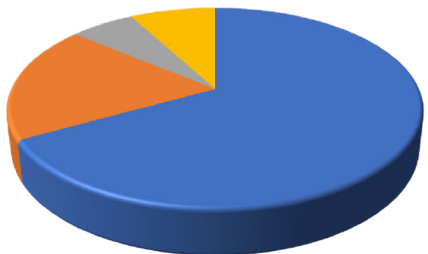


A Year of Coalition Rule: Public Opinion Survey

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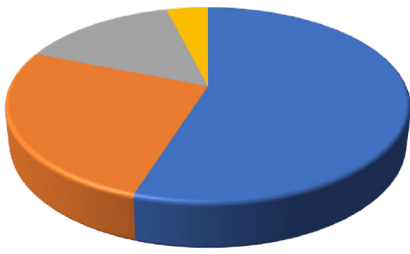
- 67% believe the AP capital decision will happen this year; 19% disagree.
- 62% are confident the coalition govt will last five years smoothly.
- 69% feel the govt treats all castes equally; 31% do not see this.
- 61% perceive bias in YSRCP's nets and the Karokaratala map.
- 94% agree with the BJP campaign that Pawan Kalyan is leading politically.

Will the capital decision for AP happen this year?



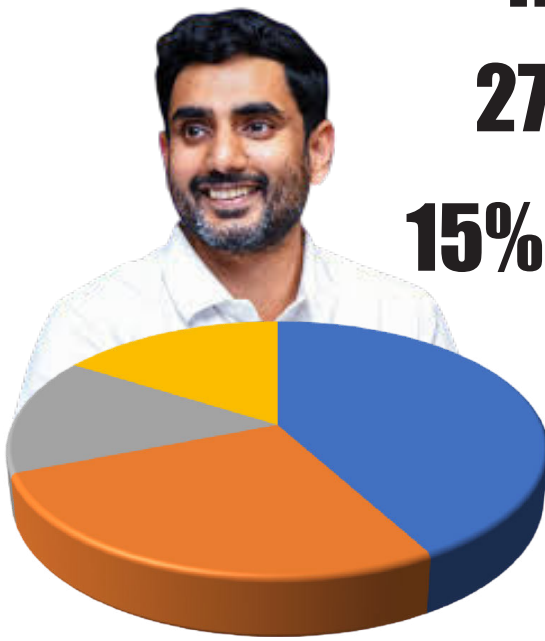
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Will the Super Six promises be implemented?



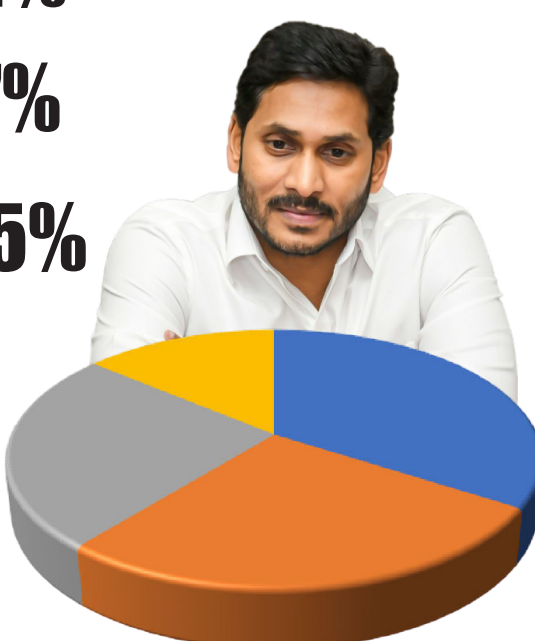
No 55%
Not Bad 26%
Not Good 15%
Yes 4%

Will Lokesh become CM?



No 42%
Yes later 27%
Pawan will Ask 15%
Unsure 16%

Will Jagan be arrested?



Yes 34%
No 27%
Too Late 25%
Unsure 14%

TPN Correspondent | AP

A recent survey conducted by VOTA - Voice of Telangana & Andhra from May 20 to June 5, sampling 1,950 people across Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, reveals mixed public opinions about the coalition government completing its first year. The sample consisted of 61% male and 39% female respondents, with the largest age group being 36-45 years at 34%. Occupations ranged from farmers (14%) and private employees (20%) to housewives (18%) and unemployed (13%). When asked about the coalition government's performance during its first year, 55% said it was good, 21% said not good, 15% responded not bad, and 9% termed it terrible. Despite this, there is widespread skepticism about the fulfillment of the government's flagship "Super Six" promises, with 55% doubting their implementation. The majority (62%) expressed confidence that the coalition would last five years without major disruptions, although 17% acknowledged existing

differences among alliance partners. On the much-debated Andhra Pradesh capital decision, 67% believe the matter will be resolved this year, while 19% think otherwise. Regarding fairness, 69% of respondents believe the government treats all castes equally, but a significant 31% have not witnessed such equality. Opinions are divided about whether the alliance will bring substantial change to Andhra Pradesh's future, with 45% doubtful and 10% optimistic. The survey also found that 61% perceive bias in the YSR Congress Party's nets and the Karokaratala map, reflecting ongoing distrust in political maneuvering. Public perception strongly supports BJP's claim that actor-turned-politician Pawan Kalyan is emerging as a key leader, with 94% agreeing with the campaign's narrative. However, only 17% of respondents are certain that the alliance will regain widespread support in future elections, while 56% remain uncertain. The possibility of the arrest of Andhra

Pradesh Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy divides opinion, with 34% expecting it, 27% denying it, and 25% believing it is too late. Regarding political leadership, just 15% believe Chandrababu Naidu's son Lokesh will become Chief Minister, while 42% think he will not. When asked about changes in Pawan Kalyan's role as Deputy Chief Minister, an overwhelming 94% expect significant developments. The public discourse is rich with commentary: Jagan is seen as both a caretaker of welfare schemes and a developer of infrastructure projects, while Lokesh is viewed as a youth politician yet to establish himself as a strong contender for the CM post. Chandrababu Naidu's vision for Amaravati is acknowledged, though many see the capital issue as benefiting particular family interests rather than the public. Social concerns such as rising drug abuse, unemployment, and law and order issues have grown louder.

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'Lucky to be Born in the Family of NTR and NCBN'

- Chandrababu and Vajpayee are my political inspirations
- Lokesh interacts with students at Shining Stars event in Parvathipuram
- Assures visits to schools across AP after July 15
- Incentives for IIT, NIT seat holders to be announced
- 23 cases filed to obstruct DSC, says Minister

TPN Correspondent | Parvathipuram

State Education, IT and Electronics Minister Nara Lokesh said he considers himself fortunate to be born in a visionary family like that of NTR and Chandrababu Naidu. Interacting with students during the Shining Stars award program held in Parvathipuram, he responded to questions with openness and encouragement. When asked who inspired him in politics, Lokesh replied, "Babu

garu, who constantly works for the state, is full of ideas. I learn so much from him. I also draw inspiration from former Prime Minister Vajpayee. While PV Narasimha Rao brought economic reforms, Vajpayee garu brought changes in telecom, road and education sectors. Internationally, I admire Singapore's former Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew, who transformed a fishing village into a global economic hub."

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Kommineni's Arrest Part of TDP's Planned Conspiracy: Sajjala



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Senior journalist Kommineni Srinivasa Rao arrested

- Kommineni detained for derogatory comments against Amaravati women
- Cases filed under SC/ST Atrocities, IT Act;
- Search on for journalist Krishnam Raju

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

Senior journalist and Sakshi TV editorial member Kommineni Srinivasa Rao was arrested by Andhra Pradesh police on Monday morning at his residence in Journalist Colony, Hyderabad. He is being shifted to Vijayawada for further legal proceedings. The arrest comes in the wake of massive state-wide outrage over alleged derogatory remarks made during a televised debate about Amaravati women. The controversy stems from a recent Sakshi TV discussion program where journalist Krishnam Raju



made shocking statements, saying, "Amaravathi is not the capital of gods, but the capital of prostitutes."

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The remarks triggered an uproar across Andhra Pradesh, with women's groups and political parties demanding immediate legal action. Kommineni, who moderated the debate, is accused of indirectly supporting or not opposing these remarks, which further fueled public anger.

Multiple complaints were filed across the state, including a prominent one by Kambhampati Sirisha, Director of the AP Madiga Corporation, who alleged that the comments targeted Dalit women in the Tadikonda SC-reserved constituency. Women from Amaravati also lodged a complaint at the Tullur police station, naming Kommineni and Krishnam Raju as responsible for insulting their dignity. After reviewing the debate footage, the police registered a case under the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act and relevant sections of the IT Act. Kommineni Srinivasa Rao has been listed as A2, while Krishnam Raju is A1, and the Sakshi TV management as A3 in the FIR. The sections invoked are non-bailable in nature, indicating the gravity of the charges.

Meanwhile, Krishnam Raju has reportedly gone into hiding. Police found his Vijayawada residence locked and suspect he has fled to Hyderabad. Special teams from Vijayawada and Tullur have been deployed to locate and arrest him. Officials say efforts are underway to apprehend him by Monday evening.

Kommineni is likely to be produced before a local magistrate in Guntur or Mangalagiri after initial procedures at the Tullur police station. The case continues to generate intense political and public attention, with calls growing louder for strict action against all those involved.

Rapid Progress...

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Andhra Pradesh currently has a total of 8,744 kilometres of national highways. Of these, 4,406 km fall under the jurisdiction of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), 641 km are managed by the Project Implementation Unit (PIU) under the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH), and 3,697 km are maintained under the NH (R&B) wing. At present, 144 road projects covering a combined length of 3,483 km are under construction in the state, taken up under NHAI and MoRTH at an estimated cost of ₹76,856 crore. In addition to these, several more projects are in the pipeline and are expected to commence shortly.

Out of the 3,483 km currently under development, 1,392 km are NHAI roads, while 2,091 km fall under the MoRTH portfolio. The Chief Minister has set an ambitious target to complete 1,040 km of road works in the current year itself. These projects, valued at ₹20,067 crore, are expected to significantly boost road connectivity and infrastructure in the state. Andhra Pradesh on Track to Become a Pothole-Free State

The “Mission Pothole-Free Roads,” launched by the Chief Minister in November last year with an outlay of ₹860.81 crore, has achieved 97% completion as of June 6. A total of 19,475 km of roads have been repaired and potholes filled. The remaining road repairs are expected to be completed by July 31.

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Many respondents criticized the government's slow progress in addressing farmers' issues and the welfare of unemployed youth. There is also a perception that YSRCP's activities have been subdued by fear of legal cases. Questions about the location of the capital—why Guntur was chosen over other areas—and the continuation of free bus services for women in Telangana were raised. Many believe the political rivalry between the TDP and Janastana remains intense and could escalate. In summary, while the coalition government has maintained relative stability during its first year, public opinion reflects deep skepticism about the delivery of promises, caste biases, and the future political landscape of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

Southern States Lauded for Energy Efficiency Efforts

- BEE pushes for 2BESP to sustain momentum
- Southern states like AP, Kerala, Karnataka lead national energy savings initiatives
- Targeted actions could save 22.5 billion kWh annually

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

Southern states have emerged as frontrunners in India's energy efficiency movement, with the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) under the Ministry of Power acknowledging the standout efforts of Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Karnataka, Telangana, and Tamil Nadu. In particular, BEE commended the proactive approach of the Andhra Pradesh State Energy Conservation Mission (APSECM) during recent World Environment Day celebrations. In a press release issued from Vijayawada on June 8, the BEE urged all State Designated Agencies (SDAs) to sustain their momentum by promoting Behavior-Based Energy Saving Practices (2BESP), which are key to reducing electricity consumption and combating climate change. BEE estimates suggest that 2BESP initiatives alone can help the country save up to 22.5 billion kilowatt-hours (kWh) annually.

During an interactive session on the impact of 5-star rated appliances, senior BEE officials including Deputy Director General Dr. Asok Kumar, Secretary Milind Deore, and Directors Abhishek Sharma and Karman Sheik, emphasized the urgent need for adopting high-efficiency appliances. They noted that energy-efficient devices such as air conditioners, refrigerators, and ceiling fans can drastically lower power consumption and reduce household electricity bills. To encourage behavioral change at the grassroots level, BEE urged SDAs to collaborate with Residential Welfare Associations (RWAs) and group housing societies. The agency also recommended maintaining air conditioner temperatures at 24°C or higher, in line with the national energy efficiency campaign guidelines for residential and commercial buildings. Given that India's building sector consumes nearly 35–40% of the country's total electricity, BEE reiterated the need for immediate



ate adoption of energy efficiency measures at the state level. The agency stressed that these changes are vital for reducing long-term power demand, cutting consumer expenses, and protecting the environment. To demonstrate the benefits of efficient appliances, BEE compared the electricity usage of conventional and energy-efficient ceiling fans. A 75W fan, when used 16 hours daily, costs around Rs 2,857 per year, while a 32W BLDC fan under the same conditions only costs Rs 1,208 annually—less than half the expense. Southern states made notable contributions to India's energy efficiency gains in FY 2022–23 through their participation in the Standards & Labelling Programme, which led to:

- **81.64 billion units of electricity saved**
- **Rs 54,323 crore in energy cost savings**
- **58 million tonnes of CO₂ emissions reduced annually**

The BEE reaffirmed its commitment to promoting a culture of energy responsibility across India and urged all states to continue driving the shift towards a more sustainable and efficient energy future.

EPACK Prefab Inaugurates ₹56 crore Sandwich Panel Manufacturing Plant

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

EPACK Prefab Technologies Limited, a leading manufacturer of pre-engineered and prefabricated building solutions, inaugurated its state-of-the-art sandwich panel manufacturing facility in Mambattu, Andhra Pradesh, marking a major expansion in its production capacity and southern India footprint. Spread over 2,83,660 sq. ft. with a built-up area of 1,49,151 sq. ft., the newly launched facility is equipped with a fully automated continuous production line capable of producing PUR/PIR and Rockwool panels. With this, EPACK has added 8 lakh square meters of annual capacity, increasing its total sandwich panel production to 13.10 lakh square meters per annum. At the inauguration, EPACK's Managing Director and CEO Sanjay Singhania said, “This plant is a landmark in EPACK's journey towards enabling



smarter, faster, and greener infrastructure. Strategically located in Mambattu, it will serve as a southern hub to power vital sectors like cold chains, food processing, and industrial warehousing. It is a step forward in realizing national initiatives like Make in India, Aatmanirbhar Bharat, and PM Gati Shakti.” Built with an investment of ₹56 crore (excluding land cost), the facility reflects EPACK's commitment to sustainable manufacturing. It complies with environmental norms under various pollution control laws and operates with energy-efficient automation sys-

tems that minimize material waste and ensure high-quality output. Executive Director Nikhel Bothra highlighted the plant's strategic significance, stating, “With this facility, we aim to strengthen our supply capabilities in southern India while continuing to deliver scalable, sustainable, and precision-engineered prefab solutions nationwide.” EPACK aims to capture a 30–35% share in the prefabricated sandwich panel market by the end of the current fiscal year, leveraging its expanded capacity and regional reach.

Building the Future of the Country in Classrooms: Kandula Durgesh

TPN Correspondent | Rajamahendravaram

State Tourism, Culture and Cinematography Minister Kandula Durgesh presented the Shining Stars Awards to 172 meritorious students from East Godavari district who showed outstanding performance in Class X and Intermediate for the academic year 2024–25. The felicitation ceremony, held at Sri Thyagaraja Narayana Dasa Seva Samithi in Rajamahendravaram, was organized under the guidance of the School Education Department. Ministers Nimmala Ramanaidu and Kandula Durgesh, along with local MLAs and officials, honored the students in a grand event. The awards were intro-



duced to enhance the quality and standards of education in government institutions. Minister Durgesh praised students, parents, and education officials for their efforts and commitment to excellence. Addressing the gathering, Minister Durgesh emphasized the importance of adapting to the evolving technological landscape.

“Students should move beyond conventional education and explore transformative technologies like Artificial Intelligence, Quantum Computing, and Quantum Valley,” he said. He added that the coalition government is actively building a ₹2,500 crore investment ecosystem to support a quantum economy in the state, aiming to generate over 5,000 skilled jobs by 2030. He encouraged students to adopt perseverance, creativity, and technological readiness in their learning. Minister Durgesh recalled Prime Minister Modi's praise for CM Chandrababu Naidu as a visionary in technology and stressed that Andhra Pradesh is at the forefront of embracing innovation.



Masula Beach Festival concludes successfully with flawless security

TPN Correspondent | Krishna

The Masula Beach Festival – 2025, held at the scenic Manginapudi Beach in Krishna district, concluded on a high note with thousands of visitors enjoying the four-day celebration under flawless security arrangements made by the Krishna District Police.

District SP Sri R. Gangadhar Rao, IPS, led from the front to ensure the event was conducted without any untoward incident. Security checkpoints were established across key locations, and designated personnel were deployed to maintain law and order throughout the venue.

The SP personally oversaw the security operations, issuing real-time instructions and actively participating in traffic management. He ensured smooth vehicle diversions to avoid congestion and interacted warmly with the public during these checks, taking the opportunity to connect with citizens and uplift the festive spirit.

In a rare display of camaraderie, the District SP joined his subordinates on duty, working shoulder to shoulder to ease their workload and boost morale. His proactive leadership and commitment inspired the entire force and set a shining example for all ranks. The SP and senior officials appreciated each staff member individually at the conclusion of the festival, commending their dedication in ensuring the safety and convenience of thousands of visitors. Not a single complaint or disruption was reported during the festival, which saw heavy footfall from across the region.

‘Lucky to be...

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He added that from July 15, he will begin visiting schools across the state. “Our goal is to make AP number one in all sectors. We will present an AP model to the world in the next two years,” he said.

We will provide incentives to those who secure seats in IITs and NITs

Lokesh assured students that the government will support meritorious students. “We will offer incentives to those who get into IITs and NITs. We want to encourage excellence,” he said. Responding to student Rishita from Kurupam ZP High School, he acknowledged the need to improve infrastructure and library access. “We are focusing on establishing libraries at the village, mandal, and constituency levels. A world-class library is being planned in Amaravati,” he announced.

Highlighting efforts to overcome resistance in the education recruitment process, Lokesh revealed that “23 cases have been filed just to obstruct the DSC at any cost”. He reiterated that the government is committed to bringing in transparency and speed in recruitment.

My favorite professor Rajireddy

In response to a question by Jahnavi from KGBV Parvathipuram, Lokesh shared a personal memory: “My favorite teacher during engineering was Professor Rajireddy. Though I was mischievous, I never crossed limits. My mother used to be summoned during parent-teacher meetings,” he said, drawing smiles from students.

He added that despite being a backbench student in his childhood, he had strong determination. “At Stanford, I met students from across the world and learned a lot from their experiences,” he noted.

I will be with you... Move forward boldly

Kusuma, a disabled student from ZPH School, expressed her wish to become a software engineer despite the odds. Lokesh responded warmly, saying, “I am proud of you. Move forward boldly. We are with you.” He also acknowledged Sahithi Panda from Saluru, who thanked Chandrababu and Lokesh for transforming education in the state.

YCP suspends former Guntur mayor Kavati Manohar



TPN Correspondent | Guntur

The YSR Congress Party has suspended former Guntur city mayor Kavati Manohar Naidu from the party, citing allegations of anti-party activities. The suspension was announced today by the YCP central office, based on the recommendations of the party's disciplinary committee. Along with Manohar Naidu, two other corporators — Marri Anjali (2nd division) and Yatla Ravikumar (5th division) — were also suspended by party president YS Jagan Mohan Reddy. The party stated that disciplinary action was necessary due to continuous reports of actions contrary to party interests. Kavati Manohar Naidu had contested as the YSRC candidate from Chilakaluripet Assembly constituency in the recent elections but was unsuccessful. Earlier, he served as the mayor of Guntur but submitted his resignation in March this year. Since then, he has remained largely inactive in party affairs, prompting speculation about his growing distance from the leadership. Party insiders say that despite several warnings, Manohar Naidu failed to align with party directions and continued to act independently. His interactions with rival leaders and lack of participation in YSRC programs are said to have contributed to the disciplinary action. The suspension of three prominent local leaders is being seen as a clear message from the YSRC high command that indiscipline will not be tolerated, especially in the wake of recent political setbacks and ongoing internal reviews.



We Will not Tolerate Insults to Women's Dignity - Women's Commission Chairperson Rayapati Sailaja

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

Andhra Pradesh State Women's Commission Chairperson Rayapati Sailaja expressed serious outrage over the derogatory comments made by journalists of Sakshi TV targeting women from the Amaravati region. She strongly condemned the use of vulgar language and alleged that such statements are politically motivated and intended to insult an entire community of women. Speaking to the media, Sailaja questioned how senior journalists occupying responsible positions could air such baseless and insulting content. She said, "A journalist claimed there are 150 institutions in Guntur working with sex workers. That is completely false. The Times of India mentioned state-wide data from a study, not any specific region. Using that to shame Amaravati women for political reasons is unacceptable." Sailaja emphasized that neither the government nor any NGO uses derogatory terms like 'prostitutes' in their official language, stating instead that the term 'sex workers' is standard and respectful. "It's shameful to use such words on television that's watched by families. The women of Amaravati sacrificed their lands for the capital, and for years they struggled for justice. Now, when development is resuming, they are again being insulted," she said. She warned that even speech on social media has consequences under law and media organizations must be held accountable. "Channels operated under the influence of politicians are dangerous to society."

Kommineni's Arrest Part of TDP's Planned Conspiracy: Sajjala

- Arrest aimed at diverting attention from real issues
- Lokesh's tweet and TDP media campaign prove orchestration

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

YSR Congress Party state coordinator and senior leader Sajjala Ramakrishna Reddy strongly condemned the arrest of senior journalist Kommineni Srinivasa Rao, calling it a politically motivated act orchestrated by the Telugu Desam Party (TDP). Speaking to the media, Sajjala alleged that the arrest was part of a pre-planned conspiracy designed to malign Sakshi Media and the YSRC leadership. He said the controversy originated from a comment made by analyst Krishnam Raju during a Sakshi TV debate aired on June 6. According to Sajjala, Kommineni, who moderated the show, immediately cautioned the analyst by saying, "Why are they all there? If you mention that name, it will be considered blasphemy. Be careful." Sajjala claimed the matter ended there, and no media associated with Sakshi further promoted or repeated the comment. Despite this, Sajjala alleged that



from June 7 onwards, TDP-affiliated media houses and social media channels launched a coordinated attack, framing the issue as an insult to Amaravati women. "At

3 or 3:30 p.m. on June 7, Lokesh tweeted about the issue. From that moment, we knew this was being orchestrated as part of a larger conspiracy," he stated.

He questioned the intention behind the backlash, saying neither the channel nor the journalist encouraged the comment, and even the analyst issued an apology. "Yet they are targeting Kommineni because Sakshi Media is associated with the Jagan family," he added. Sajjala emphasized that the YSRC had already condemned the comment and made it clear such behavior was unacceptable. Sajjala also pointed out that during YSRC's tenure, several media houses like ABN and TV5 repeatedly aired debates insulting Jagan and party leaders, but the party chose to focus on public welfare rather than retaliate. "This is an old tactic of Chandrababu Naidu — when unable to address real issues, he diverts attention with fabricated controversies," he said. He further alleged that on June 8, protests erupted across the state under the direction of the ruling party, with effigy burnings and attacks on Sakshi offices. Sajjala firmly stated that the arrest of Kommineni Srinivasa Rao was not based on justice but on political vendetta. "We strongly condemn this arrest. It is not just an attack on Kommineni, but on free speech and journalism," he concluded.

Another case registered against Kakani Govardhan Reddy

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

YSRC leader and former minister Kakani Govardhan Reddy, who is currently in remand at the Nellore jail in connection with an illegal mining case, faces fresh legal trouble. A new case has been registered against him and his followers at the Muthukuru police station in Nellore district. The case pertains to allegations that, during the YSRC regime, toll gates were set up illegally on the main road leading to Krishnapatnam port in Muthukuru mandal. According to the complainants, money was being collected from container vehicles passing through the route. Based on these complaints, Sri Potti Sriramulu police booked a case against Govardhan Reddy and others involved. This development comes on a day when the Andhra Pradesh High Court is set to hear Govardhan Reddy's bail petition in the illegal mining case. The timing of the new case has drawn attention and stirred political discussion across



the state. Govardhan Reddy's legal troubles have escalated rapidly in recent weeks. He was arrested for his alleged involvement in illegal mining activities and has since been in judicial custody. The registration of another case at a time when his bail plea is being considered by the High Court has further complicated his legal position. The outcome of today's High Court hearing is now being watched closely, both for its legal implications and its political fallout.



"Good Morning Sullurpet" program launched by MLA Vijayasri

TPN | C Shekar

Sullurpet: As part of a new initiative aimed at fostering cleanliness, civic improvement and public engagement in Sullurpet, MLA Dr. Nelavala Vijayasri formally launched the "Good Morning Sullurpet" program on Monday. The first phase of the initiative commenced with an early morning inspection of the 18th ward, where the MLA personally reviewed local issues and interacted with residents. Speaking during the tour, MLA Vijayasri stated, "We will expand the Good Morning Sullurpet program to every part of the constituency. Our aim is to directly connect with people, identify their problems and resolve them immediately. Development will move forward under the able leadership of Chief Minister Sri Nara Chandrababu Naidu." She emphasized that public safety, better infrastructure, and clean surroundings would be key focus areas. Officials were directed to respond promptly to issues like damaged roads, poor drainage systems, and other basic civic problems that residents had brought to her attention. Following the ward visit, the MLA paid a surprise visit to the local Anna Canteen, where she had a simple breakfast along with the public. She inspected the cleanliness and food quality and expressed satisfaction with the services offered. Municipal Commissioner Sri Chinnaiah, TDP senior leader T. Sudhakar Reddy, Town President Aakuthota Ramesh, A.G. Kishore, and several party activists actively participated in the program, engaging with locals and contributing to the successful execution of the first phase. Reiterating her commitment to public welfare, MLA Vijayasri stated that real development can only be achieved through active public participation. "People's participation is the strength for development!" she concluded.

Srikalahasti Congress leaders extend grand welcome to YS Sharmila Reddy



TPN | C Shekar

Tirupati: As part of her ongoing state tour aimed at reviving the Congress Party and energizing its cadre across Andhra Pradesh, PCC President YS Sharmila Reddy received a warm and enthusiastic welcome at Tirupati Airport on Monday. Upon her arrival, she was greeted by Tirupati District Congress Committee President Balaguruvam Babu and Srikalahasti Constituency Coordinator Thalapa Damodaram Reddy, who led a reception ceremony to mark her visit to the Chittoor district.

Several senior Congress leaders and activists including Tamatam Venkata Narasimhulu, Chittibabu, Lokesh Reddy, Kalinder, Sabari, Karimulla, and Surendra Reddy participated in the welcome event and expressed their support for Sharmila's leadership and mission. YS Sharmila's tour is focused on strengthening the grassroots network of the Congress Party and reconnecting with the people of Andhra Pradesh. Party workers in Srikalahasti expressed confidence that her visit would reenergize local leadership and bring momentum ahead of the upcoming political season.

Unauthorized Collections Plague Eluru Sub-Registrar's Office

TPN Correspondent | Eluru
Citizens seeking registration and certificates at the Eluru District Sub-Registrar's Office are facing rampant corruption and unauthorized fee demands, causing delays and hardships. Residents report that without paying bribes, even simple tasks such as registration of land documents or obtaining certificates become time-consuming ordeals. Officials reportedly demand unofficial payments through outsourced

staff and document writers, making smooth processing impossible without extra money. The Sub-Registrar's office walls display a Citizen Charter promising clear timeframes: one hour for computerized Encumbrance Certificates (EC), 24 hours for manual ECs, an hour for marriage registrations, and so forth. However, these timelines appear to be merely symbolic, as work proceeds only after unofficial fees are paid. While official fees for property registration total 6% (cover-

ing stamp duty, transfer duty, and registration charges), citizens allege illegal extra charges ranging from Rs. 1,000 to Rs. 15,000 depending on the document and its complexities. For example, EC issuance, officially costing Rs. 220 or Rs. 520, reportedly incurs an additional Rs. 300 illegally. Market value certificates, meant to cost Rs. 10, are being sold for Rs. 200, and marriage registrations, officially Rs. 250, are collected at Rs. 500 or more. Hundreds of landowners try-

ing to regularize properties face hurdles, as certificates essential for these processes are delayed unless bribes are paid. The staff reportedly use the power to stall certificates to coerce payments from the public. In response, Eluru Sub-Registrar Ramakrishna stated that no formal complaints have been received so far and urged citizens to file written complaints for action. He emphasized that certificates are promptly issued upon payment of official online fees and ad-



vised the public to avoid intermediaries and complete their work directly at the office as per the Citizen Charter. Despite official assurances, public frustration grows over

the unofficial fee collection and delays, calling for stricter oversight and transparency at the Sub-Registrar's office to end this cycle of corruption and harassment.

First Phase of District-Wise Scheme Review Completed: Lanka Dinakar

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati
Lanka Dinakar, Chairman of the 20-point program implementation committee of Andhra Pradesh, announced the successful completion of the first phase of district-wise scheme reviews across the state. Speaking to the media at the State Secretariat on Monday, he said the exercise was conducted with full cooperation from district officials, marking the first year of the "double-engine government" under Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the Centre and Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu in the state. Dinakar began by congratulating the leadership for completing one year of governance following the 2024 elections. He praised PM Modi's 11 years of governance based on the principle of Antyodaya and lauded CM Naidu for laying the foundation to rebuild a state that, he said, had been severely damaged by the previous regime. He said that the district-level reviews focused on evaluating the implementation of central and state-sponsored schemes. "This review covered all 26 districts and was crucial in charting the progress towards a 'Golden Andhra Pradesh'," Dinakar noted. He



added that the government is attracting significant investments and working towards generating 25 lakh jobs, with MoUs worth ₹9.34 lakh crore signed in the past year alone. Dinakar highlighted key developmental priorities including the construction of Amaravati, the transformation of Visakhapatnam into a \$120 billion economic zone, completion of Polavaram Phase 1 by 2027, and expansion of industrial hubs in Koparthy and Orvakal. He also emphasized initiatives like the BPCL Petro Complex, solar panel manufacturing, and Ramayapatnam Port as symbols of inclusive development. The state, he said, is aligning with PM Modi's vision to make Andhra Pradesh

part of a developed \$2.40 trillion economy.

Major Issues Identified in Reviews Employment Guarantee Scheme:

Dinakar flagged mismanagement of the material component under the Employment Guarantee scheme between 2019-2024, especially in backward districts such as Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Sathya Sai, Chittoor, Prakasam, and Annamayya. He said steps are being taken to ensure better fund utilization going forward.

PM Awas Yojana:
Out of 21.37 lakh houses sanctioned under PMAY, only 8.75 lakh were completed by 2024. He pointed out that many com-

pleted homes lack basic infrastructure, making them uninhabitable. He also criticized the previous government's neglect of the earlier NTR Housing Scheme.

TIDCO Houses:
Of the 2.61 lakh TIDCO houses sanctioned, 1,45,224 were handed over to municipal corporations, but only 87,168 have been occupied by beneficiaries. He said funds are needed to complete infrastructure in the final phase.

Jal Jeevan Mission & AMRUT:
Dinakar expressed concern over cost escalations due to delays under the previous government. Though projects under Jal Jeevan Mission and AMRUT are worth ₹27,000 crore, only ₹2,700 crore has been spent so far. He added that revised proposals worth thousands of crores have now been prepared with central support to ensure every rural family receives safe drinking water through taps. He concluded by noting that under AMRUT 1.0, projects worth ₹3,340 crore were initiated, but many stalled due to lack of matching grants during the previous regime. The coalition government is now committed to correcting those missteps and completing the schemes efficiently.

93.10% Attendance Recorded on Day 3 of Mega DSC-2025 Exams

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati
The third day of the Mega DSC-2025 recruitment examinations was conducted smoothly and peacefully across Andhra Pradesh today, June 9, 2025, with exams held in both morning and afternoon sessions. In the morning session, the SA (Non-Language) - Physical Education exam took place at 95 centres statewide. Of the 17,888 registered candidates, 16,889 appeared, marking an attendance rate of 94.42%. The afternoon session included the SA (Non-Language) - Physical Science exam, conducted in Kannada, Oriya, Tamil, and Urdu mediums across 28 centres. Out of 18,276 candidates registered, 16,780 took the exam, resulting in a 92.00% attendance rate. Visakhapatnam district recorded the highest attendance in the morning session with 98.03%, while Nellore district led the afternoon session with 96.34% attendance. Overall, 33,669 candidates appeared out of 36,164 registered, culminating in an impressive overall attendance rate of 93.10%, informed Mega DSC-2025 Convener M.V. Krishna Reddy.

Tension at Sakshi Offices as Women Protest Derogatory Remarks Protests erupt at Sakshi offices in Vijayawada, Srikakulam, and Guntur

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada
A wave of protests erupted across several districts of Andhra Pradesh as women activists staged strong agitations against Sakshi daily offices, condemning alleged derogatory comments made against women during a recent TV discussion program. The protests created a tense atmosphere at Sakshi offices in Vijayawada, Srikakulam, and Guntur. At the Sakshi headquarters in Autonagar, Vijayawada, women from Amaravati led a large-scale protest, forcibly removing the office board. In response, the Sakshi management locked the main gate. Undeterred, several women leaders climbed the gate to continue their demonstration, demanding an immediate apology from Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan and his half-brother Bharathi for the indecent remarks against women. Residents of the capital region reportedly also hurled eggs at the office premises. Similar protests took place in Srikakulam's Etcherla area, where activists from Telugu Youth, TNSF, and Telugu women's groups demolished the Sakshi office board to express their outrage. In Guntur's Arundalpet, Telugu women organized a massive protest condemning the derogatory comments and called for strict punishment against those responsible to prevent such incidents in the future. These protests at Sakshi offices across the state sparked temporary tense situations, reflecting the strong public sentiment against disrespectful remarks targeting women.



AISF Demands Strict Action Against Golden Eye College

**College operating illegally after closure of Fitzy
Students left without education or refunds, says AISF State Vice President**

TPN Correspondent | NTR District
The All India Students' Federation (AISF) has demanded strict action against the management of Golden Eye College in Vijayawada, alleging that it is conducting illegal classes and deceiving students and their parents. A grievance petition was submitted on Monday to NTR District Joint Collector Ilakkia by members of AISF Vijayawada Nagara Samithi during a meeting held at the Collectorate. AISF State Vice President M Saikumar strongly condemned the activities of Golden Eye College, stating that it has no recognition or affiliation with any intermediate education board. "They are running this college without any permissions or basic facilities, looting lakhs of rupees from students in the name of coaching," he said.



He revealed that the issue escalated after the recent closure of Fitzy College, located near PVP Mall, which had collected advance coaching fees from hundreds of students. Following its shutdown, the principal and a few former staff members reportedly regrouped under the name Golden Eye and

continued classes without any legal approval. Saikumar noted that individual students had paid anywhere from ₹50,000 to ₹7 lakh, none of which has been refunded. "Students have lost both their money and valuable academic time. On behalf of AISF, we demand the immediate intervention of the education department and strict action against such institutions that are turning education into a business," he added. AISF also appealed to parents to verify the legitimacy of educational institutions before admitting their children, including confirming faculty, infrastructure, and official registration status. AISF State Executive Member Sadhik Babu, NTR District Secretary Karthik Nayak Siddu, and other student leaders were present at the meeting.



Gravel smuggling Rampant at Raghavapuram Hills

TPN Correspondent | Nandigama
Gravel smuggling is reportedly taking place unchecked from the hills of Raghavapuram village in Nandigama suburb of NTR district. The illegal operations continue without regard for government orders or permissions. According to local reports, the gravel mafia is using hundreds of lorries and heavy machinery like JCBs to extract and trans-

port gravel from midnight until dawn, causing significant damage to the hills. These activities are carried out without paying any royalty or government fees, resulting in heavy losses to the public treasury. The CPM party has strongly condemned these illegal practices and demanded that authorities immediately intervene to stop the gravel mafia from exploiting natural

resources and filling their pockets unlawfully. The Tahsildar of the area clarified that no permissions have been granted for such excavation or transportation. He assured that the illegal activities will be halted promptly and that departmental action will be initiated against those responsible for violating regulations.

Sri Prasanna Venkateswara Swamy blesses devotees on Simha Vahanam as Yoga Narayana

TPN | C Shekar
Tirupati: As part of the ongoing Brahmotsavams at the Sri Prasanna Venkateswara Swamy Temple in Appalayagunta, the deity took a majestic ride on the Simha Vahanam on Monday morning, adorned in the divine attire of Yoga Narayana Swamy. The Vahana Seva commenced at 8 AM, with scores of devotees participating in the sacred procession. Devotees offered harathi with camphor at every step of the Lord's procession and had darshan with devotion and reverence. Later in the day, the Lord is scheduled to arrive at the Unjal Mandapam by 5 PM. The traditional Unjal Seva (swing ritual) will be performed from 5.30 PM to 6.30 PM. Following that, at 7 PM, the Lord will ride the Mutyapu Pandiri Vahanam (Pearl Canopy) to bless the devotees with his divine presence. Temple officials, including Deputy Executive Officer Sri Harindranath, AEO Sri Devarajulu, Superintendent Srimati Srivani, Temple Inspector Sri Sivakumar, along with temple priests, Srivari Sevaks, and large numbers of devotees, took part in the spiritual proceedings. The grandeur of the Simha Vahanam and the upcoming evening events are part of the elaborate and spiritually enriching Brahmotsavam celebrations organized by TTD.



Seats in Govt Schools may Soon be in Demand: Atchennaidu



TPN Correspondent | Parvathipuram
State Education and IT Minister Nara Lokesh received high praise during the Shiny Stars Awards ceremony held in Parvathipuram Manyam district, with speakers acknowledging his impactful reforms in the education sector. District in-charge Minister Kinjarapu Atchennaidu, addressing the gathering, said that in another year, the education system will be so strong that people will be recommending seats in government schools—a remarkable shift from the past. Minister Atchennaidu applauded the government's focus on education, especially in tribal and backward areas. "Parvathipuram, which was long seen as the most backward district, has now emerged at the top in Class 10 and Intermediate exam results. This transformation was made possible through the initiatives introduced by NTR, Chandrababu Naidu, and now Lokesh Babu," he said. He also condemned the previous government's mismanagement, alleging misuse of ₹4,500 crore under the Nadu-Nedu program and the collapse of basic infrastructure. Tribal Welfare Minister Gummadi Sandhyarani shared her own journey, highlighting that she studied in a tribal school and rose to the level of a minister. "Lokesh is a beacon of inspiration for students. Despite challenges like poor internet and mobile connectivity in eight tribal mandals, our students secured seats in prestigious IITs and NITs," she said. Sandhyarani requested a government girls' junior college for her constituency and emphasized the need for improved connectivity and infrastructure. Parvathipuram MLA Bonela Vijayachandra remarked that while the district is still backward in terms of development, it leads in education. "Our students are securing top ranks nationally. A student from our region got 15th rank in IIT. The visit of Minister Lokesh has ignited hope. Under his leadership, public representatives may soon have to recommend seats in government schools," he said. District Collector Shyam Prasad noted that Parvathipuram Manyam district had achieved remarkable results in Class 10 and Intermediate exams despite having a large tribal population. "Around 40% of our students come from welfare schools. We provided them with special training. We are also addressing health issues like anemia among girls through Bhavita cards and successfully conducted a Mega Parent-Teacher Meeting," he added. The event showcased the shift in the educational landscape of Andhra Pradesh's tribal regions, crediting recent reforms and a renewed commitment to government education as the key drivers of progress.

Maoist Sudhakar laid to rest in Satyavolu village

Sudhakar killed in encounter in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur Forest
Mortal remains brought to native village for final rites



TPN Correspondent | Eluru
The funeral of Maoist Central Committee member Tentu Lakshmi Kanakasimhachalam, popularly known by his aliases Sudhakar, Chalam, Chanti, and Gautam, was conducted on Monday afternoon in his native village, Satyavolu, in Pedapadu mandal of Eluru district. The senior Maoist leader was killed recently in an encounter with armed forces in the forest area of Bijapur National Park, Chhattisgarh. On Sunday, Sudhakar's mortal remains were handed over by Bijapur police to his brother Anand Rao and other relatives. The body arrived at Satyavolu late Sunday night, where preparations began for the final rites the following morning. The funeral rally commenced with a large gathering of civil rights groups, public organization leaders, activists, and villagers. Revolutionary songs were sung as the procession made its way through the main streets of the village to the graveyard. There, Sudhakar's brother Anand Rao performed the last rites, as friends, family, and comrades paid tearful tributes. His body was garlanded and covered with a red flag symbolizing his lifelong commitment to the revolutionary movement. Speakers from various organizations described Sudhakar as a committed ideologue who rose to prominence within the Maoist ranks and dedicated his life to fighting for the rights of the marginalized and oppressed. "He brought light not only to his own family but to

many downtrodden families across the region," said one activist. Many mourners emphasized that Sudhakar's sacrifices were not in vain and pledged to take forward the ideals he stood for. Some leaders also expressed dismay over the manner of his death and demanded that the government halt Operation Kagar and adopt peace-oriented measures instead. The emotional funeral procession ended at the burial ground with slogans, songs, and red flags in the air. Prominent attendees included senior journalists Rangavazhula Bharadwaja and AMK Yazdani (Dani), IFTU State General Secretary P. Prasad, and several other leaders from public organizations. They stayed through the ceremony, sharing emotional recollections of Sudhakar's contributions and remembering his unwavering commitment to the people's cause.

Grand welcome for Minister Nara Lokesh in Vizianagaram

Public petitions received as large crowd gathers to greet Education and IT Minister



TPN Correspondent | Vizianagaram
Education and IT Minister Nara Lokesh received a rousing reception during his visit to Vizianagaram district on Monday. At the Vizianagaram bypass near Chelluru, TDP leaders, party cadre, and a large number of enthusiastic supporters gathered to welcome the minister with garlands and loud cheers. Former Union Minister Pusapati Ashok Gajapathiraju, Vizianagaram MP Kalisetty Appalanaidu, Minister Kondapalli Srinivas, and Vizianagaram Parliament TDP President Kimidi Nagarjuna extended a warm welcome to Minister Lokesh. Accompanying them were TDP MLAs Pusapati Aditi Gajapathiraju, Kala Venkat Rao, Kolla Lalitha Kumari, and Jana Sena Party MLA Lokam Naga Madhavi, who also greeted the minister upon his arrival. Party ranks from across the district turned out in large numbers, reflecting strong grassroots support. As part of his visit, Minister Lokesh took time to interact with the public and personally received petitions from local citizens seeking government assistance and resolutions to civic issues. Minister Lokesh's visit is being seen as a morale booster for the party in the region and marks his active involvement in addressing people's concerns following the recent formation of the government.

Minister Narayana Honors Top Students at Shiny Stars Awards

168 students awarded for in class 10 and intermediate
Each student received ₹20,000 cash, certificate, and medal

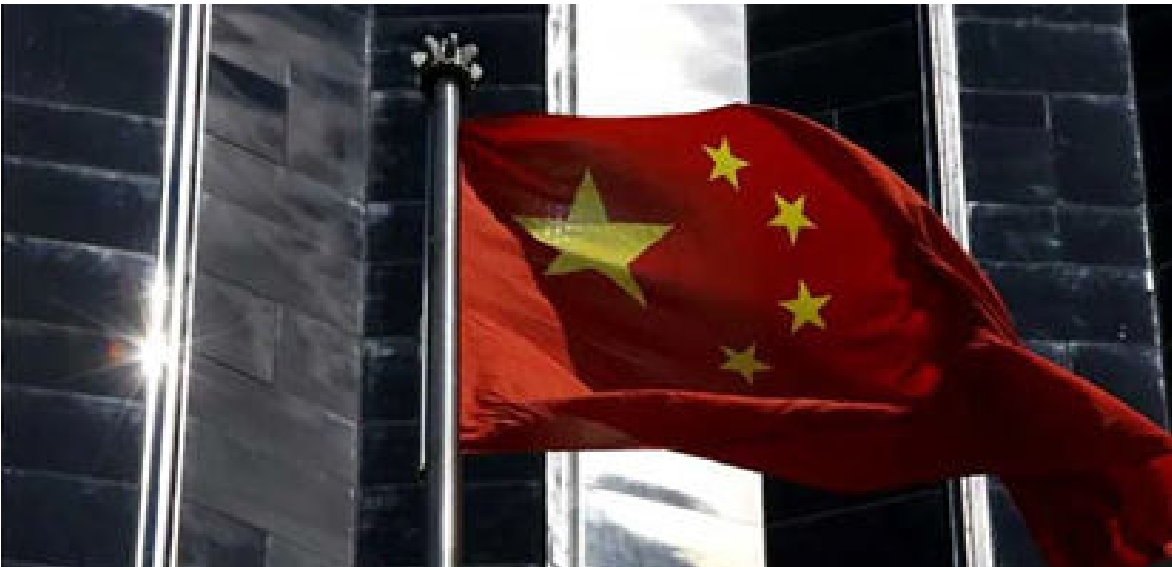


TPN Correspondent | Kakinada
Minister Narayana was the chief guest at the Shiny Stars Awards ceremony held at the TTD Kalyana Mandapam in Kakinada. The event saw the presence of district MLAs, MLCs, Collector Shanmohan, officials, students, and parents. During the ceremony, 132 students from class 10 and 36 intermediate students who demonstrated exceptional talent were

honored. Each awardee received ₹20,000 in cash, a certificate of appreciation, and a medal from the Minister. Speaking on the occasion, Minister Narayana congratulated all the awardees and expressed his joy in presenting the awards, especially as a former teacher himself. He praised young Minister Lokesh for driving reforms in the education sector, highlighting efforts to bring government schools on

par with corporate institutions. The Minister criticized the previous government for rolling back valuable coaching programs in municipal schools, which his ministry had initiated during 2014-19. He emphasized the quality of teachers in government schools, asserting they are better than those in private institutions. Reflecting on his own journey, Minister Narayana shared how he studied in a government school and came from a humble background, with his father working as a bus conductor and only studying up to 8th grade. He motivated students by saying that with hard work and proper planning, they could achieve their goals. He also mentioned the impact of the Narayana educational institutions, which currently cater to 6 lakh students and employ around 1.2 lakh people directly and indirectly. Notably, he recalled that before 2008, the combined Andhra Pradesh did not produce any IIT rankers, but thanks to dedicated efforts by Narayana students, the state achieved top ranks nationally. Minister Narayana concluded by urging students to study diligently and fulfill their ambitions.

How China Has Consistently Blocked India's UNSC Moves Since the 2000s



In the shifting dynamics of South Asia, China has emerged as a consistent obstacle to India's efforts at the United Nations Security Council (UNSC), particularly on counterterrorism issues. While military escalation in the region isn't in China's strategic interest, its close ties with Pakistan have led it to repeatedly shield Islamabad from international scrutiny. A recent example was Beijing's 2025 move to block the designation of The Resistance Front (TRF), linked to Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), following the Pahalgam terror attack.

Since the early 2000s, China has used procedural tools like the "technical hold" in the UNSC 1267 Sanctions Committee to delay or derail India's

proposals to blacklist Pakistan-based terrorists. One prominent case was the prolonged delay in designating Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) chief Masood Azhar, despite India's repeated efforts from 2009 to 2019. Azhar was eventually listed, but the final resolution made no mention of the Pulwama attack, helping China maintain its neutral facade.

Despite supporting sanctions against terrorist groups like LeT and JeM after 9/11, China has consistently resisted targeting individuals linked to anti-India activities. Even as global pressure mounted—backed by the US, UK, and France—China obstructed listings of individuals such as Abdul Rauf Asghar in 2023. This selective approach con-

trasts sharply with Beijing's tough stance on threats to its own interests. In Pakistan, attacks on Chinese nationals by groups like the Baloch Liberation Army have prompted China to push Islamabad for stricter security. Likewise, China has voiced concerns over Uyghur militants operating in Afghanistan.

The pattern extends to forums like the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), where China sidesteps India's calls to address Pakistan-backed terrorism. India's reduced participation in SCO summits and growing alignment with the QUAD signals its pivot toward alternative multilateral platforms—challenging China's regional narrative and diplomatic posture.

Trump Deploys National Guard to Los Angeles: Escalation or Political Theatre?



One year into Donald Trump's renewed presidency, a familiar script is unfolding — tough talk, military mobilization, and deepening divisions. Over the weekend, protests against Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) arrests in Los Angeles spiraled into violence, prompting the administration to react with inflammatory rhetoric and military posturing.

Trump, along with key allies like Stephen Miller, Vice President J.D. Vance, and Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth, labeled the situation an "insurrection" and a "migrant invasion." Hegseth announced immediate National Guard deployment, and Trump himself threatened further escalation via Truth Social,

targeting California Governor Gavin Newsom and Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass for alleged failures.

By Sunday night, Trump had federalized 2,000 National Guard troops without the state's consent — a move Newsom decried as a "serious breach of state sovereignty." However, despite the dramatic language, Trump did not invoke the Insurrection Act, a crucial legal boundary. Instead, he used a narrower statute allowing troop deployment in the face of rebellion against federal authority. As legal expert Steven Vladeck noted, this limits the troops' authority — they cannot independently carry out immigration enforcement or raids. This legal nuance matters.

It suggests that, for now, the move is more symbolic than operational — aimed at stoking political sentiment rather than restoring law and order. Yet, the threat of escalation looms. Trump has voiced regret over his handling of protests in 2020 and may be more willing to invoke the Insurrection Act this time.

Amid this standoff, tensions between the federal and state governments continue to intensify. California and the White House are even sparing over federal funding and tax contributions, raising fears of deeper constitutional conflict.

America is not yet in crisis — but its political and social fabric appears to be fraying more with each passing day.



BJP Manifesto 2024: Promises Made vs. Ground Reality in 2025

One year after Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Council of Ministers were sworn in following the 2024 general elections, it's time to evaluate the BJP's 69-page manifesto. Here's a look at 15 key promises and how they have unfolded in reality:

Protecting "Garib ki Thali"

Vegetarian thali costs Rs 77, while 7.5 crore Indians earn less than Rs 225 daily. The poorest 5% spend just Rs 68 per day.

Empowering the Neo-Middle Class

Household liabilities have doubled, while net financial savings are at a 50-year low.

Creating High-Value Jobs

46% of India's workforce is now in agriculture. Three out of five are self-employed — not considered ideal employment.

Women in the Workforce

Women's labour participation has risen just 2.3 percentage

points in five years. Time spent on work has gone up by only 10 minutes.

Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam

Though passed in 2023, the women's reservation bill is tied to the 2027 Census and delimitation. Implementation remains uncertain.

Strengthening PM-KISAN

Farmer suicides average 30 per day. Real rural wages declined by 0.4% between 2018–23.

Global Manufacturing Hub

Manufacturing's share in GDP dropped to 4.5% in 2024, below 2014 levels. MSME growth was just over 2% from 2015 to 2024.

Kavach Train Protection System

Installed on only 2% of routes and under 1% of locomotives in four years.

Bullet Train Project

Announced in 2014, over Rs 71,000 crore has been spent —

yet less than half is completed.

Expressways & Ring Roads

Only half of the 34,800 km under Bharatmala Pariyojana has been built. 25% remains unawarded.

Airport Connectivity

Under UDAN, 619 routes launched, but over half are now discontinued.

Fighting Corruption

Of 5,297 ED cases filed in 11 years, only 47 reached trial. Just two convictions for politicians.

Strengthening AIIMS

AIIMS hospitals face 18,737 staff vacancies, including 2,200 faculty positions.

Youth Skill Training

Only 4% of youth have formal skill training. 95% of NEET youth are women.

Peace in the Northeast

Violence in Manipur persists for over two years. The PM has yet to visit.

G7 Diplomacy: Canada's Last-Minute Invite to Modi Signals Strategic Reset

In a dramatic turn, Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney extended a last-minute invitation to Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi to attend the upcoming G7 summit, reversing an earlier decision to exclude him. Though India isn't a G7 member, it has attended regularly, and this marks Modi's sixth consecutive participation.

Initially left off the guest list, Modi's exclusion sparked concern over India's global standing. However, Carney appears to have recalibrated, recognizing India's strategic importance as the world's fifth-largest economy and a key player in the Global South. His move comes amid heightened tensions with U.S. President Donald Trump and an escalating trade war that is reshaping international alliances.

The invite also signals a potential thaw in India-Canada relations, which soured drastically following former Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's 2023 allegation that India was involved in the assassination of Sikh separatist leader Hardeep Singh Nijjar in British Columbia. The diplomatic fallout included expulsions and a freeze in high-level talks. India denied the claims, accusing Canada of sheltering extremists advocating for Khalistan, a banned sep-



arartist movement.

Carney's outreach, including a recent cordial call between foreign ministers, suggests a shift toward pragmatism. Despite criticism from parts of the Sikh diaspora, he emphasized that having India at the summit "made sense" given its economic stature and influence.

Modi's presence at the G7, despite its late confirmation, enhances his international image and supports his narrative of

being a respected global leader. For Carney, the invitation is a chance to realign with like-minded nations and diversify partnerships in the face of Trump's unpredictability.

As the global order becomes more fragmented, Canada's decision underscores the need for sustained engagement. Modi's attendance offers both nations a chance to rebuild trust, refocus on trade and climate, and show unity amid geopolitical uncertainty.



Delhi Court Allows 26/11 Attacks Mastermind Tahawwur Rana to Make One Phone Call to Family

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A Delhi court on Monday granted permission to Tahawwur Hussain Rana, accused mastermind of the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks, to make a single phone call to his family. The call will be conducted following strict jail regulations and will be supervised by senior officials from the Tihar jail authorities, the Patiala House Court stated.

Rana, a 64-year-old Pakistani-origin Canadian businessman, had approached the court on May 27 seeking permission to speak with his family. The National Investigation Agency (NIA) approved the one-time phone call after Rana's request, which was subsequently accepted by the court.

In addition to allowing the call, the court has directed the jail authorities to submit a detailed report within 10 days on whether Rana should be granted regular phone call privileges in the future, in accordance with jail manual provisions.

The court also requested a com-

prehensive health status report on Rana, which is expected within the same 10-day timeframe, amid concerns about his well-being during custody.

Rana was extradited to India following the American Supreme Court's dismissal of his review plea against extradition on April 4, 2025. He is closely associated with David Coleman Headley (also known as Daood Gilani), the main conspirator behind the 26/11 attacks and a U.S. citizen.

Rana stands accused of conspiring with Headley and members of terror outfits Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and Harkat-ul-Jihadi Islami (HUJI), along with other Pakistan-based co-conspirators, to orchestrate the devastating three-day terror siege in Mumbai in 2008.

On November 26, 2008, a group of 10 Pakistani terrorists launched coordinated attacks on Mumbai's railway station, two luxury hotels, and a Jewish centre after entering via the Arabian Sea. The nearly 60-hour assault claimed the lives of 166 people and left a lasting impact on India's fight against terrorism.

India's Heatwave Deaths Underreported Due to Flawed Data Systems, Say Experts

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

New Delhi, June 9, 2025 — As India's heatwaves intensify year after year, the actual death toll remains unknown due to outdated and disjointed data systems, according to a new investigation. Experts warn that without accurate figures, public awareness is dulled and policy action is dangerously delayed.

The issue came into focus after a ragpicker in Delhi's Ghazipur area collapsed last year from heat exhaustion. With no official record linking the death to extreme heat, the family received no compensation — a fate shared by many poor and undocumented Indians whose heat-related deaths slip through the cracks.

Three separate government agencies — the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), and the India Meteorological Department (IMD) — maintain varying data on heat-related deaths. Between 2015 and 2022, their figures ranged from 3,436 (IMD) to 8,171 (NCRB), with NCDC reporting 3,812 deaths. These conflicting numbers highlight the lack of a centralized, reliable reporting mechanism.

Experts say the discrepancies stem from the way deaths are recorded. NCDC tracks hospital admissions and deaths reported during OPD visits. NCRB relies on police



reports and autopsies of unattended deaths. IMD, meanwhile, compiles data largely based on media reports. This fragmented system leads to massive underreporting.

State-level data collection is also erratic. Many states, including Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Tamil Nadu, failed to report data for recent years. A senior Health Ministry official admitted that manual data entry and understaffed hospitals worsen the problem.

Health experts and climate researchers stress the importance of improving all-cause mortality data — which compares total deaths during heatwaves to normal periods — to better estimate the actual toll of heat. Many heat-related deaths are misclassified as cardiac arrests or other causes.

As climate change intensifies heatwaves, experts urge India to reform its data systems and appoint a single agency responsible for collecting and reporting heat-related mortality.

"Arrest People In Masks": Trump's New Mandate As LA Burns

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday praised the 11-year tenure of Prime Minister Narendra Modi as a "golden period" marked by economic revival, social justice, cultural pride, and enhanced national security. In a post on social media platform X, Shah said, "The historic 11 years of the Modi Government have been a golden period of resolve, endeavour and dedication towards public service."

Using the hashtag #11YearsOfSeva, Shah credited Modi's clear leadership and firm resolve for setting new benchmarks in governance, development, and security. Modi first assumed office as Prime Minister on May 26, 2014, and is currently serving his third consecutive term.

To mark the milestone, the Union government released a detailed e-book showcasing key achievements across sectors since 2014. The document highlights inclusive, sustainable development and the government's commitment to "India First" in every policy and action.

The e-book emphasizes how Modi has brought "Vikasvaad" (politics of development) to the center of political



discourse. It outlines achievements including successful handling of the COVID-19 pandemic, record vaccination drives, all-time high exports, rapid rural electrification, and expansion of drinking water access.

It also underscores the transformative impact of the JAM Trinity—Jan Dhan, Aadhaar, and Mobile—which has revolutionized public service delivery by eliminating middlemen and enabling direct benefit transfers.

In environmental conservation, the government has taken a leading global role, with India becoming a strong

advocate for climate action. The UN's recognition of June 21 as International Yoga Day is cited as an example of India's cultural outreach under Modi's leadership.

The book also references Operation Sindoor, calling it a testament to a "new India" that is swift, sovereign, and decisive in action, reflecting India's growing assertiveness on the global stage.

Spanning 14 chapters, the e-book offers a comprehensive overview of India's transformation in areas such as infrastructure, foreign policy, and social justice under PM Modi's leadership.



Rahul Gandhi Welcomes EC's Reported Move on Voter Roll Data Demands Timeline for Digital Access

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

New Delhi, June 9, 2025 — Congress leader and Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, on Monday welcomed the Election Commission's (EC) reported decision to share electoral roll data for Haryana and Maharashtra, calling it a "good first step." However, he urged the Commission to clarify when the data would be made available in a digital, machine-readable format. Gandhi shared a screenshot of a media report suggesting that the EC had cleared the way to release electoral roll data from 2009 to 2024 for the two states. This move reportedly follows an assurance the EC gave to the Delhi High Court earlier this year. "There is no official confirmation from the EC yet," Gandhi noted, pressing the constitutional body for transparency. In a post on X (formerly Twitter), he said:

"Good first step taken by EC to hand over voter rolls. Can the EC please announce the exact date by which this data will be handed over in a digital, machine-readable format?" The Con-

gress leader's remarks come amid an ongoing tussle between him and the poll body over allegations of electoral rigging. On June 8, EC sources responded indirectly to Gandhi's claims, stating that the Commission would only respond formally if he writes directly to the EC. The sources also noted that the EC had invited all six national political parties for one-on-one meetings as part of its outreach efforts. While five of them participated, Congress cancelled its meeting scheduled for May 15.

The back-and-forth escalated after Gandhi, in a recent newspaper article, accused the EC and the BJP of "match-fixing" the Maharashtra Assembly elections and warned that similar tactics could be used in Bihar and other states. Hitting back on Saturday, Gandhi said the EC's "evasion" of accountability wouldn't safeguard its credibility, and that only truth-telling would. As of now, the EC has not issued any official statement regarding the timeline or specifics of the voter data release.



Starlink Set to Launch in India with Rs 33,000 Device, Rs 3,000 Monthly Plan

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Elon Musk's satellite internet venture, Starlink, is poised to begin operations in India within the next two months after securing the necessary government license last week, according to sources familiar with the development.

The company has revealed its pricing strategy for the Indian market. The Starlink satellite kit, which includes a dish and modem, will be priced at approximately Rs 33,000, while the monthly unlimited internet plan will cost around Rs 3,000. To attract early users, Starlink will offer a one-month free trial with every new device purchase. Starlink's entry is expected to revolutionize internet accessibility in rural and underserved regions, where traditional broadband services have long struggled due to infrastructure challenges. Leveraging a network of low Earth orbit satellites, Starlink aims to deliver high-speed, low-latency internet even in the most remote corners of the country.

The pricing model mirrors that of Starlink's strategy in neighboring South Asian countries. In Bangladesh and Bhutan, the satellite device is also priced around Rs 33,000, signaling regional consistency and affordability for emerging markets.

Industry analysts predict that Starlink's launch could intensify competition in India's already dynamic telecom sector, compelling traditional service providers to re-evaluate offerings in terms of reach and pricing. More importantly, it holds potential for boosting digital inclusion, especially for students, small businesses, and healthcare services in remote areas. Starlink's deployment aligns with the Indian government's broader goal of bridging the digital divide and enhancing internet penetration across the nation.



Trump's New Travel Ban Takes Effect

Ban on 12 Countries Comes Into Effect Amid Controversy

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President Donald Trump's latest travel ban took effect on Monday, targeting citizens from 12 countries across Africa and the Middle East, escalating his administration's immigration enforcement efforts. The ban, signed last Wednesday, applies to nationals of Afghanistan, Myanmar, Chad, Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Haiti, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, and Yemen.

In addition to these countries, the proclamation also imposes stricter travel restrictions on people from Burundi, Cuba, Laos, Sierra Leone, Togo, Turkmenistan, and Venezuela who are outside the US and do not possess valid visas.

While the ban does not cancel previously issued visas, travelers applying for new visas from these countries face a high likelihood of rejection unless they meet narrow exemption criteria. Those holding valid visas issued before the ban's implementation should still be allowed to enter the US.

At Newark Airport, Haitian-American Elvanise Louis-Juste expressed distress over the ban, saying many Hai-

tians seek refuge from violence and unrest. "It's very upsetting," she said.

Immigration experts note that this ban is more carefully structured than Trump's earlier executive orders targeting mainly Muslim-majority countries. It focuses on tightening visa application processes to withstand legal challenges.

Trump justified the ban by citing "terrorism-related" and "public safety" risks, as well as concerns over visa overstays. He pointed to Homeland Security reports identifying countries with high rates of visa overstays and criticized some for inadequate screening or refusal to repatriate citizens.

Trump linked the ban to a recent terrorist attack in Boulder, Colorado, committed by a visa overstayer from Egypt—a country not on the restricted list.

The policy drew swift condemnation from refugee aid groups, including Oxfam America, which called it divisive and harmful to vulnerable communities. Venezuela's government also denounced the ban as a "stigmatization and criminalization campaign" against its citizens.



Bilawal Bhutto Leads Pakistani Delegation in London Amid India-Pakistan Diplomatic Clash

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London, June 9, 2025 — Former Pakistan Foreign Minister and Pakistan People's Party (PPP) chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari arrived in London on Sunday, leading a high-level Pakistani delegation as part of Islamabad's international diplomatic outreach in the wake of recent hostilities with India.

The visit follows India's decision to dispatch seven all-party delegations to global capitals to express its outrage over the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack, which claimed the lives of 26 civilians. India also used these missions to explain its retaliatory military response, 'Operation Sindoor', and to highlight Pakistan's long-standing support for terrorism on Indian soil.

In response, Pakistan launched its own two-pronged diplomatic initiative, seeking global attention on the conflict and attempting to reverse India's recent move to suspend the Indus Waters Treaty of 1960.

The Pakistani delegation includes three former foreign ministers and is scheduled to engage in discussions at prestigious platforms, including a public event at the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) and a closed-door session at Chatham House. Meetings with officials at the UK's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) are also on the agenda. The team will head to Brussels following their engagements in London.

Last week, Indian and Pakistani delegations had overlapping visits in Washington. There, India strongly pushed back against any notion of equivalence between terrorism perpetrators and victims and reiterated its zero-tolerance policy on terrorism, as External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar conveyed to UK Foreign Secretary David Lammy.

Lammy's earlier remarks suggesting U.S.-U.K. efforts towards a long-term ceasefire drew sharp reactions from New Delhi, especially after Donald Trump claimed he had brokered the May 10 ceasefire through trade leverage. In interviews, Bhutto Zardari insisted that any unilateral move on the Indus Treaty by India would be "absolutely" considered an act of war, while also acknowledging the UK's "unique" responsibility given its colonial past. Meanwhile, Indian MP Shashi Tharoor dismissed Trump's claims, asserting India didn't need foreign intervention to seek peace.

NATO Chief Rutte Calls for 400% Increase in Air and Missile Defence Amid Russia Tensions



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NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte has called for a substantial boost in the alliance's military capabilities, urging member countries to increase their air and missile defence systems by 400 percent. In a speech scheduled for Monday at the Chatham House think tank in London, Rutte emphasized the urgent need for NATO to make a "quantum leap in our collective defence" to counter growing instability and threats, particularly from Russia. According to excerpts released ahead of the speech, Rutte highlighted that NATO must acquire thousands more armored vehicles and millions more artillery shells to strengthen its defense posture. He also proposed that member states allocate 3.5 percent of their economic output to military spending, alongside an additional 1.5 percent for defense-related infrastructure such as roads, bridges, airfields, and sea-ports.

This call for increased defense investment comes amid escalating tensions between NATO and Russia, with Moscow dismissing the plans as "confrontational." Russian officials have criticized NATO's expansion of military capabilities near its borders, warning that it could destabilize the region further. Rutte's push for enhanced military preparedness reflects NATO's response to a changing security environment marked by Russia's aggressive actions and other global threats. The alliance aims to ensure it remains capable of defending its members against a broad spectrum of challenges, from missile attacks to conventional military aggression.

Bangladesh's Muhammad Yunus Emphasizes Mutual Respect in Eid Letter to PM Modi

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In a letter to Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Bangladesh's Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus underscored the spirit of mutual respect and understanding that continues to strengthen ties between India and Bangladesh. The letter was written in response to PM Modi's Eid-ul-Adha greetings extended to the Bangladeshi people and the interim chief adviser.

Yunus shared both his letter and PM Modi's message in a post on X (formerly Twitter) on Sunday. In his response, dated June 6, Yunus described Modi's message as "thoughtful" and reflective of the shared values between the two neighboring countries. He extended warm wishes to the prime minister and the people of India as well.

Expressing optimism about future coopera-



tion, Yunus wrote, "I am confident that the spirit of mutual respect and understanding will continue to guide our nations to work together for the wellbeing of our peoples." He highlighted Eid-ul-Adha as a festival that fosters reflection, unity, and generosity, bringing communities together in the spirit of festivity and sacrifice.

Yunus added that the festival inspires people to collaborate for the greater benefit of com-

munities worldwide. This sentiment echoes the shared cultural and humanitarian values that both India and Bangladesh uphold.

PM Modi's original letter, dated June 4, described Eid-ul-Adha as an integral part of India's rich and diverse cultural heritage. He emphasized the festival's core values of sacrifice, compassion, and brotherhood, which he said are vital to building a peaceful and inclusive world.

Eid-ul-Adha is one of the most significant Islamic festivals, commemorating the prophet Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son as an act of obedience to God's command—a story shared across Abrahamic faiths.

The exchange between Yunus and Modi highlights the continuing goodwill and cooperation between the two nations, reinforced through shared values and cultural respect.

"Arrest People In Masks": Trump's New Mandate As LA Burns

Protests Escalate in Los Angeles Following Trump's Deployment of National Guard

Tensions surged in Los Angeles as protests intensified for the third consecutive day against President Donald Trump's immigration crackdown, which included the deployment of around 300 National Guard troops. Thousands of demonstrators blocked the 101 Freeway, set several self-driving cars on fire, and clashed with law enforcement using tear gas, rubber bullets, and flash bangs to control the unrest.

Protesters gathered near the Metropolitan Detention Centre, where Guard troops and police in riot gear formed a line to protect federal facilities. Some demonstrators hurled rocks, concrete chunks, fireworks, and electric scooters at officers, who took cover under an overpass. Police declared the protests an unlawful assembly, dispersing many, but some remained, using chairs as barriers and continuing to confront law enforcement.



Governor Gavin Newsom called the deployment a "serious breach of state sovereignty" and requested Trump remove the Guard troops. Mayor Karen Bass criticized the administration, calling the situation "chaos provoked by the administration," emphasizing that it was not about public safety. The White House, however, rejected these claims, accusing Newsom of downplaying problems

in Los Angeles prior to federal involvement.

The Guard deployment is a rare move, reportedly the first in decades without a governor's approval, and followed days of protests sparked by immigration raids in downtown LA, Paramount, and Compton. Over 100 immigrants have been arrested, along with protesters, including union leaders.

Trump defended the deployment, citing a legal provision to counter "a rebellion or danger of a rebellion" and vowed a strong law and order approach. He stated troops would be "everywhere" to prevent further unrest, comparing the current situation unfavorably to the Biden administration.

Former Vice President Kamala Harris condemned the arrests and troop deployment as a "cruel, calculated agenda" designed to spread fear and division, expressing support for those protesting to protect fundamental rights.

Positive Momentum Continues: Markets Rise on Rate Cut Anticipation

The positive momentum continued in the domestic stock markets for the fourth consecutive session. Benchmark indices ended in gains on Monday. There were mixed signals from international markets. However, investors took a buyback with the kick of the rate cut. Shares of PSUs, private banks and finance companies surged. With this, investors lost Rs. 4 lakh crore in a single day. The value of BSE-listed companies rose from Rs. 451 lakh crore to Rs. 456 lakh crore. Overall, the Sensex gained 256 points and the Nifty gained 100 points.

The BSE Sensex, which closed at 82,188 in the previous session, opened at 82,574 on Monday. It touched an intraday low of 82,369. It reached an intraday high of 82,669. It ended at 82,445 with a gain of 256 points. The NSE Nifty, which opened at 25,160, reached a low of 25,077 and a high of 25,160. It rose by 100 points in total and closed at 25,103. The Nifty Bank rose by 261 points to settle at 56,839.

In the Nifty50, 39 companies gained and 11 lost. Jio Finance, Kotak Mahindra, Bajaj Finance, Trent, Axis were the top gainers. Eternal, ICICI Bank, Titan Company, Mahindra & Mahindra, Adani Ports lost the most. Finance, telecom, PSU bank, oil, private bank, IT, healthcare, metal, pharma, auto, media, FMCG indices rose. Realty index lost.

Market breadth turned in favor of buyers on NSE today. Out of 3055 stocks traded, 2066 gained. 904 lost. 108 shares reached 52-week high and 20 shares reached 52-week low. Upper circuit was touched by 133 and lower circuit by 54.

Rupee settled flat at 85.63 against dollar. RailTel received orders worth Rs. 259 crore from SamagraShiksha. CSB Bank shares rose to



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their highest in seven weeks. Shares of gold loan companies surged after RBI raised the loan-to-value ratio limit to 85 percent. Swiggy and Eternal shares fell as Rapido looked to offer food delivery with low commission. 15 lakh shares changed hands in a block deal in Ola Electric. Fintech companies are confident that credit growth will increase with the RBI's interest rate cut. Blue clouds have settled over the July 8 mini-deal between India and the US after tariffs on metals were doubled. Crisil has given a stable rating to Bajaj Steel. Bharti Airtel and Ericsson have signed a multi-year deal.

1. Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd (IREDA)

IREDA is a public sector enterprise focused on financing renewable energy projects in India. Launched a Qualified Institutional Placement (QIP) to raise up to ₹5,000 crore. This QIP aims to support its capital expenditure. Filed an insolvency petition against Gensol Engineering for a ₹510 crore default. Some analysts suggest a "buy" at current levels (around ₹175) with a target range of ₹215-235, citing



positive momentum indicators despite underperforming benchmark indices.

2. Bharat Forge Ltd.

Bharat Forge is a leading global manufacturer of forged and machined components for various sectors, including automotive, industrial, and defense. Q4 FY25 results showed robust financial performance with increased revenue and net profit. The company's strong defense order book is a key focus, and it is engaging with the government on defense production. Analysts have mixed ratings, with an average target price suggesting a potential downside. While the stock has seen a good rebound, some analysts suggest caution due to a weak core business outlook and global uncertainties in the auto ancillary sector. However, the defense segment provides optimism.



3. Exide Industries Ltd.



Overview: Exide Industries is a major manufacturer of lead-acid storage batteries for automotive, industrial, and

other applications. Exide plans to fund its EESL capex through internal accruals. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) and Mutual Funds have slightly decreased their holdings in Q4 FY25. The stock is considered to be at a premium valuation. While it has shown efficiency in asset utilization, its latest quarterly profit decline is a point to note.

4. Tata Technologies Ltd.

Tata Technologies is a global engineering and product development services company. TPG's investment arm, TPG Rise Climate SF, offloaded a 4% stake worth ₹1,068 crore through a block deal, reducing their stake to 2.1%. This news contributed to the recent share price slump. Kotak Institutional Equities has a "Sell" recommendation on Tata Technologies, citing subdued services revenue expectations and weaker-than-expected performance in the services business, leading to reduced EPS projections for FY26-28.



5. Axis Bank Ltd.



: Axis Bank is one of India's largest private sector banks. Axis Bank announced its financial results for Q4 FY25, highlighting strong growth drivers in core operating profit and deposit growth. The bank continues to launch new initiatives and partnerships, such as with Marg ERP for banking solutions and Antara Senior Care. It is generally considered to be performing well in terms of asset utilization and financial stability, despite a slightly higher cost-to-income ratio and increased provisions in some periods.

Copper Wire and Tube Imports Soar in FY25 as Cathode Shipments Decline Sharply



India witnessed a significant shift in its copper imports during the fiscal year 2024-25 (FY25), with copper wire and tube imports hitting multi-year highs, while copper cathode shipments plunged 34% year-on-year. This marked decline in cathode imports was primarily driven by a three-month supply disruption caused by a government-imposed quality control order (QCO).

Copper, classified as a critical mineral in India due to limited domestic production and increasing demand across conventional industries and emerging technologies, plays a vital role in the country's industrial growth. Despite the drop in copper cathode imports, the demand for downstream copper products surged sharply, indicating a shift in import patterns.

Data for FY25 reveals that while cathode imports fell steeply, imports of copper wire increased by 17% year-on-year. Similarly, copper tubes and pipes saw a 30% rise, and plates, sheets, and strips experienced a substantial 49% growth compared to the previous fiscal year.

Industry experts suggest that the QCO, which aimed to ensure quality standards in

imported copper products, caused a temporary disruption in the supply of cathodes, forcing manufacturers to rely more heavily on downstream copper imports to meet demand. The downstream products, being more processed, filled the gap created by the shortage of raw cathode material during this period.

The surge in copper wire and tube imports also reflects growing demand in sectors such as electrical, construction, and renewable energy, where copper is indispensable. With India pushing ahead on infrastructure projects and the transition to green technologies, the appetite for high-quality copper products is expected to remain strong.

As the supply chain stabilizes post-QCO disruptions, attention now turns to reviving copper cathode imports. However, the trend toward importing more processed copper products may continue, driven by evolving industrial needs and efforts to optimize supply chain efficiency.

Overall, FY25 has underscored the dynamic nature of India's copper market, highlighting the importance of balancing quality control with supply stability to sustain the country's industrial momentum.

Indian Stock Market Opens Strong; IT and PSU Banks Lead Gains

Mumbai: The Indian stock market opened on a positive note on Monday, buoyed by favorable global cues and strong buying interest in the IT, PSU banking, and automobile sectors. Early trade showed the Sensex rising by 379.01 points (0.46%) to 82,568, while the Nifty gained 116.15 points (0.46%) to reach 25,119.20 at 9:26 am.

Sectoral indices also reflected optimism, with the Nifty Bank index climbing 273.35 points (0.48%) to 56,851.75. The Nifty Midcap 100 and Nifty Smallcap 100 indices recorded gains of 0.67% and 0.70%, respectively, supported by strong investor appetite in mid and small-cap stocks.

Market analysts attributed the upbeat opening to the Reserve Bank of India's recent monetary stimulus, which has injected fresh momentum into the markets. However, experts caution that this stimulus alone may not be sufficient to sustain the rally in the long term.

"Q4 earnings results show encouraging growth for midcap companies, but FY26 earnings are unlikely to reach the mid-teens growth rate necessary for sustained market resilience," said Dr VK Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Investments Ltd.

Among the Sensex constituents, Bajaj Finance, Axis Bank, IndusInd Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, and Infosys were the top gainers, while Titan, Tata Steel, and Eternal lagged behind.

Technical analysts indicated that Nifty could find



support near the 25,000 level, with immediate resistance around 25,100, followed by 25,200 and 25,300. Investors are advised to exercise caution given ongoing global uncertainties.

"Traders should maintain disciplined strategies, avoid large overnight positions, and focus on short-term opportunities with strict stop-losses and risk management," advised Hardik Matalia of Choice Broking.

Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) showed confidence by purchasing equities worth Rs 1,009.71 crore on June 6, while domestic institutional investors (DIIs) continued their buying streak for the 14th consecutive day, investing Rs 9,342.48 crore.

Asian markets also reflected positive momentum, with Hong Kong, Bangkok, China, Seoul, and Japan trading in the green. The US markets ended the previous session strongly, with the Dow Jones up 1.05%, S&P 500 gaining 1.03%, and Nasdaq rising 1.20%.

SBI Pays Record Rs 8,076.84 Crore Dividend to Government for FY25

State Bank of India (SBI), the country's largest lender, has paid a dividend of Rs 8,076.84 crore to the government for the financial year 2024-25, reflecting a significant rise from last year's dividend of Rs 6,959.29 crore. This increase is backed by SBI's impressive record net profit of Rs 70,901 crore during the fiscal year.

On Monday, SBI Chairman C S Setty formally handed over the dividend cheque to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in a ceremony attended by Financial Services Secretary M Nagaraju and Finance Secretary Ajay Seth. The handover was officially confirmed through a post by the Finance Ministry on X (formerly Twitter), highlighting the milestone achievement.

The enhanced dividend payout underlines SBI's robust financial performance and continued growth in profitability. With the bank posting a record net profit, the government, as the largest shareholder, has benefited from a higher dividend return. This payment is a key contributor to the government's non-tax revenue, strengthening its fiscal position.

Chairman C S Setty expressed optimism about SBI's performance and its commitment to supporting India's economic growth through sustainable banking practices and continued focus on profitability. The bank's strong financial results were driven by growth in advances, improved asset quality, and operational efficiencies.



The increased dividend also reflects the government's significant stake in SBI, which plays a critical role in India's banking sector and economy. The payout marks another step in the government's efforts to leverage public sector undertakings for fiscal benefits.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman welcomed the dividend cheque and acknowledged SBI's contribution to the government's revenue. The government continues to rely on such dividends to meet its expenditure requirements without increasing tax burdens.

This year's dividend payout not only rewards government ownership but also highlights SBI's position as a financial powerhouse with a positive outlook for the coming years. The bank's consistent profits and dividend payments reinforce confidence among stakeholders and investors alike.

Runaway Zebra Ed Finally Captured

After more than a week of galloping freely through the streets of Tennessee, Ed the pet zebra has finally been captured, bringing an end to a wild and unexpected adventure that captivated social media. Ed was first spotted over the weekend sprinting along a road in Christiana, a small community in Rutherford County. Numerous videos quickly circulated online showing the striped escapee darting through neighborhoods and past startled onlookers, earning him viral fame. The Rutherford County Sheriff's Of-



fice confirmed on Sunday that Ed had been located in a pasture near a subdivision in Christiana. In an unusual and dramatic rescue, Ed was safely airlifted by helicopter back to his caretakers. A video shared by the sheriff's office showed Ed suspended in a net beneath the helicopter, with his head poking out. The image drew mixed reactions online — some users commented on the surreal scene, while others expressed concern over Ed's apparent sadness. "Ed was airlifted and flown by helicopter back to a waiting animal

trailer," the sheriff's department said in an official statement. The office confirmed that the animal was unharmed during the rescue and is now safely contained. Ed's brief taste of freedom may be over, but he's left hoofprints on the hearts of many who followed his story online. His daring dash through Tennessee serves as a reminder of the unpredictable — and sometimes oddly heartwarming — moments that can bring a community together.

Microsoft Debuts ROG Xbox Ally Handhelds

In a major expansion of its gaming hardware lineup, Microsoft has introduced its first Xbox-branded handheld gaming devices — the ROG Xbox Ally. The announcement was made on Sunday during an online Xbox showcase, where upcoming titles and new hardware were featured.



Developed in collaboration with Taiwan-based technology company ASUS, two models of the ROG Xbox Ally are set to hit the market by the 2025 holiday season. While Microsoft has not yet revealed pricing or a specific release date, the company stated that more information will be shared in the coming months. Xbox president Sarah Bond emphasized the handheld's purpose: enabling gamers to play the extensive Xbox library anytime, anywhere. The device is expected to integrate seamlessly with Xbox Game Pass and cloud gaming services, giving players the flexibility to en-

joy console-level experiences on the go. The reveal comes shortly after the launch of Nintendo's highly anticipated Switch 2, intensifying competition in the portable gaming market. The ROG Xbox Ally, powered by ASUS's hardware expertise, is anticipated to offer performance that appeals to both casual and hardcore gamers. "The ROG Xbox Ally marks a new chapter in our commitment to give players choice and freedom in how they play," Bond said during the event. With the holiday season fast approaching, the Xbox Ally could be a major contender in the handheld gaming space, rivaling devices like the Steam Deck and Switch 2, and positioning Microsoft as a key player in portable gaming.

Apple WWDC 2025 Opens Amid Pressure

Apple's annual Worldwide Developers Conference (WWDC) 2025 kicked off on June 9, set against a backdrop of political tension and mounting customer frustration. The tech giant enters this year's event under pressure to restore faith in its innovation pipeline, especially after delays in its highly anticipated Apple Intelligence rollout.

The conference comes as U.S. President Donald Trump intensifies pressure on Apple to shift its manufacturing to the United States, threatening heavy tariffs on products made in China and India. These geopolitical tensions loom large over Apple's global supply chain and could significantly impact the company's financial outlook.

Traditionally a software-focused event, WWDC 2025 is expected to showcase the latest updates to iOS, macOS, and watchOS. However, the spotlight is firmly on Apple's delayed artificial intelligence features. Announced during last year's conference, Apple Intelligence promised an AI-enhanced Siri, deeper system integration,



and smarter personalisation tools. Yet many of these features have not launched on schedule, prompting criticism from users and analysts. Apple is expected to address the delays and may unveil revised timelines for feature rollouts, particularly for AI-enhanced Siri and integration with services like ChatGPT.

The company's ability to recover from these setbacks and reassure developers, users, and investors will be crucial. With increased competition from rivals like Google and Microsoft in the AI space, WWDC 2025 represents a pivotal moment for Apple to reaffirm its leadership in innovation.

Al Pacino Turned Down Star Wars Role



Veteran Hollywood actor Al Pacino has revealed that he once turned down a role in the original Star Wars film, admitting he didn't connect with the script and couldn't make sense of the story. Speaking candidly about the missed opportunity, Pacino said he was offered a part in Star Wars while he was performing on Broadway. Despite being offered a substantial sum for the role, he declined after reading the script and feeling it was too unfamiliar. "I loved their work, but I was doing a show on Broadway at the time, and they handed me this script," Pacino recalled. "I thought, I don't understand. I must be out of space myself." Uncertain, he turned to his close friend and mentor Charlie Loughton for advice.

"I said, 'What do you make of this?' And he said, 'I don't get it, Al.' So I thought, well, if Charlie doesn't get it and I don't get it, then maybe I shouldn't do it. I can't play something if I don't speak the language," he added. The original Star Wars, directed by George Lucas and released in 1977, went on to become a cinematic phenomenon, launching a multi-billion-dollar franchise and turning actors like Mark Hamill and Harrison Ford into global stars. The latest installment in the Star Wars saga, The Rise of Skywalker, was released in 2019. Pacino's most recent work, The Ritual, directed by David Midell and co-starring Abigail Cowen, released on June 6.

Australian Reporter Shot During LA Protests

Australian journalist Lauren Tomasi was shot in the leg by a rubber bullet while reporting on ongoing protests in Los Angeles on Sunday. The dramatic moment, captured on video, shows a police officer aiming directly at Tomasi and her camera operator before firing. Tomasi, a reporter for Nine News, can be heard screaming in pain and clutching her calf as a bystander yells in outrage, "You just shot the f— reporter!" The footage has since circulated widely on social media, sparking renewed concerns about press safety during civil unrest in the United States.



Nine News issued a statement confirming that both Tomasi and her cameraman are safe and continuing their essential reporting work. "We're thankful

they are okay and are proud of their courage in the field," the network said. The protests in Los Angeles, part of a broader wave of demonstrations across

the U.S., were sparked by mounting tensions surrounding police conduct and civil rights. Though many of the demonstrations have been peaceful, incidents like this one have reignited debate about the treatment of journalists covering volatile events. This is not the first time international journalists have been injured while reporting from the U.S. In recent years, there has been growing criticism from media watchdogs and press freedom organizations over the increasing number of attacks on reporters during public demonstrations. Calls are now mounting for a thorough investigation into the shooting, with advocates demanding accountability and better protections for journalists working in high-risk environments.

Ex-Architect Bags Groceries at 80

Gary Saling, an 80-year-old former architect from Utah, is now working as a grocery bagger at Smith's Market in St. George to pay off medical debts left behind after his wife's passing. Despite his age, Gary is regularly seen working diligently by shoppers, many of whom are unaware of the deeply personal reason behind his return to the workforce. Gary began the job in December 2020, just six months after losing his beloved wife, Carol, to dementia. Carol suffered from two forms of the disease, including a rare and aggressive type called Progressive Supranuclear Palsy. Though she faced significant health challenges, Gary chose to care for her at home, determined to be by her side until the end. Their love story began serendipitously in 1991 when they noticed each other at a stoplight. It turned out they had both frequented the same store for years without ever meeting. Even store staff later said they had hoped the two would get together, thinking they were a perfect match. Gary's return to grocery bagging—a job he once held in high school—was something he never imagined doing again. But after his wife's passing, medical expenses totaling around



\$80,000 (approximately ₹68 lakh) pushed him to take action. Despite the challenges, Gary continues to show up for work with dedication and humility, earning admiration from co-workers and customers alike. His story has since touched hearts across the internet, serving as a reminder of enduring love, resilience, and the heavy costs of healthcare in America.

Sinner’s Dream Run at French Open Ends in Heartbreak After Epic Final

After a near-perfect two weeks in Paris, Jannik Sinner came agonizingly close to claiming his first French Open title — only to watch it slip through his fingers in a dramatic final against Carlos Alcaraz.

Sinner, the world No. 1, appeared destined for victory on Sunday. The 23-year-old Italian had not dropped a set all tournament and had Alcaraz on the ropes in the fourth set, leading 5-3 and holding triple match point.

But in a stunning momentum shift, Alcaraz saved all three and mounted one of Roland-Garros’ greatest comebacks, eventually winning 4-6, 6-7 (4), 6-4, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (10-2) in an epic five-hour, 29-minute final — the longest ever in French Open history.

“It’s an amazing trophy, so I won’t sleep tonight very well, but it’s okay,” Sinner said with a smile at the trophy ceremony, his disappointment barely masked.

Despite the heartbreak, Sinner’s tournament



showed why he is at the top of the sport. His powerful baseline play, tactical variety, and mental composure carried him past top contenders, including a dominant semifinal win over Novak Djokovic.

This loss, however, stings deeply. It was Sinner’s first defeat in a Grand Slam final after winning his previous three. A victory would have placed him among the sport’s elite — only the fifth man in the Open Era to win three consecutive majors.

“Obviously, this one hurts,” Sinner admitted. “But I’m happy to be part of a match like this. The result isn’t what I wanted, but the journey continues.”

Alcaraz praised Sinner post-match: “You’re going to be a champion, not once but many, many times.”

As Sinner turns to his family for support, one thing is clear — his time will come.

Alcaraz Stuns Sinner in Historic French Open Comeback to Claim Fifth Grand Slam Title

Carlos Alcaraz pulled off one of the greatest comebacks in French Open history on Sunday, rallying from two sets down and saving three championship points to defeat world No. 1 Jannik Sinner in a five-set classic: 4-6, 6-7 (4), 6-4, 7-6 (3), 7-6 (10-2).

The match lasted a record-breaking 5 hours and 29 minutes, making it the longest final ever at Roland-Garros in the Open Era. Incredibly, Sinner won 193 points to Alcaraz’s 192 — a testament to the razor-thin margins of the epic duel.

Sinner had appeared moments from victory. Leading two sets to love and holding three match points at 5-3 in the fourth set, the 23-year-old Italian was on the brink of his maiden French Open title. But Alcaraz, unshaken and fueled by resilience, saved all three and turned the tide.

From there, the Spaniard mounted a stunning charge, winning key points with aggressive shot-making, especially in the tiebreaks. He clinched the match with a trademark forehand pass and collapsed in joy before celebrating with his team.

“I’m just proud and really happy,” Alcaraz said. “It’s a privilege to share the court with



you, Jannik. You’re going to be a champion many, many times.”

This victory marks Alcaraz’s fifth Grand Slam title in as many finals and his second consecutive French Open crown. It’s also his third major won after coming from behind, continuing his remarkable trend of turning adversity into triumph.

For Sinner, it was his first Grand Slam final loss and a heartbreaking one at that. “It hurts,” he said, “but I’m proud of how we’ve worked to get here.”

While Sinner may have left Paris empty-handed, the battle he shared with Alcaraz will be remembered as a new classic in tennis history.

Portugal Stun Spain in Penalty Shootout to Win Second Nations League Title

Portugal clinched their second UEFA Nations League title with a dramatic 5-3 penalty shootout win over Spain after a thrilling 2-2 draw in Munich on June 8, 2025. Ruben Neves scored the decisive penalty, capitalizing on Alvaro Morata’s costly miss.

Spain struck first in the 21st minute when Martin Zubimendi pounced on a defensive error to blast home. But Portugal responded quickly, as Nuno Mendes equalized five minutes later, drilling a low shot past Unai Simón after being set up by Pedro Neto.

Just before halftime, Mikel Oyarzabal put Spain back in front, scoring in his third consecutive international final. However, Portugal refused to fold. Cristiano Ronaldo, largely quiet throughout the match, showed his trademark poise in the 61st minute, muscling past Marc Cucurella and volleying home a deflected Mendes cross to level the score.

Ronaldo, who had scored the winner against Germany in the semifinal, was forced off late in regulation due to cramp.



Despite his absence, Portugal dominated extra time but couldn’t find the winner, sending the match to penalties.

Both sides converted their first three penalties before Mendes slotted Portugal’s fourth. Morata then struck his effort straight at Diogo Costa, opening the door for Neves to seal victory. With Ronaldo unable to watch, hiding his face in a teammate’s back, Neves calmly found the net. The bench erupted, and a tearful

Ronaldo was swarmed by his teammates.

This victory marked Portugal’s first competitive win over Spain since Euro 2004, when a 19-year-old Ronaldo helped eliminate La Roja. It also made them the first team to win the Nations League twice, adding to their Euro 2016 triumph.

“It’s our unity that carried us,” Bruno Fernandes said. “When we fight like this, we’re very hard to beat.”

Harry Brook Leads England to T20 Series Victory Over West Indies, Clinches Second Series Win in 11 Days



Bristol, June 9, 2025 — England captain Harry Brook celebrated his second series triumph in just 11 days as England defeated the West Indies by four wickets in the second T20 international, taking an unbeatable 2-0 lead in the three-match series.

Chasing a stiff target of 196, England managed to reach 199/6 in just 18.3 overs, thanks to collective contributions from the top-order and a late blitz by Jacob Bethell and Tom Banton. Brook, who recently succeeded Jos Buttler as captain, has now won five consecutive matches against the West Indies, including a 3-0 ODI series sweep prior to the T20s.

Despite a strong start by the West Indies, who posted 196 after losing the toss, England’s chase became tense at times, especially when the required run rate exceeded 11 per over. However, the team showed remarkable composure and unity.

“The strength of this team is

the unity we share — we’re not just teammates, we’re a group of mates fighting for each other,” Brook said after the match, praising his squad’s spirit and resilience.

England’s innings was anchored by another solid performance from Jos Buttler, who top-scored with 47 off 36 balls, continuing his impressive form after scoring 96 in the opening match on Friday. Key contributions also came from the top five batters, keeping the chase on track. The finishing touch, however, came from Jacob Bethell (26) and Tom Banton (30 not out), who added a quickfire 56 runs off just 21 balls, sealing the match in style and breaking West Indian resistance.

With this win, England secured their second series victory over the Caribbean side in under two weeks, further cementing Brook’s successful start as the team’s new captain and boosting their momentum ahead of future tours.

Australia’s Dominance Faces South Africa’s Grit in World Test Championship Final at Lord’s

Australia and South Africa clash in the World Test Championship (WTC) final at Lord’s on June 11, with the defending champions bringing unmatched pedigree against the gritty resilience of the Proteas.

Australia’s record in major finals is formidable — 10 wins in 13 global tournaments, including their 2023 WTC triumph over India. With four of their all-time top 10 wicket-takers — Nathan Lyon, Mitchell Starc, Pat Cummins, and Josh Hazlewood — and veteran batsman Steve Smith, the Aussies enter as favourites. Only David Warner is missing from the 2023 XI, having retired from Tests.

Hazlewood, who missed the last final due to injury, is set to return after a standout IPL campaign. Warner’s replacement remains uncertain, with options including teen debutant Sam Konstas and the versatile Travis Head.

South Africa, meanwhile, is chasing a rare major title, having won only the 1998 Champions Trophy. They defied expectations during the WTC cycle, using 30 players — more than any other team — to win eight of 12 Tests and qualify first for the final. Captain Temba Bavuma credits their progress to teamwork



and resilience, despite lacking ruthlessness in key moments. Kagiso Rabada leads South Africa’s pace attack, supported by Marco Jansen and either Lungi Ngidi or Dane Paterson. Aiden Markram and Ryan Rickelton will open, while middle-order batter David Bedingham returns from injury to bolster the lineup.

Australia’s batting remains powerful, with Smith averaging 58 at Lord’s and

recently crossing 10,000 career runs. All-rounder Cameron Green, returning from injury, is fit to bat but not bowl.

Lord’s has been kind to both teams — South Africa lost only once there since 1994, and Australia hasn’t lost at the venue in a decade.

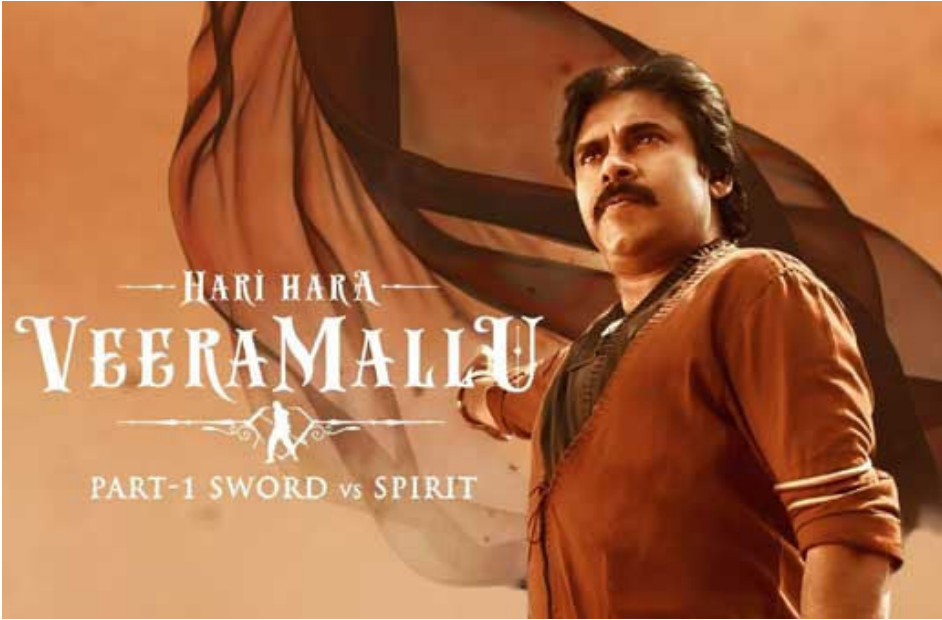
This final pits Australia’s championship experience against South Africa’s rising belief.



Pawan Kalyan's Hari Hara Veera Mallu: Amazon Prime Hints at July Release

Official Date Awaited

The much-awaited historical action drama Hari Hara Veera Mallu (HHVM), starring Power Star Pawan Kalyan, has seen several delays, leaving fans eagerly waiting for an official release date. While the postponement has certainly dampened spirits, recent developments suggest that the film's release might be just around the corner.



Directed by Krish Jagarlamudi and Jyothi Krishna, HHVM features Nidhhi Agerwal in the female lead role. The film has generated significant buzz due to its pan-Indian appeal and Pawan Kalyan's powerful portrayal of a legendary outlaw set against the backdrop of the Mughal empire.

According to industry sources and ongoing speculation, Amazon Prime Video— which holds the digital streaming rights to HHVM — has recommended a new release date of July 18, 2025. Interestingly, this would place the film's release just a week after Anushka Shetty's much-anticipated project Ghaati. While this date has been making rounds in film circles, an official confirmation from the production team is still awaited.

Adding to the excitement, it is also being reported that the trailer for Hari Hara Veera Mallu

could be unveiled sometime this week. If this happens, it would be the first major promotional step from the makers in several months and a clear indication that the film's release is on track.

The ensemble cast of HHVM includes several prominent names such as Nassar, Bobby Deol, Anasuya Bharadwaj, Pujita Ponnada, and Nora Fatehi. Backed by Mega Surya Production and scored by Oscar-winning composer MM Keeravaani, the film promises a rich cinematic experience packed with grandeur, music, and action.

With high expectations and fans eagerly tracking every update, all eyes are now on the official announcement from the makers. If the July 18 date holds true, HHVM could become one of the standout releases of 2025.

Top OTT Releases This Week (June 9–15): The Traitors, Rana Naidu 2, In Transit, and More

As we dive into a new week, the OTT space is buzzing with fresh content across genres — from reality shows and thrillers to musicals and emotional dramas. Here's a roundup of the most exciting releases dropping between June 9 and June 15, 2025:

The Traitors (June 12) – Prime Video
Karan Johar hosts the Indian version of the hit reality show. Featuring celebrities like Uorfi Javed, Raftaar, and Karan Kundrra, the game tests trust and betrayal among 20 players.

Rana Naidu Season 2 (June 13) – Netflix
The gritty action-crime series returns after two years. Rana Daggubati and Venkatesh reprise their roles, joined by Kriti Kharbanda and Arjun Rampal.

Snow White (June 11) – JioHotstar
This live-action musical retells Disney's 1937 classic, offering a modern take on the fairy tale that defined generations.

Titan: The OceanGate Disaster (June 11) – Netflix
A gripping documentary revisiting the tragic 2023 Titan submersible mission to the Titanic wreck.

Ufff... Yeh Love Hai Mushkil (June 9) – Sony LIV
Ashi Singh and Shabir Ahluwalia star in this heartfelt romantic drama about ambition, struggle, and unexpected love.

In Transit (June 13) – Prime Video



A poignant docu-series following nine transgender individuals navigating identity and acceptance in India.

Subham (June 14) – JioHotstar
Samantha Ruth Prabhu's debut production is a horror-comedy that became a box-office hit before its OTT release.

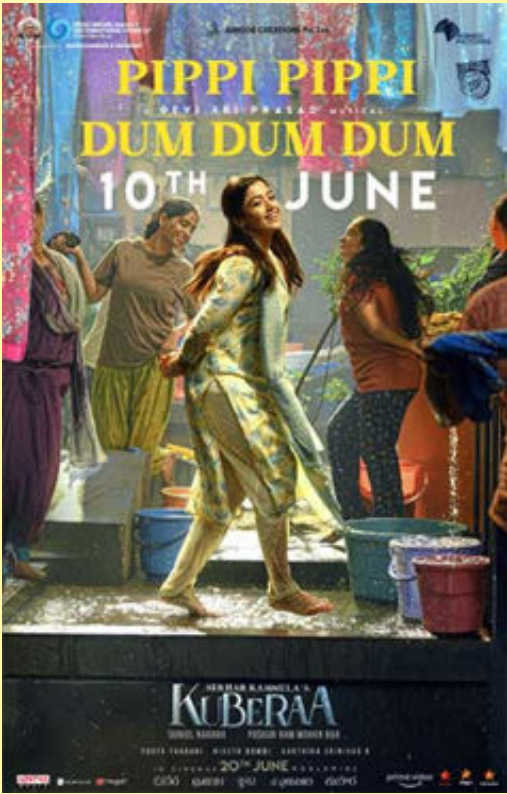
The First Night With The Duke (June 9) – Viki
A fantasy K-drama where a college student is transported into her favorite novel, leading to a whimsical romance.

Plane (June 12) – Netflix
An edge-of-the-seat American thriller about survival, trust, and heroism after a crash landing in dangerous territory.

Kings of Jo'Burg Season 3 (June 13) – Netflix
The crime-fantasy saga continues with fresh conflicts and supernatural twists as Veronica Masire steps into power.

Date Locked for Kuberaa's Third Single Release

The much-awaited film Kuberaa, starring Dhanush and Nagarjuna and directed by Sekhar Kammula, is set to release in theaters on June 20, 2025. This star-studded project has already created a buzz among fans who are excited for the unique cinematic experience it promises to deliver.



Adding to the excitement, the film's makers have announced the release date for the third single from the soundtrack. The song titled Pippi Pippi Dum Dum Dum, featuring Rashmika Mandanna and composed by the renowned Devi Sri Prasad, will be unveiled tomorrow, June 10, 2025. While the exact time of release is yet to be revealed, fans are eagerly awaiting the track, which is expected to further heighten the anticipation surrounding Kuberaa.

The film boasts a strong supporting cast, including acclaimed actors Jim Sarbh, Dalip Tahil, and Sayaji Shinde, who play key roles alongside the leads. Produced by Suniel Narang and Puskur Ram Mohan Rao under the banners of Sri Venkateswara Cinemas LLP and Amigos Creations Pvt Ltd, Kuberaa is being prepared for a grand multilingual release to reach audiences across the country.

The combination of Sekhar Kammula's direction, the star power of Dhanush, Nagarjuna, and Rashmika Mandanna, as well as Devi Sri Prasad's music, has created high expectations for the film. Each new song release and promotional update has intensified the excitement among movie enthusiasts.

With just days left until the film's release, the third single is expected to keep the momentum going and build further hype. Fans are encouraged to stay tuned for the launch of Pippi Pippi Dum Dum Dum and get a taste of what promises to be an entertaining musical experience.

As Kuberaa approaches its release date, anticipation continues to rise, making it one of the most awaited films of 2025.

Nithiin's 'Thammudu' to Release on July 4; Trailer Launch Set for June 11

Tollywood star Nithiin is all set to make a strong comeback with his upcoming film Thammudu, directed by Venu Sriram. Kannada actress Sapthami Gowda will be seen as the female lead in this highly anticipated movie. Despite speculations about a possible postponement due to the clash with Vijay Deverakonda's Kingdom releasing on the same date, the Thammudu team has confirmed that the film will hit theaters on the originally planned date, July 4, 2025.

Fans had expected a delay, given the competition at the box office, but the makers remain confident about their release schedule. To build up excitement, the team recently announced that the official trailer for Thammudu will be unveiled on the evening of June 11. This trailer release



is expected to give viewers a sneak peek into the film's storyline, performances, and music.

Alongside Nithiin and Sapthami Gowda, the film features notable supporting actors such as Laya, Swasika, Varsha Bollamma, and Saurabh Sachdeva, who play key roles in the narrative. Produced by acclaimed producer Dil Raju, Thammu-

du promises to be a compelling entertainer combining strong performances and engaging storytelling.

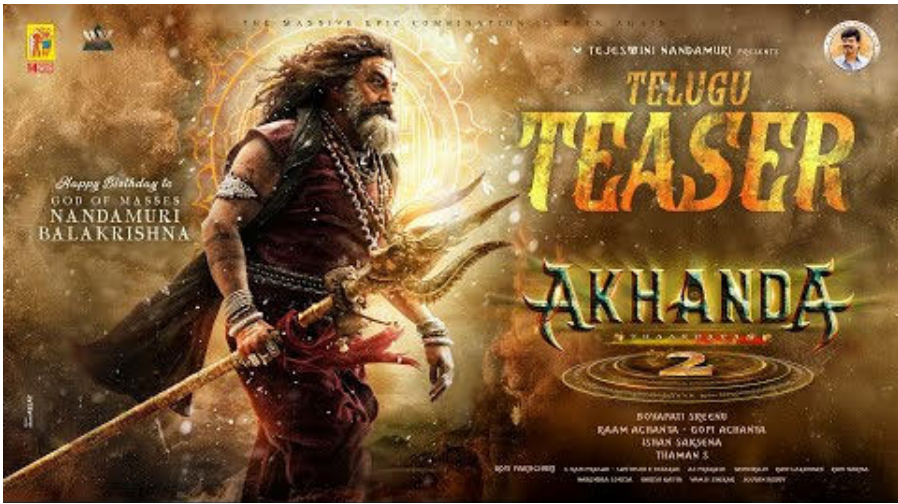
The movie's music is composed by Ajaneesh Loknath, whose soundtrack is eagerly awaited by fans and critics alike. With a strong team behind it and a popular cast, Thammudu aims to make a significant impact upon release.

The announcement of the trailer date has already generated buzz on social media, with many fans sharing their excitement and anticipation. As the countdown to June 11 begins, Tollywood enthusiasts are gearing up for what could be one of the biggest releases of the year.

Keep an eye out for the trailer to get a closer look at Nithiin's latest venture, which promises to be an entertaining and memorable film experience.

Akhanda 2 Teaser Unleashed: NBK's Powerful Return as Sage Sparks Buzz

On the eve of Nandamuri Balakrishna's birthday, the makers of Akhanda 2 dropped an electrifying teaser, confirming that the highly anticipated sequel will hit the big screens on September 25, 2025, coinciding with the Dusshera festival. Directed by Boyapati Srinu, the teaser delivers everything fans hoped for—intensity, grandeur, and the unmistakable NBK energy.



him taking down armed goons with ferocious precision, underscored by a fierce dialogue delivery that fans will likely quote for months.

Boyapati Srinu, known for his mass-oriented filmmaking, appears to have crafted an-

other high-voltage action drama loaded with commercial elements. Composer Thaman S. returns with a thunderous background score that elevates the teaser's impact, adding further hype to the already intense visuals.

The release of the teaser also settles speculation surrounding the film's release date. Despite earlier rumors that Akhanda 2 might be postponed to avoid a box office clash with Pawan Kalyan's OG, the makers have now made their intentions clear. The film will release as planned on September 25, setting up a major Tollywood box office showdown.

Produced on a grand scale, Akhanda 2 promises to continue the legacy of the original with even higher stakes, visually spectacular action, and a spiritually charged central performance by Balakrishna. With expectations sky-high and fan excitement peaking, the countdown to one of this year's biggest Telugu cinema clashes officially begins.