

### New lighting System at Kacheguda Railway Station

Rs 2.23 crore spent on facade illumination of Railway Station

Kacheguda station serves 103 trains and 45,000 passengers daily

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#### Ex-SIB Chief Prabhakar Rao Appears Before SIT in Hyderabad

Prabhakar Rao questioned for 8 hours at Jubilee Hills police station

Maintained innocence, denied involvement in phone tapping

Asked to appear again on June 11 for further questioning



## Phone Tapping Case

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Former Telangana Special Investigation Bureau (SIB) chief T. Prabhakar Rao, the prime accused in the phone tapping case, appeared before the Special Investigation Team (SIT) in Hyderabad on Monday. He was questioned for eight hours by West Zone Deputy Commissioner of Police SM Vijay Kumar at the Jubilee Hills police station. During the interrogation, Rao was reportedly uncooperative and maintained that he had no role in the alleged phone tapping. He stated that as the intelligence bureau chief, he only made decisions within the department's framework and denied issuing any orders related to tapping phones. Rao also highlighted that there was a review committee responsible for such matters, of which he was not a member.

Sources revealed that Rao remained silent for the first three hours of questioning until SIT officials confronted him with specific allegations made by four police officers—Radhakishan Rao, Bhujanga Rao, Tirupathanna, and Praneeth Rao—who have implicated him in their statements.

The SIT has collected evidence from these arrested officers as well as complaints from businessmen and politicians alleging their phones were tapped during the Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) government. Prabhakar Rao returned to Hyderabad on Sunday evening after spending 15 months in the United States. This is his first appearance before the SIT since the inquiry started. He had recently given an undertaking to the Supreme Court to return promptly after receiving emergency travel documents and to cooperate with the investigation.

On May 29, the Supreme Court ordered the return of Rao's passport to facilitate his return to India and barred any coercive action against him until further orders. The court also directed him to submit an affidavit promising to return within three days of receiving the travel documents.

The SIT aims to make significant progress in this case, which involves allegations of phone tapping of politicians, businessmen, journalists, and even judges under the previous BRS government. Rao has been summoned for further questioning on Wednesday, June 11.

### Harish Rao Appears Before Kaleshwaram Inquiry Commission

“Submitted all required documents, not the time to play politics” – Harish Rao



**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**

Former Minister and senior BRS leader T Harish Rao appeared before the Kaleshwaram Project Inquiry Commission today at BRK Bhavan Media Point and responded to all queries put forth by the Commission with what he described as “complete evidence and documents.” Addressing the media following the session, Harish Rao refrained from political commentary, saying, “This is a commission inquiry. If there's any politics, let's talk tomorrow.”

Harish Rao clarified that there was a detailed discussion regarding the decision to shift the Medigadda barrage location from Tammidi Hatti. He said that after Telangana's formation, efforts were made to build the project at Tammidi Hatti, but resistance from the then Maharashtra Congress government thwarted the plans. “The Maharashtra Congress Irrigation Minister Hasan Musharraf had opposed our proposal to build the project at a height of 152 meters.

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## Twin Cities Gear up for Ashada Bonalu From June 26

Bonalu to be celebrated across 28 key temples

Govt sanctions ₹20 crore for arrangements



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Hyderabad and Secunderabad are set to begin the grand Ashada Bonalu celebrations from June 26, with the festivities continuing for nearly a month across 28 prominent temples in the twin cities. The traditional Bonam offering will commence at the Jagadamba Mahankali Temple in Golconda, marking the formal beginning of the festival. In preparation for the large gatherings expected during the celebrations, the Telangana State Government has sanctioned ₹20 crore to ensure smooth conduct of the festival. The Endowments Department has allocated funds to temples based on their respective grades, aiming to provide all necessary facilities to devotees, including drinking water, cold shelters, and special queue lines. Minister Konda Surekha and the Commissioner have been actively involved in reviewing the arrangements. A video conference was conducted recently to issue key instructions, and another review meeting with temple authorities is expected within the next two days.

Bonalu will be held on July 1 at the Balkampet Yellamma Temple, on July 13 and 14 at the Ujjaini Mahankali Temple in Secunderabad, on July 20 and 21 at the Simhavahini Mahankali Temple in Lal Darwaja, and on July 21 at the Mahankali Sametha Mahankaleshwara Temple in Nacharam. Authorities are paying special attention to crowd management and safety. Police deployments, traffic control, and coordination with local officials are being reviewed to avoid the lapses witnessed in previous years. Drinking water stations, shaded waiting areas, and improved entry-exit points are being arranged to ensure a smooth and safe experience for all devotees. The Endowment Assistant Commissioners have also prepared guest lists for puja programs at respective temples, and coordination with civic departments is underway to ensure that all arrangements are in place before the festivities begin.

## Senior journalist Kommineni Srinivasa Rao arrested

- Kommineni detained for derogatory comments against Amara-vati 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 tele-

vised debate about Amara-vati 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.” 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.

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## Amit Shah to inaugurate National Turmeric Board Headquarters in Nizamabad

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Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah is scheduled to inaugurate the National Turmeric Board Headquarters in Nizamabad later this month. The announcement came after a meeting in New Delhi on June 9 between Amit Shah, BJP MP Arvind Dharmapuri, and National Turmeric Board Chairperson Palle Ganga Reddy. The inauguration, set for the last week of



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## Yasangi Procurement Surpasses Previous Year's Figures

72 LMT of paddy procured by June 8, 2025, from 8,378 centres

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Minister for Irrigation, Food & Civil Supplies Utam Kumar Reddy announced that as of June 8, 2025, a total of 72 lakh metric tonnes (LMT) of paddy have been procured during the Yasangi season from 8,378 procurement centres across the state. This marks a significant increase compared to the previous year's procurement of

| Paddy procured up to 08th June during last four Rabi seasons |                         |         |         |         |         |
|--|-------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| SL No  | Season                  | 2021-22 | 2022-23 | 2023-24 | 2024-25 |
| 1  | PPCs opened             | 6609    | 7034    | 7178    | 8378    |
| 2  | Qty procured (in LMTs)  | 50.90   | 59.77   | 47.19   | 72.42   |
| 3  | No. of Farmers in Lakhs | 9.54    | 9.81    | 8.31    | 12.33   |
| 4  | Paddy Value in Cr       | 9864    | 12289   | 10328   | 16760   |
| 5  | Payment Made in Cr.     | 5233    | 5932    | 9614    | 15121   |

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# India’s Path to Future in Geosciences

- Kishan Reddy inaugurates ‘Next Generation Geo-physics 2025’
- Conference marks 175 years of Geological Survey of India
- Focus on AI, quantum computing, and sustain-able mineral exploration
- India aims to reduce de-pendence on key mineral imports
- International participa-tion from Australia, Cana-da, Russia, and more



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Union Minister for Coal and Mines, Shri G. Kishan Reddy, inaugurated the ‘Next Genera-tion Geophysics 2025: Unlock-ing Earth’s Hidden Treasures’ conference today at the Geo-logical Survey of India Train-ing Institute (GSITTI) in Band-laguda-Nagol, Hyderabad. The two-day event, which cele-brates 175 years of the Geolog-ical Survey of India (GSI), was also attended by Shri Etala Ra-jender, Member of Parliament from Malkajgiri, along with senior officials and interna-tional delegates.

Speaking at the inauguration,

Shri Kishan Reddy empha-sized that India is entering a transformative era where sci-ence, technology, and sustain-ability are key drivers in min-eral exploration. He noted that geophysics is critical to build-ing a developed India by offer-ing innovative tools to tackle pressing challenges such as climate change, urbanization, and disaster mitigation. Shri Kishan Reddy proud-ly pointed out India’s rising prominence in global educa-tion and research, referenc-ing a 318% increase in Indian institutions featured in the QS World University Rank-ings 2025. He underscored the doubling of IIT seats and the creation of the Anusandhan National Research Founda-tion (ANRF) as evidence of the

government’s commitment to advancing scientific research. Addressing the scientif-ic community, the Minister urged geoscientists to har-ness emerging technologies like artificial intelligence (AI) and quantum computing to improve mineral exploration processes, including more precise estimation of reserves and interpretation of seismic data. He drew attention to flagship initiatives such as the Rs. 10,300 crore India AI Mis-sion and the Rs. 6,000 crore National Quantum Mis-sion. Shri Etala Rajender, MP, echoed the Minister’s sen-timents, highlighting how geoscience is undergoing a transformation with the fu-sion of traditional approaches and cutting-edge technologies

such as AI-based predictive models and quantum sens-ing. He emphasized the vital role of geoscientific research in ensuring mineral security, environmental sustainability, and disaster preparedness. He also lauded GSI’s use of AI and Machine Learning in land hazard assessment and min-eral exploration, expressing confidence in India’s potential to become a global leader in data-driven resource manage-ment. The conference brings to-gether leading geoscientists, researchers, and industry ex-perts from India, Australia, Canada, Russia, the United States, Poland, Malaysia, and Singapore. Discussions will focus on advanced geophys-ical technologies, AI/ML inte-grated exploration, high-res-olution subsurface imaging, and data-driven mineral tar-geting. Senior officials including Dep-uty Director General Dr. S. Ravi, Director General Shri Asit Saha, and Additional Direc-tor General Shri S.D. Patbhaje, along with international rep-resentatives, were present at the event.

# 45 Electric Buses Launched from Suryapet Depot



TPN Correspondent | Suryapet

Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bat-ti Vikramarka, Transport Minister Ponnam Prabhakar, and Legislative Council Chairman Gutta Sukhender Reddy jointly launched electric buses at the Suryapet RTC Bus Depot today. The leaders inaugurated the new services by traveling in one of the electric buses, highlighting the government’s thrust towards clean energy and enhanced public trans-portation. A total of 45 electric buses were flagged off from the depot as part of the larger allotment of 79 elec-tric buses to Suryapet district. The launch event was also attended by MLC Shankar Nayak, MLAS Pad-mavati Reddy and Amdeli Samuel, Telangana Tourism Corporation Chairman Patel Ramesh Reddy, Agriculture Commission Member Venkanna, and other senior offi-cials and local leaders. Speaking at the occasion, Min-ister Ponnam Prabhakar stated, “Suryapet has emerged as an all-round development model. Rec-ognizing its strategic importance, 79 electric buses have been allot-ted here.” He added that the RTC is moving ahead with a renewed mis-sion under the three guiding prin-ciples—welfare of workers, comfort of passengers, and protection of the organization. He took the opportunity to highlight the impact of the Maha Lakshmi scheme, stating that the scheme has enabled the state government to not only purchase thousands of new buses but also to create thou-sands of new jobs in the RTC. “In

the last 10 years, there was no bus purchase or recruitment. Now, we are moving with purpose thanks to the blessings of our sisters and brothers,” he remarked. Minister Ponnam said that over 182 crore women have availed free travel under the RTC so far, collec-tively saving ₹6,200 crore. “Women are now able to travel freely to hos-pitals and temples, thanks to the free RTC rides,” he added. He also noted that the government is allo-cating ₹330 crore monthly to RTC to support operations, in addition to covering pending PF and CCS dues. Ponnam Prabhakar asserted that only under the Congress govern-ment, led by Chief Minister Re-vanth Reddy, can RTC be brought back to profitability. “We are ad-dressing the issues of RTC workers and taking their welfare seriously. Their services will be respected and protected as we revive the institu-tion,” he said. The newly launched electric buses will operate on key routes including Suryapet to Hyderabad, Khammam, Hanumakonda, and other major towns. Plans are also underway to introduce electric buses in Nalgon-da, with earlier launches already completed in Hyderabad, Karim-nagar, Nizamabad, and Warangal. “People in villages are asking for more buses. MLAs are demanding improved connectivity. We are connecting every Mandal to the district headquarters and linking districts to the capital,” said Ponnam Pra-bhakar, reaffirming the govern-ment’s commitment to strengthen the state transport network.

# Southern States Lauded for Energy Efficiency Efforts

- BEE pushes for 2BESP to sustain mo-mentum
- Southern states like AP, Kerala, Kar-nataka lead national energy savings initiatives
- Targeted actions could save 22.5 bil-lion kWh annually

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Southern states have emerged as front-runners in India’s energy efficiency movement, with the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) under the Ministry of Pow-er acknowledging the standout efforts of Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Karnataka, Tel-angana, and Tamil Nadu. In particular, BEE commended the proactive approach of the Andhra Pradesh State Energy Con-servation Mission (APSECM) during re-cent World Environment Day celebra-tions. In a press release issued from Vijayawada on June 8, the BEE urged all State Des-ignated Agencies (SDAs) to sustain their momentum by promoting Behavior-Based Energy Saving Practices (2BESP), which are key to reducing electricity consump-tion 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 im-pact of 5-star rated appliances, senior BEE officials including Deputy Director General Dr. Asok Kumar, Secretary Mil-ind Deore, and Directors Abhishek Shar-ma and Karman Sheik, emphasized the urgent need for adopting high-efficiency appliances. They noted that energy-ef-ficient devices such as air conditioners, refrigerators, and ceiling fans can dras-tically lower power consumption and re-duce household electricity bills. To encourage behavioral change at the grassroots level, BEE urged SDAs to collab-orate with Residential Welfare Associa-tions (RWAs) and group housing societies. The agency also recommended main-taining 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 con-sumes nearly 35–40% of the country’s to-tal electricity, BEE reiterated the need for immediate adoption of energy efficiency

measures at the state level. The agency stressed that these changes are vital for reducing long-term power demand, cut-ting consumer expenses, and protecting the environment. To demonstrate the benefits of efficient appliances, BEE compared the electricity usage of conventional and energy-ef-ficient 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 an-nually—less than half the expense. Southern states made notable contribu-tions 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 CO<sub>2</sub> emissions re-duced annually

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

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## New lighting System at Kacheguda Railway Station

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Union Minister of Tourism G. Kis-han Reddy inaugurated the new facade illumination system at the historic Kacheguda Railway Station, showcasing the station’s magnificent Gothic architecture built during the Nizam era in 1916. The lighting project, costing Rs 2.23 crore, features 785 illumination lights that enhance the station’s aesthetic appeal, making it a land-mark visible to thousands of daily passengers. The historic Kacheguda Railway Station, a central hub in Hyder-abad, was beautifully illuminat-ed with a new lighting system on Monday evening. Union Coal Mines Minister G. Kishan Reddy officially inaugurated the system at 5:30 pm. The project, costing Rs 2.23 crore, was carried out under the Ministry of Tourism to highlight the heri-tage and architectural grandeur of this century-old landmark. Built in 1916 in the Gothic style during the Nizam era, the station’s façade is now adorned with about 785 special lights designed with a nationalistic theme, enhancing the station’s charm and making it a spectacular sight at night. Kacheguda station handles 103 trains daily, transporting approx-imately 45,000 passengers, and has pioneered passenger-friendly facilities including one of the ear-

liest digital payment systems in Indian Railways. Emphasizing sus-tainability, the station uses green energy and holds a platinum rat-ing from the Indian Green Building Council for its energy efficiency. In addition to the lighting system, Kacheguda is undergoing redevel-opment with a Rs 421.66 crore allo-cation under the Amrit Bharat Sta-tion Scheme. This redevelopment aims to further upgrade passenger amenities while preserving the station’s historic significance. The lighting inauguration marks a key milestone in this ongoing transfor-mation. Kishan Reddy also underscored Telangana’s pioneering role in adopting the indigenous railway protection system ‘Kavach’, first implemented in the state and now spreading nationwide. To further research in this field, a Kavach Centre of Excellence has been set up in Secunderabad with active support from the Central Govern-ment. The minister urged the Telanga-na state government to cooperate fully in providing land for ongoing railway projects, ensuring timely completion and expanded rail con-nectivity. He called upon all stake-holders to work together towards building a developed India by 2047, leveraging the impressive railway advancements in Telangana as a model of progress.

## Harish Rao Appears Before Kaleshwaram Inquiry Commission

Even the Central Water Commis-sion advised us to look for an al-ternative, citing water scarcity and inadequate reservoir capacity at Tammidi Hatti,” Harish Rao ex-plain-ed. He also stated that even when the BJP government later came to power in Maharashtra, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis de-nied permission, pointing out that the BJP had long opposed the Congress-led proposal at Tammi-di Hatti. “The Congress could not get a single inter-state agreement or land acquisition done in seven years,” Rao added. Harish Rao said that on the recom-mendation of WAPCOS, a central agency, Medigadda was chosen due to better water availability, and the barrage was constructed accordingly, with approvals and technical evaluations from the Central Water Commission and other bodies. Responding to other queries by the Commission, Rao clarified that: The Kaleshwaram Corporation had full permissions, and docu-ments were submitted according-ly.

Shifting the locations of Annaram and Sundilla barrages was based on technical surveys by engineers. The reservoir capacity in the proj-ect is 141 TMC, and extensive sup-porting documentation was pro-vided. He also dismissed the narrative that the Kaleshwaram project is flawed, stating, “There are 100 parts in the Kaleshwaram project. All are intact. It includes 3 barrag-es, 15 reservoirs, 19 sub-stations, 21 pump houses, 203 km of tunnels, and 1,531 km of canals.” The BRS leader emphasized that the Congress failed to build where there was no water, while the BRS succeeded in executing a mega irrigation project where there is actual water availability. All rel-evant letters, permissions, and G.O.s from both Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh were placed be-fore the commission. Harish Rao concluded that he fully cooperated with the com-mission and presented a factual, evidence-based explanation on every aspect of the Kaleshwaram project.

## Yasangi Procurement Surpasses Previous Year’s Figures

59 LMT from 7,034 centres under the BRS government as of the same date in 2023. The minister highlighted that payments amounting to Rs. 15,121 crore have been

disbursed to 12.33 lakh farmers so far, a notable rise from Rs. 5,932 crore paid to 9.81 lakh farmers on June 8, 2023. Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy credit-

ed the improved procurement process and better support to farmers for these achievements during the Yasangi sea-son 2024-25.

## Amit Shah to inaugurate National Turmeric

June, will also feature the unveiling of the Board’s official logo, which symbolizes a new era of empower-ment, innovation, and enhanced global market reach for India’s turmer-ic-growing community. The National Turmeric Board aims to strength-en research, innova-

tion, and supply chains while improving India’s position in the global turmeric market. This development is also viewed as a strategic political move ahead of upcoming elections in Telangana. The exact date and time of the event will be an-nounced soon.

## Senior journalist Kommineni Srinivasa Rao arrested

Meanwhile, Krishnam Raju has reportedly gone into hiding. Police found his Vijayawada residence locked and suspect he has fled to Hyderabad. Special teams from Vijayawa-da 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 sta-tion. The case continues to generate intense po-litical and public atten-tion, with calls growing louder for strict action against all those in-volved.





# Prabhakar Rao’s Surrender Was Planned: Bandi Sanjay

Claims Prabhakar Rao surrendered after discussions with KCR in the US  
Demands disclosure of Prabhakar Rao’s SIT statement

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Union Minister of State Bandi Sanjay has made strong allegations regarding the surrender of former Special Intelligence Bureau (SIB) chief Prabhakar Rao, the main accused in the phone tapping scandal. Speaking on Monday, Bandi Sanjay claimed that Rao’s surrender was part of a calculated plan. He alleged that Prabhakar Rao surrendered only after extensive counseling with Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao’s fami-

ly members in America. Bandi Sanjay demanded that the state- ment Rao gave to the Special Investigation Team (SIT) during the probe be immediately made public for transparency. Highlighting the gravity of the scandal, Bandi Sanjay criticized the illegal phone tapping of several high-profile individuals, including judges, and leaders from Congress, BJP, and the ruling BRS party. He questioned the motive behind the tapping, demanding clarity on what was done with

the intercepted information and who received the recordings. “Prabhakar Rao is a powerful figure who tapped the phones of judges and political leaders. The public deserves to know on whose orders this massive surveillance was carried out,” Bandi Sanjay said. He further asked the authorities to identify those who used the intercepted audios to threaten individuals. The Minister also expressed concerns over the current state government’s handling of cor-

ruption probes, stating that since the Congress came to power, investigations have stalled and public trust is declining. He urged the government to ensure that all those responsible, including Prabhakar Rao, are held accountable and punished to the fullest extent of the law. This latest development adds fuel to the ongoing controversy surrounding the phone tapping case, which has raised questions about political surveillance and misuse of power in the state.

## Raja Singh indirect jibe at Kishan Reddy??

‘Have ears but can’t hear, have a mouth but won’t speak...’



**TPN Correspondent | Telangana**

The internal friction within the Telangana BJP came to the fore once again, as Goshamahal MLA Raja Singh indirectly criticized party state president and Union Minister Kishan Reddy during a public event. The remarks were made during the launch of Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatreya’s autobiography, attended by several political leaders including Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. CM Revanth Reddy, addressing the gathering, remarked that Telangana would progress further if Union Minister Kishan Reddy extended his cooperation to the state. In response, Raja Singh took to the stage and made sharp comments, perceived as aimed at Kishan Reddy. “Even if they have ears, they do not listen to the cries for help,” Revanth said. Following that, Raja Singh added, “Even if they have a mouth, they will not speak. What help can one expect from such great people?” The indirect jibe left the audience and political observers convinced that the target was indeed his own party leader. These remarks have reignited speculation about the ongoing cold war between Raja Singh and Kishan Reddy. Despite denials by Kishan Reddy about any internal rift, Raja Singh’s repeated public criticism suggests otherwise. Earlier, during the local body MLC elections, while the BJP rallied behind its candidate, Raja Singh went against the party line and openly criticized the chosen nominee. At the time, Union Minister Bandi Sanjay had to personally intervene to pacify the disgruntled MLA. Kishan Reddy has maintained that there are no serious issues within the party and that any internal matters can be resolved amicably. However, Raja Singh’s actions—now repeated—signal a persistent discord and dissatisfaction with the leadership. This latest episode, especially coming during a high-profile event with senior political leaders in attendance, has added more strain to the Telangana BJP’s internal dynamics and sparked fresh debate about factionalism within the party ranks.

## “Women’s empowerment is not in words... we will show it in deeds”

Minister Sridhar Babu at the inauguration of the ‘Sita’ app

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Telangana is making remarkable strides in women’s empowerment, focusing on concrete actions rather than just promises. Speaking at the launch of the ‘Sita’ app, Minister for Education and Welfare Sridhar Babu outlined the government’s ambitious vision and ongoing efforts to uplift women across the state. “We will turn one crore girls into millionaires,” said Sridhar Babu, emphasizing the state’s commitment to creating equal opportunities for women in every field. Referring to the Central Statistics Office’s report ‘Men and Women in India – 2024’, he highlighted that 86 percent of rural women and 89 percent of urban women in Telangana participate actively in family decisions. “These are not just numbers; this is a success

story of Telangana’s steps towards real women empowerment,” he stated. Sridhar Babu described women as the foundation of Telangana society, with the government working tirelessly to ensure women have equal access to education, employment, leadership, and decision-making roles. The ‘Indira Mahila Shakti Mission 2025’ aims to empower one crore girls by identifying 17 types of businesses and encouraging them to become entrepreneurs. The government has also made significant progress in job creation, filling over 60,000 government posts in 16 months and appointing more than 10,000 teachers through the DSC. Telangana has attracted investments worth Rs. 3 lakh crore in 18 months, generating over 1 lakh private sector jobs for youth. The state is establishing the Young In-

dia Skills University and constructing 58 Young India Residential Schools at a cost of Rs. 11,600 crore to revamp the education system. Minister Sridhar Babu said the new ‘Sita’ app will serve as a vital platform for rural women by providing international marketing access for their products and guiding them toward financial independence. The event also featured notable personalities such as popular actress Srileela, director Harish Shankar, Palakurti Congress Party in-charge Jhansi Reddy, and She Jobs organizer Seetha. This comprehensive approach is a bold step by Telangana towards transforming women’s lives through empowerment and entrepreneurship, backed by strong government support and innovative initiatives.

## Kodanda Reddy urges linking employment scheme to agriculture

**TPN Correspondent | Telangana**

Farmers Commission Chairman Kodanda Reddy met Union Agriculture Minister Shivrav Singh Chouhan recently to discuss key issues affecting Telangana’s agricultural sector. Kodanda Reddy submitted proposal letters to the Union Minister, urging the linking of the Employment Guarantee Scheme to agriculture and requesting special central funds for minor irrigation projects. Highlighting Telangana’s unique needs, Kodanda Reddy emphasized that the state should be given a dedicated focus, pointing out that



Telangana has around 45,000 ponds that require urgent repair and maintenance. He reminded that the Centre currently allocates funds for pond development in other states, urging similar special allocations for Telangana. Addressing the labor shortage in agriculture, Kodanda Reddy said that linking the Employment Guarantee Scheme to agriculture would boost productivity and help the sector progress further. State Agriculture Minister Tummalapalli Nageshwar Rao and Kodanda Reddy participated in the Vikshith Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan program held at Mangalpally village in Ibrahimpatnam mandal alongside the Union Minister.

## Saved Congress by fighting BRS for a Decade: Malreddy

**TPN Correspondent | Telangana**

Senior Congress leader and Ibrahimpatnam MLA Malreddy Rangareddy expressed deep disappointment over being left out of the Telangana cabinet expansion. Following the induction of only three new ministers—Adduri Laxman, Vakati Srihari, and Vivek Venkataswamy—Rangareddy, a party veteran, voiced his frustration publicly and questioned the high command’s decision-making process. Speaking to the media after being pacified by party elders, Malreddy stated, “I fought with the BRS for ten years and saved the Congress in the state.” He warned that giving party posts to newcomers could hurt grassroots workers and damage the party’s prospects. He emphasized the importance of respecting senior leaders and ensuring representation across all regions. “If party posts are given to new entrants, the workers who struggled for years will lose morale,” he said. Rangareddy demanded that ministerial posts be distributed to leaders from all ten joint districts. He recalled that Hyderabad and Ranga Reddy districts used to have as many as six ministers, and now those areas are being ignored. He urged the PCC chief to facilitate an



opportunity for him to convey his concerns directly to the high command. In a significant statement, Malreddy said, “If my community is seen as an obstacle, I am ready to sacrifice my post for the party.” Malreddy Rangareddy’s political career spans more than four decades. Starting in the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) in 1981 as Sarpanch of Thoroor, he rose through the ranks and became an MLA from Malakpet in 1994. After his seat was allotted to the BJP in 1999 as part of the TDP alliance, he joined the Congress and won from Malakpet in 2004. He later contested from Ibrahimpatnam in 2009 and Maheshwaram in 2014. In 2018, after being denied a Congress ticket, he contested from the BSP and narrowly lost to the BRS. He rejoined Congress and won the Ibrahimpatnam seat in the 2023 elections. Despite his long-standing service, Rangareddy’s exclusion from the cabinet has become a flashpoint, reflecting broader dissatisfaction among senior leaders within the party. His remarks highlight the growing divide between experienced leaders and new appointees in Telangana Congress.

## BRS Demands Godavari Water for Local Irrigation

**TPN Correspondent | Dummugudem**

The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) has strongly demanded that Godavari water be prioritized for irrigation in the district through the ongoing Sitarama project before it is diverted elsewhere. Speaking on Monday, BRS Mandal Convener Tumkur Ramudu and Co-Convenor Md Johnny Pasha cautioned that failure to implement election promises swiftly will provoke serious public backlash. Following directions from BRS District President Sri Rega Kantarao, party leaders submitted a petition at the Tahsildar’s office pressing for urgent action. They criticized the government for repeatedly announcing schemes but failing to deliver results, leaving vulnerable groups like the elderly, widows, and disabled



waiting for promised pension increases. The BRS leaders also urged immediate implementation of other election assurances, including the distribution of scooters to students, employment for the unemployed, and the provision of gold as a wedding gift. Central to their demands was the allocation of irrigation water to district farmlands through the Sitarama project currently under construction. Several party leaders joined the protest, including former

MPP Race Lakshmi, PACS Director Kaluva Poornaiah, BRS Vice President Tuniki Kamesh, Campaign Committee President Damerla Srinivas, and others such as Soyam Narasimha Rao, Gosangi Kiran, Soyam Krishna Babu, Jilakara Gangaraju, Varsa Padagayya, Appana Sudhakar, Kantem Narayana, and Rajasekhar. The BRS reiterated that the government must prioritize local irrigation needs and fulfill election promises to maintain public trust and prevent unrest in the district.



# Successful fire mock drill conducted at ICCCC building

Over 2000 employees participate in multi-agency mock fire drill  
Event led by Director V.B. Kamlasan Reddy, IPS (Retd)  
Commissioner CV Anand highlights safety readiness

**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**  
A large-scale fire mock drill was successfully conducted today at the Telangana Integrated Command and Control Center (TG ICCCC) building in Banjara Hills, Hyderabad. The drill was held under the supervision of the Director of TG ICCCC, Shri V.B. Kamlasan Reddy, IPS (Retd), and involved coordinated participation from multiple government departments. Personnel from the Fire Department, Medical and Health, Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, NDRF, R&B, Electricity Department, 108 Ambulance Services, Water Works, and the Hyderabad City Police (Traffic and Law & Order) actively took part in the simulation. The

aim of the drill was to educate and train employees on safely evacuating a high-rise structure during emergencies and to ensure that they are capable of protecting themselves without panic. Addressing the gathering, Shri V.B. Kamlasan Reddy emphasized the building's height of 83.26 meters and noted the particular risk faced by those on upper floors during fire incidents. He underlined the importance of swift action to control flames and explained that the TG ICCCC building is fully equipped with modern fire safety systems. As part of further safety enhancements, he announced that Fire Marshals and assistants will be appointed on every floor to coordinate

emergency responses and account for all personnel. He further added that such mock drills will be conducted on the first Saturday of every month. After observing the drill, Hyderabad City Police Commissioner Shri C.V. Anand, IPS, reiterated the significance of such exercises in high-rise buildings. He stated that every employee should be aware of the building's emergency exits, alarms, and fire-fighting equipment. He pointed out that the ICCCC building is well-planned within a 7.5-acre area, offering ample access for fire engines and emergency services. He urged all employees to use staircases instead of elevators during emergencies and advised against underestimating the

dangers of fire. Commissioner Anand added that with approximately 2000 employees working in the TG ICCCC building, it is crucial to instill emergency response awareness. He also remarked that the goal is to shape the TG ICCCC as a true multi-agency operational hub capable of handling crises efficiently. "These drills prepare us as a city to respond effectively to emergencies," he said. The mock drill began with the sounding of a fire alarm, prompting orderly evacuation from all floors. Employees demonstrated proper behavior during smoke simulation by staying low or crawling to avoid inhaling dense smoke. Once outside, everyone gathered at a



pre-designated assembly point, where a headcount was taken. Fire department officials supervised the process, offering key safety tips and encouraging regular equipment checks and routine training. The event was also attended by Shri Vikram Singh Mann, IPS, Additional CP Law & Order; Smt. K. Apoorva Rao, IPS, DCP

Special Branch; Smt. Pushpa, DCP TG ICCCC; Shri Damodar Singh from NDRF; Shri Venkanna, District Fire Officer; and other officials from various departments. The collective presence of all agencies ensured a coordinated approach and heightened awareness of disaster readiness among participants.

## Minister Ponnam Inaugurates Adarsh TVS showroom

Calls for adoption of EVs to reduce air pollution in Hyderabad



**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**

Transport Minister Ponnam Prabhakar inaugurated the Adarsh TVS showroom at Vani Nagar in Malkajgiri today. The new two-wheeler showroom, established under the leadership of Telangana Transport Dealer Adarsh Satyanarayana, aims to provide easy access to a range of TVS vehicles for residents of Malkajgiri and nearby areas. Speaking at the event, Minister Ponnam Prabhakar said that the launch of this new showroom brings TVS vehicles closer to local consumers, with a variety ranging from mopeds to high-end two-wheelers. Notably, electric vehicles from TVS are also now available at the showroom, aligning with the government's push for sustainable mobility. Highlighting the Telangana government's efforts to encourage electric vehicle adoption, the minister mentioned that the state has implemented an EV policy that offers tax exemptions on electric two-wheelers and EV vans. He urged the public to take full advantage of these benefits to contribute to reducing air pollution in Hyderabad. "Electric vehicles are the future. With the support of the government's EV policy, we are aiming for a transformation in the vehicle sector. From two-wheelers to three-wheeler autos, we hope all vehicles within the Outer Ring Road (ORR) area will shift towards electric in the coming years," he said.

## Seizure of 17 bottles of liquor from vehicles coming from Goa



**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**

On Monday, a joint inspection was carried out by HTF, DTF, and excise staff at Zaheerabad Excise Check Post on vehicles arriving from Goa. During these checks, 17 bottles of liquor were seized. The inspections are part of ongoing operations against Non-Duty Paid Liquor (NDPL), conducted as per the

directives of Excise Enforcement Director Shahnawaz Qasim over the past week. At Zaheerabad Check Post, the inspection team included STFP CI Biksha Reddy, SI Balaraju, Sangareddy TTF CI Hanmanth, and Check Post CI Mallikarjuna Babu. They thoroughly checked tourist buses, cars, and other suspicious vehicles to curb illegal liquor transportation.

## Resolve complaints received during public hearings promptly: Commissioner R.V. Karnan

**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**  
Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) Commissioner R.V. Karnan has emphasized the need for timely and responsible resolution of public grievances. Addressing a public hearing held at the GHMC head office on Monday, the Commissioner directed officials to thoroughly examine each complaint and act swiftly. The event saw citizens from across Greater Hyderabad present their concerns in person. Commissioner Karnan advised officials to communicate with complainants effectively and ensure that problems raised during these sessions are treated with priority. He urged the Heads of Departments (HODs) to pay close attention to citizen issues and resolve them with a sense of urgency and accountability. A total of 147 applications were received during the hearing. Among these, 4 complaints came via telephone, while the remaining were submitted at zonal levels and the GHMC headquarters. The zonal breakdown of complaints included: Charminar (2), LB Nagar (11), Secunderabad (16), Kukatpally (27), Serilingampally (22), and 65 at the GHMC head office. In terms of department-wise classification, the Town Plan-



ning department topped the list with 28 complaints, followed by Engineering (3), Health (3), Sanitation (5), Vigilance (2), Finance (1), Land Acquisition (2), Housing (1), UBD (1), UCD Legal (1), Estate (1), and Veterinary (1). A key highlight of the public hearing was a representation by residents from the Gopanapalli Diamond Heights colony. They informed the Commissioner about discouraging messages circulating on their local WhatsApp group, urging people not to lodge complaints about poor road conditions. In response, Commissioner Karnan assured them that citizens are fully entitled to raise their concerns not only in person but also through digital plat-

forms. He encouraged the use of the GHMC mobile app for reporting issues at any time. Senior officials present at the session included Additional Commissioners Sneha Shabarush, Venugopal, Raghu Prasad, CCP Srinivas, Venugopal Reddy, Nalini Padmavati, Pankaja, Geetha Radhika, Satyanarayana, and Samrat Ashok. Others included Chief Medical Officer Dr. Padmaja, Chief Veterinary Officer Dr. Abdul Vakeel, Land Acquisition Deputy Collector Ramu Nayak, Additional CCPs Gangadhar, Venkanna, and Pradeep Kumar, Deputy CEO Panasa Reddy, SNDP SE P.V. Reddy, AE Balaji, Housing EE Rajeshwara Rao, and Kulkarni, among others.

## 56 liquor bottles seized in STF raids, four arrested

Liquor worth ₹2.5 lakh confiscated in three separate smuggling cases



**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**

In a coordinated operation under the Excise Department's special MDPL (non-duty paid liquor) drive, the Special Task Force (STF) has seized a total of 56 liquor bottles across three separate cases, arresting four individuals involved in smuggling activities. The total value of the seized liquor is estimated at ₹2.5 lakh. In the first case, STF Circle Inspector Nagaraju and Sub-Inspector Jyoti Medam apprehended a person named Sri Pana Ramana near the Secunderabad Military Hospital in Tirumalagiri.

They seized 20 Signature brand liquor bottles from his possession. In a second operation, the same STF team intercepted passengers arriving on trains from KSR Bengaluru and Rajdhani Express at Secunderabad railway station. One person, Ajay Singh, was found smuggling 44 bottles of Corona Extra beer and four other liquor bottles. He was taken into custody. In a third and significant bust, STF officials acting on a tip-off raided a location in West Maredpally. The team, led by CI Bhiksha Reddy, Sis Balaraju and Sandhyalu, and STF team leader Pradeep

Rao, arrested two individuals — Runeet and Aditya — who were found in possession of 13 grams of OG Kush marijuana and 32 liquor bottles allegedly sourced from Goa, Manipur, and Delhi. Pradeep Rao confirmed that the accused were engaged in illegal transportation and sale of liquor and narcotic substances. All the seized items have been handed over for legal processing. The STF has intensified checks and surveillance as part of the ongoing crackdown on non-duty paid liquor and narcotics across the state.



# Prompt action after TPN report

Dundigal officials’ clear garbage in Bahadurpally  
Local residents thank True Point News and municipal staff for swift response

**TPN Correspondent | Medchal**  
A report published by True Point News has prompted swift action from the Dundigal Municipal authorities, following public concern over unhygienic conditions in Bahadurpally’s 14th ward under the Dundigal Municipality limits. The issue centered around a large accumulation of garbage and rotting waste right in front of the government-built double bedroom houses, which had effectively turned the area into an unofficial dumping yard. Local residents, plagued by the foul smell and health concerns, had brought the issue to the media’s at-

tention, stating that people in the vicinity were falling ill due to the unhygienic conditions. True Point News covered the issue in detail, highlighting the negligence and urging for immediate intervention. Following the article’s publication, Dundigal municipal officials responded quickly. The garbage was cleared from the area, and sanitation staff conducted a thorough clean-up of the surroundings. Residents, relieved by the timely response, expressed gratitude to the Municipal Commissioner and the sanitation staff for their swift action. They also extended heartfelt

thanks to the management and reporting team of True Point News for taking up their cause and bringing it to the attention of authorities. However, locals are now urging the Dundigal Municipality to implement a permanent solution to the problem. They appealed to officials not to use the location near the double bedroom homes as a dumping ground again and requested that garbage disposal be relocated to a designated and isolated area to avoid recurrence. The incident underscores the power of community voices when amplified by responsible journalism and timely government response.



# Farmers’ Union presents plough to Union Minister

Direct interaction with farmers held at Mangalapalli

**TPN Correspondent | Rangareddy**  
As part of the Vikasith Krishi Sankalpa Abhiyan, Union Agriculture Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan took part in a direct interaction program with farmers at Mangalapalli in the Rangareddy Rural district. During the event, the Telangana Farmers’ Union, representing the Kisan Morcha, presented a traditional plough to the Union Minister as a mark of respect and appreciation. Union Minister of State for Agriculture Bhagiratha Choudhary accompanied Shri Chouhan on this visit and was warmly welcomed by the Kisan Morcha members. The program was attended by several prominent leaders, including BJP State General Secretary Gujjula Premender Reddy, BJP Kisan Morcha State President Kondapalli Sridhar Reddy, Kisan Morcha National Executive Member Goli Madhusudhan Reddy, Papayya Goud, State General Secretaries Padamati Jagannathan Reddy and Maripalli Anjaiah Yadav, BJP Rangareddy District President Raj Bhupal Goud, and Kisan Morcha District President Ravinder Reddy, among others. The event strengthened the bond between the government and the farming community while



highlighting the focus on agricultural development through the Vikasith Krishi Sankalpa Abhiyan.

# Funds to Be Allocated by Population Proportion, Says Deputy CM

**TPN Correspondent | Khammam**  
Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Malu, speaking at the foundation stone laying ceremony of the Gouda Sangham building in Khammam district headquarters on Monday, announced that the upcoming budget will allocate funds based on the population proportion of various communities. He said the Congress government aims to increase opportunities in education, employment, and welfare, building an egalitarian society by turning the people’s agenda into legislation. Bhatti Vikramarka recalled that the government, as promised before elections, conducted a BC caste census revealing they make up 56% of Telangana’s population. Following this, the government legislated 42% reservation for BCs in local bodies and government jobs and sent the proposal to the Centre, marking a key achievement. He noted that when Rahul Gandhi first introduced the Telangana model, many were skeptical, but today it serves as a guiding example nationwide—a victory for Telangana’s people. He emphasized Rahul Gandhi’s promise to prioritize the most backward communities after the caste census. As Planning Department in-charge, Bhatti Vikramarka completed the caste survey in a record 50 days without any errors, a historic



feat for the country. The census was executed scientifically, with detailed supervision across all districts. The Deputy CM urged Gouda Sangham leaders to finish the building within a year and pledged government support to establish a coaching center for unemployed youth and install a statue of the social reformer Sardar Sarvai Papanna. He described Khammam as a symbol of social awareness and stressed the statue would inspire weaker sections. He highlighted Papanna’s legacy as a leader who rose from a common family near Warangal to capture forts and rule, proving that the weaker sections of society can also govern. Papanna’s life was documented by historian Metcalfe, Bhatti Vikramarka added.

# Jaggareddy Provides Financial Aid to Poor Cancer Patients

**TPN Correspondent | Sangareddy**  
Congress leader Jaggareddy has announced his decision to provide financial assistance to poor cancer patients in his constituency to help them bear the heavy costs of treatment. Cancer treatment often costs lakhs of rupees, creating severe financial hardships for underprivileged families. Recently, Jaggareddy visited a cancer patient named Ranamma in Sangareddy town, who has been diagnosed with breast cancer. He personally handed over financial aid of Rs. 4 lakhs for her treatment. Earlier, he had provided Rs. 10 lakhs to a cancer patient in Sadashivapet. Speaking to the media, Jaggareddy said, “Cancer should not befall anyone. The tense life of cancer victims is heartbreaking. Many families struggle with loans taken for treatment, and even after spending lakhs, some patients don’t survive.” He further explained that while he often helps many people privately with health-related issues, he prefers not to publicize it. However, he chose to bring this to the media’s attention to encourage more donors in the state to come forward and assist cancer patients in need. Jaggareddy’s initiative aims to ease the financial burden of cancer treatment and ensure that poor patients in his constituency get timely medical care and support.



# Endowment Minister Fulfills Priests’ Long-Standing Wish

**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**  
Endowment Minister Konda Surekha has fulfilled a long-standing demand of priests and temple employees by introducing a comprehensive welfare fund aimed at improving their well-being and financial security. On Monday, Minister Surekha, along with Endowment Principal Secretary Shailaja Ramayar, Director Venkata Rao, and other senior officials, released the poster for the newly established Priest and Employment Welfare Fund. This initiative is set to benefit approximately 13,700 priests and temple employees working under the Endowments Department up to the Assistant Commissioner level. Minister Surekha detailed that the fund will provide several benefits including posthumous and retirement gratuity, which has been doubled from Rs 4 lakh to Rs 8 lakh, payable in a lump sum



based on the employee’s service period. Additionally, the funeral expenses for priests who die prematurely have been increased from Rs 20,000 to Rs 30,000 to ease financial burdens on their families. The welfare fund also covers a variety of schemes such as medical reimbursement, marriage assistance, Upanayana (sacred thread) ceremonies,

housing construction, purchase and repair schemes, education support, and financial aid for disabled employees unable to perform their duties. Minister Surekha emphasized that regional and district-level senior officials will engage with priests and employee associations to ensure smooth implementation of these benefits. She

expressed confidence that this initiative will significantly uplift the lives of priests and employees serving in temples across the state. This key decision reflects the government’s recognition of the invaluable services rendered by temple priests and employees, aiming to provide them with greater social security and welfare.

# Indiramma House Construction Progresses Rs. 99 Crores Paid to Beneficiaries...

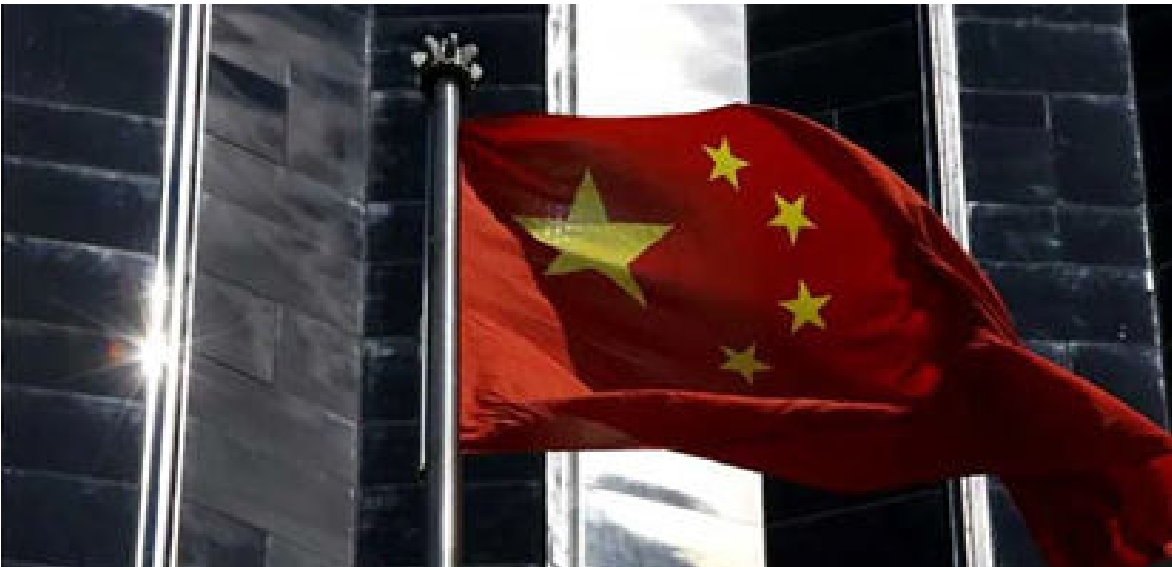
**TPN Correspondent | Telangana**  
The construction of Indiramma houses, aimed at fulfilling the dream of homeownership for the poor, is progressing actively across the state. State Revenue, Housing, and Information and Public Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy informed that construction work in pilot villages has been completed and preparations for housewarming ceremonies are underway. In a statement released on Monday, the Minister said Rs. 22.64 crore was released to beneficiaries during the week from June 2 to June 9. In the last week alone, 1,549 houses

reached basement completion, 481 houses reached wall construction stage, and 117 houses reached slab construction. Despite financial challenges faced by the state due to the previous government’s mismanagement, the current government is committed to releasing funds every Monday without delay. These funds are deposited directly into the bank accounts of Indiramma beneficiaries without any waiting period, even if government resources are mortgaged. To date, 9,877 basements, 1,839 walls, and 388 slabs have been completed across the state, with a total payment of Rs. 98.64 crores made

to beneficiaries. Minister Ponguleti clarified that the government does not undertake direct construction work but empowers beneficiaries to build homes in their own way on their land, with house sizes ranging from a minimum of 400 square feet to a maximum of 600 square feet. The Indiramma house construction is underway in approximately 250 mandals. The Minister urged engineers to cooperate fully with beneficiaries during construction and encouraged efforts to ensure no issues arise, especially during the rainy season.



# 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

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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

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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

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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

TPN Correspondent | Peshawar

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



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.

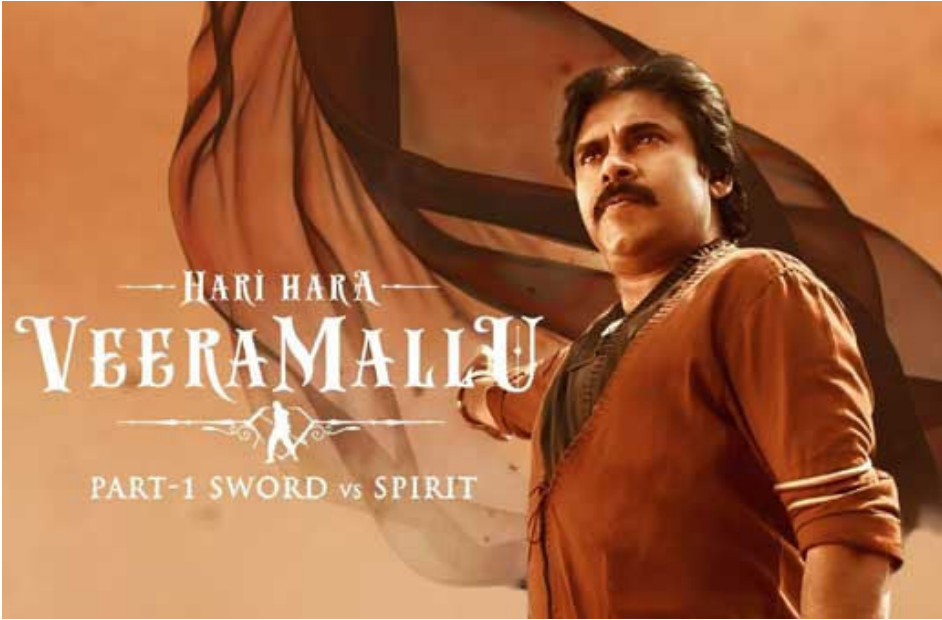




## Pawan Kalyan's Hari Hara Veera Mallu: Amazon Prime Hints at July Release

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.

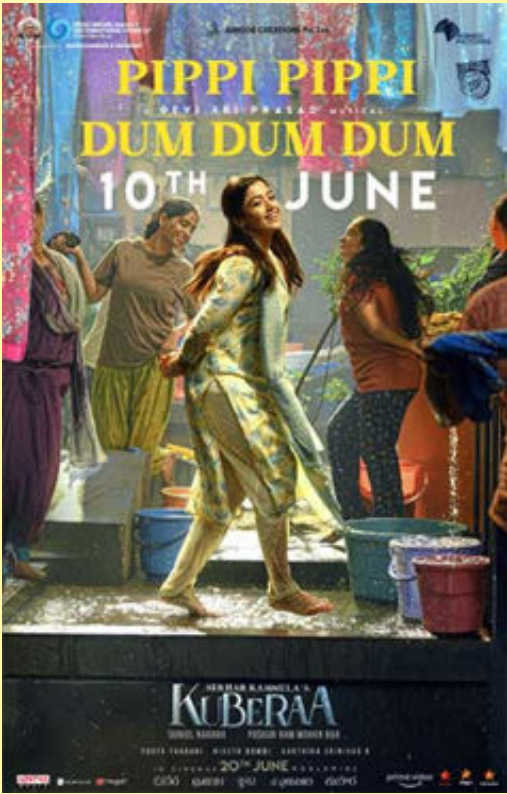
**The First Night With The Duke (June 9) – Viki**  
A fantasy K-drama where a college student is transported into her favorite novel, leading to a whimsical romance.

**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.

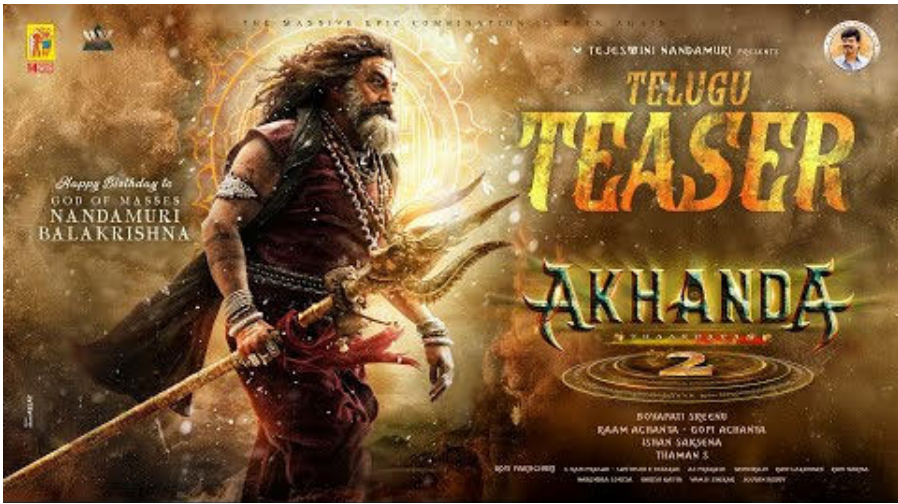
The movie's music is composed by Ajaneesh Loknath, whose soundtrack is eagerly awaited by fans and critics alike. With a strong team behind it and a popular cast, Thammudu aims to make a significant impact upon release.

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.



The teaser opens in the majestic Himalayas, introducing Balakrishna in a commanding sage avatar, radiating spiritual power and raw intensity. This time, it seems Balakrishna will remain in this powerful getup throughout the film, unlike the dual personas seen in Akhanda (2021). The visuals showcase

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.