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## Telangana Secures ₹2,125 Crore UAE Investment, to Generate 5,020 Jobs

- Shaiva Group and Taranis Capital sign MoUs with five Telangana firms
- Investments span biotech, drilling tech, and tech controls
- Plans for ₹24,000 crore follow-up investment in AI, biotech, and more

**TPN Correspondent | Telangana**  
On Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Telangana's IT and Industries Minister D. Sridhar Babu announced that UAE-based firms Shaiva Group and Taranis Capital have committed ₹2,125 crore in investments through Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with five Telangana-based companies: Revelations Biotech (₹1,360 crore, 3,500 jobs), Manakin Bio (₹340 crore, 1,000 jobs), Svobodha Infinity Investment Advisors (₹80 crore, 220 jobs), Exigent Drilling Technology (₹90 crore, 270 jobs), and Yentra Tech Controls (₹255 crore, 30 jobs). The partnerships, formalized at the Dr. BR Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat, are set to create 5,020 direct jobs for Telangana's youth across biotechnology, drilling technology, and tech controls sectors. Speaking at the event, Minister Sridhar Babu highlighted Telangana's robust economic progress under Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, noting that the state has filled over 60,000 government jobs and attracted ₹3 lakh crore in private investments, generating over one lakh private-sector jobs in the past 18 months. He dismissed claims of industries exiting Telangana as "unfounded misinformation," urging the public to recognize the state's thriving investment climate. The minister revealed that Shaiva Group and Taranis Capital have expressed interest in an additional ₹24,000 crore investment over the

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# CM Revanth Reddy Meets AICC Leaders in Delhi



- Discussions focus on portfolio allocation and potential reshuffle
- Plans for major public meetings on SC classification and BC census
- AICC directs CM to highlight Modi government's failures
- Kharge and Rahul Gandhi invited to Telangana events

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Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy held a two-hour meeting with All India Congress Committee (AICC) President Mallikarjun Kharge and Lok Sabha Opposition Leader Rahul Gandhi in Delhi on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, to discuss critical state and party matters, including cabinet expansion, portfolio allocation, and upcoming

public programs. The meeting, also attended by AICC General Secretary K.C. Venugopal, followed the AICC's recent approval for expanding the Telangana cabinet, as reported by Telangana Today. The Chief Minister deliberated on allocating portfolios to newly inducted ministers—G. Vivek Venkatswamy (Chennur), Adluri Laxman (Dharmapuri), and Vakiti Srihari (Makthal)—who took oath on June 8, 2025. Sources indicate Vivek may receive Labour and Mines, Laxman SC/ST Welfare, and Srihari Animal Husbandry and Fisheries, with an official announcement expected by June 11, per V6 News. There were also discussions about potential reshuffling of portfolios among existing ministers, with speculation that the Home Department, currently held by Revanth, could be assigned to a minister or Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, as noted by Shine News Hyderabad.

The meeting extensively covered the Congress party's plans for two major public meetings in Telangana to highlight the state's Backward Classes (BC) caste census and Scheduled Castes (SC) sub-classification initiatives. Revanth invited Kharge to a meeting in Medak on SC categorization and Rahul Gandhi to a Suryapet event on the BC caste census, urging them to finalize dates soon, aligning with earlier reports from Deccan Chronicle. The BC caste census, completed in February 2025 and revealing 56.32% of Telangana's population as BCs, and SC sub-classification are central to the Congress's social justice agenda, credited to Rahul Gandhi's vision during his Bharat Jodo Yatra. The AICC leadership directed Revanth to intensify public outreach, emphasizing the Narendra Modi-led central government's alleged anti-people policies and

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## Jubilee Hills Braces for Political Churn after Gopinath's Demise

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The untimely demise of Jubilee Hills BRS MLA Maganti Gopinath has triggered political speculation and uncertainty in one of Hyderabad's most high-profile constituencies. Known for his mass appeal and development work across both affluent and underprivileged areas, Gopinath's passing has left a leadership vacuum in the constituency. Gopinath had won the seat three times and built a strong rapport with residents across all sections. With his death, discussions have begun about who might emerge as the next leader of Jubilee Hills. The constituency's unique socio-economic



**Talks begin on who will carry forward Gopinath's legacy**  
**All major parties' eye strategic moves in constituency**  
**Buzz around whether his family member will contest in bypoll**  
**Congress, BJP, and MIM likely to field strong contenders**

makeup makes it a strategic battleground for all major parties. Within the BRS, talk is already circulating over whether a family member of Gopinath might be fielded in the forthcoming by-election. If the family declines, speculation points toward senior leaders like Vishnuvardhan Reddy or Sridhar Reddy. Some insiders also suggest that,

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## HYDRAA Assumes Control of GHMC's Monsoon Emergency Teams

- Floodwater stagnates in 300 areas due to poor drainage systems
- Govt mandates unified disaster management under HYDRAA



**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**  
Hyderabad Disaster Response and Assets Protection Agency (HYDRAA) Commissioner A.V. Ranganath announced on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, that the state government has transferred all monsoon emergency responsibilities previously handled by the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) to HYDRAA, aiming to streamline disaster management under a single authority. Addressing the media, Ranganath highlighted that floodwater stagnation in approximately 300 areas across Hyderabad has been a persistent issue due to inadequate supervision of emergency teams and ineffective drainage systems. "Floodwater is standing in 300 areas in Hyderabad. In

the past, there was no proper oversight of monsoon emergency teams, and the system for diverting water into tanks and canals was flawed," Ranganath stated, as reported by NewsMeter on X. To address this, HYDRAA has developed a targeted action plan focusing on flood-prone zones, including de-clogging catch-pits, de-watering operations, desilting drains, clearing debris, and ensuring unobstructed stormwater flow. The agency will also coordinate with departments like the Traffic Police and GHMC to manage traffic diversions and remove fallen trees during heavy rains, as per government orders.

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## BRS MLC Kavitha Detained During Protest Against TGSRTC Bus Fare Hike



- Kavitha and supporters detained at Bus Bhavan
- Protest against 20-30% bus pass fare hike
- Kavitha demands immediate rollback

**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**  
Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) MLC and Telangana Jagruthi chief K. Kavitha, along with her supporters, was detained by Hyderabad police on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, during a protest against a recent 20-30% hike in Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) bus pass fares. The demonstration, organized by Telangana Jagruthi, took place at Bus Bhavan, the TGSRTC headquarters at RTC Cross Roads, where Kavitha and her team attempted to lay siege, raising slogans like "Congress

is not good, and we don't need it" against the Congress-led state government. Addressing the media before her detention, Kavitha criticized the fare hike as an "unbearable burden" on students, women, and daily wage earners, estimating an additional monthly cost of over Rs. 300 per commuter. "The government has become accustomed to looting the people. This fare hike is a direct attack on the common man," she said, highlighting inadequate bus services on several student routes. Kavitha demanded an immediate rollback of the fare increase, which saw the ordinary bus pass price rise from Rs. 1,150 to Rs. 1,400, effective from June 9, 2025.

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# High Suspense in Congress after Uttam Summoned to Delhi

- Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy rushes to national capital amid cabinet reshuffle buzz
- Talks of possible cabinet reshuffle and allocation of portfolios gain traction
- Dissent among senior leaders continues over cabinet expansion

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In a surprise move that has stirred speculation within Telangana Congress circles, Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy was urgently summoned to New Delhi by the All India Congress Committee (AICC), even as Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy remains in the national capital for consultations with the party high command. Uttam Kumar Reddy, accompanied by his wife and Kodad MLA N Padmavathi Reddy, left for Delhi on Tuesday. The development has raised eyebrows and triggered buzz about a potential reshuffle in the state cabinet, particularly as Revanth Reddy has been in the capital since Monday to finalize the



allocation of portfolios to the three newly inducted Ministers. According to party insiders, the Chief Minister met with AICC general secretary KC Venugopal on Monday night. He later held a meeting with AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge and Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi at Indira Bhavan. The back-to-back

high-level meetings, followed by the summoning of Uttam Kumar Reddy, have only deepened the suspense. A senior Congress leader said Uttam was earlier scheduled to visit Delhi on Wednesday to discuss pending official matters with Union Ministers and bureaucrats. “There is no clarity over the high command’s sudden orders to the Irrigation Minister,” the leader remarked. The recent cabinet expansion has already sparked discontent among several aspirants. Ibrahimpatnam MLA Malreddy Rangareddy has reiterated his demand for representation from the erstwhile Rangareddy district and warned he would resign if ignored. Meanwhile, supporters of Bodhan MLA Sudarshan Reddy have issued an ultimatum demanding his induction into the cabinet before the local body elections. With three cabinet berths still vacant, there is growing speculation that the party high command may act soon to quell internal dissent and avoid further unrest among its ranks.

# Heavy Rain Alert Issued for Telangana



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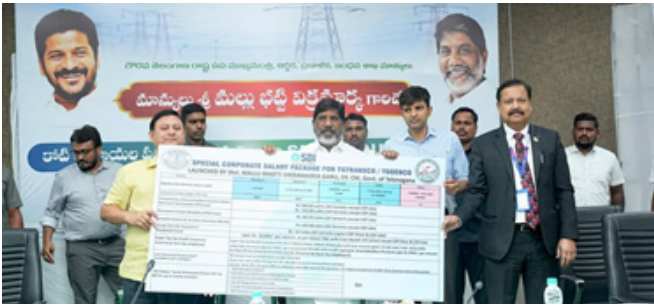
The India Meteorological Department (IMD) Hyderabad has issued a heavy rain alert for Telangana, forecasting intense rainfall, thunderstorms, and gusty winds across all districts, including Hyderabad, until June 17, 2025. A yellow alert has been declared, signaling significant weather activity with potential impacts on daily life and a notable drop in temperatures. On Tuesday, June 10, 2025, Hyderabad recorded a maximum temperature below 30°C, and the MET department predicts further cooling as heavy rains are expected to continue for the next three days. A week-long forecast indicates persistent rains, thundershowers, and gusty winds (40-50 kmph) across the state, with a specific heavy rainfall and thunderstorm alert issued for districts including Mahabubnagar, Nagarkurnool, Wanaparthy, Narayanpet, Jogulamba Gadwal, Adilabad, Komaram Bheem Asifabad, Nirmal, Nizamabad, Jagtial, Rajanna Sircilla, Bhadradri Kothagudem, Khammam, Nalgonda, Suryapet, Mahabubabad, Warangal, Hanamkonda, Jangaon, Siddipet, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri, Rangareddy, Hyderabad, Medchal Malkajgiri, Vikarabad, Sangareddy, Medak, and Kamareddy. For June 13, the IMD has escalated warnings, issuing a yellow alert for heavy thunderstorms accompanied by lightning and gusty winds (40-50 kmph) at isolated locations across all Telangana districts. The sustained rainfall is expected to provide relief from recent heat but may lead to waterlogging and disruptions in low-lying areas, particularly in Hyderabad and its surroundings. Residents are advised to remain cautious, avoid open areas during lightning, and stay updated with local weather alerts. The IMD’s forecast aligns with recent patterns of active monsoon conditions in Telangana, which has seen above-normal rainfall this season, as reported earlier in 2025.

# Govt Launches ₹1 Crore Accident Insurance for Electricity Employees

- Scheme covers all electricity department staff, from linemen to CMDs
- Includes ₹80 lakh for permanent disability, ₹10-20 lakh for natural death
- New Green Energy Policy aims for 20,000 MW by 2030

TPN Correspondent | Telangana

Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu unveiled a ₹1 crore accident insurance scheme for 51,868 electricity department employees on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, during an event at Praja Bhavan, emphasizing the state’s commitment to their safety and family security. The scheme, applicable to all cadres from linemen to chairmen and managing directors, aims to protect families from financial distress in case of unforeseen accidents. Speaking at the event, Mallu highlighted the electricity department’s critical role in driving Telangana’s GDP growth, crediting their efforts for maintaining uninterrupted power



supply despite a peak demand of 17,162 MW in 2025, a 2,000 MW increase from 2023. “Every employee, regardless of position, shares the same family responsibilities. This insurance ensures stability if a breadwinner faces an accident,” he said. The comprehensive scheme offers up to ₹80 lakh compensation for permanent disability and ₹10 lakh for natural death, with combined coverage of up to ₹20 lakh for employees and four family members. Additional benefits include access to marriage and education loans,

zero-balance bank accounts, and free ATM cards and chequebooks. Employees can avail these services without maintaining a minimum balance, enhancing financial inclusion. Mallu also addressed past challenges, noting that Telangana lacked a dedicated electricity policy for a decade, causing it to lag behind other states. To bridge this gap, the government introduced the 2025 New Green Energy Policy, targeting 20,000 MW of green energy production by 2030 through in-state resources and nationwide green energy harnessing. “This policy will position Telangana as a leader in sustainable energy,” he stated. The announcement, reported widely on X by outlets like The Hindu and The New Indian Express, reflects the government’s focus on employee welfare and sustainable development. The scheme and policy are expected to bolster morale among electricity staff and support Telangana’s ambitious economic and environmental goals.

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governance failures over the past 11 years. Specific issues highlighted included unemployment, inflation, privatization impacting reservations, and mishandling of crises like Manipur’s violence, as previously criticized by Kharge at a 2023 Congress Working Committee meeting. The high command suggested that Telangana’s Congress cadre, led by Revanth, should contrast these failures with state achievements like the ₹18,000 crore farm loan waiver and the caste census, as noted in The Hindu. Revanth also briefed the AICC on preparations for local body elections and the appointment of Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) office-bearers, including four proposed working president posts to represent

diverse communities, per Deccan Chronicle. The meeting, described as productive by X posts from NTV Just In and KP Aashish, underscored Revanth’s alignment with the AICC’s priorities, with the cabinet expansion—featuring two SC and one BC MLAs—hailed as “Social Justice 2.0” by INC4IN. The Chief Minister’s Delhi visit, part of ongoing consultations with the high command, reinforces Telangana’s role as a Congress stronghold committed to countering the BJP’s narrative, as Revanth vowed at the April 2025 AICC session in Ahmedabad. With the state gearing up for public campaigns and electoral battles, these discussions signal a strategic push to consolidate Congress’s gains in Telangana.

## BRS MLC Kavitha Detained During Protest Against TGSRTC Bus Fare Hike

The protest turned tense when police stopped Kavitha and her supporters outside Bus Bhavan’s gate, leading to her squatting on the road in defiance. She was subsequently detained and shifted to Kanchan Bagh Police Station, where Telangana Jagruthi cadres gathered in solidarity. Simultaneously, the BRS Vidyarthi (BRSV), the party’s student wing, staged a protest at the same location, with members attempting to scale the gate and barge into the premises, only to be detained by police. TGSRTC defended the fare hike, stating that student bus pass rates had not been revised in three years and citing increased demand from Hyderabad’s growing student population. The corporation also announced that students with bus passes can now travel on Metro Express buses to ease congestion. However, the fare increase, affecting all categories, has sparked widespread discontent among commuters. Kavitha’s detention drew sharp reactions on X, with posts from media outlets like The Siasat Daily, India Today, and NDTV reporting the event, reflecting public sentiment against the fare hike. The BRS has vowed to continue protests until the government reverses the decision, positioning the issue as a key point of contention with the Revanth Reddy-led Congress government.

## Telangana Secures ₹2,125 Crore UAE Investment, to Generate 5,020 Jobs

next three years, targeting high-growth sectors like biotechnology (focusing on anti-diabetic and sugar-reduction technologies), artificial intelligence, fintech, defense, energy, data centers, and public infrastructure. Key projects include the development of an ‘AI City’ and a ‘Fourth City,’ aimed at positioning Telangana as a global innovation hub. To address the skill gap highlighted by industry leaders, Sridhar Babu announced the launch of the Young India Skills University, designed to align academic training with global industry standards. This initiative, in collaboration with corporate partners,

aims to produce industry-ready talent, reducing onboarding costs for companies. The university’s programs will emphasize skills in biotechnology, AI, and other emerging technologies, complementing Telangana’s vision of becoming a “Skill Capital.” The MoUs mark another milestone in Telangana’s economic growth, with recent posts on X reflecting positive sentiment about the state’s investment-friendly policies. The state’s strategic focus on sustainable development and innovation continues to attract global investors, reinforcing its position as a leading destination for business and job creation.

## HYDRAA Assumes Control of GHMC’s Monsoon Emergency Teams

Ranganath’s remarks follow recent inspections of flood-prone areas like Madhapur and Durgam Cheruvu, where he directed officials to expedite nala (stormwater drain) expansion to mitigate urban flooding risks. The decision to centralize monsoon operations under HYDRAA, reported by The Hindu, stems from complaints about irregularities in GHMC’s tender processes, prompting a shift to enhance efficiency. The tender process for these emergency works is expected to conclude within a week, Ranganath confirmed. The Commissioner emphasized proactive measures to prevent waterlogging, noting that past failures in diverting floodwater to ponds and canals exacerbated flooding in residential and commercial areas. HYDRAA’s special action plan includes nala safety audits and clearing en-

croachments that obstruct water flow, as seen in complaints from areas like Ameenpur and Langar Houz. With the IMD forecasting heavy rains and thunderstorms in Hyderabad until June 17, 2025, HYDRAA’s role is critical in ensuring minimal disruption during the monsoon season. This unified approach aligns with earlier directives from Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, who, on June 4, 2025, ordered round-the-clock emergency team deployment at 141 known waterlogging hotspots, stressing coordination among GHMC, HYDRAA, and other agencies. Ranganath’s leadership, coupled with HYDRAA’s expanded mandate, aims to address Hyderabad’s chronic flooding challenges and enhance disaster preparedness.

## Jubilee Hills Braces for Political Churn after Gopinath’s Demise

given the constituency’s proximity to the BRS headquarters, even a member from the KCR family could be considered. On the Congress front, multiple aspirants are reportedly preparing to contest. These include former cricketer and ex-MP Azharuddin—who lost to Gopinath previously—along with Naveen Yadav and Baba Fasiuddin. In the BJP camp, the names of Lankala Deepak Reddy and Keerthy Reddy are under consideration. The MIM is also said to be weighing its options, possibly fielding the Shakepet Division corporator. Political observers predict significant realignments in Jubilee Hills in the coming weeks. Many believe that a leader with the charisma and commitment of Gopinath will be neces-

sary to continue the development momentum in the area. In a notable development, women from Borabanda reportedly expressed serious concerns to BRS supremo K Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) during his condolence visit to Gopinath’s residence. They pleaded with him to protect them from alleged harassment by Congress leader Baba Fasiuddin. Sources suggest that KCR, visibly moved by the complaints, feels the need for a strong BRS candidate to send a message to political rivals. However, several leaders and constituents feel it is too soon to begin discussing successors while the community is still mourning the sudden loss of a well-regarded public servant.



# Renuka Chowdhury Challenges Jagan to Visit Amaravati



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Amaravati: Rajya Sabha member and senior Congress leader Renuka Chowdhury has issued a bold challenge to YSRCP president Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, daring him to visit the

## *Demands closure of Sakshi TV for insulting Amaravati women*

Amaravati region if he has the courage, amid a raging controversy over obscene remarks made by journalist VVR Krishnam Raju against Amaravati women during a Sakshi TV debate. The comments, aired on the KSR Live show hosted by senior journalist Kommineni Srinivasa Rao on June 6, 2025, have sparked widespread outrage and a series of complaints across Andhra Pradesh against Krishnam Raju, Kommineni, and the ownership of Sakshi TV, controlled by Jagan's wife, Y.S. Bharathi Reddy. Speaking on a popular television channel's discussion program, Re-

nuka Chowdhury launched a scathing attack on Jagan, accusing him of endorsing the derogatory remarks by remaining silent. She announced her intention to write to the Press Council of India to investigate Sakshi TV's ownership and demanded the channel's closure for insulting Amaravati women. Chowdhury also offered "free psychological treatment" to Jagan, mocking his leadership and recalling his past actions, including launching a signature campaign for political gain before his father, Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy's funeral. "Jagan's behavior is like

a moon raining on a bull," she remarked, criticizing his thirst for power. Chowdhury highlighted Jagan's alleged partisanship against Amaravati, accusing him of underestimating women and failing to address derogatory comments while reacting defensively to criticism against his family during his tenure as Chief Minister. She described Amaravati women as wielding "Vishnu chakras" rather than "wearing bangles," emphasizing their strength and resolve. "Everyone has seen how Jagan acted when his family was targeted on social media, but why is he

silent now?" she questioned. The Congress leader's remarks come amid a broader political row, with the ruling TDP-Jana Sena-BJP coalition condemning Sakshi TV's comments as a smear campaign orchestrated by Jagan and his wife. Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan have also denounced the remarks, promising stringent legal action. Chowdhury's challenge and her pledge to escalate the issue to the Press Council of India underscore the escalating tensions over Sakshi TV's role in the controversy.

## Danam Nagender Lauds CM's Cabinet Expansion

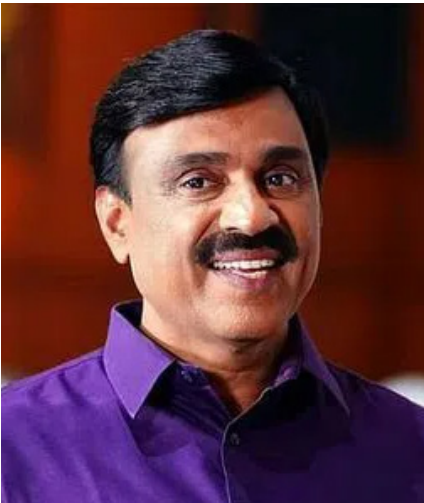


**TPN Correspondent | Telangana**  
Khairatabad MLA Danam Nagender on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, hailed Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's recent cabinet expansion as a national exemplar, emphasizing that the Congress party rewards dedicated work over mere promises. Speaking at multiple events in Hyderabad, Nagender underscored the party's com-

mitment to social justice and its alignment with Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's aspirations. Nagender participated in development programs, laying the foundation stone for road works worth ₹60 lakh in Himayatnagar and distributing cheques to 150 beneficiaries under the Kalyana Lakshmi and Shaadi Mubarak schemes at the MLA quarters in Adarsh Nagar. Addressing the gatherings, he praised Revanth Reddy for prioritizing Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Backward Classes (BCs) in the cabinet, a move he described as unprecedented compared to previous Congress governments. "CM Revanth Reddy is effectively carrying forward Rahul Gandhi's vision for inclusive governance," he stated. Responding to queries about potential ministerial posts for Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) constituencies, Nagender indicated that decisions are pending, urging aspirants to focus on committed service. "In Congress, recognition comes from hard work, not just promises," he said, extending congratulations to the newly appointed ministers. The cabinet expansion, finalized on June 8, 2025, included 11 new ministers, with six from SC, ST, and BC communities, reflecting Revanth Reddy's emphasis on social equity, as reported on X by outlets like The Hindu.

## Gali Janardhan Reddy Seeks Suspension of 7-Year Sentence in HC

**TPN Correspondent | Telangana**  
Former Karnataka minister and BJP MLA Gali Janardhan Reddy, convicted in the Obulapuram Mining Company (OMC) illegal mining case, has approached the Telangana High Court seeking suspension of his seven-year prison sentence to avoid disqualification as an MLA. Alongside Reddy, co-accused B.V. Srinivasa Reddy, V.D. Rajagopal, and K. Mehruz Ali Khan have filed bail petitions. The court, led by Justice K. Lakshman, reserved its verdict on the bail applications on Monday, June 9, 2025, and scheduled a hearing for Reddy's sentence suspension plea on Tuesday, June 10, 2025. On May 6, 2025, a CBI special court in Nampally sentenced Reddy and the co-accused to seven years' rigorous imprisonment for illegal iron ore mining in Anantapur district, causing an estimated ₹884 crore loss to the exchequer. The conviction led to Reddy's disqualification as MLA from Gangawati, Karnataka, on May 8, 2025, under Section 8(3) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, which mandates immediate disqualification for elected representatives sentenced to two or more years. Reddy's counsel, senior advocate S. Nagamuthu, urged the court to prioritize the suspension of conviction, citing an impending election notification for Reddy's constituency and the risk of "irreparable damage" to his MLA



status. He argued that a favorable verdict would automatically restore Reddy's membership. Nagamuthu, joined by advocates Nalin Kumar, J. Ramachandra Rao, and P. Nageswara Rao, cited Supreme Court precedents, including the Afzal Ansari and Rahul Gandhi cases, noting that convicts who have served half their sentence—Reddy served over three years as a remand prisoner—are eligible for bail. They emphasized that the seven-year sentence does not typically require delving into case merits for bail consideration. CBI counsel Kapatil Srinivas, while acknowledging the court's authority, strongly opposed the suspension of sentences, requesting time to present arguments. The CBI's 2009 investigation revealed that OMC, led by Reddy and his brother-in-law B.V. Srinivasa Reddy, illegally mined beyond

leased areas in the Bellary Reserve Forest, tampering with boundary markings. The agency filed a chargesheet in 2011, supported by 3,400 documents and 219 witnesses, proving a conspiracy involving forged transport permits and tax evasion through a Singapore-based shell company, GLA Trading International. Regarding IAS officer Y. Srilakshmi, initially accused in the case, the court noted that her 2022 discharge by the Telangana High Court was challenged by the CBI in the Supreme Court, which set aside the verdict and remanded the case for retrial. Justice Lakshman clarified that he had previously dismissed Srilakshmi's quash petition, and the High Court will reinvestigate her case upon submission of the petition number. Reddy's faction is anxious about the potential election notification, as a delay in suspending the conviction could bar him from contesting elections for 13 years (seven years' sentence plus six years post-release). The court's verdict on the sentence suspension, expected soon, will determine whether Reddy can reclaim his MLA status and participate in upcoming polls. The CBI's opposition and the case's high-profile nature, coupled with social activist S.R. Hiremath's role in exposing the scam, continue to fuel public and judicial scrutiny.

## High Court dismisses case against MLA Harish Rao's election

**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**  
In a significant legal development, the Telangana High Court on Tuesday dismissed a petition challenging the election of Siddipet MLA and senior BRS leader T Harish Rao. The petition had sought to invalidate his electoral victory, but the court ruled in his favour, marking a notable win for the opposition Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS). The dismissed case was seen as part of

a broader political offensive allegedly orchestrated by the ruling Congress government. BRS leaders have accused Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and his administration of pursuing vindictive politics by filing a series of what they describe as "illegal and baseless" cases targeting opposition figures. Referring to the recent phone-tapping case and the now-dismissed election petition, Harish Rao said these legal challeng-

es are part of a deliberate attempt to harass and silence BRS leaders who have been questioning the government's failures. "The judiciary has once again exposed the Congress party's conspiracies. I have full faith in the legal system, and no number of frivolous cases can stop us from speaking the truth and questioning the government," Harish Rao said following the verdict.

## HC Rejects MLA Kaushik Reddy's Plea to Quash Criminal Case

**TPN Correspondent | Telangana**  
The Telangana High Court on Monday, June 9, 2025, declined to quash a criminal case against Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy for violating the Model Code of Conduct during the 2023 Telangana Assembly elections. However, Justice Lakshman quashed the charge under Section 188 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) for disobedience of official orders, citing procedural lapses, while permitting the investigation and trial to proceed on remaining allegations. The case, registered at Kamalapur Police Station in Hanumakonda district, followed a complaint by a Model Code of Conduct nodal officer. The officer alleged that Kaushik Reddy, the Huzurabad MLA, released a social media video during the campaign period urging voters to support him, containing language deemed intimidating and emotionally coercive. The video, posted on platforms accessible to his 1.5 lakh followers, prompted action by election authorities for breaching election guidelines. Kaushik Reddy approached the High Court to stay all proceedings, including his appearance before the Special Judicial First Class Magistrate for Excise Cases in Nampally, arguing that the case lacked legal merit and did not



constitute a cognizable offense. His counsel contended that the video was a legitimate campaign appeal and that the complaint under Section 188 IPC was invalid without a proper filing by a competent public servant as mandated under Section 195 of the CrPC. After hearing both sides, Justice Lakshman ruled that the Section 188 charge could not be sustained due to the absence of a valid complaint but found sufficient grounds to allow investigation into other charges, including potential violations under election laws. The court directed the investigating officer to proceed with the probe and permitted the trial to continue as per legal provisions. The rejection of the MLA's petition underscores the judiciary's stance on upholding electoral integrity, with the case now set to move forward in the lower court.

## Kaleshwaram probe part of Revanth's political agenda, says Prashanth Reddy

**TPN Correspondent | Telangana**  
Former Minister and BRS MLA Vemula Prashanth Reddy came out strongly in support of party chief K Chandrashekar Rao (KCR), stating that the Kaleshwaram Commission notices are part of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's strategy to achieve political goals by targeting the former CM. He accused both the Congress and BJP of conspiring to malign KCR, as they are unable to confront him directly in the political arena. Reddy said that despite facing continuous attacks, KCR is abiding by the law and will attend the hearing with dignity. "He worked day and night for the last 10 years to build Telangana into a leading state. The Con-

gress is now attempting to harass him through baseless inquiries," he said. He further alleged that Telangana society remains firmly behind KCR and that the people will deliver justice to the BRS in the public court. "We will expose your conspiracies and make the Congress party accountable before the people," he declared. Taking aim at Revanth Reddy, Prashanth Reddy remarked, "Revanth says he studied in TDP school, BJP college, and now works for Rahul Gandhi. But despite visiting Delhi 45 times, he has failed to secure an audience with Rahul Gandhi, who is disappointed with Revanth's inability to fulfill promises made to the people of Telangana." He recalled

that similar efforts were made in the past to trouble BRS leaders, including probes into the electricity sector, Formula 1 events, and more. "The Congress has been using every opportunity to target KCR, KTR, and our leadership under the guise of investigations," he added. Prashanth Reddy stated that people have already started feeling that Congress rule is proving to be a curse for Telangana in just 18 months. "We are not afraid of cases or investigations. We have faced them before and we will face them again," he said, concluding with a vow to fight until the Congress is forced to implement its promises and abandon its "political vendetta."



# Retired Chief Engineer Loses ₹1.5 Crore to Cybercriminals

Fraudsters create fake Supreme Court setup, impersonate judge via video call  
Victim from Vanasthalipuram duped after believing fabricated case  
Rachakonda police register case, urge public to report suspicious calls



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In a sophisticated cyber scam, criminals posing as a Supreme Court judge defrauded a retired chief engineer from Vanasthalipuram,

Hyderabad, of ₹1.5 crore on June 5, 2025. The fraudsters, leveraging advanced tactics, staged a fake courtroom setup and conducted a live video call to convince the victim of their legitimacy,

claiming his name was linked to a fictitious case under Supreme Court investigation. The perpetrators contacted the 67-year-old victim, a former chief engineer with the irrigation department, alleging his involvement in a legal case and warning of imminent arrest. To bolster their deception, they impersonated a Supreme Court judge during a video call, complete with a staged courtroom environment, and instructed the victim to transfer ₹1.5 crore to a designated bank account, falsely presented as belonging to the Supreme Court. They assured him the money would be refunded within a week once the case was “resolved.” Believing the scam, the victim complied, only to realize he was deceived when the funds were not returned. Following the incident, the victim lodged a complaint with the Rachakonda Cyber Crime Police, who registered a case under relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and the Information Technology Act.

The police are investigating to trace the perpetrators and the flow of the funds. Authorities have urged the public to remain vigilant and report any suspicious calls claiming court or legal involvement directly to the police, emphasizing that official investigations do not involve demands for money transfers via phone or video calls. This incident highlights the evolving sophistication of cybercrimes, prompting renewed calls for awareness and caution among residents.

## Hyderabad Sewerage Tunneling Project Nears Completion

92% of 5-km sewer trunk main project completed  
HMWSSB MD Ashok Reddy inspects works, pushes for 40-day completion

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The Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB) is fast-tracking the long-delayed sewerage tunneling project, with 92% of the work completed and a target to finish the remaining 0.35 km within three months, announced Managing Director Ashok Reddy during a field inspection on Tuesday, June 10, 2025. The 5-km, 1800 mm diameter sewer trunk main project, stretching from Khairatabad to Kachiguda, aims to divert sewage from key areas like Raj Bhavan, Secretariat, Abids, Himayat Nagar, Narayana Guda, Barkat Pura, and Bagh Lingam Pally to the Amberpet Sewage Treatment Plant (STP), addressing chronic sewage overflow issues. During inspections at Kingkoti and Kachiguda, Reddy reviewed

the trenchless construction of the sewer trunk main from the GHMC head office to Nimboli Adda. At Kingkoti, a 35-meter pipeline extension is complete, with manhole construction set to begin soon. In Kachiguda, 200 meters of pipe have been laid, and two manholes are expected to be finished within two weeks. Reddy directed officials to expedite work, suggesting a two-shift schedule to meet a 40-day deadline for critical segments. The remaining 200 meters of tunneling at Basheer Bagh is slated to start in August. A key challenge highlighted was locating trunk main manholes between Kachiguda roundabout and railway station, obscured by newly built CC roads and dividers. Reddy personally engaged with local shop owners to pinpoint these manholes, ordering de-silting and connection



to the Amberpet STP. With the rainy season approaching, he emphasized safety, mandating proper barricades at all work sites. Initiated in 2007 to reduce traffic disruptions in densely populated areas, the project has laid 4.4 km of pipeline but faced delays due to bedrock-related challenges, escalating costs, and abandonment by the original agency.

Once completed, the pipeline will prevent untreated sewage from flooding drains and roads, a persistent issue in Jalmandali O&M areas 4, 5, and 6. The project's completion will mark a significant milestone in enhancing Hyderabad's urban infrastructure and sewage management system.

## Excise Department Seizes Rs. 25 Lakh Worth of Non-Duty Liquor in Week-Long Drive



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The Telangana Prohibition and Excise Department's week-long special drive against Non-Duty Paid Liquor (NDPL) from June 3 to June 9, 2025, resulted in the seizure of liquor, beer, and country-made liquor worth Rs. 25 lakh, marking a significant success. The operation, led by

Director Shahnawaz Qasim, IPS, involved coordinated efforts by the Special Task Force (STF), Assistant Commissioner (AC) Enforcement, District Task Force (DTF) teams, and excise station staff across the state. In the raids, 1,188 liquor bottles, 22 liters of beer, and 21 liters of country liquor were confiscated, with 64 cases registered

and 33 individuals arrested. Additionally, 19 vehicles used to transport the illegal liquor were seized. The operations spanned multiple districts, including Hyderabad, Secunderabad, Shamshabad, Saroor-nagar, Malkajgiri, Vikarabad, Sangareddy, Medak, Warangal Urban, Karimnagar, Adilabad, Nirmal, Asifabad, and Kamareddy. Notable seizures included 40 liquor bottles recovered from suspicious persons near Secunderabad railway station and significant quantities of NDPL, including Goa-imported and defense liquor bottles, confiscated during checks on the Vasco da Gama train from Goa at Vikarabad. Raids in Shamshabad and Ran-

gareddy districts also yielded large hauls of illegal liquor. In rural areas like Adilabad and Nirmal, country-made liquor was seized, targeting local illicit production. Director Shahnawaz Qasim commended the teams for their effective raids and urged them to maintain this momentum to eliminate NDPL circulation. “No consumer should consume non-duty paid liquor. Our teams must continue these rigorous checks to protect public safety and revenue,” he stated in a press note issued on June 10, 2025. The Excise Department's ongoing efforts aim to curb the illegal liquor trade, which undermines both state revenue and public health in Telangana.

## Husband Arrested for Murdering Wife in Saroor Nagar

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A domestic dispute turned deadly in Bhagyanagar Colony, Saroor Nagar, on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, when Mariadas, 35, allegedly murdered his wife, Amrutha, 30, by hanging her with a rope following a heated argument. The couple, originally from Kommanapalli village in East Godavari district, Andhra Pradesh, had been living in Hyderabad for the past three years and frequently quarreled over allegations of mutual illicit relationships. According to the Saroor Nagar police, Mari-

adas, a daily wage worker, left home for two days, claiming he was going out for work. Upon returning on Tuesday morning, he engaged in another argument with Amrutha, a homemaker, which escalated fatally. Mariadas allegedly used a rope to hang his wife in their home. The incident came to light when Mariadas's uncle, Arjun, informed Amrutha's father, who rushed to the residence, discovered his daughter's body, and alerted the police. Based on the complaint filed by Amrutha's father, the police registered a case under

Section 103(1) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) for murder and arrested Mariadas. The body was sent to Osmania General Hospital for a post-mortem examination. Preliminary investigations suggest a history of domestic discord, with neighbors confirming frequent disputes between the couple. The police are continuing their probe to ascertain further details, including any additional triggers for the crime. The incident has left the local community in shock, highlighting concerns about domestic violence in residential areas.

## Tenders Invited for New Osmania Hospital in Goshamahal

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The Telangana Roads and Buildings Department has officially invited tenders for the construction of the new Osmania General Hospital (OGH) at Goshamahal, with the bid submission deadline extended to June 27, 2025, as announced on June 10, 2025. Technical bids will be opened on June 27, and financial bids on July 1, following the foundation stone-laying ceremony by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on January 31, 2025.

The state-of-the-art hospital, to be built on 26 acres at an estimated cost of ₹2,700 crore, is designed to accommodate 2,000 beds and is slated for completion within two years. The tender document, issued on June 9, details a budget of ₹1,667 crore for core construction, including ₹979 crore for the main hospital block, ₹103 crore for hostels, ₹72 crore for an academic block, ₹54 crore for utility structures, and ₹17 crore for a dharmashala. Infrastructure enhancements like roads and drainage are allocated ₹10 crore, with ₹8 crore for covering existing nalas. The project is divided into civil works, water supply, sanitary installations, and electro-mechanical works, with phased milestones at 9, 18, 24, and 30 months.



The facility will feature 29 major and 12 minor operation theatres, advanced units for robotic surgery and organ transplantation, helipads, sewage treatment plants, and biomedical waste management systems, aligning with National Medical Commission (NMC) and Indian Public Health Standards (IPHS). Spanning 32 lakh square feet, it will cater to 3,000–5,000 daily outpatients with streamlined counters, spacious waiting halls, and a dharmashala offering free accommodation and meals for attendants.

The project, part of the SPEED (Smart Proactive Efficient and Effective Delivery) program, involves transferring 32 acres of Goshamahal Police Stadium and Sports Complex land from the Police Department to the Medical and Health Department, a process expedited since August 2024. Police units, including mounted stables, have been relocated, with 11.5 acres allocated for new police facilities. Despite local resistance from basti residents and concerns over traffic congestion, raised by Goshamahal MLA Raja Singh, the government is addressing road widening and connectivity issues to ensure accessibility. The heritage OGH building at Afzalgunj will be preserved and transformed into a tourist attraction under the Musi Riverfront Development Project.

## Police Crack Double Murder Case of Elderly Couple in Rajendranagar



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The Rajendranagar police have solved the brutal murder case of an elderly couple in Jana Chaitanya Phase-2, Rajendranagar, which occurred on June 5, 2025, arresting two suspects in Medak district. Rajendranagar Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Ch. Srinivas announced on June 10, 2025, that the main accused, Mohammed Shakeel Salman, a former driver for the victims, and his accomplice, Mohammed Mujeebuddin, were taken into custody following an intensive investigation.

The victims, identified as Shaik Abdullah (70), a retired banker, and Rizwana Begum (65), a former private college teacher, were found stabbed to death in their duplex apartment on the fifth and sixth floors of Abriz Residency. The couple, who previously resided in Red Hills Colony, had recently moved to Rajendranagar. Preliminary findings revealed Abdullah suffered six stab wounds to the chest and abdomen, while Rizwana had a single chest wound.

DCP Srinivas revealed that the accused, who met and became friends in Medak, entered the couple's home disguised in burqas and used fake identification to gain access. The motive stemmed from a personal grudge: Mohammed Shakeel, while working as the couple's driver, was frequently reprimanded by them during the construction of his house, fueling his resentment. After harboring this grudge for eight months, Shakeel planned the murder with Mujeebuddin, seizing an opportunity on June 5.

To apprehend the suspects, the police formed six specialized teams, including members from the Central Crime Station (CCS), Special Operations Team (SOT), Rajendranagar police, dog squad, and clues team. CCTV footage analysis and intelligence led to the arrests in Medak. DCP Srinivas commended the teams for their swift action in cracking the case, which had raised concerns about the safety of elderly residents in Hyderabad.

A case has been registered under Sections 103(1) read with 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) for murder, and further investigations are underway to explore any additional motives, including a possible robbery angle. The arrests bring relief to the community, though local residents continue to demand increased police patrolling to prevent such incidents.



# Hyderabad to be Developed as the Capital of the Film City

Detailed Project Report to be Prepared  
Gaddar Film Awards to be Celebrated Grandly on the 14<sup>th</sup>

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At a meeting of the Sub-Committee on the Comprehensive Development of the Film Industry, Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu stated that Hyderabad should be transformed into the capital of the Indian film city, and instructed the Information Department Commissioner and Film Development Corporation officials to prepare a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the same. Ministers and sub-committee members Komati-reddy Venkat Reddy and Duddilla Sridhar Babu participated in the meeting and discussed several key topics.  
The Deputy CM said that the government aims to develop Hyderabad as a film city to attract major personalities from the film industry, both from across the country and abroad.  
At present, those who want to shoot films in the state have to obtain separate permissions from various departments such as the police, fire, and municipal departments, which is causing difficulties for film producers. To resolve this, the sub-committee decided to establish a single-window clearance system. The Deputy CM directed officials to appoint a dedicated officer within the Film Development Corporation who would coordinate and expedite all required departmental approvals through this single-window system.  
He further added that filming in various tourist destinations across the state would also contribute to the growth of the tourism sector.  
The Deputy CM pointed out that food and other items sold at canteens in cinema theatres are being charged at excessively high prices, causing hardship for common people. He instructed of-



ficials to implement measures to regulate these prices.  
The government had earlier allocated 50 acres of land to the Film Development Corporation. The sub-committee directed officials to bring a report on the current status of this land by the next meeting. He also suggested inviting the RCS Committee, formed for the Chitrapuri Colony built for film workers, to the upcoming meeting.  
The Telangana Gaddar Film Awards, scheduled to be held on the 14th of this month, should be organized in a truly grand and unprecedented manner, the Deputy CM said. He instructed officials to invite all prominent personalities from the Telugu film industry, as well as distinguished film actors from across India.  
FDC Chairman Dil Raju, Home Department Special Chief Secretary Ravi Gupta, Information Commissioner Harish, FDC Director Kishore Babu, and others were present at the meeting.

# India’s Transformation Shines

*Modi’s 11-Year Milestones Celebrated in Vijayawada*

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Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy and BJP State President Daggubati Purandeswari celebrated 11 years of the Modi-led NDA government in Vijayawada, highlighting the transformative achievements of the government. The event showcased the Central Government’s commitment to India’s growth.  
The celebrations began with Reddy and Purandeswari planting saplings dedicated to “Amma” (Mother), symbolizing their commitment to environmental care. They later visited an exhibition displaying the government’s accomplishments over the past 11 years. Purandeswari, in her opening speech, praised the BJP’s efforts in improving lives across India.  
In his address, Reddy outlined key victories under Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s leadership. He highlighted India’s rise as the world’s fourth-largest economy and the success of the GST, which streamlined the tax structure and boosted economic growth. Reddy also celebrated the free food grain scheme, benefiting 81 crore people, a global first. He noted the growth of startups, with over 15 lakh new companies, and advancements in digital transactions, enhancing transparency and curbing black money.  
Reddy emphasized the government’s strong anti-terrorism measures, including surgical strikes and operations like “Sindhoor.” He hailed the abrogation of Article 370 as a historic step.  
The minister also praised the success of Mission Chandrayaan, showcasing India’s space achievements. Reddy highlighted significant



reductions in poverty and unemployment under Modi’s leadership, alongside railway modernization through the Amrit Bharat program. Reddy stressed that the BJP’s policies have empowered citizens and strengthened the nation’s global standing. The celebration underscored the government’s focus on inclusive development and innovation.  
As India strides toward a brighter future, leaders like Reddy and Purandeswari inspire confidence in the BJP’s vision for a prosperous, self-reliant nation.

## Villagers Block Mariasids Company Animal Waste Lorries

**TPN Correspondent | Vikarabad**  
Tensions erupted in Dornala village, Dharur mandal, Vikarabad district, on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, as local residents blocked animal waste lorries belonging to Mariasids Company, alleging severe health and environmental hazards. The protesters claimed that the lorries, which reportedly operate secretly at night, emit a foul smell affecting Dornala and surrounding villages, leading to serious health issues among residents, from young children to the elderly.  
The villagers accused the company’s operations of causing widespread health problems, including respiratory issues, and claimed that several elderly individuals have died due to related ailments. They further alleged that sewage from the company’s activities has contaminated freshwater sources and reduced land productivity, severely impacting agricultural livelihoods. Despite repeated complaints, the protesters expressed frustration over the lack of action from authorities, intensifying their resolve to continue the dharna until the district collector personally assures a resolution.  
Police intervened to pacify the agitators but faced resistance as villagers demanded immediate action from the sanitation department and the Telangana State Pollution Control Board (TSPCB) to address the environmental violations. The protest has shaken Dharur mandal, with residents warning of escalated action if their concerns remain unaddressed. The incident underscores growing community discontent over industrial pollution in rural Telangana, prompting calls for stricter regulatory oversight.



## Sand Mafia Raided in Rangareddy 10 Lorries, JCB Seized, Cases Filed Against Former BRS Sarpanches



**TPN Correspondent | Shabad**  
Acting on intelligence about rampant illegal soil extraction by the soil mafia on government land under survey number 380 in Solipeta village, Shabad mandal, Rangareddy district, a raid was conducted on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, led by Shabad Tahsildar Anwar Mohammed. The operation resulted in the seizure of 10 lorries and a JCB, which were transported to the Shabad police station, and a case was registered against those involved.  
The accused include 10 lorry drivers, a JCB operator, and three prominent individuals: B. Ramachandra Reddy, former sarpanch of Solipeta village; Chittempalli Mahender Reddy of Solipeta; and Srinivas Goud, former sarpanch of Pedavedu, all affiliated with the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS). Cases have been filed under sections 303(2) (theft), 329(3) (criminal trespass), and 324(4) (mischievous causing damage) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) for unauthorized soil trans-

portation from government land. Tahsildar Anwar Mohammed emphasized that the government allocates land solely for poor farmers to sustain their livelihoods through agriculture. He warned that strict action will be taken against those holding Lavani pattas (temporary land cultivation rights) who misuse or illegally occupy such land, with trespass orders to be issued. Additionally, Mohammed highlighted reports of illegal sand dumping in the area, stating that further measures will be enforced to curb such activities and protect government assets.  
The raid underscores ongoing efforts by the Telangana government to combat land and resource mafia activities, particularly in rural areas where government lands are vulnerable to encroachment. The Shabad police are continuing their investigation to ensure accountability and deter future violations.

## Elderly Woman Balamma Murdered for Jewellery in Vikarabad

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A 75-year-old woman, Balamma, a resident of Khanapur under the Narsingi police station limits in Manikonda, was brutally murdered for her gold and silver jewellery, with her body dumped in the Kandlapalli forest area of Vikarabad district. Balamma went missing on June 3, 2025, after leaving for a walk and failing to return home, prompting her family to file a complaint with the Narsingi police, suspecting a woman known to them, Anita. Following the complaint by Balamma’s daughter-in-law, Rameshwaram Lakshmi, the Narsingi police took Anita into custody on June 7, 2025, in Mittakoduru, Parigi mandal, Vikarabad district. During interrogation, Anita confessed to killing Balamma to steal her gold chain, gold shells, silver rings, and silver bracelets. Based on her confession, police located the decomposed body in the Kandlapalli forest, initially discovered by the Chengomul police on June 4 as an unidentified remains. Balamma’s family identified the body, and a post-mortem was conducted at the scene, followed by burial as per local procedures. The stolen jewellery was recovered from Anita, who faces charges under relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita for murder and theft.  
The incident has sparked outrage among locals, who are demanding stricter measures to ensure the safety of elderly residents in the area. The Narsingi police are continuing their investigation to rule out additional accomplices or related crimes.



# Quantum Energy expands manufacturing facility in Hyderabad

## EV startup boosts production capacity to 2 lakh units per annum

**TPN Correspondent | Telangana**  
Hyderabad-based electric vehicle (EV) startup Quantum Energy Ltd has announced a major expansion of its manufacturing facility located in Maheshwaram. The development is

expected to significantly enhance the company’s production capabilities while contributing to Telangana’s ambition of emerging as a clean energy and future-ready industrial hub.  
According to a press release,

the expanded facility now covers 2.4 lakh square feet and is equipped to produce up to 2 lakh electric two-wheelers annually.  
Designed to be a net-zero premises, the facility underscores the company’s com-

mitment to sustainable and environmentally responsible industrial practices.  
This strategic expansion comes at a time when Quantum Energy is witnessing increased demand for its range of electric scooters, including popular

models like Plasma, Milan, and Bziness.  
The company also hinted at upcoming product launches designed for Indian road and weather conditions, integrating smart and performance-oriented features.

The expansion is also expected to generate substantial employment opportunities in the region, aligning with the state’s vision to support innovation-led manufacturing in the clean mobility sector.



# Rivalry: The Fuel Behind Greatness in Sport and Beyond



Power, precision, relentless court coverage, and a winning mindset—these are the essentials to become a Grand Slam champion. Jannik Sinner and Carlos Alcaraz showcased all these qualities during the epic French Open final on June 8 at Court Philippe Chatrier. But to win on this iconic clay, bearing Rafael Nadal’s legacy, requires more than skill—it demands perseverance, as echoed by Napoleon Bonaparte’s words engraved around the court: “Victory belongs to the most persevering.”

Alcaraz, like his mentor Nadal, demonstrated that even when down two sets and facing championship points, mental strength and determination can turn the tide. Their five-set duel wasn’t just a thrilling tennis match; it highlighted how great competitors elevate their performance through rivalry. Greatness rarely emerges in isolation. Whether in sports or

business, intense rivalries push individuals and teams to transcend limits. Historical rivalries like Messi vs. Ronaldo and Nadal vs. Federer not only thrilled fans but also acted as catalysts for excellence. Studies reveal that athletes perform better when competing against formidable rivals, driving innovation and focus.

Messi and Ronaldo’s decade-long battle redefined football standards, with each responding to the other’s achievements by pushing harder. Similarly, the three-way rivalry among Nadal, Federer, and Djokovic resulted in a staggering 66 Grand Slam titles, each player’s rise spurring the others to greater heights.

This principle extends beyond sports. Business giants such as Coca-Cola vs. Pepsi and Nike vs. Adidas have thrived on competition, spurring innovation and raising

industry benchmarks. Companies like Toyota and Amazon institutionalize continuous improvement driven by the need to outperform competitors, delivering superior value through innovation and efficiency.

Research identifies four core elements fueled by rivalry: heightened motivation, creativity, continuous improvement, and sharpened focus. These factors underpin the extraordinary achievements witnessed in stadiums and boardrooms alike.

Ultimately, rivalry is not a zero-sum game but a powerful symbiotic relationship where competitors push each other to greatness. The epic match between Alcaraz and Sinner offered living proof of this timeless truth—rivals don’t just compete; they inspire each other to reach unprecedented heights.



## Delayed Elections and Secret Talks: Muhammad Yunus’s Controversial Bid to Hold Power in Bangladesh

Muhammad Yunus, Bangladesh’s chief advisor to the caretaker government, is facing severe criticism for allegedly manipulating political processes to extend his hold on power. The Nobel laureate, once admired globally, is now accused of compromising Bangladesh’s security and sovereignty, engaging in secret negotiations, and aligning with Islamist groups to delay elections indefinitely.

Yunus’s controversial tactics include striking deals with radical groups like Jamaat-i-Islami and Hizbut Tahrir, releasing hardened terrorists, and presiding over violence against political opponents and minorities. His latest move is pushing the general elections from December 2025 to April 2026, a date coinciding with the Islamic holy month of Ramzan—widely seen as a strategic ploy to further postpone the polls.

Rumors in Dhaka suggest clandestine meetings in Doha involving Yunus’s National Security Advisor, Khalil-ur Rahman, and US officials, alongside talks with Jamaat’s Emir, Shafiqur Rahman. The subject reportedly included handing over control of the strategic Chittagong corridor, a move that critics say jeopardizes Bangladesh’s sovereignty and security.

Yunus’s broader plan seems aimed at uniting Jamaat and the student-led Islamist party NCP to stall elections and keep major political parties like the BNP and Awami League out of power. This maneuvering raises serious constitutional concerns. While Article 123(3)(b) mandates elections within 90 days of Parliament dissolution, the caretaker government has no clear constitutional authority to indefinitely extend its tenure or implement major reforms without democratic legitimacy.

The implications are grave: Islamist factions could infiltrate institutions, pushing for extensive Islamization under the guise of reforms. This unaccountable power grab risks political instability and societal unrest.

However, Yunus faces growing resistance. The Bangladesh Army and major political parties have sensed danger, and the BNP is expected to initiate mass protests against Yunus’s extension of power. Legal challenges may also hinder his plans.

As Bangladesh confronts a potentially volatile summer and monsoon, the country’s political future hangs in the balance amid Yunus’s contentious attempts to cling to power.

## AI and Entry-Level Jobs: College Graduates Navigate Uncertainty in the Age of Automation



ChatGPT said:

Artificial Intelligence is reshaping the workplace, particularly impacting entry-level jobs traditionally held by recent college graduates. Tasks like document analysis, drafting briefing notes, creating presentations, and handling customer service queries are increasingly automated by AI tools such as ChatGPT. While this technology boosts efficiency, it also leaves many young professionals struggling to find meaningful employment and opportunities to develop critical skills.

Some industry leaders predict that AI could eliminate up to half of all entry-level white-collar jobs. Companies often treat AI like an intern, delegating grunt work to machines instead of human trainees. As a result, graduates face a painful transition, pushed out of foundational roles without clear alternatives for skill development or career growth.

For example, consulting giant KPMG assigns new graduates tax work usually reserved for experienced staff. At PricewaterhouseCoopers, junior employees are now pitching to clients, while hedge funds like Man Group leverage AI to free analysts from routine research so they can focus on higher-level tasks. Though these shifts can create more strategic roles, there

is concern that early-career professionals are missing out on essential learning experiences. Relying on AI for summaries and analysis risks eroding their ability to detect subtle issues or develop deep industry insights.

Recruitment firms report a decline in demand for true entry-level talent, with companies increasingly preferring candidates who already have experience. This “experience paradox” means junior roles are often filled by senior workers, effectively breaking the traditional career ladder.

However, some young professionals remain optimistic. Many Gen Z workers are fluent in AI tools, seeing their ability to harness such technology as a key workplace advantage. Experts suggest businesses should encourage active, critical engagement with AI rather than passive reliance. Similar to how active social media use avoids mental health risks compared to passive scrolling, employees should use AI to complement—not replace—their judgment.

Ultimately, companies must rethink training strategies to nurture AI-native talent and ensure young workers gain real business understanding. Without this, AI’s promise risks becoming a barrier rather than a boost to the next generation’s career growth.

## How Rajiv Gandhi's Visit Transformed Vizhinjam From a Fishing Village to a Deepwater Port



The transformation of Vizhinjam, a sleepy fishing village in Kerala, into India’s pioneering deepwater port is a story that traces back to a significant visit by then Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in 1985. This port, now hosting some of the world’s largest container vessels, marks a milestone in India’s maritime ambitions and blue economy.

Located just 75 km from Kanyakumari, Vizhinjam’s journey from a quiet coastal village to a strategic transshipment hub spans decades. The idea of a deepwater port here dates back to the Travancore State under British rule but only gained momentum after Rajiv Gandhi’s visit. During his trip, Gandhi came to inaugurate fishermen’s houses but was struck by the local tensions and the underutilization of the housing project. His frustration with the situation spurred renewed attention to the area’s potential beyond fishing.

Vizhinjam’s significance lies in its natural advantages—a 20-meter deep natural harbor, situated within 10 nautical miles of a major international shipping lane. Before Vizhinjam, India lacked a deepwater port capable of docking Ultra-Large Container Vessels (ULCVs). This forced the country to rely on foreign ports like Colombo in Sri Lanka for transshipment, resulting in an estimated annual revenue loss of \$220 million. The natural depth of Vizhinjam means minimal dredging is required, benefiting both operational costs and the environment.

The port project was championed by Kerala’s leaders over the years, including Congress’s Karunakaran in the 1990s and later by CPI(M) Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan. The development, managed by Adani Vizhinjam Port Private Ltd, started in 2015 and was com-

pleted in 2025, officially inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

With the recent docking of MSC Irina, the world’s largest container vessel carrying over 24,300 TEUs (twenty-foot equivalent units), Vizhinjam has joined the ranks of major international ports like Singapore and Jebel Ali. Its strategic position on the East-West shipping corridor connects it to Europe, the Persian Gulf, and the Far East, revolutionizing India’s maritime trade capabilities.

Though road and rail connectivity are still being enhanced, Vizhinjam’s rise heralds a new era for India’s blue economy, reducing dependence on foreign transshipment hubs and boosting national maritime strength. What started with a concerned prime minister’s visit to a fishing village has now become a beacon of India’s maritime aspirations.





## "Like Cat Guarding Milk": India Criticises UN Over Pak's Anti-Terror Panel Role

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh sharply criticised the United Nations on June 10 for allowing Pakistan to hold a significant position on the global anti-terrorism stage, calling it “like making a cat guard the milk.” Speaking at a public event in Dehradun focused on dismantling Pakistan’s terror infrastructure, Singh highlighted the controversial appointment of Pakistan as Vice-Chair of the UN Security Council’s Counter-Terrorism Committee, formed after the 9/11 attacks.

Singh pointed out the irony of Pakistan’s role given that the country had sheltered the mastermind of the 9/11 attacks, saying, “It is not hidden from anyone that Pakistan had sheltered the mastermind of that attack.” This, he suggested, exposed the flaws in the UN’s decision-making on counter-terrorism efforts. Since Prime Minister Narendra Modi came to power, Singh said, India has adopted a new approach toward national security, shifting from passive diplomacy to decisive action. He cited Operation Sindoor as the “biggest action against terrorism in Indian history,” underscoring India’s firm stance.

The Defence Minister labelled Pakistan the “Father of Terrorism,” accusing it of providing sanctuary, training, and financial support to terrorist groups operating from its soil. He emphasised the importance of exposing nations that fund and shelter terrorism worldwide to effectively dismantle terror networks.

Singh also noted that a significant portion of Pakistan’s financial aid is funneled into terrorist activities, a reality the global community is beginning to recognise. However, he stressed that for the fight against terrorism to be effective, the United Nations — which bears a major responsibility — must align itself consistently against terrorism and avoid contradictory decisions. His remarks come amid growing international scrutiny of Pakistan’s role in regional and global terrorism and calls for more robust global measures against terror funding and safe havens.

# PM Modi Meets All-Party Delegations to Discuss Global Outreach Against Terrorism

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On the evening of June 10, 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi hosted members of all-party delegations at 7, Lok Kalyan Marg. These delegations had recently traveled abroad to convey India’s strong stance against Pakistan-linked terrorism in the aftermath of Operation Sindoor.

During the meeting, delegation members shared their experiences and insights from meetings held with various foreign officials and leaders. The groups, which included MPs from across political parties, former parliamentarians, and distinguished diplomats, highlighted India’s unwavering commitment to combating terrorism and promoting global peace.



External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, who had previously met with the delegations, praised their efforts for effectively representing India’s position on the international stage, particularly emphasizing the threat of Pakistan-sponsored terrorism.

The delegations were composed of four groups led by members of

the ruling alliance—two from the BJP, one from JD(U), and one from Shiv Sena—and three delegations led by opposition party MPs from Congress, DMK, and NCP (SP). Key leaders heading these delegations included BJP’s Ravi Shankar Prasad and Baijyant Panda, Congress’s Shashi Tharoor, JD(U)’s Sanjay Jha, Shiv Sena’s Shrikant Shinde, DMK’s Kanimozhi, and

NCP (SP)’s Supriya Sule.

The government’s strategy behind sending these multi-party delegations was to present a united front on the issue of terrorism, showcasing national unity despite political differences. This approach also saw cooperation from unlikely allies, such as Congress MP Shashi Tharoor and AIMIM

MP Asaduddin Owaisi, working alongside ruling party members to champion India’s cause internationally. Prominent former parliamentarians like ex-Union ministers Ghulam Nabi Azad and Salman Khurshid were also part of these delegations, adding their experience and weight to India’s diplomatic efforts abroad.

## Kharge to PM: Initiate process to elect LS Deputy Speaker

TPN Correspondent | Delhi



Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge has formally urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to begin the process for electing the Deputy Speaker of the Lok Sabha. In a letter dated June 10, 2025, Kharge highlighted that, for the first time since India’s independence, the post of Deputy Speaker has remained vacant for two consecutive Lok Sabha terms — a significant departure from parliamentary tradition.

Kharge reminded the Prime Minister that Article 93 of the Indian Constitution mandates the election of both the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker of the House of

the People (Lok Sabha). He emphasized that the Deputy Speaker holds the position of the second-highest presiding officer in the House, immediately after the Speaker.

According to Kharge, the Constitution clearly states that the House should elect the Speaker and Deputy Speaker “as soon as may be.” Furthermore, whenever the position becomes vacant, the House is required to choose a replacement. The election procedure for the Deputy Speaker closely mirrors that of the Speaker, with the key difference being that the Speaker fixes the date for the Deputy Speaker’s election under Rule 8(1) of the Lok Sabha Rules of Proce-

cedure and Conduct of Business. Historically, from the 1st to the 16th Lok Sabha, every term had a Deputy Speaker, and it has been customary to appoint the Deputy Speaker from the principal opposition party. However, Kharge pointed out that neither the 17th nor the current 18th Lok Sabha has seen an elected Deputy Speaker, setting a concerning precedent.

He called on the Prime Minister to uphold constitutional conventions and parliamentary norms by initiating the election process promptly, thereby ensuring that the Lok Sabha functions with full leadership in its presiding officers.

## India Warns of Deep Strikes Into Pakistan if Terror Attacks Continue, Says Jaishankar



TPN Correspondent | Delhi

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar issued a strong warning on June 10, 2025, stating that India would launch deep strikes into Pakistan if provoked by terrorist attacks. Speaking during an interaction with the Indian community in Europe, Jaishankar emphasized that India will not tolerate barbaric acts such as the recent Pahalgam terror attack and vowed retribution against terrorist groups and their leaders, regardless of their location.

The warning comes a month after India launched Operation Sindoor, a military response to the Pahalgam attack, which caused significant casualties. Jaishankar highlighted Pakistan’s role in training and supporting thousands of terrorists openly, who are then unleashed on Indian soil. “We are not going to live with it,” he said firmly.

Jaishankar’s remarks underline India’s determination to counter terrorism aggressively, sending a clear message that any future provocations

will be met with force beyond the border. “If they continue to do the kind of barbaric acts which they did in April, then there is going to be retribution, and that retribution will be against the terrorist organizations and the terrorist leadership,” he stated in an interview with Politico.

He further clarified that India’s military response will not be limited to border areas. “We don’t care where they are. If they are deep in Pakistan, we will go deep into Pakistan,” Jaishankar asserted, signaling a readiness to take decisive action wherever terrorist threats emerge.

The recent four-day escalation of hostilities between India and Pakistan ended with talks between their military leaders on May 10, agreeing to cease military actions. However, tensions remain high as both sides continue to grapple with cross-border terrorism and security concerns. Jaishankar’s firm stance highlights India’s resolve to safeguard its citizens and respond strongly to any threats emanating from Pakistan-based terrorist groups.

## Lucknow Offers Prayers for Success of Shubhanshu Shukla’s Historic Axiom-4 Space Mission

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Lucknow witnessed heartfelt prayers and celebrations on June 10 as the city rallied behind Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla ahead of his highly anticipated Axiom-4 space mission. Originally scheduled for May 29, the launch was postponed twice—to June 8 and June 10—and finally set for June 11. Shukla, a 39-year-old Indian Air Force officer and native of Lucknow, is set to become the first Indian to visit the International Space Station (ISS) on board SpaceX’s Falcon-9 rocket.

The mission marks a significant milestone in India’s space exploration history, being the country’s first human spaceflight after Rakesh Sharma’s iconic journey in 1984. Shukla is also part of India’s ambitious Gaganyaan project, the nation’s first indigenous manned space mission, scheduled for 2027.

Special prayers coincided with the final day of Lucknow’s traditional ‘Bada Mangal’ festival. At the City Montessori School’s Aliganj branch—Shuk-

la’s alma mater—a ‘yagna’ ceremony was held to bless the astronaut and his mission. Attendees included school officials, Shukla’s parents Asha and Shambhu Shukla, his sisters Shuchi and Nishi Mishra, teachers, and numerous inspired students dreaming of space.

Dr. Geeta Gandhi Kingdon, CMS manager, expressed the pride and hope the school felt, saying, “The space odyssey of one of our brightest alumni is a moment of great significance for the country.” The city is festooned with large cutouts and hoardings of Shukla in his astronaut suit, celebrating his journey.

Shukla’s family shared their emotional support, with his mother saying, “He has accomplished everything he set his mind to, so I am relaxed ahead of his flight.” Meanwhile, Lucknow prepared for a grand launch day celebration featuring space-themed events, installations, and a live music festival to cheer their local hero as he embarks on this historic 14-day mission alongside international crew members.





# Trump Claims Los Angeles 'Would Be Burning' Without Troop Deployment Amid Protests

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US President Donald Trump asserted on June 10, 2025, that if he had not deployed Marines and other military forces to Los Angeles, the city “would be burning to the ground right now.” Trump made the statement on his social media platform Truth Social, emphasizing that sending troops was necessary to prevent chaos amid ongoing protests.

Currently, around 700 Marines and 4,000 National Guard troops have been mobilized in Los Angeles to manage unrest triggered by federal immigration raids. However, the American military traditionally does not have a domestic law enforcement role, with such deployments rare—most recently occurring during Hurricane Ka-



trina in 2005.

California Governor Gavin Newsom strongly opposed Trump's decision, condemning it as the act of a “dictatorial president.” The state has filed a lawsuit against the federal government for sending troops without gu-

bernatorial approval. Notably, the last time a president deployed National Guard forces to a US city without a governor's consent was in 1965.

District Attorney Nathan Hochman weighed in, calling the troop deployment “unneces-

sary,” stating that only a small fraction of the population was protesting, and an even smaller number had broken laws. Despite this, protests have continued for four days, fueled by fears within immigrant communities over immigration enforcement tactics.

Trump's Border Czar, Tom Homan, escalated tensions further by threatening potential arrests of elected officials interfering with immigration enforcement. “We're going to keep enforcing law every day in L.A.,” Homan said. “You cross that line, it's a felony to knowingly harbor or conceal an illegal alien or to impede law enforcement doing their job.” This unfolding conflict highlights sharp divides over immigration policies, federal authority, and state rights in managing law and order.

# Xi Jinping Urges Respect and Stability in First Call with South Korea's New President Lee Jae-myung



TPN Correspondent | Beijing

In their first official conversation since Lee Jae-myung's inauguration as South Korea's president, Chinese President Xi Jinping emphasized the need for mutual respect and stronger cooperation between the two nations. According to Chinese state media, the leaders spoke on Tuesday to discuss the future of bilateral ties amid growing regional and global uncertainty.

Xi called for the two countries to respect each other's core interests and major concerns, ensuring that the relationship remains on what he described as the “right track.” He emphasized that a healthy, stable, and deepening China-South Korea relationship is vital for promoting peace and stability in both the region and the world.

During the phone call, Xi highlighted the importance of strengthening exchanges and maintaining the spirit of “friendly neighbours.” He also urged collaboration in protecting regional and global industrial and supply chains, amid ongoing geopolitical tensions and economic disruptions.

China remains South Korea's largest trading partner, and diplomatic relations between the two have shown signs of improvement following tensions that arose in 2017 over Seoul's deployment of a U.S. missile defence system, which Beijing strongly opposed.

Xi expressed that deepening the strategic cooperative partnership would not only benefit both countries but also “inject more certainty into the chaotic regional and international situation.”

President Lee's recent election victory has ushered in a new political era for Asia's fourth-largest economy, but he faces significant challenges. Among them are rebuilding national unity following political turmoil under his predecessor, and navigating the complex dynamics between two major powers—the U.S. and China—both critical to South Korea's economy and security.

The call marks an important step in reaffirming diplomatic ties as both nations seek greater regional stability and economic resilience.

# "Tarred And Feathered": US Speaker Calls For California Governor's Torture

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In a fiery political exchange, US House Speaker Mike Johnson shocked the nation by calling for California Governor Gavin Newsom to be publicly tortured—specifically, “tarred and feathered.” Speaking at a House Republican leadership press conference on June 10, 2025, Johnson stopped short of saying whether Newsom should be arrested, stating that question was “not in my lane.”



Johnson sharply criticized Newsom for obstructing federal immigration law enforcement, accusing him of “applauding the bad guys” and labeling him “a participant, an accomplice.” The controversial remarks come amid ongoing protests sparked by federal immigration raids in Los Angeles.

The tension escalated after President Donald Trump deployed thousands of additional troops to Los Angeles to support immigration enforcement efforts. Governor Newsom condemned this move as fulfilling “the deranged fantasy of a dictatorial president” and called it “an unmistakable step toward author-

itarianism,” accusing Trump of “stroking a dangerous president's ego.” California has even filed a lawsuit against the federal government for deploying troops without the governor's permission.

Trump's Border Czar, Tom Homan, further raised the stakes

by warning that elected officials interfering with immigration agents could face arrest, calling such actions felony offenses. Newsom responded defiantly, daring authorities to arrest him, saying, “Come after me, arrest me, let's just get it over with, tough guy. I don't give a damn.”

To quell mounting unrest, around 700 Marines and 4,000 National Guard troops have been deployed in Los Angeles. It's notable that while the U.S. military traditionally has no domestic law enforcement role, Marines were last deployed domestically during Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and the 26/11 attacks. This escalating confrontation highlights the deep divisions over immigration enforcement and federal-state relations in the United States today.

# "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 crack-down, 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.

# Russia Unleashes Largest Drone Strike in Ukraine Amid Push for Buffer Zone



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In what Ukraine's air force described as the largest drone assault since the start of the war, Russia launched nearly 500 drones and 20 missiles in a massive overnight strike on Sunday. The unprecedented barrage comes as the Kremlin intensifies its summer offensive, seeking to carve out a “buffer zone” in contested regions.

According to the Ukrainian air force, 479 drones were deployed across central and western parts of Ukraine, along with 20 missiles of various types. Ukrainian defences reportedly intercepted 277 drones and 19 missiles, with only 10 projectiles reaching their targets. One civilian was reported injured. These claims have not been independently verified.

The latest escalation coincides with Russia's renewed ground offensive, particularly in the eastern and northeastern sectors of the 1,000-kilometre front line. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy acknowledged the worsening situation in these areas, describing it as “very difficult” without disclosing specific details.

Ukraine continues to struggle with personnel and equipment shortages as it faces a better-resourced Russian military. The country is heavily reliant on Western military aid, especially for air defence systems. However, uncertainty surrounding U.S. support has raised concerns about Kyiv's future capabilities.

Despite the challenges, Ukraine has delivered notable counter-attacks, including a sophisticated drone strike on remote Russian air bases, which experts hailed as a tactical leap.

Meanwhile, NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg is expected to urge alliance members to increase air and missile defences by 400% to counter Russia's growing aerial threat. A NATO summit in the Netherlands is likely to approve increased defence spending.

Separately, Russian President Vladimir Putin has endorsed a new naval doctrine aimed at restoring Russia's maritime dominance. According to the Kremlin, the plan underscores ambitions to solidify Russia's status as a top global naval power despite recent wartime setbacks.



## Indian Markets Flat Amid Mixed Global Cues; Pharma, IT & Defense See Gains.

Domestic stock markets closed flat on Tuesday. Investors were cautious as global markets received mixed signals. The reasons for this are that valuations are still high despite positive micro and macro economic indicators. Pharma and IT shares showed strength today as the dollar is currently stable. On the other hand, defense shares rose. Overall, the Sensex closed down 53 points and the Nifty gained one point.



The BSE Sensex, which closed at 82,445 in the previous session, opened at 82,643 on Tuesday. It touched an intraday low of 82,240. It reached an intraday high of 82,680. It finally closed at 82,391, down 53 points. The NSE Nifty, which opened at 25,196, touched a low of 25,055 and a high of 25,199. It closed at 25,104, up one point. The Nifty Bank fell 210 points to settle at 56,629.

In the Nifty50, 27 companies gained and 23 lost. Grasim, Tech Mahindra, Dr Reddy's, Tata Motors, Adani Enterprises were the top gainers. Trent, Maruti, Bajaj Finance, Tata Steel, Bajaj Finserv were the biggest losers. Today, IT, media, pharma, commodities, energy, consumer durables, healthcare, metal, PSE, CPSE indices rose. Realty, PSU Bank, Finance, Bank, Consumption, Private Bank and Oil indices rose.

Market breadth turned in favor of buyers on NSE today. Out of a total of 2991 stocks traded, 1609 gained and 1302 lost. 105 shares reached their 52-week high and 14 shares reached their 52-week low. 116 shares touched the upper circuit and 49 shares touched the lower circuit.

Rupee settled flat at 85.62 against the dollar. India Vicks fell 4.56% to 14.02 today. Mor-



gan Stanley has given an overweight rating to Grasim Industries with a target price of Rs 3500. ITD Cementation has received an order worth Rs 893 crore in Odisha. Realty stocks fell for the second consecutive day on profit-taking. Ratan India, Reliance Power, Alok Industries, Adani Power and Jaiprakash Power recovered from intraday losses to intraday highs. Promoter to sell 2% stake in Vidal Corporation. Protein Egov Technologies bagged an order worth Rs 100 crore. Morgan Stanley has given an overweight rating to Ultratech Cement with a target price of Rs 14,000. Swiggy and Eternal shares fell for the second consecutive day.

### AWL (Adani Wilmar Ltd.)

AWL Agri Business Ltd.'s share price has seen some fluctuations recently. On June 10, 2025, it experienced a minor slump but generally showed signs of increased investor interest, with some intraday gains. The stock is currently trading around ₹277-278. Poor revenue growth over the past 3 years (5.65%) and low EBITDA margins (2.93% over 5 years). The edible oil industry has also faced weak demand, especially in Q4. Strategic initiatives focusing on sustainability and operational effi-



ciency are expected to support future performance.

### Bluestar Ltd.



Bluestar's stock price has shown some volatility, with recent declines in the short term (1 month, 3 months) but significant long-term growth (507.71% over 5 years). Revenue decline in the Professional Electronics and Industrial Systems segment, and challenges related to excess inventory and demand. Despite challenges, the company's strong financial growth and market share gains position it favorably.

### Tata Motors Ltd.



Tata Motors has seen mixed performance recently, with a slight negative return over 1 month but positive returns over 3 months and significant long-term gains (544.34% over 5 years). On June 10, 2025, the stock was trading around ₹729.45. The company has shown poor revenue growth over the past 3 years (13.67%). Analyst ratings are a mix of Hold, Buy, and Sell. Tata Motors is undergoing strategic developments, including major investment plans.

Improved vehicle availability and demand for new launches are positive factors for the passenger vehicle segment.

### Tech Mahindra



Tech Mahindra's share price saw a significant rise following its Q4 FY25 results. Over the last 5 years, it has given approximately 180% returns. Consolidated net profit jumped 76.51% YoY to ₹1,167 crores. Revenue increased by 3.98% YoY to ₹13,384 crores. EBIT margin expanded to 10.5%. New deal wins (TCV) were strong at \$798 million. Tech Mahindra appears to be on a transformation journey, with strategic investments in people, leadership, and capabilities. Despite some headwinds in specific segments like Hi-tech and Communications, signs of stability are returning, particularly in Europe and Asia Pacific.

### Torrent Power



Torrent Power's stock closed higher following its Q4 FY25 results, showing significant growth over recent years (378.86% in the last 5 years). On June 10, 2025, it was trading around ₹1,434. Torrent Power is well-poised for growth with an under-construction pipeline of over 3 GW of renewable projects and 3 GW of pumped storage hydro power projects. They have also secured a 2,000 MW/16,000 MWh pumped hydro storage power (PSP) project with MSEDCCL and were awarded a transmission project to evacuate power from a 4.5 GW renewable energy project in Khavda, Gujarat. They are also involved in green hydrogen production.

## 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 govern-



ment'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.



## Will AI Lead to Humanity’s Decline? Indian-Origin Expert Issues Stark Warning



As artificial intelligence rapidly integrates into everyday life, concerns about its long-term impact on humanity are mounting. Indian-origin computer science professor Subhash Kak, based at Oklahoma State University, has issued a dire warning about the future, predicting that AI could eventually “replace everything” — from jobs to decision-making roles — potentially leading to societal collapse. In an interview with The Sun, Professor Kak predicted a dystopian future where AI renders much of human labor obsolete. He warned that as machines become capable of doing nearly everything humans currently do, birth rates could plummet. “Raising children will seem impractical in a world where jobs are scarce,” he said. If current trends continue, Kak forecasts that by the year 2300 or 2380, the global population could shrink to just 100 million — down from today’s 8 billion — turning once-bustling cities like London and New York into ghost towns. Kak emphasized that while AI will not become conscious, it will still be able to perform most tasks currently done by hu-

mans, including complex office work and decision-making. This transformation, he believes, will be socially devastating and could lead to widespread unemployment and a sense of purposelessness. This projection aligns with earlier warnings from tech figures like Elon Musk, who has expressed concern over declining birth rates and humanity’s reliance on AI. Musk has even suggested that establishing colonies beyond Earth could serve as a safeguard against global catastrophe. Professor Kak’s conclusions draw from his recent book *The Age of Artificial Intelligence*, in which he analyzes how emerging AI tools are already reshaping industries and personal lives. While some, like Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the recent AI Action Summit in Paris, remain optimistic — arguing that technology creates new jobs even as it eliminates old ones — Kak’s perspective offers a sobering counterpoint. As the world grapples with AI’s rise, voices like Kak’s raise critical questions about whether society is prepared for the profound changes ahead.

## Chinese Paraglider’s 8,000-Meter Ascent Video Likely AI-Generated: Investigation Reveals

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## PhD Required for Canteen Manager Job at Top Chinese University Sparks Debate

A leading Chinese university has stirred online buzz after listing a job opening for a canteen office manager — with an unusual requirement: applicants must hold a PhD.



Southeast University, a top-tier institution based in Nanjing, Jiangsu province, posted the vacancy on its official website on May 22. While the position itself seems typical — managing food services, overseeing contractors, ensuring food safety, and handling administrative duties — the qualifications listed go far beyond expectations for such a role. Applicants are required to possess a doctoral degree, be proficient in English and office software, and ideally have relevant experience. Preference will also be given to candidates who are members of the Communist Party of China.

This hiring choice has spotlighted a growing issue in China’s job market — credential inflation. In recent years, job postings across the country increasingly demand higher academic qualifications for positions that previously required only undergraduate degrees. What was once a bachelor-level job now often requires a master’s or even a PhD.

Southeast University is part of China’s elite “985” and “211” projects — a group of the nation’s top 39 universities, which

includes institutions like Tsinghua and Peking. These universities are seen as breeding grounds for China’s academic elite and offer prestigious, secure career paths often referred to as the “golden rice bowl.”

A study in Humanities and Social Sciences Communications noted that Chinese universities have raised the bar for new faculty hires, demanding more advanced degrees and academic achievements. Similarly, research in Nature highlighted a marked rise in educational qualifications, especially at elite institutions. This surge in overqualified candidates is a symptom of a larger issue: China pro-

duces millions of graduates annually, but the job market is failing to create enough high-skilled roles to accommodate them. As a result, many postgraduates are settling for positions well below their qualifications, leading to underemployment.

A BBC report described the resulting tension — young professionals stuck in a market mismatch, chasing job security in an economy that doesn’t match their academic investment.

This PhD-for-canteen-manager requirement may be extreme, but it reflects a larger trend reshaping China’s workforce.

## Tinder’s New Height Preference Filter Sparks Controversy Among Users

Tinder is testing a new feature that’s causing quite a stir — a height preference filter that allows users to set their desired height range for potential matches. While still in the testing phase, the feature is being rolled out to a limited group of Tinder Gold and Platinum subscribers, according to a report by TechCrunch.



The update was first spotted by a Reddit user, who found the height option under the app’s Discovery Settings. While the concept seems simple, it’s already sparked debate across social media about the implications of filtering matches based on physical traits — particularly height.

Tinder’s Vice President of Communications, Phil Price Fry, addressed the move, saying it was part of the app’s broader goal to help users “connect

more intentionally.” He emphasized that the feature isn’t designed to work as a “hard filter,” meaning it won’t completely exclude users outside of a person’s set preference. Instead, it’s intended to help surface matches that align more closely with a user’s interests.

“We’re always listening to

what matters most to our Tinder users,” Fry said. “Testing the paid height preference is a great example of how we’re building with urgency, clarity, and focus.”

Despite Tinder’s reassurances, the feature has received mixed reactions online. Critics argue that it encourages superficiality and could reinforce unreal-

istic dating standards, particularly for men, who often face pressure over their height in online dating scenarios. Others defend the update, saying preferences are a natural part of dating and that similar filters for age, distance, and lifestyle habits already exist.

“This is part of a broader effort to enhance intentional dating,” Fry added. “Not every test becomes a permanent feature, but each one teaches us how to deliver smarter, more personalized experiences.”

Tinder has not confirmed whether the height preference setting will roll out globally or remain exclusive to premium users. For now, the test reflects the app’s ongoing effort to evolve based on user feedback — even if that means courting a little controversy along the way.



# Nations League Glory: Portugal Defeats Spain in Penalty Shootout to Lift Title

Portugal clinched their second UEFA Nations League title in dramatic fashion, edging out defending champions Spain 5-3 in a penalty shootout after a pulsating 2-2 draw in extra time at the Allianz Arena on Sunday.

Captain Cristiano Ronaldo led from the front, netting his 138th international goal and later breaking down in tears as teammate Ruben Neves converted the decisive penalty to seal victory for the Seleção. The miss from Spain's Álvaro Morata in the shootout proved costly, handing Portugal the edge. "Winning for Portugal is always special," said an emotional Ronaldo. "I've won many titles with clubs, but nothing compares to this. These are tears of pride, joy, and fulfillment."



Spain Start Strong, Portugal Strike Back  
Spain had entered the final on the back of a thrilling 5-4 win over France in the semi-finals, riding a 27-match unbeaten streak that began in March 2023. Their confidence showed early as Martín Zubimendi opened the scoring in the 21st minute, netting his second goal for the national team.

However, Portugal equalized swiftly. A brilliant attacking move, initiated by Ronaldo, allowed Nuno Mendes to surge into the box and calmly slot the ball past the Spanish keeper.

Spain regained the lead before half-time, thanks to a superb assist from

Pedri, setting up Mikel Oyarzabal—hero of the Euro 2024 final—to make it 2-1.

**Ronaldo Leads the Comeback**  
As the clock ticked into the second half, Portugal continued to press. Their persistence paid off when Ronaldo fired home the equalizer, taking the match into extra time and eventually penalties. With composure and clinical execution, Portugal converted all their spot kicks. When Morata faltered for Spain, Neves stepped up to deliver the title-clinching blow. This triumph further cements Ronaldo's legendary status, while reaffirming Portugal's place among Europe's elite footballing nations.

# 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.

# Nicholas Pooran Stuns Cricket World with Retirement at 29



In a surprising move, West Indies star batter Nicholas Pooran has announced his retirement from international cricket at the age of 29, bringing an abrupt end to a career that left a lasting impression on the Caribbean cricketing landscape. Pooran, a key player for the Lucknow Super Giants in the IPL and one of West Indies' most explosive white-ball talents, made the announcement via social media, citing "much thought and reflection" behind the decision, but offered no specific reason. "This game we love has given and will continue to give so much – joy, purpose, unforgettable memories," Pooran wrote. "To have led the team as captain is a privilege I will always hold close to my heart." Pooran retires as West Indies' most capped T20I cricketer with 106 matches and their highest run-scorer in the format, amassing 2,275 runs at a strike rate of 136.39. In ODIs, he featured in 61 games, scoring 1,983 runs at an average of 39.66.

Though he never played Test cricket, his influence in the limited-overs arena was immense. His last international appearance was in December 2024 against Bangladesh. He had recently opted out of the T20I series against England. Despite stepping away from the international scene, Pooran remains a high-demand player in franchise cricket, with commitments in Major League Cricket, The Hundred, Caribbean Premier League, and the IPL, where he ended the 2025 season with 524 runs at a blistering strike rate of 196.25. Cricket West Indies (CWI) praised Pooran's contribution, stating, "A world-class player and a game changer... his influence on and off the field has left an indelible mark on West Indies cricket." Pooran concluded his message with gratitude to fans, family, and teammates: "Though this international chapter ends, my love for West Indies Cricket will never fade."

# India Fall Short in 3-2 Thriller Against Netherlands in FIH Hockey Pro League

The Indian Men's Hockey Team suffered a narrow 2-3 defeat to the Netherlands in a thrilling FIH Hockey Pro League 2024/25 encounter at the Wagener Hockey Stadium on Sunday.

Abhishek (20') and Jugraj Singh (54') scored for India, while goals from Thijs van Dam (24'), Tjep Hoedemakers (33'), and Jip Janssen (57') sealed the win for the Dutch side.

India started strong, dominating possession and creating early chances, with Abhishek nearly scoring in the sixth minute. Despite the fast pace, the first quarter ended goalless.

In the second quarter, Abhishek, playing his 100th international match, broke the deadlock with a clinical finish after a setup by Shilanand Lakra. However, the Netherlands equalized within minutes as captain Thierry Brinkman set up Thijs van Dam to level the score at 1-1.

The Dutch took the lead in the third quarter when Tjep Hoedemakers netted from a cross by Floris Wortelboer. Despite India's switch to counter-attacking play and multiple penalty corners, they couldn't convert.

India's persistence paid off in the final quarter, as Jugraj Singh made it 2-2 with a powerful drag-flick from a penalty corner. Moments later, Lalit Kumar Upadhyay had a golden opportunity to take the lead but was denied by Dutch goalkeeper Maurits Visser.



With just minutes remaining, the Netherlands won a penalty corner, and Jip Janssen capitalized to make it 3-2. Despite India's late surge, the Dutch defence held firm. The match marked a personal milestone for Abhishek, who has been pivotal in India's recent successes, including medals at the Olympics, Asian Games, and Commonwealth Games. India remain fourth in the league standings with 15 points from 10 matches and will next face Argentina on June 11.

# 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.





## Tamil Horror Comedy ‘Devil’s Double Next Level’ Sets OTT Premiere on June 13

The fourth installment of the popular Tamil horror-comedy franchise Dhilluku Dhuddu, titled Devil’s Double Next Level, is set to make its digital debut. The film will begin streaming on ZEE5/Z5 from June 13, 2025, just four weeks after its theatrical release.

Headlined by comedy star Santhanam, the Dhilluku Dhuddu series has enjoyed considerable box office success with its previous entries—Dhilluku Dhuddu, Dhilluku Dhuddu 2, and DD Returns. While the earlier films garnered a loyal fanbase and commercial acclaim, the latest chapter opened strong in cinemas but quickly lost momentum due to lukewarm reviews and weak content.

Despite its theatrical underperformance, Devil’s Double Next Level is expected to reach a broader audience through its digital release. In addition to Tamil, the film will also stream in Telugu, Malayalam, and Kannada, increasing its accessibility across South India.

The film brings together an ensemble cast featuring Selvaraghavan, Gautam Vasudev Menon, Geethika Tiwary, Nizhalgal Ravi, Ya-shika Aanand, Rajendran, and Redin King-



sley. The movie blends elements of horror, comedy, and action—hallmarks of the Dhilluku Dhuddu series—though this time, audiences and critics alike found the content less compelling.

Devil’s Double Next Level is jointly produced by Arya and Venkat Boyanapalli, continuing the tradition of genre mashups with a comedic twist. With its OTT release around the corner, the film may find renewed interest among fans of horror-comedy who missed its theatrical run.

Whether the franchise will continue with a fifth installment remains to be seen, but for now, fans can mark June 13 on their calendars for a spooky yet funny movie night from the comfort of their homes.

## Pawan Kalyan’s ‘Ustaad Bhagat Singh’ Begins Shooting in Hyderabad

The wait is finally over for fans of Power Star Pawan Kalyan, as his much-anticipated film Ustaad Bhagat Singh has officially gone on floors. Directed by Harish Shankar, the film began shooting today, June 10, 2025, at the Aluminium Factory in Hyderabad, marking the start of an exciting new schedule.

This project has generated immense buzz ever since it was announced, given the successful collaboration between Pawan Kalyan and Harish Shankar in the 2012 blockbuster Gabbar Singh. With expectations running high, the director had recently confirmed that filming would commence in the second week of June—and he’s delivered as promised.

According to production sources, this schedule will span approximately a month, during which a significant portion of Pawan Kalyan’s scenes will be completed. The team is reportedly focusing on high-octane sequences and crucial narrative blocks that will define the tone of this mass entertainer.

Actress Sreeleela plays the female lead, adding youthful energy and glamour to the film. The cast also features several prominent actors in pivotal roles, though their names are being kept



under wraps for now.

Backed by Mythri Movie Makers, Ustaad Bhagat Singh boasts music by Devi Sri Prasad, whose past collaborations with both the director and lead actor have yielded memorable soundtracks. With this powerhouse combination of talent, the film is already being viewed as one of the biggest Telugu releases to look forward to.

Slated for a 2026 theatrical release, Ustaad Bhagat Singh is expected to offer a high-energy, crowd-pleasing experience tailored for fans of commercial cinema. As the cameras roll, all eyes are now on Harish Shankar’s vision and how he reinvents Pawan Kalyan’s larger-than-life image for a new generation.

## Naveen Chandra’s Crime Thriller ‘Eleven’ Sets OTT Release Date

Actor Naveen Chandra returns to the spotlight with his latest crime thriller Eleven, where he takes on the intense role of a determined police officer. Directed by Lokkesh Ajls, this bilingual film—shot in both Tamil and Telugu—is now gearing up for its digital premiere.

Streaming platform Aha has officially confirmed that Eleven will be available to stream starting June 13, 2025. The announcement currently pertains to the Tamil version, but industry buzz suggests that the Telugu version is also expected to drop on the same day. Additionally, there are



reports indicating that the film may also stream on Amazon Prime Vid-

eo, aiming to expand its reach to a broader audience base.

Eleven is a gritty, suspense-filled narrative centered on a gripping investigation led by Naveen Chandra’s character. The film promises a tense, layered storyline that dives deep into crime, justice, and human morality.

Reyaa Hari stars as the female lead, bringing both emotional depth and strong screen presence. The ensemble cast includes Shashank, Abhirami, Dileepan, Riythvika, Aadukalam Naren, Ravi Varma, and Kireeti Dam-araju, each playing key roles that add weight to the plot.

The film is produced by AR Entertainment, with music composed by D. Imman, whose score is expected to enhance the mood of this dark, investigative drama. Known for his emotionally stirring compositions, Imman’s work is likely to be a highlight.

With its compelling theme and strong performances, Eleven is set to be a notable addition to the growing list of regional thrillers finding success on OTT platforms. Crime drama enthusiasts can mark their calendars for June 13 to catch this intense thriller from the comfort of their homes.

## Aadhi Pinisetty’s Intense Transformation in ‘Akhandha 2’ Creates Buzz

Director Boyapati Srinu, known for crafting high-octane mass entertainers, is all set to raise the stakes in ‘Akhandha 2’, the much-anticipated sequel to the Balakrishna starrer Akhandha. Known for his knack in presenting both heroes and villains with equal intensity, Boyapati is once again teaming up with actor Aadhi Pinisetty, and his fierce look from the film’s teaser is already setting social media abuzz.

Aadhi previously collaborated with Boyapati in the 2016 blockbuster Sarrainodu, where he played a typical egotistic antagonist. However, in Akhandha 2, the actor has undergone a complete transformation, stepping into a role that’s far more menacing and mysterious.

In the teaser, Aadhi is seen in a spine-chilling avatar resembling an Aghora, complete with a rugged appearance and spiritual markings. Notably, he seems to have lost one eye, adding a haunting dimension to his character. This unconventional look is already drawing comparisons to mythic and spiritual archetypes, hinting at a deeper, darker character arc than usual.

Fans are especially thrilled about the upcoming faceoff between Balakrishna and Aadhi



Pinisetty, which promises to be a major highlight of the film. Given Boyapati’s flair for stylized action sequences and grand confrontations, expectations are sky-high for this on-screen clash.

Akhandha 2 is slated for a theatrical release on September 25th, 2025, and the teaser has only amplified the excitement among fans of mass cinema. With Aadhi’s look gaining viral attention, and Balakrishna reprising his powerful role, the film is shaping up to be another explosive action saga from the Boyapati-Balakrishna combo.

The wait is now on to see how Aadhi’s terrifying transformation translates on screen in what promises to be a visual and emotional rollercoaster.

## Nora Fatehi Stuns in Smoky Glam Look, Sets the Bar High for Elegance

Nora Fatehi, the ever-glamorous diva known for her electrifying dance numbers and stunning fashion choices, has once again set the internet on fire with her latest jaw-dropping appearance. In her newest photoshoot, Nora exudes confidence and charisma in a body-hugging sheer gown, intricately adorned with subtle sparkles that shimmer under the lights. The outfit strikes a perfect balance between boldness and sophistication. The sheer detailing, offering a glimpse of a well-styled bra underneath, adds a touch of daring sensuality without overpowering the elegance of the overall look. Nora’s hair is styled in voluminous waves that cascade effortlessly, framing her face with old-Hollywood charm. Her makeup is sharp and defined, with smoky eyes that draw all the attention, paired with sculpted cheeks and glossy nude lips that complete

her sultry and polished vibe. The entire look drips with smoky glamour, showcasing Nora’s evolving fashion sense and her knack for making bold statements with grace. Known for captivating audiences across industries—be it Telugu, Tamil, or Hindi cinema—Nora has carved a niche for herself with chart-topping special numbers and global music hits like Snake. Her sense of style continues to be as impactful as her performances, making her a true trendsetter in the entertainment world. Looking ahead, Nora is gearing up for her next big screen appearance in ‘Kanchana 4’, where she will be seen alongside Raghava Lawrence. The horror-comedy franchise is known for its blend of thrills and entertainment, and Nora’s inclusion adds extra excitement for fans. With her latest appearance making waves, Nora Fatehi proves once again why she’s a force of glamour.

