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36° C
27° C

VIJAYAWADA

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28° C

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27° C



GoAP inks MoU with Creativeland Asia for Creatorland in Amaravati

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

In a significant step towards boosting investments and job creation in Andhra Pradesh, the state government has signed a historic Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Creativeland Asia. Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu made the announcement on social media platform 'X' (formerly Twitter), terming it a transformative project for the state's capital. "GoAP is pleased to announce that it has signed a historic MoU with Creativeland Asia to launch India's first transmedia entertainment city, Creatorland, in the people's capital, Amaravati," Chandrababu Naidu stated in his post. The ambitious project aims

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Govt Stands by Farmers Like a Friend: Nadendla Manohar



- Rs. 11,000 crore deposited into farmers' accounts in just 10 months
- 48.43 lakh metric tons of grain purchased so far, surpassing YCP's record
- Jagan's rule was full of farmer-related scams and neglect

TPN Correspondent | Kakinada

Amaravati's Restart at Modi's Hands Was to Showcase Its National Significance




TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister and Telugu Desam Party (TDP) national president N. Chandrababu Naidu addressed a teleconference with the party's MPs, MLAs, and senior leaders on Sunday, expressing satisfaction over the successful conduct of the

Amaravati capital works resumption event. He congratulated party workers and leaders for their role in making the event a grand success, stating that this was the most impactful program held so far under the new government. Chandrababu explained that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's presence at the event was intended to emphasize Amaravati's national and global relevance. "This program wasn't just about restarting works. It was to show that Amaravati is the pride of 5 crore people and will be the foundation for Viksit Bharat 2047. Hosting the restart at Modi's hands was a calculated step to bring the spotlight back on Amaravati," he said. He reaffirmed the commitment made during the elections by Modi, himself, and Pawan Kalyan to rebuild Andhra Pradesh.

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Over 20.8 lakh students appeared in 5,453 centres

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10 YCP Activists Arrested in Jagan Helicopter Incident

Helicopter windshield damaged during Jagan's April 8 visit
YSRCP alleges false cases to mask security failure

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh



Ten YSRCP activists have been arrested by the police in connection with the damage to former Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy's helicopter during his visit to Papireddypalli in Ramagiri mandal of Sri Sathya Sai district on April 8. Authorities confirmed that a local YSRCP public representative is among those apprehended. The incident occurred when Jagan visited the village to console the family of a slain BC community leader. During his visit, a group of party activists reportedly breached security barricades at the helipad and rushed towards the helicopter, leading to damage to its windshield. The security breach forced

Jagan to abort his return journey by air and instead travel back to Bengaluru by road. Following an investigation, the police identified 19 individuals involved through CCTV footage. Ten of them have been arrested and underwent medical tests at Dharmavaram Hospital before being produced before the magistrate.

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Robbery at Former Minister Jawahar's Residence

TPN Correspondent | Kovvur

A robbery took place at the residence of former Minister and senior Telugu Desam Party leader K.S. Jawahar in Kovvur town. The crime occurred while Jawahar, who had been appointed as in-charge for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's assembly, was away in Gudivada. His son and children had also left for their hometown, Tiruvur, three days prior.

On Saturday, Jawahar's follower, V.V. Raju, who regularly visited the house to water the plants, noticed the back door was open. Upon entering, he found items scattered across the house, arousing suspicion. Raju immediately alerted the local police and Jawahar about the break-in.

The police, including DSP G. Devakumar and Town CI P. Vishwam, reached the spot to investigate. Jawahar's family, including his son, Kothapalli Ashish Lal, soon arrived in Kovvur after being informed of the incident. The burglars reportedly stole two cell phones, expensive watches, a television, silver items, and Rs. 45,000 in cash.

The authorities have launched a full investigation, bringing in a clue team and a dog squad from Rajahmundry to assist with gathering evidence, including fingerprints found at the scene. A case has been registered based on Jawahar's complaint, and efforts are underway to identify the culprits.

Massive Long March in Kadapa Against Waqf Bill

- Muslim Personal Law Board leads protest with support from YCP, Congress, Left
- TDP leaders face backlash, asked to leave rally
- Call for withdrawal of the Waqf Amendment Bill

TPN Correspondent | Kadapa

A massive protest rally titled the Long March against the Waqf Amendment Bill was held in Kadapa, drawing participation from the All India Muslim Personal Law Board and leaders from the Congress, YSR Congress Party (YSRCP), and the Left. The rally voiced strong opposition to the Waqf Amendment Act, calling it an unconstitutional and anti-secular move by the central government.

Speaking after the march, Kadapa MP Y.S. Avinash Reddy alleged that the Modi government is acting with ill intentions and insisted that opposition to the bill is not limited to one community. "People of all castes and religions are opposing this amendment. YSRCP has also opposed it in the Rajya Sabha under the direction of our leader Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy and filed a writ petition in the Supreme Court," he stated.

Reddy argued that the bill is undemocratic, as it reduces the number of board committees and permits the appointment of non-Muslims to the Waqf Board — a move he said violates the spirit of religious autonomy. He said the central government must recognize that crores of people are against the bill and warned that the movement will intensify unless the bill is withdrawn.

Former Deputy CM Amjad Basha and YSRCP district president Ravin-



dranath Reddy strongly condemned the bill, saying, "When only Hindus are allowed on temple committees, Sikhs in Gurudwaras, and Christians in their trusts, how can non-Muslims be included in the Waqf Board?" They accused the central government of trying to seize Waqf and minority properties to benefit corporates. They added that the bill isn't just an attack on Muslims but on all communities. Congress leader Abdul Khan, CPM district secretary Chandrashekhar, and other prominent minority leaders also participated in the protest, with large-scale public support from the local Muslim community.

TDP leaders face protest backlash

TDP leaders, including Amir Babu, faced a bitter experience when they attempted to join the rally. As they arrived at the venue, the organizers and participants objected to their presence, citing TDP's support for the Waqf Amendment Bill in Parliament. Slogans were raised demanding that the TDP stop its "dramas" and that their MPs resign if they truly opposed the bill. The leaders were forced to leave amid the protests.

The incident highlighted the political tensions surrounding the controversial bill and reflected the growing resistance from minority communities in Andhra Pradesh and across the country.

Amaravati's Restart...

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The Chief Minister instructed that the party's organizational committees — barring the state-level ones — must be completed by May 18. He announced that the TDP's flagship event, Mahanadu, will be held this year in Kadapa on May 27, 28, and 29, and that the state committee will be finalized thereafter.

He called upon leaders to actively counter criticism from the opposition YSRCP. "The opposition is attacking every positive step we take. Our leaders must stay grounded, communicate the facts, and reflect the aspirations of the activists and people," he directed. Chandrababu also urged the party to adopt the Gujarat model of governance, praising its development pace under a stable regime. "We have brought visible changes in governance within a year. Now, our focus is to deliver on both governance and party strengthening," he added.

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statements politically motivated and lacking credibility.

The minister highlighted that while the previous YSRCP regime owed ₹1,674 crore to farmers for grain procurement, the coalition government cleared the entire pending amount soon after assuming power. "We've gone beyond that and purchased 48.43 lakh metric tons of grain in the past 10 months — 11 lakh metric tons more than YSRCP did last year," he pointed out. He added that about ₹11,000 crore has already been deposited into farmers' accounts, often within 24 hours of procurement. Moisture issue addressed with new measures

In response to recent unseasonal rains affecting grain moisture levels, the minister said the government has given clear instructions to millers to accept grain with up to 24% moisture. "We are setting up identical moisture testing machines at farmer assistance centers and with millers to ensure farmers aren't cheated," he assured. Manohar added that from next Kharif season, testing will be done using equipment from the same manufacturer on both ends to maintain fairness. Support extended to millers as well

Acknowledging the role of millers, Manohar said the government has released their pending dues and made provisions for 1:2 bank guarantee ratios. "We do not insult or humiliate millers. But if anyone causes trouble or creates hurdles in grain procurement, strict action will be taken," he warned. Plans are also in place to procure an additional 3 lakh metric tons in Godavari district, 97,400 tons in Konaseema, and 57,600 tons in Kakinada. Manohar concluded by reiterating the coalition government's firm commitment to farmers' welfare and said field-level teams are ready to act wherever necessary.

GoAP inks...

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to generate over 25,000 jobs and is expected to bring significant Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) into the state. The entertainment city, titled Creatorland, is envisioned as a state-of-the-art creative township catering to sectors such as film, gaming, music, virtual production, immersive storytelling, and AI-driven content.

"This world-class creative township will be a hub for film, gaming, music, virtual production, immersive storytelling, and AI-powered content. With state-of-the-art infrastructure, global partnerships, and a Creatorland Academy to skill our youth, AP is set to become a global destination for creative and digital industries," the CM elaborated.

The Creatorland Academy, as part of the township, will focus on upskilling the youth of Andhra Pradesh and empowering them to compete globally in the digital and creative fields. The project aligns with the coalition government's vision of transforming Amaravati into a futuristic economic and cultural powerhouse.

Chennai Steps Up In AC Energy Campaign

- BEE pushes 24°C setting across Chennai
- TANGEDCO to launch citywide awareness drive
- Initiative aims to cut emissions and bills

TPN Correspondent | Chennai

With the summer heat intensifying and electricity demand peaking, Chennai has been identified as a pivotal city in India's nationwide energy conservation mission. The Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), under the Union Ministry of Power, has placed Tamil Nadu—and particularly its capital Chennai—at the forefront of its national push to encourage responsible air conditioner (AC) usage.

BEE is urging all households and commercial establishments in Chennai to maintain their ACs at a default temperature setting of 24°C. The twin goals behind this directive are to promote energy-efficient cooling and reduce overall power costs and emissions.

With a population of over 1.35 crore and the largest consumer base in South India, Chennai's energy consumption patterns have a significant bearing on national power stability and climate goals. BEE Secretary Milind Deore, joined by Directors Kamran Sheikh and Abhishek Sharma, interacted with key State Designated Agencies (SDAs) and called for swift execution of the campaign in Chennai.

"Chennai's role is vital. A collective shift to 24°C AC settings could be a game-changer," said Secretary Deore. He stressed that Tamil Nadu's SDA—TANGEDCO—must lead a focused awareness campaign targeting homes, offices, malls, hotels, and public buildings.



According to BEE estimates:

- **Raising the AC temperature setting by just 1°C reduces power use by up to 6%.**
- **If ACs across India are set at 24°C, it could save up to 20 billion units annually.**
- **This translates into ₹10,000 crore in financial savings and 8.2 million tonnes less carbon emissions.**
- **Benefits of Maintaining ACs at 24°C:**
- **Energy Efficiency: Up to 24% less power consumption vs. 20°C.**
- **Cost Savings: Significant reductions in electricity bills.**
- **Environmental Impact: Reduces household and commercial carbon footprints.**
- **System Longevity: Less wear on AC compressors improves lifespan.**
- **User Comfort: 24°C lies within the ideal thermal comfort zone.**

Smt. Anandi, Chief Engineer and Head of Department of SDA (TANGEDCO), confirmed that the agency will roll out the initiative on a war footing across Chennai and Tamil Nadu.

BEE has also appealed to air conditioner manufacturers to standardize 24°C as the default factory setting for new models. Citizens are also advised to use fans along with ACs, ensure room insulation, and install programmable thermostats for optimal energy use.

While BEE's earlier reference mentioned Hyderabad, the officials reiterated that "if even 50% of Chennai's consumers adopt this practice, the city can significantly reduce power demand and emissions."

High-consumption zones such as IT parks, shopping malls, airports, hotels, and public offices will be the primary focus areas for implementation. Alongside Chennai, other major cities in the campaign include Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Vizag, Thiruvananthapuram, Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chandigarh, Jaipur, Bhopal, and Patna. BEE emphasized that informed energy behavior in metros will help India strengthen its climate resilience and energy security. This campaign is not just a power-saving effort but a collective movement toward environmental protection and sustainable public welfare—one that Chennai is now poised to lead.

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Special police teams have been dispatched to Bengaluru, Vijayawada, and Hyderabad to trace the remaining suspects. Authorities also questioned the helicopter pilot and co-pilot on April 16 to understand why the chopper was considered unsafe for return travel. The helicopter in question reportedly belongs to a private aviation firm from Karnataka. There were initial doubts within the police regarding the nature and extent of the windshield damage. Meanwhile, the YSR Congress Party has launched a sharp attack on the state government. Party spokesperson Putta Sivashankar Reddy accused the ruling establishment of filing false cases against YSRCP workers to hide its own failure in providing proper Z-plus category security to Jagan.

He condemned the alleged targeting of former Raptadu MLA Topudurthi Prakash Reddy and his brother, stating, "The helicopter damage exposed the police's inefficiency. Instead of owning up, the government is registering false cases against Prakash Reddy's family and followers."

AP Rains: Home Minister Anitha Alerts Officials

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

Heavy rains lashed several parts of Andhra Pradesh today, bringing life to a standstill in many districts amid unseasonal summer downpours. With strong winds accompanying the showers, people in low-lying areas have been particularly affected, prompting the state government to go into high alert.

State Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha took charge of the situation by personally monitoring developments. She spoke over the phone with Disas-

ter Management Authority MD Ronan-ki Kurmanath to get real-time updates and assess the latest ground situation. Following this, the Home Minister issued urgent directives to district Collectors and Superintendents of Police (SPs) across the state. She emphasized the need for immediate precautionary steps, especially in vulnerable low-lying areas. Officers were instructed to ensure the safety of citizens and prevent any rain-related mishaps. Minister Anitha also directed authorities to be ready with relief measures and to act swiftly wherever required.

She stressed that there should be no disruption in the supply of drinking water or electricity during this period. Officials in all rain-affected districts have begun mobilizing field staff and assessing the extent of the impact. Local administrations are coordinating with disaster response teams and alerting citizens about potential risks through public announcements. With rains continuing since early morning and forecasts predicting more showers, the state machinery is actively working to minimize damage and protect public welfare.

MP Vemireddy must answer illegal mining charges: Anil Kumar



TPN Correspondent | Nellore

YSRCP leader and former minister Anil Kumar Yadav has come down heavily on the ongoing illegal mining activities in Nellore district and questioned the silence of sitting MP Vemireddy Prabhakar Reddy on the matter. Addressing the media, Anil Kumar expressed strong displeasure over what he termed as politically motivated cases being filed, particularly against former minister Kakani Govardhan Reddy. Anil Kumar alleged that the case filed against Kakani was illegal and part of a larger smear campaign. “They are trying to falsely implicate our leaders. Kakani has nothing to do with illegal mining, and everyone knows it,” he said. He firmly stated that they have not been involved in any such illegal activity and added, “We leave it to God.” He further demanded answers from MP Vemireddy Prabhakar Reddy, stating, “The people of Nellore deserve to know what role the MP played or failed to play in controlling this rampant illegal mining. He cannot escape without answering.” The former minister also criticised the current coalition government in Andhra Pradesh, alleging that the mining mafia has grown stronger under its rule. “After this government came to power, the anarchy of the mining mafia has reached new heights,” he said. “Due to these unchecked illegal operations, hundreds of people are now unemployed and struggling for livelihood.” Anil Kumar’s remarks have intensified the political atmosphere in Nellore, where the issue of illegal mining has become a major concern. While cases have recently been filed against several individuals involved in these activities, the opposition has raised questions about the timing and targets of the investigation. The public awaits clarification and a response from MP Vemireddy on the serious allegations brought forward by the former minister.

Roja Accused Of Land Grab By TNTUC Leader

- Chittoor leader alleges Roja, husband encroached land
- Says police, revenue officials not responding to complaints
- Multiple land and bill-related petitions submitted at TDP office



TPN Correspondent | Mangalagiri

Serious allegations of land encroachment were raised against former minister and Nagari MLA Roja Selvamani by TNTUC leader Gunasekhara Reddy from Chittoor district. The complaints were submitted at the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) central office in Mangalagiri on Saturday, where several victims from different

districts came forward with various grievances. Gunasekhara Reddy, a native of Kalimbaka in Vijayapuram mandal, alleged that Roja, her husband Selvamani, a man named Meena Kumar, and the Nagari Municipal Chairman illegally occupied land owned by his family since 1982 in Jyothinagar near Nagarikonda. According to him, a rake shed was constructed on this land without consent. Despite approach-

ing the police, he claimed they favored the accused and instead began harassing him. His efforts to seek justice from revenue authorities like the RDO and Tahsildar also yielded no result. He submitted his petition to AP Biodiversity Board Chairman Nilayapalem Vijaykumar, who received multiple such complaints during the day. Among other grievances, Ramanamma from Mulakalacheruvu in Annamaya district alleged illegal demolition of her house, while Koppula Narasimha Rao from Palnadu district requested the removal of his agricultural land from the prohibited list. Thirumalaya Yadav from Prakasam district highlighted the issue of unpaid bills for development works carried out during the TDP government’s tenure between 2014 and 2019. TDP leaders reportedly assured all petitioners that their issues would be taken seriously and promised to follow up for justice.

US Knew About the Pahalgam Terror Attack in Advance: KA Paul

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

Following the tragic terror attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, where 26 innocent people lost their lives, tensions between India and Pakistan have escalated, with fears of an imminent conflict. India is now focused on responding to Pakistan’s alleged role in harboring terrorism, and the possibility of military retaliation is being heavily discussed. In this context, Praja Shanti Party President, KA Paul, made a significant claim, alleging that the United States had prior knowledge of the Pahalgam attack. He stated that American intelligence agencies were fully aware



of the planned assault but failed to inform India in advance. KA Paul expressed his anger at the United States for withholding this crucial information. Moreover, KA Paul’s statement regarding his plans to travel to Pakistan to mediate a reconciliation between India and Pakistan, with the approval of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the

White House, has quickly gone viral on social media. Meanwhile, US President Donald Trump and Vice President JD Vance have conveyed their condolences to the families of the victims, signaling America’s support for India in this moment of crisis. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been holding a series of high-level meetings, most recently with Air Force Chief Marshal Amarpreet Singh, where several important strategic decisions were reportedly discussed. These meetings, along with discussions with the heads of India’s three armed services, are seen as a move to finalize a response to Pakistan’s role in fostering terrorism.

Baseless allegations against me: MLA Bhuma Akhilapriya

Ready to resign if charges are proven



TPN Correspondent | Nandyal

Allagadda MLA and TDP leader Bhuma Akhilapriya has come out strongly against the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP), accusing its leaders of spreading baseless allegations and orchestrating a false campaign through certain media outlets. She held a press meet at the TDP district office in Nandyal on Saturday, where she directly addressed the accusations being made against her. “I challenge those making these allegations—if even a single charge is proven, I am ready to resign from my position,” declared Akhilapriya, expressing her outrage over what she called fabricated stories. She particularly targeted a vernacular newspaper for publishing articles suggesting that she was collecting an illegal ‘bee tax’ and had given unauthorized permissions for the construction of inns and hotels in Ahobilam. She refuted these claims, reminding that the Sarpanch of Ahobilam is a YSRCP leader and that any constructions within the village jurisdiction require a resolution from the Gram Panchayat. “Their own party’s Sarpanch holds the authority to give permissions, yet they are publishing falsehoods targeting me,” she said. Akhilapriya stated that she is ready to demolish any illegal constructions in Ahobilam and challenged the YSRCP to do the same if they are serious about legality and ethics. The MLA also lashed out at reports linking her to irregularities in the chicken business in Allagadda. “Even in the poultry business, they are trying to drag my name with false stories. This is nothing but a political smear campaign,” she alleged. Calling the entire episode a deliberate attempt to tarnish her image ahead of the elections, Akhilapriya said she would not be intimidated and is prepared to face any legal or political challenge.

339 Works in 60 Days: Lokesh Praises Kotam Reddy

TPN Correspondent | Nellore

Minister for IT, Education and Electronics Nara Lokesh heaped praise on Nellore Rural MLA Kotam Reddy Sridhar Reddy for his outstanding performance in completing a staggering 339 development works in just 60 days. He called the feat an example of record-level governance and commended the MLA for delivering on his promises. Speaking on the occasion, Minister Lokesh said that completing development works worth ₹41 crore in such a short span is a rare achievement and a symbol of the commitment shown by the local leadership. He said the efforts of Kotam Reddy and his team stand as a model for performance-oriented governance and a strong focus on public welfare. Lokesh highlighted that within ten months of the coalition government coming to power, Nellore Rural has witnessed a significant transformation. As part of the broader development push, works worth ₹231 crore have been initiated in the constituency—showing a clear in-



tention to make Nellore Rural a benchmark for progress. He also appreciated the continuous ground-level efforts of Kotam Reddy Sridhar Reddy, noting that the MLA has been reaching every household with development, reflecting the trust placed in him by the voters. Lokesh said such dedication to fulfilling

promises and striving for all-round development makes the constituency a model for others to follow. Nara Lokesh concluded by congratulating Kotam Reddy once again and expressing hope that such determination and performance will continue throughout the state.

TDP leaders inspect Kadapa venue for Mahanadu

Three-day Mahanadu to be held from 27th

TPN Correspondent | Kadapa

Preparations are in full swing for the Telugu Desam Party’s (TDP) prestigious annual conclave, Mahanadu, which is set to take place over three days from the 27th of this month in Kadapa, the district headquarters of YSR district. Senior party leaders conducted inspections of potential venues on Saturday to finalise arrangements. TDP MLAs Beeda Ravichandra and Ram Gopal Reddy, Maritime Board Chairman Damacherla Satya, former MLC Satyanarayana Raju, and Vastu expert Jayaramireddy visited several sites across Kadapa. After careful evaluation, the team selected lands located between Cherlopalli and Pabbavaram villages in CK Dinne mandal for hosting the event. The location, leaders said, was chosen not just for its



ample space but also for its logistical advantage, as it is well connected to major regions like Tirupati, Chittoor, Anantapur, and Hyderabad. The land will accommodate the main Mahanadu venue, food arrangements, and parking facilities. TDP leaders also clarified that all no-objection documents from the landowners have been formally secured

through local MLA Putta Krishnachaitanya Reddy, ensuring that the event proceeds without legal hurdles. In view of the upcoming event, the leaders have scheduled a Bhoomi Puja (groundbreaking ceremony) for the 7th of this month, after which the construction and preparatory works will be taken up on a war footing.

Lokesh Visits Mahamkali Temple, Orders Canal Clean-Up

TPN Correspondent | Guntur
State IT and Education Minister Nara Lokesh visited Kanthamraja Kondur village in Duggirala mandal of Mangalagiri constituency today, where he attended the re-consecration ceremony of the Sri Mahamkali Ammavari temple as chief guest. Lokesh was received with traditional honours by temple authorities and local Telugu Desam Party leaders. Upon arrival, the minister offered special prayers to Goddess Mahamkali, presenting turmeric, saffron, bangles, and a saree as offerings. The temple priests blessed him with Vedic rituals and presented a memento. Lokesh also visited the newly constructed sub-temples dedicated to Lord Vigneshwara and Lord Subrahmanyeshwara

within the temple complex, where he performed pujas. A large number of devotees and locals gathered at the temple for the event, reflecting the significance of the occasion. Legislative Council Chief Whip Panchumarthi Anuradha, Padmasali Welfare and Development Corporation Chairman Nandam Abaddiah, TTD Board Member Tammi-setti Janakidevi, TDP Guntur Parliament General Secretary Pothineni Srinivasa Rao, and Duggirala TDP Mandal President Kesamaneni Anitha were among those who accompanied the minister. Following the temple program, Lokesh inspected the Buckingham Canal stretch between Kaja and Chinavادلapudi while returning to Mangalagiri. Ob-



serving a large accumulation of horse hoof debris in the canal, he instructed irrigation officials to ensure immediate removal of the waste before the onset of monsoon, so that water flow for farming remains

unhindered. The minister emphasised the importance of clean canals for the benefit of farmers and assured that prompt action would be taken to resolve the issue.

CCTV Cameras in Guntur Ladies Hostel? Police Begin Probe

Students allege hidden cameras in bathrooms
Case registered by Arundalpet police



TPN Correspondent | Guntur
Tension gripped Srinivasa Ladies Hostel in Bradypet, Gun-

tur, after students raised serious concerns about possible CCTV cameras being secretly

Claim outsiders entering hostel at night

installed in the bathrooms. The allegations have sparked panic among the residents and their families. Students have also complained about the lack of security, stating that unknown outsiders are entering the hostel premises during night hours. They believe these incidents are directly linked to attempts to violate their privacy. Disturbed by the situation, the students lodged a formal complaint with the Arundalpet police, demanding an immediate and thorough investigation. They mentioned feeling unsafe and stressed due to the ongoing

developments in the hostel. Responding swiftly, the Arundalpet police registered a case and launched an investigation. The hostel management is being questioned, and efforts are underway to verify the presence of any surveillance devices in private areas and to examine claims about unauthorized entries at night. The incident has caused anxiety among other students and their parents, with calls growing louder for stricter action and better security measures in private hostels. The investigation is ongoing.

Employee Turns Tourism Office Into Private Lodge, Caught on CCTV

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada
In a shocking incident, a government employee at the Vijayawada Tourism Divisional Office was caught on CCTV using the office premises for personal reasons after working hours. The employee was seen returning to the locked office late in the evening, accompanied by a woman, and remained inside for a while before locking the office and leaving. According to officials, the employee, who holds a key position in the Tourism Divisional Office, used his access to unlock the premises and enter the office premises with the woman. The act, which was recorded on CCTV cameras installed both at the entrance and inside the

office, has caused a major stir within the department. Higher officials, upon reviewing the footage, ordered an internal inquiry into the incident. “We have taken the matter seriously. An investigation is underway and strict action will be taken based on the findings,” an official from the department stated. The misuse of government property for private activities has raised concerns not only about this individual's conduct but also about broader issues of accountability and misuse of access. The incident has triggered suspicions among staff and the public alike, with some questioning whether similar activities have taken place previously.



The identity of the woman and the nature of their visit remain part of the ongoing investigation. The incident has drawn criticism from various quar-

ters, with calls for strict disciplinary action against the employee to prevent recurrence of such misconduct.

Entrance Exam Dates Released for 2025-26 Academic Year in AP

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh
The Andhra Pradesh Higher Education Council has announced the schedule for entrance exams for the 2025-26 academic year. With the results of Class 10 and Intermediate exams recently released, students eager to pursue higher education can now prepare for the upcoming entrance tests. The exams will be held online from May 6 to June 13. Below are the important dates for various entrance exams:

- ECET: May 6
- ICET: May 7
- AP EAPCET (Agriculture, Pharmacy): May 19 and 20
- EAPCET (Engineering): May 21 to 24, May 26 to 27
- AP LAW CET, PGL CET: June 5
- AP Ed.CET: June 6 to 8
- AP PG CET: June 9 to 13

Students are advised to check the official website of the Higher Education Council for detailed instructions and guidelines related to the exams.

Minister Gottipati Ravikumar Issues Safety Alert Amid Heavy Rains

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh
Minister Gottipati Ravikumar has issued an urgent safety advisory as heavy rains continue to lash several districts of the state. Minister Gottipati urged residents to remain alert, particularly in areas affected by the storms, as lightning is expected to strike in several locations. The Minister also called on officials of the electricity department to take necessary precautions, especially after several electricity poles were uprooted due to the storm. He emphasized the imme-



mediate restoration of power supply in the affected areas. Minister Gottipati, who has already communicated with electricity department officials, stressed the importance of prompt action to minimize disruptions and ensure public safety.

Drainage Works Planned In Gudivada: MLA Ramu



TPN Correspondent | Krishna
Efforts are underway to improve the drainage system in Gudivada town, informed local MLA Venigandla Ramu during his inspection of rain-affected areas on Sunday. Following morning showers, the MLA toured various parts of the town and took stock of the stagnant water and public inconvenience. MLA Ramu visited Goodman Peta, Kothi Bomma Center, Bus Stand Road, Satyanarayanapuram, Aravapeta, Slater Peta and nearby areas, accompanied by Municipal Commissioner Simhadri Manohar. Observing water stagnation on roads, he directed officials to take immediate steps to drain it and prevent similar issues in the future. He emphasized that if minor rain could cause such disruption, the town could face severe problems during the upcoming monsoon. The MLA instructed municipal officials to prepare proposals and estimates for a comprehensive drainage development plan. Speaking to the media, MLA Ramu said Gudivada has been facing long-standing civic issues that had been neglected for decades. While road and drainage development works have already been taken up in several areas, he acknowledged that unresolved problems still persist in some parts of the town. He assured that priority is being given to the most pressing public issues and that in the next four years, all necessary steps will be taken to resolve drinking water, drainage, and road problems across the town. Assistant Commissioner Srinivasa Rao and several municipal officials were also part of the inspection.



Police Counsel Rowdy Sheeters Warn Against Anti-Social Activities in Vijayawada

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As part of a proactive policing initiative, the NTR District Police conducted counseling sessions today (04.05.2025) for rowdy sheeters, crime suspects, and individuals known for misbehavior across various police station limits under the Vijayawada Police Commissionerate. The sessions were organized under the directions of NTR District Police Commissioner in-charge, Shri Sarva Shreshtha Tripathi, IPS. Officers from all police sta-

tions, along with their respective staff, participated in this program at different times throughout the day. During the counseling, the officials emphasized that individuals must stay away from criminal activities and anti-social behavior. They urged those under police surveillance to reform themselves, maintain discipline, and integrate into society with good conduct. They particularly warned against the use and trafficking of intoxicants

such as marijuana. “Anyone found engaging in criminal activity or disruptive behavior will face strict legal action,” the police officials said. They cautioned that law enforcement is closely monitoring such individuals, and any form of violence, disputes, or illegal activity will be dealt with firmly as per the law. The police also appealed to the public to cooperate with law enforcement and contribute to maintaining peace and safety in the community.

Case Filed Against YouTuber Anvesh In Hyderabad

Alleged false claims on Rs 300 crore betting app scam
Police say video defames top Telangana officials
Cyberabad cops register case suo moto under cybercrime laws



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The Cyberabad Cyber Crime Police has registered a suo moto case against popular YouTuber Anvesh for allegedly making defamatory and baseless allegations against senior government officials in a video shared on his YouTube channel. According to police, Anvesh accused Telangana DGP Jitender, Hyderabad Metro Rail MD NVS Reddy, senior IAS officers Shanthikumari, Dana Kishore, Vikas Raj, and others of being involved in a ₹300 crore scam under the pretext of promoting betting apps within the Hyderabad Metro. The video, police claim, not only spread misinformation but also intended to damage the credibility of government institutions. The FIR was filed based on a complaint by a constable from the Cyber Crime Police Station. The complaint stated that the video was crafted to create public confusion, incite hatred against state officials, and destroy the public trust in law enforcement and administrative services. The police found the allegations unsubstantiated and described the video as part of a false propaganda campaign. Anvesh, known for his travel-based content exploring cultures and traditions worldwide, had recently posted a video that targeted top officials with serious accusations. This has now drawn sharp backlash from law enforcement. Netizens have reacted strongly, with some even demanding that other content creators expose Anvesh’s actions in the same way he targeted others. With this case now in progress, many are closely watching whether Anvesh will face arrest, especially as comparisons are being drawn with other controversial YouTubers like Harsha Sai and Imran, who are reportedly avoiding legal action.

CMRF Aid Uplifts 153 Families In Kovur

TPN Correspondent | Nellore
MLA Vemireddy Prashanthi Reddy stated that the first priority of the coalition government is to protect the health of the people, reflecting Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu's vision of ensuring quality medical treatment for every poor family in the state. Speaking at her office in Magunta Layout, Nellore city, MLA Prashanthi Reddy handed over cheques worth ₹6,46,553 from the Chief Minister’s Relief Fund (CMRF) to six beneficiaries from the Kovur constituency. She said that, under the leadership of CM Chandrababu Naidu, the government has extended financial assistance amounting to ₹2 crore 12 lakh 73 thousand to 153 patients in Kovur constituency alone over the past 11 months. She emphasized that CMRF has been a vital support system for poor families dealing with health crises and praised the Chief Minister for his humane approach in helping thousands through this scheme. “The CMRF assistance is a life-line for families suffering from serious illnesses,” she said. On behalf of the people of Kovur, the MLA expressed heartfelt thanks to CM Chandrababu Naidu for his continued commitment to the welfare of the poor and for showing compassion in action. TDP leaders Inta Mallareddy, Bezawada Vamsi Krishna Reddy, Morla Murali and other local leaders also participated in the program, extending their support to the ongoing health welfare efforts.



Kadapa Exhibition Tender Sparks Political Collusion Row

Officials, leaders blamed for revenue loss
Tender given at ₹30.5 lakh instead of ₹1 crore
Gambling, high pricing allegations surface

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In a shocking revelation from the Kadapa Municipal Corporation, the ruling and opposition parties, usually seen sparing over political differences, are now facing allegations of working hand-in-glove to manipulate tenders related to the annual city exhibition. What should have been a transparent tendering process aimed at boosting municipal revenue has reportedly turned into a corrupt arrangement, costing the Corporation lakhs of rupees. Every year, the exhibition held on municipal grounds generates over ₹1 crore in revenue for the Corporation. However, this year, instead of awarding the contract to the highest bidder through open tendering, officials and political leaders are accused of secretly handing over the contract to a favoured individual for a mere ₹30.5 lakhs. Whistleblowers allege that a bribe of over ₹25 lakhs changed hands to facilitate this under-the-table deal. To make matters worse, construction for the exhibition began without securing the mandatory approval of the Municipal Standing Committee. This clear violation of procedure has sparked outrage, especially since the same officials hurriedly called for a Standing Committee meeting only after the scandal began gaining public attention. Insiders claim that the first ten-

der call on March 22 received no bids from the “preferred” parties, prompting officials to cancel and reissue it on April 1. This time, the contract was quietly handed to a close associate for a significantly lower price. The municipal land was reportedly given to the contractor even before the Standing Committee had signed off on the decision, a move deemed illegal and unethical. Further controversy surrounds the nature of the exhibition itself. There are growing concerns that the contractor, now operating with political backing, is planning to permit gambling and charge inflated entry and stall prices, potentially turning the fair into a hub of unregulated activities. Even more troubling is the reported involvement of some opposition members, who allegedly joined hands with ruling party leaders and corrupt officials in this deal, setting aside their political differences for personal gain. Locals now question how a contractor could afford to pay such high unofficial “commissions” unless he had plans to exploit the event for massive profits, possibly through gambling dens or other illicit activities. With construction nearing completion, and the scandal gathering steam, the Kadapa Municipal Corporation hastily arranged a Standing Committee

Contractor favoured without clearance
Work started without Standing Committee nod



meeting on Monday evening to retroactively approve the project. This last-minute effort, seen by many as a face-saving move, has only added to public anger. As the controversy unfolds, all eyes are on whether the Stand-

ing Committee will legitimize the questionable tender or take a stand against what many now call one of the most blatant exhibitions of political-business collusion in recent times.

NEET 2025 Exam Concludes Successfully Across India

Over 20.8 lakh students appeared in 5,453 centres

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The NEET UG 2025 examination, a crucial gateway for students aspiring to enter undergraduate medical courses, was successfully conducted across the country and abroad on Sunday. Organized by the National Testing Agency (NTA), the examination saw participation from over 20.8 lakh candidates across 5,453 centres in 548 cities in India and 14 international locations. To ensure fairness and transparency, the NTA operated a central control room under the supervision of the Union Ministry of Education. Key departments including Health, Defence, Home Affairs, and Electronics & IT coordinated efforts on the ground. Officials monitored all centres throughout the exam duration. In preparation, the NTA held mock drills on May 3 to verify arrangements at all centres. This included checking the



functioning of mobile signal jammers, biometric attendance systems, and staffing adequacy. Most exam centres were set up in government and aided institutions for better infrastructure and supervision. Given the summer heat and afternoon exam schedule, authorities provided facilities like drinking water, electricity, first-

aid, mobile toilets, and even ambulance services at all centres to ensure student well-being. To tackle misinformation and attempts at malpractice, the NTA launched a 'Suspicious Complaints Reporting Portal' on April 26. Through this, they received about 2,300 complaints and identified 106 Telegram and 16 Instagram channels spread-

ing fake question papers. The details have been passed to the Indian Cybercrime Coordination Centre (I4C) for further action. The Union Education Ministry also held preparatory meetings with district magistrates and police superintendents across India, ensuring safe exam material transport, multi-layered security checks, and strict enforcement of the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024. Answer Key to be Released Soon The NTA will soon publish the provisional answer key for NEET UG 2025 on its official website: exams.nta.ac.in/NEET. Candidates can download it and cross-check their responses to get an estimate of their scores. Students are advised to keep an eye on the website for further updates on results and counselling dates.

Minister Nadendla Stops Convoy To Help Accident Victims

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Andhra Pradesh Civil Supplies Minister Nadendla Manohar once again demonstrated his humanitarian values by stepping in to help victims of a road accident while en route to Kakinada from Vijayawada. The minister's convoy stopped near M. Nagulapalli Adda Road in Bhimadolu mandal, Eluru district, after he witnessed a serious accident on the national highway. According to reports, an Innova vehicle lost control at high speed and crashed into a two-wheeler, leaving both the riders seriously injured. The victims fell onto the road in a critical state. Minister Nadendla, who happened to be passing through the same stretch, immediately instructed his convoy to halt and rushed to the scene. Upon seeing the condition of the injured,



the minister personally called the 108 emergency services and ensured swift medical response. Once the ambulance arrived, he instructed that a protocol vehicle from his convoy accompany the ambulance to ensure the victims were quickly and safely transported to the hospital without delay. In addition to this, Nadendla Manohar

called the Eluru district Superintendent of Police directly and requested him to make sure both victims receive the best possible treatment. He also instructed that all arrangements be made immediately at the hospital for their care. Local residents appreciated the minister's prompt response and compassion. They praised his gesture and timely intervention, which potentially saved lives. After ensuring all necessary assistance was arranged, the minister resumed his tour. This is not the first time Minister Nadendla has responded to such incidents. In previous instances as well, he has come forward to help accident victims by ensuring they receive medical attention on time, reflecting his consistent commitment to public service.



‘India’s Orange Era Begins’

PM Modi Bats For Creative Economy

At the inauguration of the World Audio Visual and Entertainment Summit (WAVES) in Mumbai’s Jio World Centre, Prime Minister Narendra Modi invited global content creators to produce in India, highlighting the country’s cultural inclusivity and creative potential. He emphasized that India, with its long-standing tradition of respecting other cultures, is well-suited to be a hub for global creative collaboration.

“This is the right time for ‘create in India, create for the world,’” said the Prime Minister. He assured international creators that their work would be welcomed and respected in India. Citing examples of communities like Parsis and Jews who have seamlessly integrated into Indian society, he emphasized India’s strength lies in honoring cultural diversity.

The ‘orange economy’—referring to industries based on creativity, culture, and intellectual property—was central to his speech. Modi celebrated India’s vibrant content creation landscape and the growing international appetite for Indian entertainment, noting how global audiences are now watching Indian content with subtitles across various platforms.

He also highlighted the importance of responsible creativity, stressing the need to respect human emo-



tions and values in storytelling. “We want to enrich humans, not turn them into robots,” he said, underlining the balance between innovation and social responsibility.

The WAVES summit, which hosted participants from over 90 countries, included notable figures such as actor Rajinikanth and Reliance Industries’ MD Mukesh Ambani. Both paid tribute to victims of the recent terror attack in Pahalgam and expressed their support for the Prime Minister’s vision. Rajinikanth praised Modi’s resilience, while Ambani projected India’s entertainment industry to grow from its current \$28 million valuation to \$100 million soon.

Adobe CEO Shantanu Narayen echoed this optimism, stating that India’s next boom will be in cre-

ativity and entertainment, not just software. He shared Adobe’s commitment to reaching 20 million students and half a million teachers in India, leveraging digital tools to foster creativity.

Prime Minister Modi also announced the upcoming launch of the WAVES Awards, aiming to celebrate global creative talent. Referring to India’s rich artistic legacy, he cited ancient texts like the Natya Shastra and praised filmmakers such as Satyajit Ray, Raj Kapoor, and S.S. Rajamouli for placing Indian storytelling on the global stage.

With over 100 sessions scheduled until May 4, WAVES promises to be a landmark event for the creative world, connecting artists, innovators, and policymakers from across the globe.

India at a Global Crossroads:

A New Inflexion Point in World Order

India stands at a critical inflexion point in global geopolitics, one that echoes the historic arrival of Vasco da Gama in Kozhikode in 1498. Just as the Zamorin of Calicut then failed to grasp the strategic implications of that moment, India today must act decisively in a fast-changing world order to safeguard its interests and assert its global leadership. With the global value chains now being reshaped not by trade but by geopolitical force, the stakes are higher than ever. India, poised to become the third-largest economy, cannot afford strategic complacency.

For over seven decades, the post-colonial international order—commonly referred to as globalisation—was built on multilateralism and a rules-based system aimed at the collective good. This framework, however, was anchored in a worldview that divided nations into “donors” and “recipients.” That distinction has eroded as emerging powers, particularly China, have overtaken traditional Western powers like the United States in global trade, manufacturing output, and even in development financing.

As China rose to become the largest contributor to global infrastructure and aid, the legitimacy of existing institutions such as the United Nations, World Trade Organization (WTO), and various multilateral treaties began to wane. Their relevance diminished in the eyes of the very powers that had once championed

them. This erosion was symbolised by the United States withdrawing from key treaties and institutions, signaling a retreat from multilateral commitments.

The COVID-19 pandemic accelerated this unraveling of the global order. The scramble by G-7 nations to hoard medical supplies revealed a stark disregard for international cooperation. It became evident that even the most developed nations would act in self-interest, leaving vulnerable countries to fend for themselves. As fractures deepened within the G-7, a vacuum in global leadership emerged.

This vacuum is creating space for alternative global frameworks like BRICS to gain prominence. As the credibility of traditional institutions wanes, BRICS has begun attracting increasing interest from nations seeking a more equitable world order. Membership requests are expected to rise, potentially transforming BRICS from a bloc of emerging economies into a more dominant global institution.

In this shifting landscape, India has a unique opportunity—and responsibility—to help shape the new global order. Its economic rise, demographic strength, and strategic position make it a key player in building new alliances and reinforcing multipolarity. To do so effectively, India must avoid strategic drift and embrace a proactive global vision



How golden ages really start—and end

Openness as the Engine of Golden Ages: Lessons from History

Contrary to the belief that greatness is achieved by building walls—both literal and metaphorical—to keep out foreign goods, people, and ideas, history consistently points in another direction. Johan Norberg, the Swedish historian and author, presents a compelling counter-narrative in his book Peak Human, where he explores the rise and fall of golden ages across civilisations over the past three thousand years. His findings suggest that societies that flourished did so not by isolating themselves, but by embracing openness—be it in trade, cultural exchange, or the free flow of ideas.

Norberg’s historical survey spans a diverse range of civilisations, from ancient Athens to the Abbasid caliphate, and from Renaissance Italy to the modern Anglosphere. Each of these societies, in their peak, stood out because they were more inclusive, more connected, and more intellectually curious than their contemporaries. They welcomed merchants from foreign lands, gave refuge to persecuted scholars, and encouraged debate—even when it challenged the status quo.

Ancient Athens, for instance, is often hailed as the cradle of democracy and Western philosophy. But its true strength lay in its openness. It became



a hub of learning and commerce not just because of its own thinkers, but because it was a magnet for ideas and talent from across the Mediterranean. Likewise, during the Islamic Golden Age, the Abbasid caliphate in Baghdad became a global centre for science, philosophy, and medicine precisely

because it absorbed knowledge from Greek, Persian, Indian, and other traditions.

The same patterns were seen in the flourishing of the Italian Renaissance, where a revival of classical learning and a network of trade routes helped

cities like Florence and Venice become cultural powerhouses. In more recent centuries, the openness of Britain and then America to immigrants and ideas helped fuel scientific discovery, industrial growth, and global influence.

But Norberg also warns of what hap-

pens when societies turn inward. Golden ages have never lasted forever, and one recurring cause of decline is self-imposed isolation. When empires or nations began to distrust outsiders, close borders, or suppress dissenting voices, their dynamism faded. The same Abbasid caliphate that once championed knowledge fell into decline when it grew more insular. China, too, after the early voyages of the Ming dynasty, shut its doors to the outside world—missing out on transformative global developments.

This historical perspective challenges today’s populist rhetoric that promises national resurgence through protectionism and exclusion. It highlights a fundamental truth: the progress of humanity has been driven not by division, but by collaboration and exchange. Walls may offer temporary comfort or political gain, but they stifle the very openness that fosters innovation, prosperity, and cultural vitality.

In Peak Human, Norberg reminds us that societies reach their peak not by fearing the foreign, but by embracing the unfamiliar. Golden ages are built not on isolation, but on connection. The question facing the world today is whether we will heed history’s lesson—or repeat its mistakes.

PM Modi Meets Air Chief Marshal AP Singh Amid India-Pakistan Tensions



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Amid escalating tensions between India and Pakistan over the deadly Pahalgam terror attack, Air Chief Marshal AP Singh met with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday. The meeting, which took place less than 24 hours after Prime Minister Modi's engagement with Admiral

Dinesh K Tripathi, Chief of Naval Staff, reflects India's continued high-level discussions on its response to the April 22 attack.

The Pahalgam attack, which resulted in the deaths of 26 civilians—many of them tourists from across India—has intensified calls for retaliatory measures against Pakistan, which In-

dia accuses of harboring terrorist groups responsible for cross-border violence. The attack, one of the deadliest strikes on civilians in recent years, took place in the picturesque south Kashmir region, during the spring tourist season.

Although the specifics of the meeting between the Prime Minister and the Air Chief Marshal were not made public, it is understood that the discussions are part of ongoing deliberations on India's military and strategic response. In a high-level meeting earlier this week, Prime Minister Modi provided clear directives, emphasizing that the Indian armed forces have "complete operational freedom" to determine the targets, timing, and nature of any retaliation.

India's response to such terrorist provocations has historically involved military action. In 2016, India carried out surgical strikes

on terrorist launchpads across the Line of Control in response to an attack on soldiers in Uri. The 2019 Balakot airstrikes, in retaliation for the Pulwama bombing, were another example of India's use of force against cross-border terrorism.

The Indian Air Force played a pivotal role in the Balakot operation, utilizing Mirage-2000 jets to strike a major terrorist training facility in Pakistan.

In addition to military considerations, India has already begun exerting diplomatic pressure on Pakistan, including taking steps to suspend certain provisions of the Indus Waters Treaty, a long-standing agreement regulating the shared rivers between the two countries. Despite these actions, there has been no official word on the specifics of India's retaliatory measures, leaving the situation highly charged and uncertain.



Congress will back any action by Centre on Pahalgam terror attack: Priyanka Gandhi

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Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi on Sunday reaffirmed her party's unconditional support for any decisive action the central government chooses to take in response to the recent terror attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, which claimed 26 lives, including two foreigners. Speaking during her two-day visit to Wayanad, the AICC General Secretary emphasized the importance of swift action in the wake of the attack and highlighted that the Congress Working Committee (CWC) had already passed a resolution underscoring this stance.

"The Congress Party stands united with the government. The CWC met and passed a resolution stating that we fully support whatever action the government decides to take. We hope that action is taken soon," Priyanka Gandhi said, responding to reporters' questions on the matter.

The deadly attack, allegedly carried out by operatives linked to the Lashkar-e-Taiba, has triggered widespread condemnation and calls for stringent counter-measures. Congress has demanded a firm response to penalize Pakistan for what it termed as its "continued export of terror." The party also called for a time-bound investigation into the glaring security and intelligence lapses in a region known to be one of India's most heavily guarded.

In its official resolution, adopted under the chairmanship of Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge and attended by senior leaders including Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, Jairam Ramesh, K.C. Venugopal, and Priyanka Gandhi, the party expressed deep grief over the loss of innocent lives and extended solidarity with the families of the victims.

The Congress leadership's stance reflects a rare moment of political consensus on national security, as the nation mourns yet another tragic terror incident. The resolution also stressed the need for strategic recalibration in counterterrorism policy, enhanced intelligence coordination, and greater regional vigilance. This strong show of bipartisan support aims to send a clear message that national security transcends political divisions and demands unified resolve in the face of terrorism.



India Successfully Conducts Maiden Flight-Trials of Stratospheric Airship Platform

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India has successfully conducted the maiden flight trials of a stratospheric airship platform, a significant milestone in enhancing the country's military surveillance capabilities. The trial, carried out on May 3, 2025, was conducted by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) at Sheopur in Madhya Pradesh, marking a key achievement in the development of this sophisticated high-altitude system.

The airship platform, designed to operate at stratospheric heights, was launched with an instrumental payload and reached an altitude of approximately 17 kilometers. This groundbreaking system has the potential to remain airborne for extended periods, providing an edge in intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) operations. Few nations in the world have developed such a complex airship platform, placing India among the select few with such advanced capabilities.

DRDO Chairman Samir V. Kamat hailed the flight as a "milestone" in the development of lighter-than-air high-altitude platform systems. The flight trial lasted approximately 62 minutes, during which onboard sensors collected crucial data, which will be used for refining high-quality simulation models for future flights. The airship's envelop pressure control and emergency deflation systems were also tested during the trial to assess their performance.

Rajnath Singh Vows 'Befitting Reply' Amid India's Escalating Tensions with Pakistan

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Amid mounting tensions between India and Pakistan following the deadly Pahalgam terror attack, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh delivered a strong warning, promising a "befitting reply" to any hostile acts against the nation. Speaking at the Sanskriti Jagran Mahotsav in Delhi on May 4, Singh stated that it was his duty as Defence Minister to work with the armed forces to protect India's sovereignty and retaliate firmly against those who "cast an evil eye" on the country.

His remarks came in the backdrop of the April 22 Pahalgam massacre, where 26 people — including tourists and two foreign nationals — were gunned down by a Lashkar-e-Taiba-linked group near the Baisaran meadow in Jammu and Kashmir. The attack is considered one of the



deadliest targeting civilians in the region in recent years.

India has since initiated a series of diplomatic and strategic actions aimed at pressuring Pakistan. Within days of the incident, India suspended the Indus Waters Treaty — a landmark 1960 agreement governing river sharing — and shut down both the Octroi and Attari-Wagah border checkpoints.

On May 3, India intensified its response by banning all Pakistani ships from entering Indian ports and halting all imports and postal exchanges with Pakistan. According to a government notification, this includes an immediate ban on the direct or indirect import and transit of any goods originating from Pakistan, effectively freezing trade between the two nations.

The Ministry of Communications also suspended all inbound mail and parcels from Pakistan via air or surface routes, further tightening non-military pressure. These moves are seen as a strategic effort to isolate Pakistan economically and diplomatically following what Indian authorities claim is yet another example of cross-border terrorism supported from within Pakistan's territory.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has already granted "complete operational freedom" to the armed forces to determine the nature, timing, and scale of any retaliatory action. As calls for decisive retribution grow louder across the country, the government's multi-pronged approach underscores its resolve to respond firmly to the Pahalgam attack.

India looks for partners, not preachers: Jaishankar on expectations from Europe

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, speaking at the Arctic Circle India Forum 2025, underscored the need for Europe to engage with India on the basis of mutual respect, understanding, and realism, especially in light of the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict. He criticized the Western approach of formulating solutions without involving key stakeholders like Russia, saying such methods "challenge the basics of realism."

Jaishankar expressed India's preference for global partners who prioritize cooperation over moral lecturing. "We look for partners, not preachers—especially not those who fail to practice at home what they preach abroad," he said, adding that while some parts of Europe are evolving, others still struggle with this outdated mindset.

He pointed out that India's expectations from Europe include sensitivity and an acknowledgment of shared interests, which are crucial for fostering meaningful and sustainable partnerships. "If



we are to develop a partnership, there has to be some understanding, mutuality of interest, and a realization of how the world actually works," he said.

On India's stance in the Russia-Ukraine war, Jaishankar reiterated that India has not prescribed solutions or dictated terms to either side. Instead, India has emphasized the importance of dialogue and engagement. "We have always been

careful not to prescribe a solution, which is a courtesy often not extended to us," he noted.

Highlighting the long-standing India-Russia relationship, Jaishankar emphasized the "important fit" between Russia as a resource provider and India as a resource consumer. He also defended India's increased purchase of Russian crude post-2022, framing it as a decision driven by national

interest, despite Western criticism. Jaishankar concluded by warning against unrealistic diplomatic expectations. He stated that attempts to solve the Russia-Ukraine issue without Russia's participation are not grounded in reality. "Nobody wants war, especially in an interdependent world. These are lose-lose scenarios," he said. India's approach, he maintained, is rooted in pragmatic engagement and global responsibility.

"Not One And Done": Netanyahu's Multiple Strike Warning After Houthi Attack

Warns of Ongoing Strikes After Houthi Missile Attack Near Tel Aviv

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Israel's Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, vowed to carry out multiple retaliatory strikes against Yemen's Houthi rebels following a missile attack near Ben Gurion Airport, Israel's primary international airport, on Sunday. The missile, launched by the Iran-backed Houthi group, marked a significant escalation in their ongoing conflict with Israel.

In a video shared on his personal social media account, Netanyahu made it clear that Israel's response would not be limited to a single strike. "We are acting against them in coordination with the US. We've acted against them before, and we will act against them in the future. It's not a one-and-done, but there will be strikes," Netanyahu said, signaling that Israel's military operations



would continue until the threat was neutralized.

The Houthi rebels, who have increasingly targeted Israeli interests, claimed responsibility for the missile strike. They stated that their actions were carried out in solidarity with

Palestinians in Gaza, amid ongoing tensions and violence in the region. The Houthis, who have aligned themselves with Iran, have ramped up their missile launches toward Israel in recent months, adding to the growing instability in the Middle East.

Israel's response to the missile strike near Ben Gurion Airport is part of a broader effort to defend its territory from external threats, including missile attacks from groups such as the Houthis. Netanyahu's warning of multiple strikes suggests that Israel plans a sustained military campaign to deter future attacks and protect its airspace.

The strike near Ben Gurion Airport raises concerns over the safety of one of Israel's busiest transportation hubs, which serves as a vital gateway for international travelers. As tensions escalate, the situation remains fluid, with both sides poised for further military actions. Israel's commitment to retaliate comes as part of its ongoing efforts to maintain its security and assert its military dominance in the region.



"Suicidal Concept": Bangladeshi Islamists Protest Women's Rights Reforms

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Thousands of Bangladeshis took to the streets of Dhaka on Saturday to protest against the government's proposed reforms aimed at ensuring equal rights for women, particularly regarding property ownership. The protest, organized by the influential Islamist group Hefazat-e-Islam, centered around the claim that the proposed recommendations undermined "the sentiments of the majority" in the country.

Hefazat-e-Islam leaders argued that the draft proposals from the Women's Affairs Reform Commission, created by the interim government of Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus, were in direct contradiction to Sharia law. They specifically criticized recommendations that would provide Muslim women with more property rights, stating that such reforms would violate religious traditions. The group has threatened a nationwide protest on May 23 unless their demands are met.

The protest, which saw over 20,000 participants, took place near Dhaka University, with demonstrators, including many teachers and students from non-government madrassas, carrying banners with slogans such as "Say no to Western laws on our women, rise up Bangladesh." This event marked one of the largest public displays of strength by Hefazat-e-Islam in years, coinciding with a surge in religious activism following the ousting of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's Awami League government.

The Demands

At the rally, Maulana Mahfuzul Huq, a senior leader of the platform, presented a 12-point charter of demands. These included the abolition of the current Women's Affairs Reform Commission and the punishment of its members for the proposed changes. The group called for a new commission made up of Islamic scholars and women representatives. Hefazat-e-Islam leaders argued that the commission's proposals misrepresented the role of religious inheritance laws and were an attack on traditional Muslim values.

Additionally, the group called for the banning of the Awami League party and the reinstatement of "complete faith and trust in almighty Allah" in the country's constitution. They also voiced strong opposition to terms like "gender identity," "gender diversity," and "gender equality," viewing them as part of a broader agenda to promote LGBT and transgender rights, which they considered incompatible with their religious beliefs.

The ongoing protests reflect the growing influence of Islamist groups in Bangladesh following the political upheaval of 2024, with many fearing the erosion of Islamic practices and values in the country's legal system.



Maldives President Mohamed Muizzu Holds Record 15-Hour Press Conference

Sets New Record

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Maldives President Mohamed Muizzu made headlines on Sunday after his office announced that he had broken the world record for the longest press conference by a sitting head of state. The 46-year-old leader held a nearly 15-hour session, surpassing the previous record set by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, who held a 14-hour press conference in 2019.

Muizzu began his marathon press conference at 10:00 am (0500 GMT) on Saturday, with the event running uninterrupted for 14 hours and 54 minutes, only pausing briefly for prayers. His office confirmed that the session continued past midnight, setting a new world record for presidential press engagements.

The extensive conference was held to coincide with World Press Freedom Day on Saturday, highlighting Muizzu's commitment to fostering a free press in the island nation. During the press conference, Muizzu emphasized the importance of factual, balanced, and impartial reporting, acknowledging the critical role the press plays in society.

In addition to answering questions from journalists, the Maldives president also responded to inquiries submitted by the public. This interaction underlined Muizzu's focus on engaging with citizens, a priority since he assumed office in 2023. As part of the session, the Maldives government also celebrated the country's rise in the 2025 World Press Freedom Index, where the nation moved up two places to 104th out of 180 countries, according to Reporters Without Borders.

"Will Use Full Spectrum Of Power": Pakistan's "Nuclear" Warning To India

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Pakistan's Ambassador to Russia, Muhammad Khalid Jamali, has issued a stark warning, suggesting that Islamabad could resort to its full military capabilities, including nuclear weapons, if India attacks Pakistan or disrupts its water supply. Speaking to Russian broadcaster RT on Saturday, Jamali claimed that Pakistan had credible intelligence indicating that India is planning military strikes on Pakistani territory. "There are some other leaked documents whereby it has been decided to strike certain areas of Pakistan," he said, adding that this heightened the belief that an attack is imminent.

Jamali's comments represent one of the most direct threats of nuclear retaliation from a senior Pakistani official against India in recent years. He emphasized that Pakistan would use "the full spectrum of power, both conventional and nuclear," if provoked.

The remarks come in the af-



termath of the deadly Pahalgam terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir on April 22, which killed 26 people, mostly tourists. India has blamed Pakistan for harboring and supporting terror groups responsible for the attack, although Islamabad has denied involvement. In response, India suspended the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT), a key 1960 agreement that governs water distribution between the two countries. This treaty has survived multiple conflicts between the nations and is seen as a stabilizing factor in their tense relationship.

Jamali condemned India's suspension of the IWT, calling it an "act of war" against Pakistan.

He warned that any attempt by India to divert or stop the flow of water from the Indus River would lead to a full-scale military response. Pakistan's Defence Minister, Khawaja Asif, echoed this sentiment on Friday, stating that Islamabad would target any Indian infrastructure built on the Indus River in violation of the treaty.

The growing tensions have also led to military showdowns, with Pakistan conducting a test launch of its Abdali missile, which has a range of 450 kilometers and can carry both conventional and nuclear payloads. The Indian government views the missile test as a provocative move, and there has been no official reaction from New Delhi as of yet.

Additionally, India has imposed new economic restrictions on Pakistan, including a ban on imports from or through Pakistan, and prohibiting Pakistani ships from entering Indian ports. Pakistan reciprocated with its own maritime restrictions, further escalating the bilateral standoff.

Xi Jinping to Visit Russia Amid Tensions and Growing China-Russia Ties

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Chinese President Xi Jinping is set to visit Russia from May 7-10, the Kremlin confirmed on Sunday, in a move that underscores the strengthening of ties between the two nations. Xi's visit coincides with the Victory Day Parade on May 9 in Moscow, where he is among the prominent world leaders expected to attend.

The Kremlin stated that the visit is at the invitation of Russian President Vladimir Putin. In addition to participating in the Victory Day celebrations, the two leaders will engage in discussions about furthering their "comprehensive partnership and strategic interaction." They will also address key issues on both the international and regional fronts, and are expected to sign a series of bilateral agreements during the visit.

This marks Xi's third visit to Russia since Russia's military intervention in Ukraine in February 2022. China has



maintained a neutral stance in the conflict, but has repeatedly backed Russia's claims that its actions were provoked by the West. China has also provided critical support to Russia by supplying components needed for the production of military weapons, alleviating some of the economic pressures Moscow fac-

es due to international sanctions.

Xi's visit follows his attendance at the BRICS summit in Russia in September 2024 and a state visit to Moscow in March 2023. The frequent meetings between Putin and Xi reflect the growing ties between the two countries, which

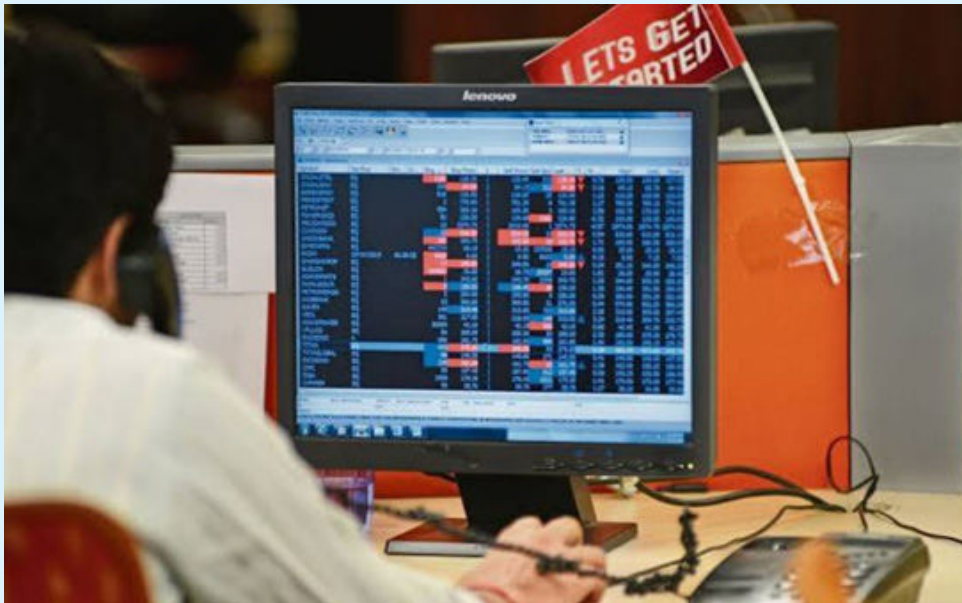
have increasingly relied on each other amid Western sanctions. These sanctions have restricted Russia's access to much of the global trading system, prompting Moscow to redirect its energy exports to China and seek Chinese companies' help in circumventing technology restrictions.

Although the personal ties between Putin and Xi have strengthened the partnership, there is a growing asymmetry in power between the two nations. As Russia faces increasing isolation due to its actions in Ukraine, China's economic influence over Russia continues to grow.

Meanwhile, Moscow has accused Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy of jeopardizing the safety of dignitaries attending the Victory Day celebrations by dismissing Russia's unilateral ceasefire. Zelenskyy claimed Ukraine could not provide security guarantees for foreign officials visiting Russia, cautioning that Moscow could stage provocations and blame Ukraine for them.

Markets in Consolidation Mode: Nifty Eyes Breakout Above 24,550 Amid Sectoral Divergence

Domestic stock markets may move mixed this week. Nifty is currently consolidating at 24,346. There is a tough resistance at 24,550. If it is overcome, further strength will increase in the medium term. The correction in mid and small companies is still ongoing, indicating overall market weakness. Last week, defense, oil, realty, infra, and healthcare stocks showed momentum. Media, metal, FMCG, and CPSE stocks fell. Currently, there is demand for refinery, ship-building, textile, and defense stocks.



Stock Recommendations

Tejas Network:



These stocks, which have been in a

downtrend for two years, are currently in the accumulation zone. A base has been forming since March. They have taken support for the second time at the crucial Rs. 650 level. In this counter, which closed at Rs.704 last Friday, investors should take a position in the Rs.700 range with a target price of Rs.810. Stop loss should be placed at Rs.670.

Rail Tel:

These shares, which have undergone a correction of 25% in six months, are forming a good base at Rs.290. Demand



is visible here. They have crossed the 20-day and 50-day moving averages. In this counter, which closed at Rs.316 with a gain of 6.7% last Friday, investors should enter at Rs.300 with a target price of Rs.370. Stop loss is mandatory at Rs.275.

SBI:



The momentum of these shares has decreased slightly in the short term. However, they are showing strength in the medium term. They have recently reached the crucial Rs.860 level. Investors should take a position above Rs. 850 with a target price of Rs. 980 in this counter, which closed last Friday. Stop loss should be chosen at Rs. 835.

Hindalco:

These shares, which have been underperforming for a year, have now entered a key demand zone. They are

moving with tight price action at Rs. 600. Medium term momentum is good. Investors should enter above Rs. 600 with a target price of Rs. 740 in this counter, which closed last Friday. Stop loss should be placed at Rs. 675.



SBI:

These shares are currently showing good momentum and strength. These shares, which recently surpassed their three-month high, have been stable above their 20-day moving averages. Investors should take a position above Rs.780 with a target price of Rs.860 on this counter, which closed at Rs.800 last Friday. Stop loss should be chosen at Rs.755.



Envirotech Systems Ltd: Niche SME With Strong FY25 Results, Capacity Expansion, and ₹200 Target in Sight

Envirotech Systems Ltd is an SME Company listed in NSE with a trading lot of 1000 shares. It closed at Rs.108.50 on 2-5-2025.

PORTFOLIO



IPO DETAILS :

It came for IPO on 13-9-24 with an issue price of Rs.56. It raised Funds of Rs.30-24 Crores of which Rs.12 Crores is earmarked for CAPEX and Rs.8 Crores for working Capital. It manufactures noise measurement and control solutions for industrial and commercial applications. This is a niche area.

It declared results for the year ended 31-03-2025 on 29-4-2025. This is the first full year result after IPO in the month of September, 2025.

GIST OF RESULTS :

Revenue increased marginally from Rs.46 Crores to Rs.48 Crores from 2024 to 2025. The scope for higher revenue is limited as the existing Factory is working at 100% capacity. Net Profit increased from Rs.11 Crores to Rs.14 Crores from 2024 to 2025. The EPS on the expanded capital of Rs.18.79 works out to Rs.7.48. This is the comparison from year to year. If we look at half yearly performance, it is more impressive. From September,2024 to March, 2025, the revenue jumped from Rs.16.30 Crores to Rs.31.30 Crores. During the same period, the Net Profit jumped from Rs.2.83 Crores to Rs.11.22 Crores giving half yearly EPS of 6.

NEW PROJECTS FOR EXPANSION:

The Balance Sheet reveals Capital Work in Progress of Rs. 29 Crores as on 31-03-2025. This represents the amount invested in the new factory which is in the process of semi-finished condition.

The existing Factory is in an area of 21520 Square Feet Area. The new Factory is being constructed in an area of 100000

Square Feet which is five times of the existing factory. The new unit is partially operational by June,2025 and fully operational by December, 2025.

By the time the second project is completed, the Company will have a total factory space of 1250000 Square Feet and Fixed Assets of above Rs.40 Crores strengthening the Balance Sheet.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS :

a) Company is introducing sound proof windows and doors b)Collaboration with IIT Delhi to develop new products c)Special focus on Defence Industry.

MARQUEE CLIENTS :

Its list of Clients include names like Bharat Electronics, DRDO, Hal , Havells, NTPC, Hitachi, GE etc.

LAST BUT THE LEAST - VALUATION : Annual EPS is 7.48. With a multiple of 20, the value of the Company should be 150. (7.48 x 20). With the new factory nearing completion, with the patronage of marquee clients, with focus on the Defence Sector, and with niche products, the Company has a bright future in store. Long term investors can see a valuation of Rs.200 within a span of one year.

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Reliance Industries, HDFC Bank Lead Market Gains Amid Positive Equity Trends

In a largely optimistic week for Indian equity markets, several prominent industries emerged as the key gainers, with Reliance Industries, HDFC Bank, Bharti Airtel, and ICICI Bank leading the charge. These companies contributed to the BSE benchmark's impressive rise of 1,289.46 points, or 1.62%, marking a positive week for the stock market despite the holiday for 'Maharashtra Day' on Thursday.

Reliance Industries continued to be the top performer, with its market valuation soaring by Rs 1,64,959.62 crore, bringing its total market capitalization to Rs 19,24,235.76 crore. Bharti Airtel also witnessed a significant surge, as its market value jumped by Rs 20,755.67 crore, reaching Rs 10,56,029.91 crore. ICICI Bank added Rs 19,381.9 crore to its valuation, bringing its total market capitalization to Rs 10,20,200.69 crore.

HDFC Bank, another major player, saw its market capitalization rise by Rs 11,514.78 crore, bringing it to a total of Rs 14,73,356.95 crore. Infosys, too, experienced strong growth, with its valuation increasing by Rs 10,902.31 crore to Rs 6,25,668.37 crore. ITC and State Bank of India rounded off the gainers, with their market values climbing by Rs 2,502.82 crore and Rs 1,160.2 crore, respectively.



However, not all companies shared in the rally. The market capitalization of Bajaj Finance dropped by Rs 15,470.5 crore, taking its total valuation down to Rs 5,50,726.80 crore. Hindustan Unilever also faced a decline, with its market value slipping by Rs 1,985.41 crore to Rs 5,45,845.29 crore. Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), a leader in the IT sector, saw its valuation dip by Rs 1,284.42 crore, bringing its market capitalization to Rs 12,45,996.98 crore.

Reliance Industries remained the highest-valued company on the Indian stock market, followed by HDFC Bank, TCS, Bharti Airtel, ICICI Bank, and other notable firms. Despite some declines, the market as a whole experienced solid growth, signaling optimism in the Indian economy.

India's Economy in Good Shape, Resilient Amid Global Challenges: CEA Nageswaran

India's Chief Economic Advisor (CEA), Dr. V. Anantha Nageswaran, expressed confidence in the country's economic resilience despite global uncertainties, asserting that India's economy remains on a solid path. Speaking at an event at Ashoka University on Saturday, Nageswaran highlighted that economic indicators point to the country's continued progress, even in the face of global challenges.

The CEA emphasized the importance of maintaining macroeconomic stability while focusing on innovation-led, inclusive growth strategies. He outlined key areas that India must prioritize, including targeted investments in human capital, technology, infrastructure, and ongoing structural reforms. Nageswaran pointed out that India's economic fundamentals are strong, stating, "India's economy is in good shape despite the challenging global environment." He also mentioned that while the final numbers for FY25 would be available in May, the current indicators were promising, showing that the country's economy is progressing well.

Among the top priorities he listed were energy affordability and transition, employment generation through artificial intelligence, income distribu-

tion between capital and labor owners, the rise of manufacturing and small and medium enterprises (SMEs), as well as food security and private sector investment in capital formation.



Nageswaran's optimism is reinforced by the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) forecast, which projects India to remain the fastest-growing major economy globally over the next two years. The IMF's World Economic Outlook for April 2025 estimates that India will grow by 6.2% in 2025 and 6.3% in 2026, maintaining a strong lead over both global and regional peers.

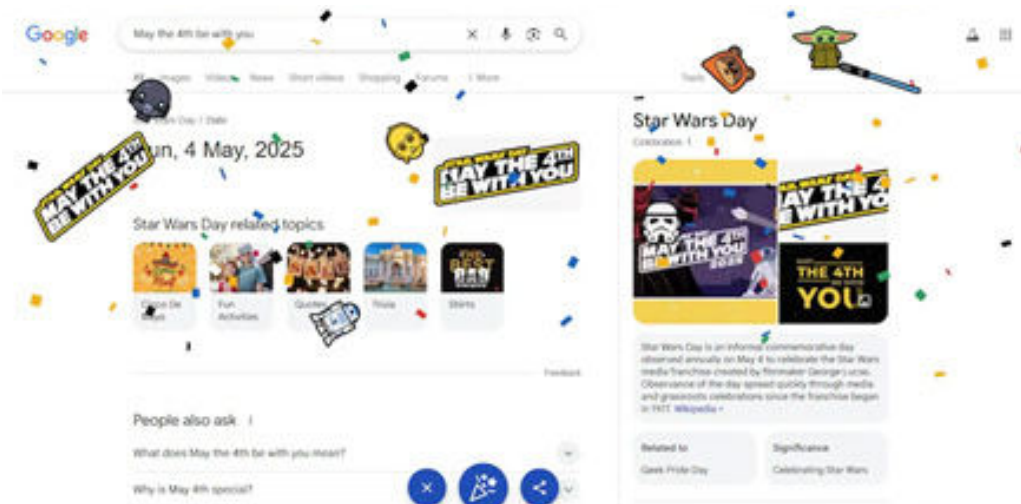
Suman Bery, Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog, also underscored India's long-term vision to become a developed, high-income society by 2047. Bery highlighted the need for sustained growth, emphasizing labor productivity, investment, and structural reforms. He reflected on India's consistent growth rate of 6.5% over the past three decades, calling it a testament to the country's institutional maturity and agility. Bery added that the current global turmoil could present India with an opportunity to accelerate its growth trajectory, leveraging its demographic dividend, technological advancements, and shifting geopolitical dynamics.

Google Joins Global Fans in Celebrating Star Wars Day with Interactive Confetti Feature

Every year on May 4, Star Wars enthusiasts around the world unite to celebrate the beloved sci-fi saga with what has now become an unofficial holiday: Star Wars Day. The iconic phrase from the franchise, “May the Force be with you,” has been cleverly reimagined by fans as “May the Fourth be with you,” giving birth to this celebratory date. In 2025, Google joined the festivities by adding a special themed animation to its search engine.

When users type “Star Wars” or “May the Fourth be with you” into Google’s search bar, they are treated to a delightful cascade of themed confetti. The animation includes popular characters and symbols from the Star Wars universe such as Grogu (Baby Yoda), Wicket the Ewok, C-3PO, R2-D2, and Stormtrooper helmets. Adding to the galactic feel, blue and red lightsabers—representing the Jedi and the Sith—also appear in the confetti.

This interactive feature not only adds a fun twist to search results but also allows fans to share their experience on social media or replay the animation as often as they like. It’s Google’s creative nod to the worldwide fan base and the cultural impact of the franchise.



May 4th has become a key date in the Star Wars fandom calendar, often celebrated with film screenings, costume parties, fan gatherings, and online tributes. Dedicated followers of the saga use the day to honor its characters, storylines, and timeless legacy. Many dress up as Jedi, Sith, or other iconic characters, while others revisit the films or participate in themed events hosted by fan clubs and cinemas.

Interestingly, Star Wars fans have also embraced May 5 as “Revenge of the Fifth,” a pun on the film “Revenge of the Sith.” This day is often dedicated to the villains of the series, such as Darth Vader, Emperor Palpatine, and other Sith lords.

May is particularly significant for the franchise: the original Star Wars film premiered on May 25, 1977, and the saga’s creator, George Lucas, was born on May 14.

Viral Social Experiment: RCB Fan Raises Rs 1,200 with ‘Good Luck’ QR Code Campaign

In a humorous twist to the Indian Premier League (IPL) season, a quirky social experiment by content creator Sarthak Sachdeva has gone viral, revealing the lengths to which fans—or pranksters—will go to support their favorite team. With Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) continuing their title-less journey in the league, Sachdeva decided to turn fandom into fundraising by pasting QR codes on streets with a catchy caption: “Donate Rs 10 for RCB Goodluck.”

What began as a light-hearted joke quickly spiraled into an unexpected success. Curious passersby, either amused or genuinely hopeful for an RCB victory, began scanning the QR codes and sending small donations. By the end of the day, Sachdeva was surprised to see his digital wallet swell by Rs 1,200, all contributed by strangers.

“I honestly didn’t expect people to take it seriously. It was meant to be a fun social experiment,” Sachdeva said in his video documenting the campaign. “But to see the amount grow just shows how invested and spontaneous people can be, especially when it comes to cricket and RCB.”

The video, posted on social media, quickly went viral—amassing over 24 million views and generating a flood of reactions ranging from laughter to concern. Many users found the idea hilarious, with comments calling it a “new business model” and praising Sachdeva’s creativity. Others, however, expressed concern about how casually people scanned an unknown QR code, pointing out the risks of fraud in an age of rampant



digital scams.

One user joked, “Only in India can you raise money off superstition and fandom.” Another added, “Imagine the impact if people used the same energy to feed the homeless.”

While opinions remain divided, the incident highlights the deep emotional connection fans have with the IPL and RCB, as well as the ease with which viral trends can catch fire in India’s digitally savvy population. Whether this was a reflection of blind trust, cricket devotion, or just a good laugh—Sachdeva’s stunt certainly struck a chord.

Worldcoin Launches Eyeball-Scanning Orb in the U.S. to Verify Human Identity in AI Era



In a bold move to combat the growing threat of hyper-realistic AI bots, World — a startup co-founded by OpenAI CEO Sam Altman — officially launched its eyeball-scanning Orb in the U.S. during a high-profile event in San Francisco on April 30, 2025. The Orb, a glowing white sphere developed by World, scans users’ irises to generate a unique digital identity called a “World ID,” aimed at verifying a person’s humanity in an internet soon to be flooded by intelligent bots.

The event drew crowds to San Francisco’s Marina district, where attendees lined up to have their eyeballs scanned by the Orb in exchange for Worldcoin — a cryptocurrency issued by the start-up. With a futuristic setup of Orb scanners arranged in a ring, participants willingly enrolled in the World ID program, which promises to safeguard online interactions by distinguishing humans from AI.

Alex Blania, CEO of World, and Sam Altman took the stage to explain the company’s vision. According to them, as generative AI becomes increasingly advanced, distinguishing bots from real people online will become a critical

challenge. World aims to solve this with a decentralized, biometric-based verification system that respects user privacy while offering a reliable method of identity authentication.

“This is about ensuring people still have value and agency online as AI proliferates,” Altman said. Users who register with the Orb receive a World ID and Worldcoin tokens, which can be used for transactions, traded, or stored. World promises the Orb does not store raw biometric data, instead converting iris scans into secure codes.

Despite privacy concerns raised by skeptics and critics wary of biometric data collection, the launch event created significant buzz, with users describing the experience as part surreal, part thrilling — a glimpse into the new digital frontier. As one attendee put it, “It felt like stepping into a sci-fi movie — but this is now our reality.”

With World IDs set to play a central role in verifying digital humanity, the Orb could mark a transformative moment in how we interact with technology in the age of artificial intelligence.

Mobile Gaming on the Rise: Gen Z Leads India’s Smartphone Gaming Surge

Mobile gaming has firmly entrenched itself in the daily lives of Indians, especially among the younger population, according to a new study by CyberMedia Research (CMR). The survey, released on May 2, highlights how smartphones have become a major entertainment hub, with gaming taking center stage for many users across the country.

CMR surveyed 1,550 respondents spanning Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3 cities—including Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Guwahati, Chennai, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Ahmedabad, Indore, and Gwalior. The participants were grouped into three generational categories: Millennials (28–44 years), Gen Z (13–28 years), and Gen Alpha (under 13 years).



The findings reveal that over 32% of Indian users spend between four to six hours weekly on mobile games. Among Gen Z, the engagement is even deeper—nearly 74% of this group spend at least six hours every week gaming on their smartphones. This trend reflects how ingrained mobile gaming has become in the routines of India’s youth, often serving as both a recreational outlet and a social activity.

The survey also indicates that mobile gaming cuts across regional and generational lines, though preferences and time spent vary. In smaller cities, where entertainment infrastructure may be limited, smartphones provide easy access to a wide array of games. Meanwhile, in metropolitan areas, users are increasingly investing in high-performance smartphones specif-

ically optimized for gaming.

Millennials showed a moderate level of engagement with mobile gaming, while Gen Alpha, despite their younger age, are already displaying significant interest—pointing to a future where mobile gaming could become an even more dominant form of digital interaction.

The study underscores not only the rising popularity of mobile gaming but also its potential impact on digital consumption patterns, device preferences, and even mental well-being. As gaming continues to evolve in India, fueled by affordable internet access and budget-friendly smartphones, the country is poised to become one of the world’s largest mobile gaming markets.

Apple Set to Launch Six iPhones in 2026, Including First Foldable Model and iPhone 18 Air

In a significant shift from its traditional release cycle, Apple is reportedly preparing to launch a record six iPhone models in 2026, including its first-ever foldable device. According to a report from The Information, the tech giant is set to expand its iPhone lineup to accommodate new form factors and market segments.

Traditionally, Apple introduces four iPhone models each September. However, in 2026, the company could stagger releases across multiple events. The standard iPhone 18 and a successor to the iPhone 16e may be unveiled in Spring 2026, while the high-end iPhone 18 Pro models, a new iPhone 18 Air, and the much-anticipated foldable iPhone are expected to debut later in the year.

The foldable iPhone, likely called the iPhone Fold, is rumored to adopt a



book-style design with a 5.7-inch external display and a 7.8-inch internal screen when unfolded. Samsung Display has reportedly been selected as the exclusive supplier of OLED panels for the device, having met Apple’s strict standards for crease reduction—something rival suppliers like LG Display and BOE failed to achieve.

Industry analyst Ming-Chi Kuo has suggested the iPhone Fold could be between 4.5mm to 4.8mm thick, potentially making it one of the thinnest

foldables on the market. The phone is expected to carry a hefty price tag around \$2,000 and feature Face ID, a punch-hole front camera, and a dual rear-camera setup.

Adding to the excitement, Bloomberg’s Mark Gurman has hinted at a premium iPhone model set to commemorate the iPhone’s 20th anniversary. This version may include ultra-premium materials like advanced glass, further pushing the boundaries of Apple’s design and pricing.

These developments signal Apple’s broader push to diversify its smartphone offerings and cater to emerging consumer demands for foldable devices, thinner designs, and innovative form factors. If confirmed, 2026 could mark one of the most significant years in the iPhone’s evolution since its debut in 2007.

Punjab Kings Clinch Thrilling 37-Run Victory Over Lucknow Super Giants in Dharamsala

Punjab Kings registered a dominant 37-run victory over Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) in their Indian Premier League (IPL) clash at the HPCA Stadium in Dharamsala, marking their first win at the venue since 2023. Set a mammoth target of 237, LSG fell short, managing only 199/7 in their chase, despite some spirited individual performances.

Punjab Kings' impressive total of 236/6 was built around some key contributions. The top order set the tone with a flurry of boundaries, while the middle-order held firm to ensure they posted a daunting total. The menacing partnership between the openers and middle-order batters powered Punjab to a challenging target.



In response, LSG's chase got off to a nightmare start. The Punjab Kings' bowling attack, spearheaded by Arshdeep Singh, caused early carnage. Singh delivered a fiery spell, claiming 3 wickets for just 16 runs. He was instrumental in sending Mitchell Marsh, Aiden Markram, and Nicholas Pooran back to the pavilion within the first five overs, leaving LSG reeling at 19/3.

Despite the early setbacks, LSG refused to go down without a fight. Abdul Samad played a crucial knock, scoring 45 runs to stabilize the innings. However, it was Ayush Badoni's brilliant 74 that kept the chase alive for the Super Giants,

as he displayed excellent composure under pressure.

Despite their best efforts, the asking rate climbed too high, and Punjab Kings maintained their grip on the match. Azmatullah Omarzai's key wickets of Rishabh Pant and David Miller further dampened LSG's hopes. With LSG losing wickets at regular intervals, their chase faltered as the Punjab bowlers kept things tight and took wickets at crucial moments.

In the end, LSG's fightback fell short, and Punjab Kings emerged victorious by 37 runs, clinching a well-earned win in Dharamsala.

Riyan Parag's Brave Knock Falls Short as KKR Holds Off RR in IPL 2025 Clash

Riyan Parag's explosive knock of 95 almost single-handedly propelled Rajasthan Royals (RR) towards an unlikely victory in their IPL 2025 match against Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR). However, despite his valiant effort, RR fell short in their chase of 207, finishing at 198/7 after 19.4 overs. Harshit Rana played a key role in the final stages, taking two vital wickets at the death, ensuring KKR held their nerve for a narrow win.



Parag's stunning performance included five sixes in a single over, which nearly brought RR back into the game when all hope seemed lost. His fearless hitting brought RR close to the target, but he was dismissed at a crucial juncture, leaving his side with too much to do in the final overs. At the time of his departure, RR still needed 9 runs off the final over with Jofra Archer and Shubham Dubey at the crease. Despite their best efforts, RR couldn't get over the line, and KKR celebrated an important victory.

Earlier in the match, KKR's Andre Russell returned to his explosive best, smashing

a brilliant 22-ball half-century after being promoted up the order. Russell's blistering knock helped KKR post a challenging total of 206/4 in their 20 overs. His aggressive batting was the highlight of KKR's innings, as he took control of the middle overs and ensured the team set a formidable target.

KKR, who are in a must-win situation for every remaining match, will be relieved with the victory, which keeps their playoff hopes alive. On the other hand, RR, already eliminated from contention for the playoffs, showed plenty of fight but fell short in their chase. Despite Parag's heroics, RR couldn't capitalize on the momentum, leaving KKR to celebrate the hard-fought victory.

Delhi Capitals Eye Crucial Win Against Struggling Sunrisers Hyderabad Amid Injury Concerns

Delhi Capitals (DC) skipper Axar Patel will be eager to put his team's recent home defeats behind them as they gear up to face Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) in a pivotal IPL 2025 clash in Hyderabad on Monday. After a disappointing 14-run loss to Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR), DC's playoff hopes are still alive, largely thanks to their strong performances on the road—something they'll hope to replicate against Pat Cummins' SRH, who are on the brink of elimination.



A major concern for DC is the fitness of Axar Patel, who suffered a bruise on his left hand while fielding against KKR on April 30. Despite the injury, he displayed grit with a blistering 23-ball 43. However, the extent of his recovery could impact his ability to bowl effectively, which would be a significant blow for Delhi, especially at such a critical juncture in the season.

Currently placed fifth on the points table with 12 points from 10 games, DC need to halt their recent slump—losing two straight matches at home to RCB and KKR. The side's batting has been anchored by KL Rahul, their top run-scorer with 371 runs in nine games. However, his recent slow knock against RCB and early dismissal against KKR raise questions about his impact at the top.

Abhishek Porel has shown intent but struggled to convert starts, while Vipraj Nigam's lower-order contributions offer DC depth. South African veteran Faf du Plessis's return to form is a boost, though his effectiveness on slower tracks remains to be seen.

DC's bowling, however, remains their strength. With Mitchell Starc leading a pace attack that includes Dushmantha Chameera and Mukesh Kumar, and potentially a fully fit Axar Patel, Delhi boasts one of the most lethal attacks in the tournament. Starc and Axar picked up five wickets in their previous outing, though KKR still managed a 200+ total due to pitch conditions.

Meanwhile, SRH, despite boasting stars like Travis Head, Ishan Kishan, Heinrich Klaasen, Mohammed Shami, and Cummins, have failed to find momentum. Their recent 38-run loss to Gujarat Titans has nearly ended their playoff hopes, with pacer Jaydev Unadkat citing ineffective bowling and pitch changes as key issues.

For Delhi, a win on Monday could rejuvenate their campaign. For Hyderabad, it's about salvaging pride.

Napoli Edge Closer to Serie A Title After Intense Victory at Lecce

Napoli took a crucial step toward clinching the Serie A title on Saturday with a narrow but vital 1-0 win over Lecce, maintaining their three-point lead over reigning champions Inter Milan. The match, played in a charged atmosphere at Lecce's Stadio Via del Mare, saw Giacomo Raspadori score the winner with a brilliant free-kick in the 24th minute.



The win marks Napoli's fourth consecutive victory without conceding, and puts them within touching distance of their fourth league crown. Antonio Conte's side now require just seven points from their remaining three fixtures—against Genoa, Parma, and Cagliari—to secure the title, assuming Inter win all of their final matches.

The encounter at Lecce was not without controversy. The match was temporarily halted for seven minutes as home fans hurled flares and firecrackers onto the pitch in protest over Serie A's handling of the sudden death of beloved Lecce physio Graziano Fiorita, who passed away last week at the age of 47. The league's decision to delay Lecce's previous match against Atalanta by only one day sparked outrage, with supporters booing the Serie A anthem and shouting abuse at league officials during the moment of silence.

Despite the distractions, Lecce put up a spirited fight. They were almost punished early when Romelu Lukaku tapped in from close range, only to be ruled offside by the narrow-

est of margins. Kialonda Gaspar came closest to equalizing for Lecce with a header that struck the crossbar in the 38th minute. Napoli also had a few chances, with Raspadori narrowly missing a second before halftime.

Meanwhile, Inter Milan kept their slim title hopes alive with a 1-0 win over Verona, courtesy of Kristjan Asllani's ninth-minute penalty. Manager Simone Inzaghi, suspended for the match, rotated his squad heavily with an eye on Tuesday's Champions League semi-final second leg against Barcelona. Despite missing key players including Lautaro Martinez and Benjamin Pavard, Inter comfortably secured three points.

Assistant coach Massimiliano Farris hinted that Martinez's hamstring injury may not be as serious as feared, leaving a glimmer of hope for his availability in the crucial European clash. The title race, though, is now firmly in Napoli's hands.

Nilakshi Silva's Brilliant Knock Leads Sri Lanka to Historic Win Over India

Sri Lanka stunned India by three wickets in a thrilling women's Tri-series match, marking their first victory over their much-fancied rivals in seven years. The win, powered by a scintillating 33-ball 56 from all-rounder Nilakshi Silva, brought Sri Lanka closer to the final, with the islanders securing their second win of the tournament.

Chasing down a target of 276, Sri Lanka achieved the feat with five balls to spare, despite being in a precarious position at 152 for 4 in the 33rd over. Nilakshi, known

for her explosive batting, turned the tide with three sixes and five fours, providing the much-needed momentum. Along with Anushka Sanjeevani (23* off 28 balls) and Sugandika Kumari (19* off 20 balls), Nilakshi guided her team to victory, while also pushing South Africa to the brink of elimination from the competition.

Earlier, India posted a competitive total of 275 for 9 after being put in to bat. Richa Ghosh was the stand-out performer for India, scoring a quickfire 58 off 48 balls. However, the Indian innings was marred by

regular wickets, with Smriti Mandhana run out for 18 in her 100th appearance in this format, and Pratika Rawal falling to left-arm spinner Inoka Ranaweera for 35.

Despite contributions from Harleen Deol (29 off 35) and Harmanpreet Kaur (30 off 45), India's middle order struggled to accelerate. Sri Lanka's bowlers, especially Chamari Athapaththu and Sugandika Kumari, proved to be the difference with three wickets each.

Sri Lanka's chase began with early setbacks, including the run-out of

Hasini Perera for 22, but Harshitha Samarawickrama (53 off 61 balls) anchored the chase with a crucial partnership with Vishmi Gunaratne (33). However, Gunaratne was dismissed at a critical moment, and Harshitha's dismissal to Pratika Rawal left the match evenly poised.

Despite a late fightback from Chamari Athapaththu (23 off 33), it was Nilakshi Silva's composure under pressure that sealed a memorable win for Sri Lanka, leaving India to reflect on their first loss in the event.





Powerstar is Back: Pawan Kalyan Joins HHVM Shoot

Hari Hara Veera Mallu, starring Power Star Pawan Kalyan, is arguably the most delayed film in Telugu cinema's recent history. The period action drama has already missed over half a dozen scheduled release dates, the most recent being May 9, which has now been postponed yet again. However, fresh reports suggest that the makers are now aiming for a May 30 release, provided all goes according to plan.

A new shooting schedule commenced recently, with the goal of wrapping up Pawan Kalyan's remaining portions by May 7 or 8. Once his scenes are completed, the team is expected to move quickly through the remaining post-production activities. However, considering the extensive work still left—dubbing, promotions, press interactions, and coordination with distributors—many feel that a 20-25 day timeline may be too tight to ensure a smooth and impactful release.

Complicating matters further is the fact that Vijay Deverakonda's Kingdom is already slated for a May 30 release. Should Hari Hara Veera Mallu stake a claim on that date, one of the two big releases will need to shift, making it imperative that the makers finalize their plans swiftly to allow adequate time for promotions.



Despite the delays, insiders reveal that the film has shaped up well and will likely meet the expectations of both fans and general audiences. However, there's concern that the prolonged production has led to dwindling buzz. Even the music by MM Keeravani, though composed by a maestro, hasn't managed to create significant hype so far. To reignite excitement, the makers are reportedly planning to release a powerful trailer or teaser in the coming days.

If a May 30 release proves unfeasible, the team might look at a June release window, which remains relatively open, with major titles like Kannappa and Kubera only arriving in the second half of the month. Given that the sequel and overall franchise potential hinge on this film's commercial success—and considering Pawan Kalyan's political responsibilities as Andhra Pradesh's Deputy CM—the team must tread carefully with every decision moving forward.

Sree Vishnu's Single Clears Censor with U/A, Set for May 9 Release

The upcoming romantic comedy Single, starring Sree Vishnu, is all set for a theatrical release on May 9, 2025. Directed by Caarthick Raju, known for Ninu Veedani Needanu Nene, the film features Ketika Sharma and Ivana as the female leads. With its fresh pairing and light-hearted tone, Single has caught the attention of audiences, especially after the trailer release.



The film recently completed its censor formalities and has been granted a U/A certificate. The final approved runtime stands at 130 minutes (2 hours and 10 minutes)—a crisp duration that suits its rom-com genre perfectly. This concise runtime is expected to keep the narrative engaging and fast-paced, a key element for romantic entertainers.

Single explores the emotional journey of a man entangled in romantic complexities involving two women. While the trailer received a largely positive response for its humor and youthful vibe, it also sparked a minor controversy. A particular dialogue reportedly offended a noted actor, drawing some media attention. However, the issue hasn't impacted the film's release plans, and the team is moving forward with confidence.

Backed by the reputed Geetha Arts, the film is jointly produced by Vidya

Koppineedi, Bhanu Pratapa, and Riyaz Chowdary. The production house is known for supporting content-driven entertainers, adding to the credibility of Single. The film's music is composed by Vishal Chandrasekhar, whose score is expected to play a key role in driving the emotional and fun elements of the film.

With just a few days left for release, the makers are banking heavily on the film's entertainment quotient and youthful appeal. Given the clean certification, crisp runtime, and growing anticipation, Single is poised to strike a chord with young audiences looking for a feel-good cinematic experience.

As the countdown begins, all eyes are on how Sree Vishnu's charming portrayal and the film's romantic triangle will translate on screen. Single could well be the summer surprise at the box office.



Trisha Krishnan Shines as Avani in Chiranjeevi's Fantasy Epic Vishwambhara

Marking her highly anticipated return to Telugu cinema, actress Trisha Krishnan has made a stunning impact with her first look from the upcoming fantasy epic Vishwambhara. Sharing the screen with none other than Megastar Chiranjeevi, Trisha's re-entry into Tollywood has fans buzzing with excitement.

To mark her birthday, the makers unveiled the first glimpse of Trisha's character, Avani — and it's nothing short of mesmerizing. Draped in an elegant traditional saree, Trisha exudes grace and strength, with her serene expression and radiant smile instantly captivating audiences. Her appearance suggests a character that is deeply rooted in culture, yet pivotal

to the film's larger-than-life narrative.

Vishwambhara, directed by Vassishta and produced by the prestigious UV Creations, is shaping up to be a cinematic spectacle. The film is set in a mythical realm and promises to blend grand storytelling with high-end visual artistry. Currently in its post-production phase, the film boasts the involvement of top-tier Hollywood VFX teams, ensuring a visual experience on par with global standards.

Adding to the excitement, the film's first single — composed by legendary music director MM Keeravani — has already taken the internet by storm. The track not only went viral but also claimed the top spots

on multiple music charts, building significant momentum ahead of the film's release.

With promotions set to intensify in the coming weeks, the makers are gearing up to offer audiences an immersive glimpse into the world of Vishwambhara. Trisha's return, combined with Chiranjeevi's commanding presence and Vassishta's directorial vision, has positioned Vishwambhara as one of the most awaited films in the Telugu film industry.

As fans eagerly await more updates, it's clear that Vishwambhara is more than just a comeback film for Trisha — it's a bold reimagining of myth and magic, with her poised at its emotional and narrative core.

Nani's HIT: The 3rd Case Surges on Day 3, Nears ₹100 Crore Mark

Natural Star Nani's latest crime thriller, HIT: The 3rd Case, is enjoying a stellar run at the global box office. Directed by Sailesh Kolanu, the gripping third installment in the popular HIT franchise has captivated audiences with its intense narrative and thrilling execution, showing strong momentum through its opening weekend.

On Day 3, the film registered a remarkable surge in collections, earning ₹20 crore on Saturday alone. This pushes the film's worldwide gross to ₹82 crore in just three days, a phenomenal achievement that places it among the fastest-growing thrillers in Indian cinema.

The film's performance in overseas markets is equally impressive. In North America, HIT 3 has al-

ready grossed \$1.8 million, further cementing Nani's growing international presence and the global recognition of the HIT series. The robust performance abroad highlights the franchise's expanding fanbase and universal appeal.

Advance bookings for Sunday are said to be extremely strong, suggesting that the film will continue its successful streak into the weekend. Trade analysts are now confident that HIT: The 3rd Case will comfortably cross the coveted ₹100 crore mark before the end of its opening weekend, a milestone that few thrillers in Telugu cinema have reached so swiftly.

With break-even already within touching distance for most distributors, the film is being hailed as both a commercial and critical triumph. Nani's intense

performance, coupled with Sailesh Kolanu's tight direction, has struck a chord with audiences, proving once again why Nani remains one of the most dependable and bankable stars in the industry.

HIT: The 3rd Case not only continues the legacy of its predecessors but also raises the bar for crime thrillers in Indian cinema. As the franchise gains traction with each installment, expectations are already building for what the future holds for the HIT universe.

In a market dominated by big-budget spectacles, HIT 3 stands out as a smart, gripping thriller that combines commercial appeal with storytelling excellence—making it one of the most exciting box office stories of 2025 so far.

