indians to Donald Trump. BJP doesn't care about the nation's security and has no strength to reclaim POK, yet they shamelessly question the Congress." He further ridiculed the BJP's handling of demonetization, remarking, "Modi threw out even the demonetized



thousand-rupee note, leaving people in distress." Calling for a change in national leadership, Revanth declared that "This country needs a leader like Rahul Gandhi. Let's pledge from this platform that Rahul Gandhi should be made the Prime Minister of India." He lauded Rahul Gandhi's simplicity and commitment, saying "If there is a leader in India who doesn't even own a house, it is Rahul Gandhi. Congress gave this nation independence. Leaders like Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi sacrificed everything for the country."

The Jai Hind Yatra, an initiative of the All India Congress Committee (AICC), is aimed at reinforcing the party's national message and promoting Rahul Gandhi's leadership ahead of the upcoming elections. The yatra in Telangana is being seen as a show of strength by the Congress in the state and an attempt to build momentum across regions. The event saw massive participation from Congress workers and the public, as party leaders projected unity and a common goal — to see Rahul Gandhi lead the country.

Kavitha's Comments Are True: BJP MLA Raja Singh

Accuses BJP leaders of colluding with BRS for packages and tickets



- Raja Singh supports Kavitha's off-record comments as fact
- Says BJP failed in Telangana due to internal sabotage

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

In a rare and explosive admission, BJP MLA Raja Singh has supported the off-the-record comments made by BRS MLC K. Kavitha, asserting they reflect the bitter truth about BJP's internal affairs in Telangana. He openly alleged that some BJP leaders are ready to jump ship to BRS if offered attractive packages, and have even influenced the party's candidate selection process in the past. Speaking to media, Raja Singh said, "If a big package is given, some BJP leaders will join the BRS. They have done it before and will do it again. In fact, they even dictate who contests from where for BJP. This collusion has hurt the party over several elections."

Raja Singh did not mince words as he criticised his own party leaders,

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Temporary Relief For Prabhakar Rao In Phone Tapping Case

SC orders return to India within 3 days, full cooperation with probe

TPN Correspondent | Telangana

In a major development in the high-profile phone tapping case that rocked Telangana, former State Intelligence Bureau (SIB) chief and senior IPS officer T. Prabhakar Rao has been granted temporary anticipatory bail by the Supreme Court. Prabhakar Rao, the AI accused in the case, received interim relief from the apex court, which also issued a series of directives as part of its order.

A Supreme Court bench comprising Justice B.V. Nagarathna and Justice Satish Chandra Sharma heard the anticipatory bail petition filed by Prabhakar Rao. After considering the matter, the court granted him temporary anticipatory bail and instructed him to return to India within three days. It emphasized that Rao must fully cooperate with the investigation upon his return.

The bench also ordered that Prabhakar Rao's passport be handed over to facilitate his return. Additionally, the court directed the Telangana state government not to initiate any strict or coercive action against him until further orders are issued.

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Gaddar Film Awards Announced in Telangana

- Awards revived after 14 years; 'Kalki 2898 AD' named best film
- Jury led by Jayasudha, Dil Raju reveals winners
- Allu Arjun, Nivetha Thomas win top acting honors



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Youtuber Sunny Yadav Arrested for Promoting Betting Apps

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Telangana Tops in Rice Production, Says Uttam

- ₹13,000 Cr paid to farmers, up from ₹3,500 Cr last year
- Indiramma houses only for eligible poor; strict monitoring assured
- Silt removal in major reservoirs to boost irrigation capacity



TPN Correspondent | Karimnagar
Telangana has made history by becoming the number one state in rice cultivation in India, surpassing even the production levels of the undivided Andhra Pradesh, said Civil Supplies and Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy. He credited the achievement to the government’s coordinated efforts despite the Kaleshwaram barrage system not providing even a single drop of water. On Thursday, Minister Uttam held a comprehensive four-hour review meeting at the Karimnagar District Collectorate auditorium, discussing paddy procurement, Indiramma housing, Bhu Bharati issues, and monsoon crop preparedness. Ministers Ponnampallabharathi and D Sridhar Babu, Government Whip Adi Srinivas, MLAs, MLCs, and district officials from Karimnagar, Peddapalli, and Sirisilla participated. Uttam Kumar Reddy said the state had procured 130 lakh metric tons

of rice from 60 lakh acres this Yasangi season, an all-time high in the country’s history. Payments to farmers have surged with nearly ₹13,000 crore disbursed across the state this season compared to just ₹3,500 crore last year under the previous government. In the joint Karimnagar district alone, ₹2,782 crore has been paid so far, up from ₹538 crore in 2023. He emphasized strict and fair paddy procurement without cuts under “Talu Tema.” Farmers must be ready for the early monsoon, and officials were instructed to ensure no shortages of fertilizers or seeds. On housing, he made it clear that Indiramma houses will be given only to the eligible poor. Any attempts to allocate them to ineligible persons would result in action against the concerned officials. Uttam directed officials to reclaim encroached lands listed under Bhu Bharati and use them for public

welfare projects. He also stressed the completion of pending irrigation projects like the Bandla Vagu lift scheme (to be inaugurated within a week), Palakurthi lift irrigation, and Pattipaka reservoir. Projects providing high irrigation coverage at low cost will be prioritized. He added that desiltation of major reservoirs like SSRP and Kadem will be undertaken using modern techniques. Irrigation canals, culverts, and OTs across Karimnagar district will also be repaired with immediate proposals and funding. He concluded by stating that 1100 engineers and 1800 lashkars have been appointed to strengthen the Irrigation Department and assured that all-round development of the joint Karimnagar district remains a top government priority.

Seethakka Slams Centre’s Tribal Policy

Forest lands being handed to corporates without Gram Sabha consent

TPN Correspondent | Bhadrachalam

Telangana Panchayat Raj, Rural Development, Women and Child Welfare Minister Dr. Dhanasari Anasuya Seethakka strongly criticized the central government’s handling of tribal issues, alleging a systematic attack on the rights and lives of Adivasis across India. Speaking at the leadership training program for ST leaders in Kinnersani, Palvanam Mandal, the Minister accused the Centre of pushing tribals out of their lands to benefit corporates. Seethakka asserted that tribal-dominated areas are rich in forest resources, which is why the Centre has set its sights on them. “The lives of tribals are in danger. In the name of cases and jails, forest children are being suppressed. They are being branded as Naxalites and killed,” she said, voicing deep concern over the treatment of tribals in central India. She alleged that forest lands are being handed over to corporate companies without obtaining consent from gram sabhas. “When tribals oppose such attempts, they are being burnt like birds. It is inhuman that the Centre even cremates their bodies without handing them over to family members,” Seethakka said. Highlighting constitutional protections,

the Minister reminded that the Fifth and Sixth Schedule areas grant special rights to the tribal people. “But the Centre is systematically destroying those rights,” she added. Calling for united resistance, Seethakka urged tribals and marginalized communities to rise together. “We must fight to protect the Constitution and the rights of tribals. Let us unite under the slogan Save Adivasi,” she said. She further warned that the Centre is conspiring to replace the Indian Constitution, written by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, with the Manu Dharma Shastra. “Our tribal heritage, our dharma, does not divide people into castes. But the Centre is trying to impose a regressive system.” She also condemned the portrayal of tribal women like Tataki, Sabari, and Surpanakha as demons in mythology. “Our tribal women must be honored, not demonized. We must reclaim and retell our history from our perspective,” she declared. The three-day leadership training for tribal leaders is being held under the auspices of Tricar Chairman Bellaiah Nayak. Adivasi Congress President Vikrant Buriya attended as chief guest. MP Balaram Nayak and several MLAs also participated. The event is aimed at empowering tribal leadership and strengthening the movement for tribal rights.



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She also said she has no plans or deadlines to meet KCR immediately but emphasized her complete allegiance to his leadership. “KCR is my only leader. I won’t work under anyone else,” she declared. Outspoken on party hypocrisy Kavitha also commented on the lack of support she received during crises. “No one in the party reacted even when KCR got notices. But when I speak out, I’m asked to stay silent,” she said. She noted that she was asked to only speak within the

party forum but had to go public because her concerns were ignored. Adding to her emotional appeal, Kavitha reminded the party of her sacrifices. “I’m doing half the party’s work—while carrying a baby in my belly,” she said, describing her dedication and long-standing involvement. Her strongly worded statements have once again exposed the widening rift within BRS and cast serious doubts over its internal unity ahead of upcoming political challenges.

Temporary Relief For Prabhakar Rao In Phone Tapping Case

The phone tapping case, which involves allegations of illegal surveillance during the previous regime, has stirred political and public attention. Prabhakar Rao’s role, particularly as the former SIB chief, has been under scrutiny with multiple reports suggesting he played a central role in the alleged operation. The Supreme Court’s order brings temporary relief to the senior officer but also adds pres-

sure, as he is now required to face the investigation head-on. The court made it clear that co-operation with the authorities is mandatory and that non-compliance could impact the legal protections granted. The case is expected to proceed further once Prabhakar Rao returns and appears before the concerned authorities in Telangana.

Kavitha’s Comments Are True: BJP MLA Raja Singh

stating that the BJP’s repeated failure to come to power in Telangana is due to betrayal from within. “It’s not that the public didn’t support us. Our own leaders acted against the party’s interests by colluding with rival parties. That is why we couldn’t form the government,” he added. He suggested that the party should undertake a serious introspection instead of ignoring these realities. Singh’s remarks come as a strong jolt to the BJP, especially after its ambitious push to emerge as a key alternative in Telangana politics. His comments lend credibility

to Kavitha’s controversial statement, which had earlier triggered political ripples. While the BJP had officially dismissed her claims, Raja Singh’s endorsement now raises serious questions about factionalism and trust within the party. The latest remarks from Raja Singh are expected to stir a debate within the BJP ranks and could trigger fresh friction between the leadership and the lone BJP MLA in Telangana, known for his outspoken nature and rebellion against central and state party decisions in the past.

Strict Action Against Fake Seeds, Speed Up Indiramma Houses

TPN Correspondent | Warangal

State Revenue, Housing, and Information Minister and Joint Warangal District In-charge Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy issued a stern warning to district collectors and police officials during a review meeting held in Warangal. He directed officials to take stringent action to curb the sale of fake seeds and fertilizers and called for urgent acceleration in the implementation of the Indiramma housing scheme. “Fake seeds and fertilizers must be eradicated with an iron fist. If anyone is found selling them, we will not ignore it,” the Minister stated firmly. He instructed that the PD Act be invoked against those indulging in such practices and urged district collectors and police



departments to work in coordination to prevent such threats to agriculture. Ponguleti highlighted that Telangana ranks first in the country for paddy procurement, stressing the need to protect the interests of farmers by ensuring quality inputs. “Strict measures are necessary to protect our farmers. There should be zero tolerance for such illegal activities,” he said. Turning to the housing sec-

tor, Minister Ponguleti expressed strong displeasure over the slow pace of the Indiramma housing scheme. He criticized collectors for their negligence in finalizing the list of beneficiaries. “It’s disheartening that even 50% of the beneficiary list hasn’t been published. This kind of negligence cannot be tolerated,” he said. He questioned the delay in coordination despite limited numbers of MLAs involved

at the district level. “Each collectorate has only up to three MLAs. Why is coordination so difficult? This delay in finalizing lists and issuing proceedings is unacceptable,” Ponguleti lashed out. The Minister clarified that there is no age limit for applicants under the Indiramma housing scheme and emphasized that all pending applications should be processed and cleared by June 6, which is now the official cutoff date. He also added that housing proceedings should be issued to all eligible beneficiaries without delay. “The beneficiary list is not something to keep with you as a personal favour. It should be released transparently and urgently,” Ponguleti warned.

DGP Jitender Emphasizes Peace and Security as Pillars of Policing

TPN Correspondent | Kamareddy

Director General of Police Dr. Jitender stressed that people naturally aspire to live in a society rooted in peace and security. He made these remarks while attending a law and order review meeting at the Kamareddy District Police Office on Thursday. Upon his arrival, the DGP was accorded a ceremonial police salute and participated in a sapling plantation drive on the police office premises, underscoring his commitment to environmental responsibility. During the review session, Kamareddy District Superintendent of Police, Shri M. Rajesh Chandra, presented an in-depth report on the district’s law and order status through a PowerPoint presentation. He briefed the DGP on priority cases, crime investigation updates, public outreach programs, and the ongoing efforts of the district police to address local challenges effectively.



Dr. Jitender conducted personal interactions with Circle Inspectors and Sub-Divisional Officers to understand the ground-level policing situation. He reviewed major cases and discussed strategies for prevention, particularly focusing on property crimes and habitual offenders. Highlighting the need for community-centric policing, the DGP remarked, “The core objective of policing is to instill a sense of safety and security among the public. Peaceful commu-

nities are built when people trust the police and feel protected.” He advised officers to intensify surveillance, act on real-time intelligence, and ensure impartial investigations to boost public confidence. Emphasis was also laid on adopting crime prevention strategies and strengthening victim support mechanisms. Dr. Jitender lauded the efforts of the Highway Authority and the Transport Department for their support in reducing road accidents and spreading awareness about traffic rules and cyber safety. The review meeting was attended by Multi-Zone IGP S. Chandrasekhar Reddy, District SP M. Rajesh Chandra, Assistant SP P. Chaitanya Reddy, and other senior officers. District Collector Ashish Sangwan and Nizamabad Police Commissioner P. Sai Chaitanya also interacted with the DGP during his visit.

Bhoo Bharati to restore justice in land rights

Indiramma housing will cover every deserving poor family



TPN Correspondent | Karimnagar

Minister Sridhar Babu emphasized the Telangana government's renewed focus on irrigation, land reforms, and farmer welfare while addressing the United Karimnagar District review meeting. He directed district officials to act swiftly on unresolved matters and ensure that the benefits of government schemes reach every eligible citizen. Recalling the legacy of irrigation projects, Sridhar Babu said, "During the Jayachandrababu Naidu era, lakhs of acres were brought under irrigation. Today, our government is committed to completing all pending irrigation projects to ensure continued agricultural growth." He noted that despite restrictions from the Central Dam Safety Authority on lifting water from Kaleshwaram, Telangana has continued to excel in paddy production. "Ninety-four percent of the

paddy has already been procured. I have instructed officials to speed up procurement of the remaining stock," he said. He reassured farmers affected by unseasonal rains, stating that the government stands firmly behind them. "Do not lose hope. We will ensure full support for your recovery and rebuilding process." Taking aim at the disarray in the revenue system left by the previous regime, Sridhar Babu said that the introduction of the Bhoo Bharati portal is a significant step towards land justice. "Land that was taken through fear or influence will be restored to rightful owners," he asserted. On the housing front, he reiterated the government's determination to fulfill its promises under the Indiramma Housing Scheme. "Every deserving poor family will receive a house. There's no need for concern. The scheme will be implemented without discrimination," the Minister said. In conclusion, Sridhar Babu directed officials to develop a clear action roadmap for every issue discussed during the review meeting. "We must focus on timely implementation and ensure that our actions result in measurable outcomes," he added, urging accountability and urgency in administration.

We Don't Need Kavitha, Expose Those Ghosts: Kiran Kumar Reddy

TPN Correspondent | Telangana

Congress MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy has launched a direct and sharp attack on both the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS), accusing them of entering into a secret pact to shield MLC Kalvakuntla Kavitha in the Delhi liquor scam. He declared that Congress has no need for Kavitha and demanded she expose the "ghosts" behind the massive public loot during BRS's decade-long rule. In a video statement released on Thursday, Kiran Kumar Reddy said, "It is now evident that there is a covert alliance between the BJP and BRS. This political drama is being staged to protect Kavitha from the liquor scam investigation." He alleged that BRS pawned Telangana's self-respect by backing BJP during the recent MLC elections, which in turn helped BJP win eight MP seats in the state. Highlighting Kavitha's recent cryptic remarks, Kiran Kumar Reddy threw a challenge: "If Kavitha is honest, let her name the 'ghosts' who looted public money. Mere letters and speeches won't help. People want truth, accountability." He further demanded that Kavitha cooperate with investigating agencies and name everyone involved in corruption during the BRS regime. Criticizing KCR's governance, Reddy said, "A state with a surplus budget was pushed into a debt of ₹8 lakh crore by KCR's government. This is the legacy of the so-called 'only leader' that Kavitha refers to." The Congress MP clarified that there's no leadership vacuum in the Congress, and reiterated, "We don't need Kavitha. Her political future depends on truth, not on posturing." Kiran Kumar Reddy's remarks have intensified the political heat in Telangana, as the alleged BRS-BJP nexus becomes a central point of attack for the Congress in its run-up to future political battles.



Govt Land Must Be Reclaimed, Indiramma Houses Allotted Transparently

Govt lands encroached via Bhu Bharati must be taken back Only 136 houses given earlier in Karimnagar, says Ponnam

TPN Correspondent | Karimnagar

Ministers Ponnam Prabhakar, Uttam Kumar Reddy, and Sridhar Babu conducted a key review meeting at the Karimnagar District Collectorate on Thursday, focusing on paddy procurement, Indiramma housing, the Bhoo Bharati land record system, and monsoon crop preparedness. Collectors from Sirisilla, Karimnagar, and Peddapalli districts attended along with MLAs and other officials. Civil Supplies Minister Ponnam Prabhakar instructed that the procurement of paddy should proceed smoothly without any cuts under the pretext of "Talu Tema." He warned that any such malpractice would not be tolerated. On irrigation projects, he announced that work on Kalikota Suramma, Rondla Vagu, Gauravelli, and the FF-3 canal would be prioritized to ensure water availability for agriculture.

Ponnam was particularly critical of the previous government's performance in the

housing sector, stating that only 136 houses were distributed in Karimnagar district under the earlier administration. He demanded a transparent and unbiased selection of Indiramma house beneficiaries in all 119 constituencies, calling the current government's approach a corrective step. The minister also issued a clear directive to district collectors to reclaim government land that had been encroached upon through manipulation in the Bhoo Bharati system. He insisted that these lands be repurposed strictly for public use and government projects. Stressing the need for transparent governance, Ponnam said officials should ensure every welfare scheme is implemented with full accountability and clarity. In a significant move for higher education, the minister announced that Engineering and Law Colleges have been sanctioned to Satavahana University, which will benefit students across the region.



He concluded by urging the administration to prepare for the upcoming monsoon by ensuring timely seed availability, irrigation readiness, and agricultural support for farmers.

KCR's Gurukuls Delivered Results, Revanth Reddy Misleading People



TPN Correspondent | Telangana

Former Minister and MLA Sabitha Indra Reddy, along with MLC Surabhi Vani Devi, strongly countered the recent statements made by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy on the state of Gurukuls and the education system, accusing him of spreading lies and undermining the efforts made during KCR's regime. Addressing a press conference at Telangana Bhavan, the leaders lauded the performance of students from Gurukuls and presented statistics to defend the achievements under the previous government. They pointed out that during the ten-year rule of former CM K. Chandrashekar Rao, over 6,052 students from the state's

social welfare Gurukuls had secured ranks in prestigious institutions like IITs, IIMs, and MBBS programs. "Revanth Reddy lied blatantly in his event yesterday by claiming that KCR did nothing for Gurukuls. Ironically, the same successful students produced by KCR's Gurukuls were showcased at his programme," Sabitha said. She credited the "systematic efforts" and "personal supervision" during KCR's tenure for the impressive performance of the students. "Revanth is only good at criticizing but not at governing. Gurukuls flourished due to vision, planning, and dedicated care during KCR's rule," she asserted, adding that several new Gurukul colleges were established during that period.

The BRS leaders also responded to Revanth's comments on integrated schools. "We never opposed integrated schools, but what's happening today is nothing but a gimmick. Revanth only talks, but there is no groundwork. Not even ₹2,000 crore has been released out of the ₹20,000 crore promised. What's the clarity on student intake, facilities, or even the fate of existing residential schools?" they questioned. They accused the Congress-led government of a hidden agenda to close existing government and residential schools, pointing to the closure of 2,000 schools already. "Even the job appointment papers Revanth claims credit for are from notifications issued under KCR's

tenure. The Education Commission formed one year ago has no achievements. On top of that, funds for Gurukuls have been slashed and the infrastructure is worsening," said Sabitha. MLC Surabhi Vani Devi expressed deep concern over the conditions in schools and lack of attention from the government. "The situation in Mandal and Zilla Parishad schools is dire. There are no proper reviews of the education system. One integrated school per constituency is not enough. The government must focus on teacher recruitment and improving facilities," she said. She also questioned the practicality of expecting students to wash toilets in the name of discipline, and criticized the lack of budget release. "Is it fair for a top official to say such things? It's cruel. How can students focus on studies without basic facilities?" she asked. The leaders demanded the release of arrears under fee reimbursement, the resumption of overseas scholarships, and full implementation of schemes like Mana Ooru Mana Badi. "Revanth Reddy should focus on competing with KCR in delivering results—not in blaming him for everything," they concluded.

Harish Rao can join BJP anytime—it won't be surprising

TPN Correspondent | Telangana

Congress leader Sama Rammohan Reddy launched a scathing attack on the BRS party, calling out what he described as their baseless and fabricated statements regarding Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's travel to Delhi. "They are talking nonsense, claiming that the CM is buying a motorboat to go to Delhi. This is a blatant lie," Rammohan Reddy said. He criticized the BRS for misleading the public and claimed the party has become irrelevant and delusional. "The days have come when the BRS party, which survives on lies and foolishness, is now floating in the air with no direction," he remarked. Dismissing the allegations, he clarified that Revanth Reddy



has been setting an example by traveling in economy class despite having access to a special flight. "The CM only used a special flight when it was absolutely necessary. Otherwise, he travels like a common man," he added. Sama Rammohan Reddy also

reminded people of former CM KCR's record, stating, "KCR has a history of using special flights extensively—not just within the country but even abroad." He further intensified his attack by accusing BRS of looting public funds. "It's the BRS, not Congress, that has the history of us-

ing Telangana's stolen money for luxuries like motorboats," he said. Rammohan Reddy also lauded MLC Kavitha for exposing what he called the "unholy nexus between BJP and BRS." He alleged that BRS supported the BJP in the recent MLC elections, saying, "BRS made BJP win, and now Kavitha has come out in what looks like a knockout match." Taking a dig at senior BRS leader Harish Rao, he concluded, "Harish Rao can join BJP anytime—it won't be surprising." The remarks signal a further intensification of the Congress-BRS rivalry, particularly as accusations over collusion with BJP and misuse of public funds dominate the political discourse in Telangana.

Justice AK Singh Recommended as Next Telangana HC Chief Justice

- Will replace Justice Alok Aradhe, who was transferred to Bombay HC
- Currently serving as Chief Justice of Tripura High Court
- Comes from a distinguished legal lineage

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The Supreme Court Collegium has recommended Justice Aparajit Kumar Singh (AK Singh) as the next Chief Justice of the Telangana High Court, filling the vacancy created after Justice Alok Aradhe's transfer to the Bombay High Court in January this year.

Justice Singh, presently serving as the Chief Justice of the Tripura High Court, is expected to assume charge in Telangana following formal clearance by the central government. The recommendation was made during the Colle-

gium's meeting held on May 26, which finalized key decisions regarding the appointments and transfers of 34 judges across various high courts. The Collegium is headed by Chief Justice of India B.R. Gavai.

A native of Jharkhand, Justice Singh's parent high court is the Jharkhand High Court. He was born on July 7, 1965, to Dr. Ramgopal Singh and Dr. Shraddha Singh, and belongs to a family deeply rooted in the Indian judiciary. His maternal great-grandfather, Justice B. Sinha, was the

sixth Chief Justice of India. His grandfather, Shambhuprasad Singh, was the acting Chief Justice of the Patna High Court. He is also the nephew of Justices Bishweshwar Prasad Singh and Shivakirti Singh, both of whom served in the Supreme Court.

Justice Singh holds a BA (Hons) and LLB from Delhi University. He began his legal career in 1990 at the Patna High Court, later moving to the Jharkhand High Court. He was elevated as an additional judge of the Jharkhand High Court on January 24, 2012, and

became a permanent judge on January 16, 2014.

He also served as the Acting Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court from December 20, 2022, to February 19, 2023, before being elevated as the Chief Justice of Tripura High Court on April 17, 2023. Justice Singh is known for his deep expertise in constitutional, civil, criminal, service, arbitration, and labour laws. His appointment is expected to bring both administrative depth and judicial acumen to the Telangana High Court.



Hyderabad Police Launch Zonal Cyber Cells to Tackle Surge in Cybercrime

- ZCCs launched across all seven zones for faster local response
- Cybercrime in Hyderabad increased by 786% between 2015 and 2024
- Public urged to report incidents via helpline 1930 or nearby police station

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In a major step to combat the rising threat of cybercrime, the Hyderabad City Police has launched Zonal Cyber Cells (ZCCs) across all seven police zones in the city. This initiative, aimed at enhancing the city's cybercrime response, is set to deliver faster, localized, and more efficient investigation and redressal of digital frauds.

The formation of these Zonal Cyber Cells comes amid a staggering 786% increase in reported cybercrime cases over the past nine years. As per police data, the number of reported cases has surged from 351 in 2015 to 3,111 in 2024. The sharpest spike was recorded during 2019-2020 when cases more than doubled, likely due to increased online activity during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Cybercrime Trends in Hyderabad (2015–2024):

- 2015: 351 cases
- 2020: 2,550 cases (83% increase from 2019)
- 2024: 3,111 cases (4.26% rise from 2023)

This rising trend reflects both the growing occurrence of cyber offenses and increased public awareness



encouraging more victims to come forward. To match this growing challenge, the Cyber Crime Police Station (CCPS), originally established in January 2010, underwent a major reorganization in April 2023. From an initial staff of 40, it now comprises 147 personnel including a DCP, Additional DCP, ACPs, and a significantly expanded team of inspectors and constables.

The newly formed Zonal Cyber Cells will focus on quick, localized handling of cybercrime cases, especially financial frauds and social media-related offenses. Their primary goals are:

- Swift registration and investigation of cyber complaints
- Improved detection and resolution timelines
- Better coordination in refund facili-

tation for financial fraud victims

Each complaint registered through the 1930 Cyber Crime Helpline or the nearest police station will now be routed through the National Cyber-crime Reporting Portal (NCRP) to the concerned ZCC for timely action. Senior officers have been instrumental in bringing this initiative to life. Sri Vishwa Prasad, IPS, Additional Commissioner of Police (Crimes), has played a crucial role through ongoing supervision. The effort was led on-ground by DCP Cyber Crimes Smt. D. Kavitha, supported by ACP R.G. Siva Maruthi and the dedicated CCPS staff. The Hyderabad City Police reaffirmed their commitment to making the city digitally safer and urged citizens to promptly report cybercrime through official channels.

TGSRTC MD VC Sajjanar Felicitates Civils Ranker Sai Shivani

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TGSRTC Managing Director VC Sajjanar congratulated and felicitated Sai Shivani, a native of Ittaboaya village in Warangal district, who secured the 11th rank in the prestigious Civil Services Examination. The felicitation ceremony took place on Thursday at Bus Bhavan in Hyderabad, where she was joined by her parents, Raju and Rajitha.

Hailing from a modest background, Sai Shivani has become a beacon of inspiration for many aspiring youth. Her maternal uncle, Prakash Rao, currently serves as a Divisional Manager in TGSRTC, and it was in this connection that Shivani and her family made a courtesy visit to the MD.

Sajjanar commended Shivani's

achievement, particularly highlighting her unique discipline in avoiding smartphones and social media throughout her preparation in today's digital age. He praised her perseverance, dedication, and the values that guided her success, calling her a role model for young aspirants across the state.

"Coming from a humble background and securing such a high rank without modern digital distractions is truly commendable. She is an inspiration to every young student dreaming of civil services," Sajjanar said. He also encouraged her to serve the nation with integrity and commitment in her future administrative responsibilities.

TGSRTC Executive Director Munishekar, Sircilla Divisional Manager



Prakash Rao, and several other officials attended the program, extending their warm wishes and appreciation to the young achiever.

Illegal Drug Manufacturing Busted in Telangana

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The Drugs Control Administration (DCA), Telangana, has intensified its crackdown on illegal drug operations with a series of raids in Medchal-Malkajgiri District and Hyderabad, leading to the seizure of unlicensed and misleading pharmaceutical products.

In a major operation on 28th May 2025, DCA officials, in coordination with the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO), Hyderabad Zone, raided Siflon Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd., Unit-I, situated in

the ALEAP Industrial Estate at Gajularamaram, Medchal-Malkajgiri District. Authorities uncovered the unauthorized manufacturing of veterinary drugs, including Albendazole Tablets 250mg (Bolos) and Albendazole Granules, without a valid drug licence.

A total of 537 kilograms of Albendazole Tablets and 986 kilograms of Albendazole Granules were seized during the raid, with the total value of confiscated goods estimated at ₹3 lakhs. Samples were lifted for further analysis. The team comprised Sri K. Prabhakar

(Assistant Director, Quthbullapur), Sri I. Srikanth (Drugs Inspector, Gajularamaram), and CDSCO officials Sri K. Naveen Reddy and Sri M. Vikram.

The DCA confirmed that manufacturing drugs without a valid licence violates the Drugs and Cosmetics Act and may attract imprisonment of up to five years. The act also stresses that veterinary drugs made without regulatory oversight pose serious risks to animal health.

In a separate raid the same day, DCA officers from the Secunderabad Zone

searched Sri Venkateshwara Medi Promoters, located in SBI Officers Colony, Moosarambagh, Malakpet, Hyderabad. They found and seized stocks of formulations being illegally marketed under the name "Biovus Pharma" without a drug licence. The seized stock was valued at ₹52,737.

Additionally, another operation conducted in Kukatpally, Medchal-Malkajgiri District, led to the seizure of a misleading Ayurvedic product named "Heamaadri Artho Care Pain Oil." The product was found to falsely claim treatment for Rheumatoid Arthritis, which is prohibited under the Drugs and Magic Remedies (Objectionable

Advertisements) Act. Officials stated that further investigations are underway, and legal action will follow against all individuals and firms involved in these violations. The DCA urged consumers and medical professionals to remain vigilant and report suspicious drug activities.



Government to Launch Indiramma Amrutham Scheme to Fight Anaemia in Girls

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The Telangana government will launch the Indiramma Amrutham Scheme on Thursday, May 28, aimed at combating anaemia among adolescent girls. With the tagline "Let's empower girls.. Let's build a healthy Telangana," the scheme focuses on improving girls' health through nutrition.



Targeting girls aged 14 to 18, the scheme will provide nutritious food daily via Anganwadi centres. Under the pilot phase, it will be implemented in three districts with high anaemia rates — Bhadradri Kothagudem, Komuram Bheem Asifabad, and Jayashankar Bhupalpally. Minister Seethakka will officially launch the scheme in Bhadradri Kothagudem.

Each girl will receive 30 chikkis per month in two instalments. Each chikki is packed with 600 calories, 18 to 20 grams of protein, and essential micro-nutrients to help address nutritional deficiencies.

The decision follows the National Family Health Survey-5, which revealed that 64.7% of adolescent girls in Telangana suffer from anaemia. Officials noted that while iron and folic acid tablets are already provided after Hb testing, this new nutritional intervention aims to make a significant difference in preventing anaemia.

Minister Seethakka expressed confidence that the Indiramma Amrutham scheme would be a game-changer for girls' health. She added that after successful implementation in the three pilot districts, the scheme would be expanded statewide.

SCR Announces 16 Special Trains Between Secunderabad and Kakinada Town

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The South Central Railway (SCR) has announced the operation of 16 special trains running between Secunderabad and Kakinada Town to accommodate increased passenger demand during the summer season. These trains will run on selected Thursdays and Fridays from June 12 to August 1.

Train No. 07041 (Secunderabad to Kakinada Town) will depart at 10:40 pm on Thursdays and reach Kakinada Town at 10:45 am on Fridays. Scheduled running dates are June 12, 19, 26; and July 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31.

Train No. 07042 (Kakinada Town to Secunderabad) will leave at 6:55 am on Fridays and arrive at Secunderabad at 7:00 am on Saturdays. Scheduled dates are June 13, 20, 27; July 4, 11, 18, 25; and August 1.

The special trains will halt at important stations including Nalgonda, Miryalaguda, Sattenapalle, Guntur, Vijayawada, Eluru, Tadepalligudem, Rajahmundry, and Samalkot in both directions. The trains will offer First AC, AC II Tier, and AC III Tier coaches.

To handle the increased summer passenger rush, South Central Railway (SCR) has extended the operation of several special trains on different routes. Train number 07191 running from Kacheguda to Madurai on Mondays has been extended from June 9 to July 28. Similarly, train number 07192 from Madurai to Kacheguda on Wednesdays will run from June 11 to July 30. The special train 07435 oper-



ating from Kacheguda to Nagercoil on Fridays has been extended from June 13 to July 11, while train number 07436 from Nagercoil to Kacheguda on Sundays will operate from June 15 to July 13. Additionally, train number 07419 running between Cherlapalli and Danapur on Saturdays has been extended from May 31 to June 28, and train number 07420 from Danapur to Cherlapalli on Mondays will be available from June 2 to June 30.

Due to ongoing track maintenance between Manmad and Parbhani stations in the Nanded Division, two trains have been partially cancelled. Train number 17254 running from Aurangabad to Guntur is cancelled between Aurangabad and Jalana stations from May 31 to September 20. Likewise, train number 17253 from Guntur to Aurangabad will be cancelled between Jalana and Aurangabad from May 30 to September 19. Passengers are advised to plan their travel accordingly and keep an eye on further updates or announcements from SCR.

Sprouted Paddy Sparks Farmer Outrage in Tandur

- 5000 quintals of paddy left unattended at Mukundapur IKP Centre
- Rains destroy harvested grain due to government’s inaction
- Farmers demand accountability and urgent redressal

TPN Correspondent | Vikarabad
Serious concerns have erupted among paddy farmers in Tandur constituency of Vikarabad district after harvested rice at a government procurement centre was left to rot. Due to government negligence, over 5000 quintals of paddy have sprouted at the Mukundapur IKP Centre in Yalal Mandal, causing severe losses to the farmers who have waited over a month for their produce to be moved. The procurement centre was set up a month ago with the intention of buying paddy from local farmers. However, due to a lack of basic infrastructure like

weighing facilities, the procured paddy was never moved from the centre. As a result, when untimely rains hit the region, the uncovered and unprotected grain began to sprout, leaving farmers with no compensation and no answers. Visibly distressed farmers voiced their frustration. “Our entire crop has gone to waste. It’s been a month and the government hasn’t even weighed the paddy. Who will buy this sprouted grain now?” questioned one of the affected farmers. Another farmer added, “We trusted the government centres and brought our harvest

here. But now, we are left with nothing but rotting grain and false promises.” The incident has triggered demands for accountability and compensation from the state government. With monsoon approaching and more crops at risk, farmers in the region are urging immediate steps to be taken to clear the backlog, improve procurement operations, and provide relief to the affected. If prompt action is not taken, the consequences could extend beyond Mukundapur, impacting the trust of farmers across Telangana.



Bhatti Vikramarka's Key Directions at Khammam Review Meet

- Grand celebrations for Telangana Formation Day on June 2
- Highlight government schemes, cultural events, and development work
- Ensure Indiramma houses reach all beneficiaries with no room for delay

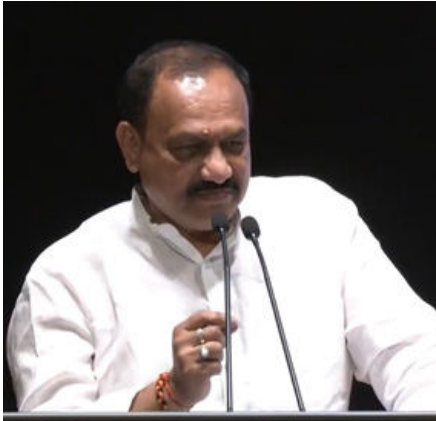
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Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka addressed a key review meeting with district officials at the Khammam Collectorate, where he gave clear instructions to ensure the effective implementation of government schemes and upcoming events. He emphasized that June 2nd Telangana State Formation Day should be celebrated with grandeur across all Assembly constituency centers. He directed officials to organize cultural events and awareness programs that highlight the development initiatives and welfare schemes of the Congress-led government. “From procurement to housing, every major stride taken by this government must be communicated to the people,” he stressed. Highlighting a major agricultural milestone, Vikramarka said, “The Telangana government has purchased 65 lakh metric tons of grain this season — a record surpassing even the days of united Andhra Pradesh — without causing any trouble to farmers.” He praised Khammam, Bhadradri, and Kothagudem districts for their leadership in procurement efforts and added that grain payments, along with bonuses for fine grain, were cleared within a week of procurement. The Deputy CM lauded the state’s historic housing initiative, saying that the decision to provide ₹5 lakh per unit to the poor and construct 3,500 houses per Assembly constituency marks a revolutionary step. “Unlike the previous regime



that waited 10 years to give double bedroom houses, the Congress government acted swiftly by allocating ₹22,500 crore to construct 4.5 lakh Indiramma houses,” he said, urging officials to ensure proper implementation without negligence. He issued a stern warning regarding fake seeds, stating that not even a mention of them should arise this season. “There should be a sense of fear among those dealing with fake seeds. The government has ensured ample stock of quality seeds and fertilizers for the monsoon season,” he assured. Taking a dig at the previous government,

Vikramarka criticized the BRS for introducing the Dharani portal, claiming it removed legitimate land rights. “We have thrown the Dharani Act into the Bay of Bengal and brought in the farmer-friendly Bhu Bharati Act,” he said. He instructed officials to organize a large-scale program after June 3 in Mulugumadu, Errupalem mandal, which has been selected as the pilot for Bhu Bharati’s implementation. On the administrative front, he noted that the previous BRS government left all departments in disarray. “It is now the responsibility of the administration to bring those departments back on track,” he said. The Deputy CM emphasized that the Congress government is focusing strongly on welfare, agriculture, irrigation, education, revenue, and health sectors. Vikramarka instructed the Health Department to remain alert for seasonal diseases, to ensure all Primary Health Centres and District Hospitals are well stocked with medicines, and assured that there is no dearth of funds for any public health or disaster-prevention measures. “The government is releasing funds regularly for medicines under Aarogyasri and government hospitals,” he said. Concluding the meeting, he warned officials against indifference. “Take the government’s goals to the people. If authorities act carelessly, they will be held accountable,” he cautioned.

Mahesh Kumar Goud Slams Centre’s Weak Response to Pakistan



TPN Correspondent | Medchal
TPCC President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud strongly criticized the central government’s response to the recent Pahalgam terror attack and praised Indian soldiers for their fearless commitment in safeguarding the nation. He paid rich tributes to the armed forces and invoked historical examples of courage and leadership that shaped the nation’s destiny. “Salute to the Indian soldiers who showcased unmatched bravery in fighting Pakistan,” Goud said, highlighting their daring operations conducted inside enemy territory to eliminate terror camps. He described these actions as truly inspirational and a symbol of national pride. Referring to the Pahalgam incident, Goud said it reminded the country of the resolute leadership shown by former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. “When Pakistan challenged India’s sovereignty, it was Indira Gandhi who responded

ed with strength, leading to the creation of Bangladesh,” he recalled. He pointed out that even BJP stalwart Atal Bihari Vajpayee once hailed Indira Gandhi as the “Iron Lady” in Parliament, recognizing her decisive actions during a critical period in India’s history. Contrasting past and present leadership, Goud expressed disappointment in the current Prime Minister’s failure to take a firm stand against Pakistan. “Today’s leadership has fallen short. The Prime Minister has taken a step back in giving a befitting reply to Pakistan over the Pahalgam incident,” he remarked. Goud also criticized the government for allegedly succumbing to foreign pressure. “The Centre agreed to a ceasefire just on the suggestion of then US President Donald Trump — a clear sign of weak leadership,” he said. Taking aim at BJP’s political strategy, he said, “Unable to defend their failures, BJP leaders are resorting to targeting Rahul Gandhi.” Goud affirmed that under the guidance of Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi and Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge, the Congress party has launched the ‘Jai Hind Yatra’ to inspire patriotism and solidarity. “Jai Jawan! Salute to our brave soldiers,” Goud concluded, reiterating Congress’ commitment to national security and honoring the sacrifices of Indian troops.

YouTuber Sunny Yadav Arrested for Promoting Betting Apps

- Arrested at Chennai airport after Pakistan bike tour
- Complaint filed by TGRTC MD Sajjanar on social media
- Case registered under multiple sections including IT Act violations

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Popular YouTuber Bhaiya Sunny Yadav was arrested by police at Chennai airport upon his return from a bike tour in Pakistan, in connection with a case filed for allegedly promoting illegal online betting apps. The arrest was made based on a complaint by TGRTC MD VC Sajjanar, who flagged the issue via social media. Sunny Yadav, whose real name is Bhaiya Sandeep, had posted a status on social media about his return to India, following which police detained him at the airport. The arrest follows a case filed at the Nutankal Police Station in the Suryapet Commissionerate, based on allegations that he actively promoted betting apps across his Telegram, Instagram, YouTube, and Facebook accounts. The FIR lists several serious charges, including violations under Sections 111(2), 318(4), 46 r/w 61(2) of the BNS, Sections 3 and 4 of the Telangana Gaming Act (TSGA), and Sections 66-C and 66-D of the IT Act (2000–2008). VC Sajjanar, who has been vocal against the spread of gambling and its harmful impact on youth, accused Sunny Yadav of misleading his audience and influencing young viewers by associating with online betting plat-

forms. “He used his popularity to promote illegal apps, which could destroy young lives,” Sajjanar noted in his social media complaint. Sunny Yadav has garnered a substantial following on YouTube through his adventure and bike travel content. However, officials allege that his recent involvement with betting app operators was an attempt to exploit his viewership for financial gain. The police are continuing their investigation, and further details are expected to be revealed soon.



Jurala Reservoir Sees Rare May Flood, 10 Gates Lifted

TPN Correspondent | Gadwal

Amid unseasonal heavy rains, the Jurala reservoir in Jogulamba Gadwal district has been receiving a massive inflow of floodwaters. In response, officials have lifted 10 gates of the reservoir, releasing water downstream—a move that locals say has not been seen in May in the past 18 years. Heavy rainfall in the Krishna basin regions of Maharashtra and Karnataka is cited as the primary cause of the sudden surge. On Thursday morning, the inflow to Jurala stood at 6,900 cusecs, but by noon, it skyrocketed to 80,000 cusecs. As of 3:00 PM, the water level in the reservoir reached 7.682

TMC, while the full storage capacity is 9.657 TMC. By 6:00 PM, the inflow slightly dropped to 66,000 cusecs. Authorities, on high alert, initiated water discharge by lifting the gates to manage the unexpected volume. With floodwaters still pouring in from Ujjain Dam and nearby areas in Maharashtra due to continuing rains, officials forecast that the inflow could reach one lakh cusecs by Thursday night. Local residents and irrigation officials alike are closely monitoring the situation as this rare event in the month of May raises concern across downstream areas.

BRS Leader Vinod Rejects Kavitha’s Claims of BJP Merger

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

In the latest political stir within the BRS party, senior leader and former MP Boinapalli Vinod Kumar strongly refuted former MP Kavitha’s allegations that she attempted to merge the BRS with the BJP. Vinod described Kavitha’s claims as baseless, stating the party has never formed an alliance with the BJP and continues to have no such plans. Speaking on the ongoing controversy, Vinod remarked that political turmoil is natural in all parties and cited examples from other political families such as the Karunanidhi clan. He expressed surprise at the depth of Kavitha’s grievances but assured that the issues would be resolved soon.



Vinod highlighted BRS’s history of collaborations, pointing out that the party has previously allied with the TDP, Congress, and Left parties, but not the BJP. He questioned how the party could be accused of merger talks or face show cause notices on mere “chit chat” without any formal moves. He mentioned ongoing internal discussions and expressed hope to personally engage with Kavitha to address the concerns and restore harmony within the party ranks. The controversy has created ripples in Telangana’s political landscape, but party leaders like Vinod are urging calm and unity as they work to settle differences internally.

Pakistan’s Crypto Craze: A Risky Gamble Amid Energy Crisis and Security Concerns

Pakistan is rapidly pushing to become South Asia’s crypto hub, despite deep-rooted challenges in its energy and financial sectors. After years of uncertainty around cryptocurrencies, the government established the Pakistan Crypto Council (PCC) in March 2025 to regulate and promote digital assets. Just weeks later, the PCC signed a major deal with World Liberty Financial, a crypto firm partly owned by the US President’s family, sparking global attention amid regional tensions.

The government justifies this move by claiming Pakistan has an “energy surplus” that can power Bitcoin mining and AI data centers, turning unused electricity into wealth. However, this notion is misleading. Pakistan’s power sector faces serious inefficiencies: outdated infrastructure, transmission losses, and a mismatch between electricity production and delivery. Despite a recorded surplus, the country experienced a 6,000 MW shortfall in late 2023, leading to widespread blackouts and a \$7 billion annual energy import bill. Diverting electrici-



ty to energy-intensive crypto mining without fixing the grid could worsen power outages for households and industries already struggling. While Pakistan has untapped solar and wind potential, renewable energy remains a tiny fraction of the grid due to poor planning and weak policies. Betting on renewables to fuel crypto farms, when millions lack reliable power, is unrealistic and risky.

Equally concerning are the financial risks of embracing cryptocurrencies in a country known for opaque financing and past terrorist funding allegations. Crypto’s anonymous, decentralized nature makes it vulnerable to misuse, bypassing traditional financial controls. This raises alarms given Pakistan’s history with money laundering and its greylisting by the Financial Action Task Force. Unlike cautious neighbors like India, Pakistan’s hasty crypto push risks deepening its energy woes and complicating financial oversight. Without strengthening its energy infrastructure and regulatory framework, the crypto obsession may invite a crisis rather than prosperity.

Rebooting India: The Urgent Need to Overcome Polarisation and Embrace Harmony



Over the past decade, India’s political discourse has shifted dramatically, moving away from reasoned debate to appeals based on raw emotion and instinct. This transformation threatens the very foundations of India’s democracy. Once celebrated for integrating diverse civilisational milestones into a modern identity, India now risks losing this legacy as emotional manipulation increasingly replaces rational discussion.

A vibrant democracy relies on informed debate, evidence-based policies, and institutions that operate with fairness and consistency. Yet, many political leaders—especially from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)—have resorted to polarising rhetoric aimed at stirring fear, anger, and resentment. This approach deepens social divisions, erodes trust in democratic institutions like the judiciary and the press, and transforms political opponents into enemies rather than fellow citizens with differing views.

This emotionally charged narrative is often used to consolidate the majority vote, particularly in regions with significant minority populations. It also

masks underlying issues such as caste discrimination within the majority community. Rooted in the ideological worldview of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), divisive themes like “love jihad” and cow protection are promoted as cultural battles devoid of evidence.

Unfortunately, much of the media, expected to act as a watchdog, has become complicit, amplifying polarising rhetoric and allowing leaders to dominate news cycles while sidelining pressing issues like unemployment and corruption. Such emotional appeals help demagogues maintain power by suppressing dissent and undermining accountability, prioritising spectacle over governance.

India’s leadership must instead strive to unite and clarify, not divide and provoke. While emotion plays a role in politics, its irresponsible use weakens democracy’s core. To survive and thrive, India must reject hatred and recommit to its foundational values of pluralism, secularism, and tolerance. Only by embracing harmony can India safeguard its unity, stability, and future prosperity.



Turkey: Distrusted Yet Indispensable in Regional Diplomacy

Turkey’s diplomacy is famously “bazaar” — bargain-driven and pragmatic, making it a challenging but necessary partner on the world stage. Despite growing Indian mistrust due to Turkey’s political and military support for Pakistan, particularly after the Pahalgam terror attack, India continues to engage with Ankara cautiously, recognizing Turkey’s strategic regional influence.

Since India’s independence, the two nations operated in different spheres: India pursued nonalignment, while Turkey aligned with US-led alliances. Under President Turgut Özal in the 1980s, Turkey sought closer ties with India, a process that saw promising early engagement. Leaders like Erdogan and Abdullah Gul once showed openness to fostering better relations. However, tensions escalated after Erdogan’s 2019 UN speech criticizing India’s revocation of Article 370. This led India to postpone a planned visit by Prime Minister Modi and issue diplomatic protests over Erdogan’s repeated comments supporting Pakistan on Kashmir.

Turkey under Erdogan has become a key player in West Asia, balancing its NATO membership with strong ties to Russia. Ankara’s control over the Bosphorus Strait gives it leverage in the Russia-Ukraine conflict, while its assertive policies in Syria,

Central Asia, and refugee issues reflect its “market-style” diplomacy: flexible, transactional, and often contradictory. Turkey’s military cooperation with Pakistan, including licensed production of F-16 jets, concerns India given the regional security implications.

Historically tied to Pakistan since the Khilafat Movement, Turkey’s support for Pakistan in Kashmir goes beyond mere solidarity, frequently amplifying anti-India rhetoric through OIC channels and media. Despite occasional diplomatic overtures, Turkey’s stance on Kashmir remains a major irritant.

India has responded by canceling Turkish contracts over national security concerns, reflecting worsening public sentiment. Nevertheless, Turkey’s diplomatic vulnerabilities—such as its occupation of Northern Cyprus, conflicts with Kurdish populations, and tensions with Greece—offer India diplomatic leverage. Strengthening ties with Turkey’s regional rivals like Greece and Armenia further balances this complex relationship. In sum, while Turkey is widely distrusted for its unpredictable and opportunistic diplomacy, it remains a critical regional player with whom India must engage carefully.

PM Modi Slams TMC Over Murshidabad Violence, Teacher Recruitment Scam in West Bengal

Lays foundation stone for city gas distribution project in Alipurduar

TPN Correspondent | Alipurduar

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a scathing attack on the Trinamool Congress (TMC) government during a rally in Alipurduar, West Bengal on Thursday, accusing it of fostering an environment of violence, corruption, and administrative failure. Referring to recent incidents of communal violence in Murshidabad and Malda, he described the state's situation as a grim reflection of the TMC's "cruelty and indifference" to the plight of its people.

"West Bengal is plagued by a series of crises under the 'nirmam sarkar'," Modi said, invoking the term for "cruel government" to describe the TMC administration. He asserted that the people of Bengal are now longing for change, tired of what he termed widespread misgovernance.

He highlighted five key areas of



crisis in the state. First, the unchecked violence and lawlessness that, according to him, are tearing apart the social fabric. Second, a growing sense of insecurity among women, exacerbated by rising crimes. Third, rising unemployment among the youth and diminishing op-

portunities for a better future. Fourth, he pointed to pervasive corruption, particularly in public services, that has eroded public trust. And fifth, the self-serving nature of the ruling party's politics, which he claimed deprives the poor of their entitlements.

Taking direct aim at the TMC over the teacher recruitment scam, Modi accused the party of ruining the lives of thousands of aspiring teachers through fraudulent practices. "This isn't just the destruction of careers. It is an attack on the very foundation of the education system," he said, adding that the TMC's continued deflection of blame onto the judiciary showed its unwillingness to accept responsibility.

The Prime Minister also criticized the West Bengal government for skipping the recent Niti Aayog meeting, accusing it of prioritizing political interests over developmental goals.

In closing, Modi said that the youth, the poor, and the middle class in Bengal are paying the price for the TMC's failures, and he expressed confidence that people across the state are ready for a change in governance.



Lies To Hide Massive Failures Kharge Slams Govt Over After India's 4th-Largest Economy' Feat

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge on Thursday launched a scathing attack on the BJP-led central government, accusing it of spreading "lies" about India's economic progress to cover up what he called "11 years of massive governance failures." His remarks came in response to recent claims that India has overtaken Japan to become the world's fourth-largest economy.

Taking to social media platform X, Kharge wrote, "The Modi government has made it a habit to spread lies about the economy to hide its gross failures! For 11 consecutive years, this incompetent government has been destroying every sector of the economy. The truth is here."

Kharge alleged that far from progressing, India under the BJP has suffered serious setbacks across key sectors, including agriculture, manufacturing, employment, and social welfare. He also criticized the government's handling of farmers' issues, claiming the promise to double their income remains unfulfilled. "Instead of prosperity, farmers had to face rubber bullets," he added.

On the issue of women's safety, Kharge said it is in "tatters," and alleged that minorities in India are increasingly marginalized under the current regime. "Their participation in society is being erased," he asserted.

Kharge's comments came just days after NITI Aayog CEO B.V.R. Subrahmanyam stated that India had officially become the fourth-largest economy in the world, surpassing Japan, according to IMF data. Subrahmanyam said India's economy had crossed the \$4 trillion mark and is now behind only the U.S., China, and Germany.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, speaking at a public rally in Gandhinagar, hailed the milestone but emphasized that the pressure is now greater to move up further. He reiterated his government's commitment to making India a "Viksit Bharat" (Developed India) by 2047, the centenary of independence.

However, Kharge dismissed the celebratory tone, asserting that the reality on the ground paints a different picture. He insisted that the government was using selective data and media narratives to distract from failures in governance, economic inequality, and social justice.

The political exchange underscores the deepening divide between the ruling BJP and the opposition Congress on how India's economic trajectory is perceived and presented.

'People In PoK Will Return To India Voluntarily Soon': Rajnath Singh

Emphasizes India's Strengthened Defence and Anti-Terrorism Strategy

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Thursday reiterated that the people of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) are an integral part of the Indian family and expressed optimism that the day is near when they will voluntarily rejoin India's mainstream. Speaking at the CII Business Summit, Singh emphasized India's redefined approach towards Pakistan, with a focused stance on combating terrorism and addressing the PoK issue through dialogue.

"I believe that the people of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir are our own, part of our family," Singh said. He acknowledged the deep emotional and cultural connection many PoK residents feel towards India, while noting that only a small number have been misled by political forces. Singh expressed confidence that those



geographically and politically separated from India will eventually hear their "voice of soul" and return.

Highlighting the government's vision, Singh stressed India's commitment to connecting hearts through "love, unity and truth," which he believes will

pave the way for PoK's reintegration. He conveyed a firm message to Pakistan that the business of terrorism is not sustainable and will come with a heavy cost — a reality that Islamabad now understands.

Singh also spotlighted India's growing prowess in domes-

tic defence manufacturing. He shared that India's defence exports, which were under Rs 1,000 crore a decade ago, have surged to a record Rs 23,500 crore today. This growth showcases the success of the Make-in-India initiative, which Singh described as vital for both national security and economic prosperity.

He cited Operation Sindoor as a testament to India's homegrown defence capabilities, where indigenous platforms and systems demonstrated their strength on the global stage. Singh further noted that India is not only producing fighter jets and missile systems but is also preparing for advanced new-age warfare technologies. With this approach, Singh painted a confident picture of India's future — both in terms of strategic security and the eventual peaceful resolution of the Kashmir issue.

Bangladesh Needs To Ascertain People's Mandate By Holding Free Elections Soon: India

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

India on Thursday emphasized its desire for a positive and constructive relationship with Bangladesh and called for "inclusive, fair and free elections" to be held in the country at the earliest. The comments from the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) came amid escalating political unrest in Bangladesh and tensions between New Delhi and Dhaka's interim government.

The unrest in Dhaka has intensified recently, with widespread protests by government employees and renewed demands from opposition parties to hold national elections by the end of this year. Amid these developments, reports emerged suggesting that Bangladesh's interim government chief, Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus, has attempted to pin the blame for the political turmoil on India.

Addressing these claims, MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal stated, "We want a positive and constructive relationship with Bangladesh, one that is anchored in meeting the aspirations and interests of people on both sides." He stressed that "Bangladesh needs to ascertain the will and mandate of the people by holding an inclusive, fair and free election at an early date."

When questioned about Yunus's alleged



anti-India comments, Jaiswal responded firmly, stating, "It is the responsibility of the government in power to address governance-related issues. When statements of this sort come, it seems like an attempt to deflect from internal challenges. Blaming others for domestic issues does not solve the problem."

India-Bangladesh ties have soured significantly since the ousting of former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, who fled to India in August 2024 following mass protests. The relationship further deteriorated after the interim government failed to curb rising violence against minorities—particularly Hindus—in Bangladesh, raising concerns in New Delhi.

India's latest remarks appear to be a calibrated diplomatic message to Dhaka, urging a return to democratic processes while defending itself against external blame for the crisis.

Elon Musk's Father Errol Musk To Visit Ayodhya Ram Temple

During India Trip to Promote Green Tech

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Errol Musk, father of Tesla and SpaceX CEO Elon Musk, is scheduled to visit India from June 1 to June 6 as part of a business and cultural engagement tour. During the five-day visit, he is set to attend high-level meetings focused on promoting green technology, electric vehicle infrastructure, and sustainable development. A key highlight of his trip will be a visit to the Ram Temple in Ayodhya, symbolizing his engagement with India's spiritual and cultural heritage.

According to a PTI report citing industry sources, Errol Musk will participate in a series of events organized by Servotech Power Systems, an Indian manufacturer of solar products and electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure. Musk is a member of the company's global advisory board and is expected to play a significant role in strengthening Servotech's global partnerships and



green technology ambitions.

Errol Musk will arrive in New Delhi on June 1. His itinerary includes meetings with Indian policymakers, business leaders, investors, and senior government officials. On June 2, he will participate in a major event organized by Servotech that will include interactions with central and state government representatives.

As part of his visit, he will tour Servotech's solar and EV charger manufacturing facility located in Safiabab, Haryana. State ministers and senior bureaucrats are

also expected to attend this event, which will highlight India's push to become a global hub for green technology and EV exports.

In a culturally significant move, Errol Musk will visit the Ram Janmabhoomi in Ayodhya to seek blessings from Shree Ram Lalla. The visit underscores his appreciation for India's rich spiritual traditions and comes amid growing international interest in India's heritage sites.

Additionally, on June 5, in observance of World Environment Day, Servotech will host a major tree plantation drive with Musk's participation, reinforcing the importance of sustainability and ecological responsibility.

Errol Musk is scheduled to depart for South Africa on June 6 after concluding his engagements in India. His visit is seen as a blend of business diplomacy, environmental advocacy, and cultural outreach.

"Russia Hoax": Trump Says NYT, Washington Post Will Have To Return Pulitzers



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U.S. President Donald Trump on Wednesday celebrated a major legal win after a Florida state appellate court rejected the Pulitzer Prize Board's attempt to delay a defamation lawsuit tied to the board's 2018 awards to The New York Times and The Washington Post. The lawsuit, filed by Trump in 2022, challenges the legitimacy of Pulitzer Prizes awarded for reporting on alleged Russian interference in the 2016 U.S. presidential election.

The appellate court ruled against the board's request to pause proceedings until the end of Trump's current presidential term, stating that the board failed to demonstrate any "constitutional conflicts" necessitating such a delay. The decision clears the way for the lawsuit to proceed without further postponement.

In response to the ruling, Trump took to his social media platform, Truth Social, calling the court's decision a "major WIN" in his ongoing campaign to discredit the media's reporting on the so-called "Russia, Russia, Russia Hoax."

"BREAKING! In a major WIN in our powerful lawsuit against the Pulitzer Prize Board regarding the illegal and defamatory 'Award'... the Florida Appellate Court viciously rejected the Defendants' corrupt attempt to halt the case," Trump wrote.

He accused The New York Times and The Washington Post of publishing "fake, malicious stories" and asserted that the 2018 Pulitzer Prizes were awarded for "totally incorrect reporting." Trump has long insisted that the narrative of Russian collusion was fabricated and politically motivated, despite multiple investigations that documented various interactions between Russian operatives and Trump campaign affiliates.

"They were awarded for false reporting, and we can't let that happen in the United States of America," Trump added. "We are holding the Fake News Media responsible for their LIES to the American People."

The lawsuit, filed in Okeechobee County, Florida, names board members and Pulitzer staff involved in awarding the prizes. It demands that the board revoke the honors granted to both newspapers, whose reporting extensively covered alleged Russian interference and ties between Trump campaign figures and Kremlin-linked individuals—including former national security advisor Michael Flynn and Donald Trump Jr. While Pulitzer officials have stood by their 2018 decision, this legal development represents a rare judicial advance for Trump in his campaign against what he frequently describes as "fake news." The case now moves forward in Florida courts, drawing renewed attention to long-contentious media coverage of the Trump presidency and its aftermath.



Mohammed Yunus calls for peace and cooperation amid rising conflicts in Asia

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Bangladesh's interim chief Mohamad Yunus highlighted the growing challenges to peace in Asia and beyond, warning that wars and man-made conflicts are devastating countless lives and livelihoods. Speaking at the 'Nikkei Forum: 30th Future of Asia' in Tokyo on Thursday, the Nobel laureate urged Asia to offer a "new moral compass" that prioritizes "peace over power, cooperation over competition, and sustainability over short-term gain."

Yunus's remarks come shortly after a controversial legal development in Bangladesh. The country's top court overturned the conviction of Jamaat-e-Islami leader ATM Azharul Islam, who had been sentenced to death for war crimes committed during Bangladesh's 1971 independence war against Pakistan. Islam was accused of orchestrating the killing of over 1,200 people and the abduction and rape of women during the conflict. The Jamaat-e-Islami party had supported Pakistan during the war, a history that still fuels anger among many Bangladeshis. Islam's conviction was originally secured under former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's government, which had banned Jamaat-e-Islami and cracked down on its leaders. After Hasina fled Bangladesh last year amid a student-led revolt that ended her 15-year rule and the banning of her Awami League party by the Yunus regime, Islam successfully appealed his conviction.

Russia Proposes Next Ukraine Peace Talks in Istanbul on June 2



TPN Correspondent | Balah

Russia has proposed holding the next round of direct peace talks with Ukraine in Istanbul on June 2, aiming to advance a sustainable settlement to the ongoing conflict, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov announced on May 28. This follows a stalled meeting on May 16, where no agreement was reached on a ceasefire, a key demand from Kyiv and its Western allies.

The May talks marked the first face-to-face negotiations since March 2022, shortly after Russia's military invasion of Ukraine, which sparked the bloodiest conflict in Europe since World War II. While Kyiv has yet to respond to Russia's new proposal, Moscow has reiterated that certain conditions must be met before agreeing to a ceasefire.

Lavrov expressed hope that all parties genuinely interested in peace would support the upcoming negotiations. "We hope that all those who are sincerely, and not just in words, interested in the success of the peace process will support holding a new round of direct Russian-Ukrainian negotiations in Istanbul," he said.

Russian President Vladimir Putin, af-

ter a phone call with U.S. President Donald Trump on May 19, confirmed Russia's readiness to collaborate with Ukraine on drafting a memorandum outlining a future peace agreement. This move aligns with ongoing international pressure, especially from the U.S., to end the devastating war.

Vladimir Medinsky, head of Russia's negotiation team, said on Telegram that he personally contacted Ukraine's Defence Minister Rustem Umerov to propose the date and venue for the next meeting. Medinsky emphasized that Russia is prepared to begin substantive discussions immediately on all key points of a potential ceasefire agreement once talks resume.

Additionally, Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova stated that both Russia and Ukraine would prepare their proposals detailing the modalities of settlement and ceasefire, which will be exchanged and discussed during the upcoming session.

As tensions remain high and the conflict drags on, all eyes will be on the Istanbul talks scheduled for June 2 to see if they can break the deadlock and bring the warring nations closer to peace.

Germany to Restrict Family Reunions and Tighten Citizenship Rules in Immigration Clampdown

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The German government has announced new measures to restrict family reunions for certain migrants and tighten citizenship requirements, fulfilling a key campaign promise by Chancellor Friedrich Merz. The conservative leader, who took office earlier this month, has made immigration control a central pillar of his administration's agenda.

Interior Minister Alexander Dobrindt revealed on May 28 that the suspension of family reunions will last for two years and primarily affect migrants under "subsidiary protection" status — those who do not have full refugee status. This move is intended to ease the burden on local councils responsible for housing and integrating newcomers. A similar freeze was implemented between 2016 and 2018 amid Europe's migration crisis.

Additionally, the government will roll back a citizenship reform introduced by the previous center-left administration of Chancellor Olaf Scholz. The earlier policy allowed some immigrants to apply for citizenship after just three years of residency if they demonstrated "particular success in integration." The new rule reinstates a minimum residency requirement of five years for naturalization.

Dobrindt emphasized that these steps are designed to reduce "pull factors" that encourage migrants to enter Germany through irregular channels.



The government is also focusing on stricter border controls, introduced earlier in May, aimed at turning back undocumented migrants, including asylum seekers. These tougher measures have drawn criticism from neighboring countries and human rights groups.

The far-right Alternative for Germany (AfD), which won over 20 percent of the vote in February's general election — its best-ever result — has long

campaigned for harsher immigration policies, including mass deportations. While critics accuse Merz of pandering to the AfD, he insists that controlling migration is necessary to counter the party's rising influence. Parliament is expected to approve these new restrictions before the summer recess in July. Dobrindt acknowledged the controversy but stated, "They are necessary to show clearly that we have changed course when it comes to migration."



Steps Down as Head of Trump's Department of Government Efficiency

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Elon Musk, the space and technology billionaire, has announced the end of his tenure as chief of the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), thanking US President Donald Trump for the opportunity to reduce wasteful government spending. Musk expressed confidence that the mission of DOGE would continue to strengthen and eventually become ingrained as a "way of life" within the government.

Musk's departure follows his first public criticism of Trump's administration, where he openly questioned the President's recent "big, beautiful" spending bill. Musk argued that while a bill might be "big" or "beautiful," it is unclear if it can be both, suggesting the legislation would increase the budget deficit and undermine the efforts of the DOGE team.

As the largest donor to Trump's 2024 election campaign, Musk had been a visible and active supporter, participating in pre-election events and standing firmly by Trump after he assumed office. Trump, in turn, praised Musk during his victory speech, calling him "a star is born."

During his time at DOGE, Musk sought out "super high-IQ small-government revolutionaries" willing to work extremely long hours tackling unglamorous cost-cutting tasks. The department aggressively downsized government payrolls, removing tens of thousands of employees and shuttering or downsizing several departments. However, Musk's approach led to clashes with other senior Trump officials.

By late April, Musk began scaling back his involvement, acknowledging that DOGE had become a "whipping boy" for broader dissatisfaction with the administration. He also admitted that not all his goals had been met. Complicating matters, a US District judge ruled that Musk must face a lawsuit accusing him of wielding illegal power as DOGE's head. Multiple legal challenges have aimed to restrict DOGE's access to sensitive government data. Meanwhile, Musk's attention has increasingly turned back to his businesses amid setbacks. Tesla faced arson attacks and falling share prices, SpaceX suffered mission failures including the recent Starship explosion over the Indian Ocean, and the social media platform X experienced a significant outage.

Markets End Higher Amid Volatility; Metal, Pharma and Realty Stocks Lead Recovery

Domestic stock markets closed with moderate gains today. Benchmark indices were volatile due to mixed signals from global markets and monthly expiry. After initially gaining, they reached an intraday low in the afternoon. Later, they regained their gains due to increased buying. Metal, realty, pharma and telecom shares contributed to this. Overall, Nifty rose by 81 and Sensex by 320 points.



The BSE Sensex, which closed at 81,312 in the previous session, opened at 81,591 on Thursday. It touched an intraday low of 81,106. It reached an intraday high of 81,816. It finally closed at 81,633 with a gain of 320 points. The NSE Nifty, which opened at 24,825, touched a low of 24,677 and a high of 24,896. It closed at 24,833, up 81 points. The Nifty Bank rose 129 points to settle at 55,546.

In the Nifty50, 36 companies gained and 13 lost. IndusInd Bank, Sun Pharma, Eternal, Adani Ports, Trent were the top gainers. HDFC, BEL, Tata Consumer, JioFin, Bajaj Finance were the biggest losers. India Vicks fell 8.86% to 16.42. Metal, realty, pharma, telecom, IT, finance, healthcare, auto, private bank, media and oil indices rose. FMCG and PSU banks fell slightly.

Market breadth turned in favor of buyers on NSE today. Out of a total of 2947 shares traded, 1510 gained and 1373 lost. 57 shares touched their 52-week high and 24 shares touched their 52-week low. 106 reached the upper circuit and 81 reached the lower circuit.

Lumax Auto Q4 net profit rose 32% to Rs.58.4 crore, revenue rose 49.6% to Rs.1133 crore. Engineering India Limited's net profit was Rs.279 crore and revenue was Rs.1010 crore. 13 lakh shares changed hands in Federal Bank. Bajaj Hindustan's net profit rose from Rs.91 crore to Rs.220 crore. Varuk Engineering's net profit fell 63% to Rs 21 crore. Wari Energies' US unit received an order of \$ 176 million. Ipca Labs' net profit rose 14% to Rs 68 crore from Rs 59 crore. Prostrom Infosystems' IPO was subscribed 48.4 times by noon on the third day. Atlas Cycles, Dugar Housing, MRC Agrotech, JLA Infra, and Rollatainers shares rose for 8 consecutive sessions. IRCTC shares surged as net profit rose 26%. 58 lakh shares changed hands in Shagility India.



DLF Ltd.

DLF stock showed mild strength amid realty sector support. With improved residential project launches and healthy booking numbers, investor sentiment remains positive. Technical charts suggest consolidation near upper resistance zones. Momentum may pick up if Nifty Realty remains firm.



Jindal Steel & Power Ltd.

(JINDALSTEL) Jindal Steel remained range-bound despite strength in metal indices. Exports outlook and pricing stability in steel continue to support the stock. Long-term investors are watching upcoming production capacity updates. Near-term resistance lies around ₹960, with support near ₹915.



Lloyds Metals & Energy

(LLOYDSME)



Lloyds Metals saw renewed buying interest after recent corrections. Market participants are optimistic about the company's expansion in sponge iron and pellet capac-

ity. The stock is trading above key moving averages, indicating potential for further gains if broader market supports.

Gulf Oil Lubricants

(GULFPETRO)

Gulf Petro showed marginal movement amid sector-wide consolidation. The company's recent performance has been stable, with focus on expanding its B2B lubricant market share. Investors await the next quarterly update for cues. The stock remains in a medium-term accumulation zone.



Castrol India (CASTROLIND)



Castrol India remained stable after posting strong quarterly results with margin improvements. Rising crude oil volatility may impact costs, but Castrol's brand loyalty and OEM tie-ups provide cushion. Analysts view dips as buying opportunities with a near-term target of ₹180.

India Set to Remain Fastest Growing Major Economy in FY26, Says RBI



The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has projected that India will continue to be the fastest growing major economy globally in the fiscal year 2025-26. In its latest annual report released on May 29, 2025, the central bank highlighted the country's strong macroeconomic fundamentals, resilient financial sector, and focus on sustainable growth as key drivers underpinning this growth momentum.

The RBI pointed out that a benign inflation outlook combined with a slight moderation in GDP expansion calls for monetary policies that remain supportive of growth. Despite several global uncertainties—including geopolitical tensions, trade fragmentation, climate-induced disruptions, and financial market volatility—the Indian economy is expected to maintain robust performance.

On the inflation front, the central bank noted positive factors such as easing supply-chain pressures, softening global commodity prices, and the prospects of an above-normal southwest monsoon boosting agricultural output. These elements collectively contribute to a favorable inflation outlook and increased confidence in maintaining headline inflation near the 4% target over the next year.

The report also cautioned about potential volatility in financial markets arising from shifts in tariff policies. While inward-looking trade policies and tariff wars could pose challenges to exports, the RBI expressed optimism that ongoing and upcoming trade agreements would help mitigate these impacts. Furthermore, services exports and inward remittances are expected to keep the current account deficit at manageable levels.

In light of the evolving economic environment, the RBI emphasized the need for banks to manage both trading and banking book risks prudently, especially as net interest margins moderate. The central bank has already eased key policy rates in two consecutive reviews, signaling its commitment to fostering durable economic growth.

Overall, the RBI's outlook underscores India's resilience and ability to navigate global challenges while sustaining its position as a leading global growth engine in the coming fiscal year.

India's GDP Likely Grew 7% in Q4FY25, Full Year Growth Projected at 6.3%: ICICI Bank Report

India's economy is estimated to have grown by 7 percent year-on-year in the fourth quarter of the financial year 2024-25 (Q4FY25), according to a recent report by ICICI Bank. This robust growth in the final quarter reflects a stronger momentum in the second half of the fiscal year compared to the first half, driven primarily by increased government spending and a surge in rural demand.



The report highlights that overall GDP growth for the entire financial year FY25 is expected to settle at 6.3 percent. This marks a healthy expansion despite challenges faced earlier in the year. The acceleration in economic activity in H2FY25 was supported by several factors, including a rise in domestic travel, a boost in services exports, and steady construction activity.

One of the main contributors to this growth has been the increased rural demand, which was underpinned by strong agricultural production aided by a good monsoon. This improvement in rural incomes and consumption played a crucial role in driving the economy forward. While urban demand has remained relatively weak so far, the report suggests an anticipated improvement in this segment in the near future.

Government spending also played a pivotal role in sustaining the economic momentum. Increased fiscal outlays on infrastructure and

social schemes helped stimulate economic activity across sectors, contributing to the overall growth figures. Construction and allied sectors have remained resilient, further supporting the growth story.

The ICICI Bank report emphasizes that this balanced growth, led by both government intervention and a revival in rural consumption, bodes well for India's economic outlook. The pick-up in services exports and domestic travel further highlights the gradual recovery from the pandemic-induced disruptions.

In summary, the Indian economy's performance in Q4FY25 and the entire fiscal year reflects a steady recovery backed by rural demand, government spending, and improving services sectors, setting a positive tone for the upcoming fiscal year.

India Inc's Profit Growth Slows in Q4 Amid Economic Uncertainty

India's corporate sector experienced a slowdown in profit and sales growth in the fourth quarter of FY25, reflecting the challenges posed by an uncertain economic environment. Weak macroeconomic conditions and ongoing geopolitical tensions have created headwinds for businesses, impacting their overall performance.



According to an analysis by Bank of Baroda of the Q4 FY25 results of 1,787 companies listed on Indian stock exchanges, the aggregate profit after tax (PAT) grew by 9.2 percent compared to the same quarter last fiscal year. This marks a notable decline from the 12.6 percent growth recorded in Q4 FY24. In absolute terms, the combined net profit of these companies reached Rs 3.43 lakh crore, up from Rs 3.13 lakh crore in the quarter ended March 31, 2024.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) recently revised downward its real GDP growth forecast for FY26, lowering it to 6.5 percent from the earlier projection of 6.7 percent made in February 2025. This moderation in growth outlook is partly driven by the cautious business sentiment amid volatile global markets, trade uncertainties, and evolving geopolitical dynamics.

The slowdown in corporate earnings underscores the difficulties faced by Indian companies as they navigate an environment marked by in-

flationary pressures, supply chain disruptions, and shifts in international trade policies. These factors have constrained both revenue and margin expansion across sectors, leading to more cautious investment and hiring decisions.

While the overall economic outlook remains positive, with India expected to remain among the fastest-growing major economies, the corporate sector's subdued quarterly performance signals that risks persist. Businesses will need to adapt to ongoing global challenges while capitalizing on domestic demand to sustain growth momentum in the coming quarters.

In summary, India Inc's slower profit growth in Q4 FY25 highlights the impact of economic uncertainty on corporate performance, underscoring the need for resilient strategies in a shifting macroeconomic landscape.

The Secret Behind Kasturi: The Truth About Musk and Its Origins

Kasturi, or musk, has long been revered in the worlds of perfumery and traditional medicine for its intense, earthy fragrance and therapeutic properties. But few people truly know where this rare and valuable substance originates—and the hidden cost of its production.



Musk is derived from a small, oval-shaped gland located near the navel of adult male musk deer. This scent gland, typically measuring between 3 and 7.5 cm in length and 2.5 to 5 cm in width, produces a powerful aroma that has baffled even the deer itself. In a fascinating twist of nature, the musk deer often searches through the forest, unable to recognize that the scent it's chasing comes from within its own body.

Only male musk deer produce musk, and the substance is most potent in younger animals. A single deer yields only about 25 to 30 grams of musk, making it extraordinarily valuable—and tragically, a prime target for poachers. The demand for musk in high-end perfumes and traditional medicine has led to over-hunting, severely threatening the species' survival.

The primary source of this natural musk is the Himalayan musk deer, scientifically named *Moschus moschiferus*. These elusive and ele-

gant animals are native to the forested regions of the Himalayas and are found across countries such as India, Nepal, Pakistan, Tibet, China, Mongolia, and parts of Siberia. They are shy, solitary creatures that play a crucial role in maintaining the balance of their fragile mountain ecosystems.

However, due to the astronomical value of musk, these animals have been hunted almost to the brink of extinction. In response, several countries have implemented strict bans on the trade and hunting of musk deer. Conservation efforts are now underway to protect the species and explore ethical alternatives, such as synthetic musk, which replicates the natural scent without harming wildlife.

While musk continues to enchant perfume lovers and traditional healers, it's important to recognize the environmental impact of its use. Understanding where Kasturi truly comes from may inspire more responsible choices and greater respect for the remarkable creatures behind the fragrance.

Peru's 'Alien' Mummies May Have Met Violent Ends, Say Scientists

The mysterious surrounding Peru's so-called "alien" mummies has deepened as scientists now believe some of these unusual specimens may have died violent deaths—possibly even murdered. The mummies, which sparked global interest for their bizarre appearance, are once again making headlines following fresh forensic analysis.



The three-fingered, mummified bodies with elongated skulls were discovered in 2017 in Peru's Nazca Desert and presented publicly in Mexico in 2023. Initially, they were introduced as possible non-human entities, with early DNA tests suggesting they were part-human and part unknown species. The announcement even led to Mexico's first-ever congressional hearing on unidentified aerial phenomena.

However, controversy followed, with experts later questioning the authenticity of the remains, claiming they may have been constructed from animal bones and other materials. Now, new research is pushing back against those claims.

Dr. José Zalce, former director of the Mexican Navy Medical Department, is leading the new study and insists the remains are real, organic, and once-living organisms. According to Zalce, detailed examinations of 21 mummies—particularly three named Maria, Montserrat, and Antonio—have provided "irrefutable" evidence of their authenticity.

Maria, believed to be between 35 and 45 years old, was found with numerous injuries. These included deep cuts and bite marks near her pelvis, puncture wounds on her lower back, broken vertebrae, and a zigzag wound consistent with a fall onto rocks.

Montserrat, estimated to be between 16 and 25, had a puncture wound between her fifth and sixth ribs. CT scans revealed broken ribs, a fractured shoulder blade, and internal trauma, suggesting she may have died while braced against a hard surface.

Antonio, the male specimen, had a stab wound on the left side of his chest that pierced through his ribs, liver, and abdomen, causing internal bleeding. Dr. David Ruiz Vela, former president of Peru's Medical Association, called it a fatal injury.

All three mummies had preserved internal organs, three fingers and toes, and displayed no signs of artificial assembly. Experts estimate the remains to be over 1,200 years old. While their exact origins remain unknown, ongoing DNA analysis may provide more answers in the coming months.

Moon Drifting Away: Could Future Earth Days Last 25 Hours?

Imagine having an extra hour in your day—not due to time management tricks, but because Earth itself is spinning slower. According to scientists, this might actually happen—but not for billions of years. Researchers now suggest that, due to the Moon gradually drifting away from our planet, Earth's rotation will continue to slow down, eventually giving us 25-hour days.

Currently, Earth's rotation defines our 24-hour day, structuring our lives with patterns of work, sleep, and leisure. But this cycle hasn't always been the same. In fact, around 1.4 billion years ago, a single day on Earth lasted just over 18 hours. Since then, Earth's rotation has steadily slowed, and the reason lies in our relationship with the Moon.

A recent report by The Times of India, citing research from the University of Wisconsin–Madison and other global experts, explains that the Moon is drifting away from Earth at a rate of about 3.8 centimeters per year. Though this phenomenon has been known for decades, its long-term consequences are gaining more attention now.

Professor David Waltham of Royal

Holloway, University of London, explains that tidal forces are responsible. The Moon's gravitational pull causes bulges in Earth's oceans—these tidal bulges exert a backward pull on Earth's rotation, acting like a brake. As Earth loses rotational energy, it transfers some of that energy to the Moon, nudging it farther into space.

This slow cosmic dance means that Earth's rotation will continue to decelerate over time. Eventually, this could lead to a full 25-hour day, but only after several billion years—long after human life as we know it may have changed or even ceased.

While this scenario won't affect us or even our distant descendants, it highlights the dynamic relationship between Earth and its only natural satellite. The Moon doesn't just light up our night skies—it plays a fundamental role in shaping life on Earth, from tides to time itself.

As fascinating as it sounds, a 25-hour day remains a distant outcome in the timeline of our evolving planet. But it serves as a powerful reminder of how celestial forces continue to influence Earth in slow but profound ways.

Kangaroo at Airport Check-In? Viral Video Leaves Internet in Splits

In one of the most unexpected and amusing viral moments of the year, a video of a kangaroo calmly waiting at an airport check-in counter—boarding pass in hand—has taken social media by storm. Shared widely across platforms like Instagram and X (formerly Twitter), the video has both charmed and puzzled millions of viewers.



The now-viral clip shows the kangaroo standing patiently between two women, one of whom appears to be a passenger and the other an airline staff member. The two are engaged in a heated debate, and at the center of the chaos stands the unsuspecting marsupial, seemingly unbothered by the tension around him.

According to the caption accompanying the video, "Air-

line staff is not allowing this cute kangaroo to board the aeroplane, the way he is holding the boarding pass and waiting to be scanned." This humorous observation has only added to the entertainment value, with viewers laughing at how the kangaroo appears to genuinely be waiting his turn like any other passenger.

The footage has quickly gar-

nered millions of views, with users flooding the comment sections with reactions ranging from disbelief to pure joy. Many joked about the possibility of kangaroos becoming the next frequent flyers, while others were curious about how the animal got that far into the airport in the first place.

Despite the heartwarming scene, the kangaroo's travel

plans were ultimately foiled when the airline staff member firmly refused to let him board. Rules are rules—even for the most adorable of travelers.

While it's unclear whether the clip was staged or a result of a creative airport marketing campaign, the internet has embraced the moment wholeheartedly. The kangaroo, with his tiny paws clutching the boarding pass and eyes full of hope, has become a symbol of patience and unexpected cuteness in travel.

Whether real or staged, this lighthearted video has served as a delightful break for social media users, reminding everyone that sometimes, the most unexpected passengers can steal the spotlight.

"Chai Comes First": Hilarious Titanic Video Resonates With Indians Everywhere

For most Indians, chai isn't just a beverage—it's an emotion. It soothes, energizes, and brings people together in moments of joy, stress, and even crisis. This deep cultural love for tea was perfectly captured in a viral video that's now taking over the internet.



Posted by popular content creator Andy Evans, widely known as Aussie Bhai, the video titled "Indian People on Titanic" was shared on Instagram on May 26 and has already racked up over 9.7 million views. The short but hilarious clip imagines how an Indian might have reacted during the sinking of the Titanic—not with panic, but with a steaming cup of chai in hand.

In the video, the man is seen calmly sipping his tea while standing in neck-deep water, unfazed by the

chaos that presumably surrounds him. It's a scene that instantly struck a chord with Indian viewers worldwide, who flooded the comment section with laughter and admiration for the relatable humor.

"This is exactly how my dad would react," wrote one user, while another joked, "As long as there's chai, we'll survive anything—even the Titanic!"

The brilliance of the video lies not just in its comedic timing but in its

cultural accuracy. In India, chai is a non-negotiable part of daily life. It's the first thing people reach for in the morning and the go-to solution for everything from headaches to heartbreaks. The idea of prioritizing chai—even in a life-or-death situation—might be exaggerated, but it cleverly captures the beverage's sacred place in Indian households.

While the video is clearly meant for laughs, it also highlights the comforting role of rituals like chai in uncertain times. Whether it's traffic jams, power cuts, or even a sinking ship (theoretically), a cup of tea is always part of the picture.

With millions sharing and tagging friends, "Indian People on Titanic" has not only gone viral but also cemented one universal truth: no matter the crisis, chai comes first.

Norway Chess 2025: D Gukesh Defeats Nakamura, Ends Losing Streak on 19th Birthday

Stavanger, Norway – On his 19th birthday, reigning World Chess Champion D Gukesh finally turned the tide at Norway Chess 2025 by defeating World No. 2 Hikaru Nakamura in Round 3. The win not only earned Gukesh three much-needed points but also marked a significant comeback after a rough start in the tournament.

Coming into this game, Gukesh had suffered two consecutive losses—against World No. 1 Magnus Carlsen in Round 1 and against Arjun Erigaisi in Round 2. With no points on the scoreboard and at the bottom of the rankings among six elite players, pressure was mounting on the young champion. However, he bounced back in style against Nakamura, de-



livering a solid performance and outplaying the American Grandmaster.

In a post-match interview shared by Norway Chess on YouTube, Gukesh expressed relief and satisfaction: “I feel quite good! I think my time management was much better today than before. He had some drawing chances, but I guess overall it was a good game.”

Watch Interview

When asked about the Armageddon tie-breakers that are part of the tournament format, Gukesh responded with a smile, saying, “Yeah, I mean, at some point it will come for sure. But right now, I’m just happy with this.”

Earlier this week, Gukesh had been defeated by Arjun Erigaisi in a classical game that lasted 62 moves. The loss extended Arjun’s dominant head-to-head record against Gukesh in classical formats to 6-0. In the same round, Nakamura had clinched victory over Carlsen in an Armageddon playoff after their game ended in a draw, placing him temporarily at the top of the leaderboard.

With this much-needed victory, Gukesh not only gained critical points but also restored confidence heading into the remaining rounds. The tournament continues to promise high-stakes action as the world’s best battle it out in one of chess’s most prestigious events.

England Announce Playing XI for First ODI Against West Indies; Harry Brook to Lead



England have unveiled their playing eleven for the first One Day International (ODI) against the West Indies, set to take place on Thursday in Birmingham. This match will mark a new chapter for the team as Harry Brook makes his debut as England’s ODI captain, replacing long-time skipper Jos Buttler.

The squad features several changes compared to the side that competed in the ICC Champions Trophy earlier this year. Injuries have ruled out pace bowlers Jofra Archer and Mark Wood, while Phil Salt and Liam Livingstone have been omitted. Brook, appointed captain, will bat at number four, signalling a fresh leadership approach aimed at injecting energy and competitiveness into the team.

Jos Buttler remains in the lineup, taking the wicket-keeping duties and batting at number five. Jamie Smith, promoted to open alongside left-hander Ben Duckett, will play a key role at the top of the order. The inclusion of young all-rounder Jacob Bethell and fit-again pacer Brydon Carse adds depth to the squad.

England’s bowling attack will be spearheaded by the experienced spinner Adil Rashid, complemented by pacers Saqib Mahmood and Jamie Overton. This balanced combination aims to

challenge the West Indies batsmen on what promises to be an exciting contest.

The three-match ODI series is critical for England as they seek to build momentum in the 50-over format ahead of the next ICC Men’s Cricket World Cup, scheduled to be held in South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Namibia. Currently ranked eighth in the ICC ODI Team Rankings, England are fighting to secure a direct qualification spot for the 2027 tournament.

Harry Brook expressed optimism about his new role, saying, “New era now, new leadership. Hopefully, we can bring a lot of energy, competitiveness, and a lot of fun as well out there, try and engage the fans as much as we can – and yeah, try and get some wins under our belt.”

England’s Playing XI:

Jamie Smith
Ben Duckett
Joe Root
Harry Brook (c)
Jos Buttler (wk)
Jacob Bethell
Will Jacks
Jamie Overton
Brydon Carse
Adil Rashid
Saqib Mahmood

With this fresh lineup and leadership, England aims to make a strong statement in their opening ODI clash against the West Indies.

Chelsea Makes History by Winning UEFA Conference League Final Against Real Betis

Chelsea created history on May 28, 2025, by defeating Real Betis 4-1 in the UEFA Conference League final, becoming the first club in Europe to win all major continental trophies — the Champions League, Europa League, Cup Winners’ Cup, and now the Conference League. The final, held in Wroclaw, Poland, saw Chelsea stage an impressive second-half comeback after trailing 0-1 at halftime.

Real Betis took an early lead in the 10th minute with a powerful left-footed strike from Abde Ezzalzouli, assisted by former Real Madrid star Isco, who continues to show flashes of his prime. The passionate Betis fans created a vibrant atmosphere, fueling their team’s aggressive and high-pressing play under veteran coach Manuel Pellegrini.



Chelsea struggled in the first half, despite dominating possession, as fatigue from a grueling Premier League campaign showed in their passing and final-third execution. However, the Blues came alive after the break. Cole Palmer was the standout performer, providing two crucial assists. He first set

up Enzo Fernandez in the 65th minute to level the score with a precise lobbed pass. Shortly after, Palmer crossed for Nicolas Jackson, who headed in Chelsea’s second goal.

Though Jackson missed a chance to double his tally, Jadon Sancho finally made an impact

in the 83rd minute, scoring his first goal of the competition after a slick assist from Kiernan Drewsbury-Hall. Chelsea completed the rout in stoppage time when Moises Caicedo fired a low shot from the edge of the box, beating Betis goalkeeper Adrian.

The victory caps a remarkable season for Chelsea’s young squad, who also secured a Champions League spot on the Premier League’s final day. Off the field, fan clashes before the match in Wroclaw led to 28 arrests, with police using stun grenades and water cannons to restore order.

Chelsea’s historic treble of European trophies cements their status among the continent’s elite clubs and signals a bright future for the London side.

Indian Badminton Updates: Satwiksairaj-Chirag Reach Quarters, PV Sindhu Exits Early at Singapore Open

The Indian men’s doubles duo of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty advanced to the quarterfinals of the Singapore Open badminton tournament on Thursday, while former world champion PV Sindhu faced a disappointing early exit.

Satwiksairaj and Chirag fought hard to overcome the seventh-seeded Indonesian pair, Sabar Karyaman Gutama and Moh Reza Pahlevi Isfahani, in a thrilling three-game battle lasting 1 hour and 14 minutes. After dropping the first game 19-21, the Indian pair rallied to win the next two sets 21-16 and 21-19, showcasing resilience and determination despite recent fitness struggles.

The duo will now face a tough challenge in the quarterfinals against the second-seeded Malaysian team of Goh Sze Fei and Nur Izzuddin. This matchup promises an exciting contest as both pairs look to make a deep run in the tournament.

On the women’s singles front, PV Sindhu’s campaign ended earlier than expected. The double Olympic medalist lost a closely contested second-round match against world No. 5 Chen Yufei of China with scores of 9-21, 21-18, 16-21 in 65 minutes. Despite slipping to world No. 17 recently, Sindhu

showed flashes of her best form, especially in the second game where she recovered from a deficit to take the set 21-18.

However, in the deciding game, Sindhu struggled against Chen’s aggressive smashes and court control, ultimately succumbing to her opponent’s dominance. This defeat marked Sindhu’s seventh loss to Chen in their 13 meetings, reflecting the inconsistency she has battled throughout the season.

Sindhu had earlier opened the tournament on a strong note, defeating Canada’s Wen Yu Zhang 21-14, 21-9 in the first round. But despite moments of brilliance, her sluggish reflexes and lack of control in rallies during the final set allowed Chen to dictate play and close out the match.

Additionally, India suffered a setback in the men’s singles as H.S. Prannoy bowed out following a straight-game loss to a French opponent, highlighting the challenges the Indian squad faces in this competitive event.



RCB Storm into IPL 2025 Final After Dominant Win Over PBKS in Qualifier 1

Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) delivered a commanding performance in Qualifier 1 of IPL 2025, crushing Punjab Kings (PBKS) by 8 wickets at Mullanpur to book their spot in the final for the fourth time in franchise history. It was a clinical all-round display, especially from the bowlers, that set the tone for RCB’s emphatic victory.

After winning the toss, RCB skipper Rajat Patidar opted to bowl first—a decision that paid rich dividends. PBKS were skittled out for a paltry 101 in just 14.1 overs, unable to withstand the relentless pressure applied by Bengaluru’s bowling unit. Marcus Stoinis was the only notable contributor with the bat for Punjab, scoring a quick 26, but he received little support from the other end.

Young leg-spinner Suyash Sharma emerged as the standout performer with the ball, returning with impressive figures of 3 for 17. He was ably supported by the experienced pace trio of Josh Hazlewood (3/21), Yash Dayal

(2/26), and Bhuvneshwar Kumar (1/17), who dismantled the PBKS top and middle order with precision and discipline. With a modest target of 102 to chase, RCB openers wasted no time in asserting dominance. England’s explosive wicketkeeper-batter Phil Salt smashed a blistering 56 off just 27 deliveries, ensuring the chase was wrapped up swiftly. His aggressive intent left no room for a PBKS comeback, and RCB coasted to the target in under 12 overs, losing only two wickets in the process.

The one-sided nature of the contest underlined RCB’s growing momentum in the tournament. With this win, Bengaluru not only advances to the final but also sends a strong message to their potential opponents.

The victory marks RCB’s fourth appearance in an IPL final, as they continue their quest for a maiden title. Meanwhile, PBKS will now look to regroup quickly ahead of Qualifier 2, where they get one final chance to reach the summit clash.



Vishnu Manchu’s Daughters Ariaana and Viviana Shine in Devotional Song ‘Sri Kala Hasti’



As the release date of the highly anticipated Pan-India film Kannappa approaches, actor-producer Vishnu Manchu is leaving no stone unturned in promoting the film. One of the highlights of the promotions is the launch of the devotional lyrical video song titled Sri Kala Hasti, unveiled in a spiritually significant manner at the sacred Kashi Vishwanath Temple in Varanasi. The event was graced by Vishnu Manchu, his father and veteran actor Mohan Babu, director Mukesh Kumar Singh, writers Thota Prasad and Akula Shiva, and actor Arpit Ranka, who plays the antagonist in the film.

Following a promotional tour in the United States, Vishnu’s decision to release the song at one of India’s holiest sites added a deeply spiritual and emotional layer to the campaign. The song, composed by Stephen Devassy with lyrics by the acclaimed Suddala Ashok Teja, is steeped in devotion and narrates the legacy of the revered Sri Kala Hasti temple—famous for its mythological and spiritual significance.

What makes Sri Kala Hasti truly special is the soulful performance by Vishnu’s twin daughters, Ariaana and Viviana Manchu. Their singing adds an innocent and heartfelt depth to the track, and their expressive presence in the music video brings genuine emotion to the visuals. Their involvement transforms the song into more than just a promotional piece—it becomes a personal and familial offering.

Visually, the song is a treat. Captured in serene, picturesque locations, the video enhances the devotional theme with its tranquil and majestic imagery. The spiritual essence of the track is expected to resonate deeply with audiences, particularly devotees of Lord Shiva.

The film’s team believes that Sri Kala Hasti has the potential to become a timeless spiritual anthem associated with the temple. With its emotional resonance, captivating music, and the tender voices of Ariaana and Viviana, the song stands out as a highlight in the lead-up to Kannappa’s release on June 27.

Gaddar Film Awards Announced in Telangana

- Awards revived after 14 years; ‘Kalki 2898 AD’ named best film
- Jury led by Jayasudha, Dil Raju reveals winners
- Allu Arjun, Nivetha Thomas win top acting honors

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The Telangana state government has officially revived its cinema awards after a gap of 14 years, announcing the ‘Gaddar Film Awards’ to honor excellence in Telugu and Urdu cinema. These awards are named after the iconic revolutionary poet and public speaker, Gaddar.

The announcement was made at a press meet on Thursday by famous actress and jury chairperson Jayasudha and Telangana Film Development Corporation (FDC) Chairman Dil Raju. They revealed that a total of 1,248 nominations were received for the awards, and the jury meticulously reviewed them to finalize the winners.

Annual awards for films from 2014 to 2023. Jayasudha clarified that the awards include a Best Film category for each year between June 2014 and December 2023, while other categories consider films that completed censor certification within that same period. Additionally, full-fledged awards for the year 2024 were also announced across all categories. The selection emphasized both Telugu and Urdu films.

Major winners for 2024 revealed. Among the most prominent winners, ‘Kalki 2898 AD’ was declared the First Best Film of 2024, followed by ‘Pottel’ and ‘Lucky Bhaskar’ in the second and third places respectively. Allu Arjun won the Best Actor award for his performance in ‘Pushpa 2’, while Nivetha Thomas was named Best Actress for her role in ‘35 This is not a short story’. Other notable winners include Nag Ashwin as Best Director for Kalki, S.J. Surya and Sharanya Pradeep in supporting roles, and Beams for Best Music Direction for Rajakar.



Jayasudha and Dil Raju also announced a series of special jury and individual awards—a total of 21—alongside regular category honors. These include awards named after legendary figures who contributed immensely to Telugu cinema, such as NTR, Paidi Jayaraj, BN Reddy, Nagireddy-Chakrapani, Kanta Rao, and Raghupathi Venkaiah.

The organizers added that the date of the award ceremony will be announced soon, marking a new beginning for state-supported recognition of artistic excellence in the film industry.

Major 2024 Award Winners:

- First Best Film: Kalki 2898 AD
- Second Best Film: Pottel
- Third Best Film: Lucky Bhaskar
- Best Actor: Allu Arjun (Pushpa 2)
- Best Actress: Nivetha Thomas (35 This is not a short story)
- Best Director: Nag Ashwin (Kalki)
- Best Supporting Actor: S.J. Surya (Saripoda Samadhi)
- Best Supporting Actress: Sharanya Pradeep (Ambajipet Marriage Band)
- Best Music Director: Beams (Rajakar)
- Best Playback Singers: Sid Sriram, Shreya Ghoshal
- Best Comedy Actors: Satya, Vennela Kishore (Mathu Vadalara 2)
- Best Child Actors: Master Arun Dev, Baby Harika
- Best Lyricist: Chandra Bose (Raju Yadav)
- Best Cinematographer: Vishwanath Reddy (Gami)

Hrithik Roshan Joins Hands with Hombale Films: Prithviraj Sukumaran to Direct?

In a surprise announcement that has taken the Indian film industry by storm, Hombale Films has revealed an upcoming collaboration with Bollywood superstar Hrithik Roshan. Known for delivering blockbusters like WAR and the upcoming WAR 2, Hrithik’s partnership with the powerhouse production banner behind KGF and Salaar has ignited excitement across the country.



The announcement has sparked a wave of speculation online, with fans and industry insiders eager to uncover more details about the mysterious project. Among the most talked-about rumors is the possibility of acclaimed Malayalam actor-director Prithviraj Sukumaran helming the film. Prithviraj, who has earned widespread acclaim for his directorial ventures like Lucifer and Bro Daddy, is no stranger to ambitious cinematic storytelling, and his potential involvement has added a whole new level of intrigue to the project.

If confirmed, the Hrithik-Prithviraj-Hombale trio could mark one of the most exciting pan-Indian collaborations in recent years, blending Bollywood star power with South Indian cinematic vision and production grandeur. While there has been no official con-

firmation yet about Prithviraj’s role, the idea of him directing Hrithik Roshan under the Hombale Films banner has fans dreaming of a truly epic cinematic experience.

As of now, the storyline, genre, and title remain under tight wraps, with the makers choosing to keep key details hidden. However, insiders hint that the film will be mounted on a grand scale, aiming to push boundaries both in terms of storytelling and production quality.

This unexpected collaboration signals Hombale Films’ continued ambition to create content that appeals to audiences across linguistic and regional divides. For Hrithik Roshan, it’s another bold step in his evolving filmography that increasingly includes high-octane, pan-India ventures.

With official announcements expected soon, fans are urged to keep their eyes peeled for what could be one of the biggest cinematic revelations of the year. One thing is certain — something massive is on the horizon.

‘Mass Jatara’ Set for Grand Release on August 27 for Vinayaka Chavithi

Fans of Ravi Teja are in for a festive treat as his upcoming film Mass Jatara is all set to hit theatres on August 27, 2025, coinciding with the celebration of Vinayaka Chavithi. Directed by Bhanu Bhogavarapu, the film stars Ravi Teja and Sreeleela in lead roles, reuniting the hit pair after their successful collaboration in Dhamaka.

Touted as a high-energy mass entertainer, Mass Jatara carries the tagline “Manade Tadaa,” and has generated significant buzz ever since its announcement. The film’s production wrapped up at a brisk pace, and the makers are now focused on completing post-production. To mark the release announcement, the team has unveiled a vibrant new poster that has already started trending among fans online.

Produced by Naga Vamsi and Sai Soujanya under the banners of Sithara Entertainments and Fortune Four Cinemas, the film carries high expectations. The previous outing of Ravi Teja and Sreeleela, Dhamaka, was a massive commercial success,



and audiences are eagerly anticipating a repeat of that magic.

While Ravi Teja’s recent films Eagle and Mr. Bachchan didn’t make a strong impact at the box office, fans are hopeful that Mass Jatara will bring him back into form. The film promises a mix of powerful performances, energetic music, and full-on entertainment—elements that have always been Ravi Teja’s forte.

With the festive timing and the popular star pairing, the makers are aiming to make Mass Jatara a crowd-puller. The film is expected to appeal to mass audiences, especially during the holiday season, when families and fans are keen to celebrate with fun-filled cinema.

As the release date draws closer, more updates, including the trailer and music, are expected to drop soon, adding to the hype. With its colorful title, promising cast, and festive release, Mass Jatara is shaping up to be one of the most awaited Telugu films of the season.

‘Param Sundari’ Teaser: Sidharth and Janhvi Kapoor Spark Romance in Dreamy First Look

The much-awaited teaser of Param Sundari is finally out, and it promises a vibrant romantic rollercoaster featuring Sidharth Malhotra and Janhvi Kapoor in their first on-screen pairing. Slated for a theatrical release on July 25, 2025, the film is being presented by Dinesh Vijan and directed by Dasvi fame Tushar Jalota. Shared on Instagram by the makers, the teaser opens with a striking shot of Sidharth Malhotra, introduced as Param, flaunting his sculpted physique. This is quickly followed by the elegant entry of Janhvi Kapoor as Sundari, her expressive eyes peeking playfully from behind a traditional hand fan. The chemistry between the two stars is evident even in these brief glimpses, sparking excitement among fans.

The teaser transports viewers to the lush landscapes of Kerala, showcasing scenic backwaters, houseboats, and serene village



settings. One of the highlights is a romantic bike ride through these idyllic locations, set to a melodious track sung by the legendary Sonu Nigam, which enhances the dreamy, old-school romance vibe.

The narrative hints at more than just breezy romance. As the teaser progresses, flashes of emotional drama and tension unfold, suggesting a deeper storyline packed with passion, conflict, and heartfelt moments. The official note accompanying the teaser reads: “Where North’s fire meets South’s grace, it calls for the biggest love story of the year! Dinesh Vijan presents Param Sundari, a love story directed by Tushar Jalota, coming to cinemas on 25th July 2025. #ParamSundari first look out now.”

With a fresh pairing, scenic visuals, soulful music, and a blend of cultures, Param Sundari is shaping up to be one of the most anticipated romantic comedies of the year. Fans of both leads are thrilled to see this north-meets-south love story unfold on the big screen. As the full trailer is expected soon, the teaser has already succeeded in building strong anticipation for what could be a summer box office hit.