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Raid at Mangli's Birthday Bash

- Police raid on singer Mangli's party at Chevella resort
- Ganja use, unlicensed liquor and sound systems found
- Celebrities including Divi, Kasarla Shyam reportedly present



TPN Correspondent | Chevella

Famous folk singer Mangli's birthday celebrations took a controversial turn after police raided the party held at Tripura Resort in Chevella late Tuesday night. Based on confidential information, a police team led by Inspector Bhupal Sridhar conducted a surprise inspection and uncovered alleged drug use and several other violations. The raid revealed the presence of ganja and a significant quantity of foreign liquor being consumed without proper excise permissions. One individual, identified as Damodar, was caught red-handed using ganja at the event. Police have since registered a case and

launched a deeper investigation into the extent of drug use at the party. Singer Mangli has been booked for organizing the event without prior police approval and for supplying liquor illegally. The general manager of Tripura Resort is also facing charges for allowing the event to proceed without the required permissions and licenses. DJ equipment used without a sound permit was also seized. Police proceeded to conduct drug tests on all attendees. One individual, identified as Damodar, tested positive for marijuana. Following this, a case was registered against Mangli, resort assistant manager Ramakrishna, event manager Megharaj, and Damodar.

The charges include organizing an event without police permission, illegal possession of foreign liquor, and drug consumption. Notably, several celebrities reportedly attended the celebration, including actress Divi and noted film lyricist Kasarla Shyam. Police are now examining CCTV footage and may issue notices to those present at the venue to determine their involvement. The incident has once again cast a shadow over Tollywood, reviving concerns about drug usage in the film industry. Authorities have indicated that further revelations are expected as the investigation progresses.



KCR Faces 50-Minute Grilling by Kaleshwaram Commission

- KCR appears at BRK Bhavan with Harish Rao, senior BRS leaders
- Gives PowerPoint presentation, documents on Kaleshwaram project
- Commission led by Justice PC Ghosh has questioned 114 people so far

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

Former Telangana Chief Minister and Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) chief K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) was questioned by the Kaleshwaram Commission for nearly 50 minutes on Wednesday. The inquiry took place at BRK Bhavan, where KCR arrived along with senior party leaders, including T. Harish Rao. Due to a minor illness, KCR requested an in-camera inquiry, which was granted by the Commission. All individuals present in the open hearing were asked to leave, and Justice PC Ghosh proceeded with a closed-door interrogation. Sources confirmed that KCR submitted a set of key documents related to the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project. Among them was a Power-

Point presentation detailing aspects of the project, including re-engineering decisions, dam construction plans, agreement frameworks, the formation of the Kaleshwaram Corporation, and water storage strategies. The Kaleshwaram Commission, formed in March last year by the Congress-led government, is probing alleged irregularities and construction failures in the project—particularly after structural damage was reported at key barrages like Medigadda, Annaram, and Sundilla. Headed by former Supreme Court judge Justice PC Ghosh, the Commission has so far questioned 114 individuals, including officials, former ministers, and construction company representatives. Notably, former ministers Etala Rajender and Harish Rao were also interrogated recently. The questioning of KCR marks a significant development in the probe, given his central role in conceptualizing and executing the high-budget Kaleshwaram project during his tenure as Chief Minister. Further proceedings are expected as the Commission continues to scrutinize project decisions and accountability for engineering and financial lapses.

KCR Family Will Never Enter Congress: Revanth

- Calls them Telangana's main enemy
- CM to release Kaleshwaram project documents within two days
- Blames Kishan Reddy for failing to bring Central funds for Telangana

TPN Correspondent | New Delhi
Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has strongly ruled out any possibility of former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao's family joining the Congress party. Speaking to the media in Delhi on Wednesday, he stated, "As long

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Portfolios Allotted to Newly Inducted Ministers in Telangana



TPN Correspondent | Telangana
Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has finalized the allocation of portfolios to the newly sworn-in ministers, marking a significant step in strengthening his cabinet. The announcement comes shortly after discussions with the Congress high command in Delhi. According to official sources:

- Gaddam Vivek Venkatswamy has been entrusted with the Labour, Law, and Sports departments.
- Vakiti B. Srihari will handle the Animal Husbandry and Commercial Tax portfolios.
- Adluri Laxman Kumar has

been given charge of the Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST) Welfare Department. These appointments are part of a broader governance and political strategy aimed at ensuring efficient administration and social representation. All three ministers were sworn in recently, and their induction is expected to boost the Congress government's public outreach and departmental functioning. Sources say a larger cabinet reshuffle may be on the horizon, with discussions underway on potential reallocation of other key portfolios.

Revanth Discusses Cabinet Reshuffle with High Command

- Portfolio changes, TPCC re-vamp on agenda in Delhi talks
- Major public meetings planned in Medak and Suryapet

TPN Correspondent | Telangana
Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Tuesday held a crucial meeting in New Delhi with AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge, senior leader Rahul Gandhi, and AICC General Secretary K.C. Venugopal, reportedly focusing on a potential cabinet reshuffle and organisational changes within the Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC). According to party sources, Revanth Reddy discussed the allocation of portfolios to newly inducted ministers and considered a reshuffle of portfolios among current ministers. The

aim is said to be better governance and improved coordination in view of the party's roadmap for upcoming local body elections. The meeting also touched on filling vacant posts in the TPCC Executive Committee and appointing corporation chairpersons. Revanth is said to have proposed that Congress leaders who were not accommodated in TPCC should be given corporation-level responsibilities to balance political expectations and maintain party morale. Another key point of discussion was

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Former Telangana Digital Media Director Dileep Arrested

- Dileep arrested at Hyderabad airport after return from US
- Granted bail after being produced in Nirmal court

TPN Correspondent | Nirmal
Former Telangana Digital Media Director Konatham Dileep was arrested by Nirmal police on Wednesday following his arrival at Rajiv Gandhi International Airport from the United States. However, he was granted bail shortly after being presented before a local court in Nirmal. Dileep had travelled to Virginia on May 18 to attend the launch of a memoir dedicated to his late father, Konatham Bakka Reddy. Upon landing in Hyderabad late Tuesday night, he was detained based on FIR No. 353/2025

and immediately taken into custody. His arrest has sparked political controversy, with allegations that the Congress-led Revanth Reddy government is targeting him for his vocal criticism of the State administration on social media. Sources confirmed that the current arrest is

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Telangana Taps Army, Air Force for SLBC Tunnel Revival

- Colonel Parikshit Mehra appointed Special Secretary for tunnel projects
- Former BRO DG Harpal Singh to serve as honorary advisor
- Danish equipment and LiDAR to assess tunnel post-February collapse



TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

The Telangana government is moving to resume construction of the Srisailem Left Bank Canal (SLBC) tunnel, a project that had come to a grinding halt after a fatal collapse in February. To fast-track the revival, Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, currently in New Delhi, has sought assistance from the Indian Army and Air Force, and the Centre has responded positively. As part of the revival strategy, Colonel Parikshit Mehra from the Indian Army has been appointed as Special Secretary, while Harpal Singh, former Director General of the Border Roads Organisation (BRO), will act as an honorary advisor. Both are expected to oversee and streamline ongoing tunnel projects across the state, lending their expertise to ensure safety and precision in execution. In a major technological upgrade, the state has decided to use advanced electromagnetic equipment from Denmark to conduct a non-intrusive

geophysical survey of the tunnel up to one kilometre deep. Simultaneously, LiDAR-equipped helicopters will carry out aerial scans to gather high-resolution data on the tunnel's structural integrity. These surveys are scheduled to commence on July 12 and are expected to offer a detailed diagnostic view of the subsurface conditions, aiding in better planning and execution of the remaining tunnel works. The urgency to resume the SLBC tunnel project comes after a devastating wall collapse on February 22 trapped eight workers, sparking a massive rescue effort that lasted over two months but resulted in the recovery of only two bodies. The incident forced a complete halt to the operations and triggered safety reviews. The state government's decision to rope in national defence and infrastructure experts reflects a serious attempt to rebuild confidence, ensure technical precision, and complete the project without further loss or delays.

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linked to earlier cases registered at Khanapur and Kaddampeddur police stations. Over the past year, nearly 15 cases have reportedly been filed against Dileep, which he has described as "illegal" attempts to silence dissent. A Look Out Circular (LOC) was previously issued against him, but the Telangana High Court granted permission for him to travel abroad for a month to

attend the family event. Supporters of Dileep and opposition leaders have claimed this arrest is part of a political vendetta, accusing the Congress government of misusing the police force to intimidate critics. While the bail provides temporary relief, Dileep is expected to face further legal proceedings related to the pending FIRs.

KCR Family Will Never Enter Congress: Revanth

as I'm in office, KCR's family will not enter Congress. That family is the main enemy of Telangana." The Chief Minister's remarks come amidst ongoing political heat over the Kaleshwaram project inquiry and speculation surrounding possible cabinet expansion. However, Revanth clarified that no discussions on cabinet reshuffling or allocation of portfolios took place during his visit to Delhi. "I only discussed the Karnataka caste census issue with the high command. Any decisions regarding our cabinet will be made after consultations with state leaders in Hyderabad," he said. Revanth also made a key announcement regarding the controversial Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project. He said that the state government would soon release all documents pertaining to the project. "In the next two days,

I will hold a press conference and present complete details and documents related to Kaleshwaram. The people will know the truth about the irregularities," he stated. The Chief Minister further criticized Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy for what he called a failure to secure Central funds for Telangana's development. "Not even a single rupee has been brought by him for the state. He has become an obstacle instead of a support for Telangana's progress," Revanth charged. With political tensions escalating over the Kaleshwaram probe and renewed rivalry between Congress and BRS, Revanth's strong statements signal a continuing confrontation with the previous regime. The upcoming document release on the irrigation project is expected to further intensify the political narrative in Telangana.

Revanth Discusses Cabinet Reshuffle with High Command

strengthening the Congress party's grassroots network by appointing working presidents for TPCC, as part of the high command's focus on consolidating the party ahead of local polls. Revanth also reportedly briefed the top leadership on plans for two major public meetings — one in Medak focusing on categorisation of Scheduled Caste reservations, and the other in Suryapet spotlighting the Backward Classes caste census. He is said to have invited Rahul Gandhi and Kharge to attend these events, which are expected to underline the Congress's renewed social justice

agenda. Meanwhile, Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, who was also in Delhi along with his wife, was summoned by the party leadership. The discussions reportedly revolved around the possible changes in his ministerial responsibilities, indicating that a larger reshuffle could be in the works soon. The high-level consultations signal that Revanth Reddy is looking to reorient both the cabinet and the party structure in Telangana to meet governance goals and political challenges ahead.

Vana Mahotsavam 2025 To Be Celebrated Like A Grand Festival

- Says Forest, Environmental & Endowments Minister Konda Surekha
- Vana Mahotsavam 2025 Poster Released By Minister, PCCF & CCF

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

Telangana Forest, Environment & Endowments Minister Smt. Konda Surekha called upon the Forest Department to take forward the upcoming Vana Mahotsavam 2025 as a massive campaign and celebrate it with the spirit of a grand festival across the Telangana State. She said the state government under the leadership of Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy is committed to making the plantation drive a success through wide public participation and proper planning. Minister Surekha formally released the Vana Mahotsavam 2025 poster at her residence in Jubilee Hills today. Telangana Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) Dr. C. Suvarna, Chief Conservator of Forests Smt. Priyanka Varghese, Social Forestry officials, and other senior officials were present at the event. During the event, Minister Surekha directed officials to work with renewed energy and commitment, ensuring that all arrangements are well-coordinated this year by learning from past experiences. The Forest Department also presented a comprehensive roadmap for a massive plantation programme, set to begin in the coming days. Konda Surekha emphasized that detailed planning is crucial at every level-from district to village - and that



Vana Mahotsavam should be made a participatory and result-oriented initiative. The plantation drives will be conducted intensively during the peak monsoon months of June, July, and August, she added. In 2024, the State had aimed to plant 20.02 crore saplings, and successfully planted 19.04 crore, achieving 95% of the target. This year, officials are tasked with ensuring 100% achievement. Every nursery at the village level will be made functional to raise and distribute saplings locally, strengthening the sense of ownership among communities, the Minister Surekha directed. Minister Surekha also stressed that no lapses from previous years should be repeated. All officers must take extra precautions to avoid delays and shortages, and to ensure saplings reach every household and public institution on time. Highlighting several special initiatives this year under Vana Mahotsavam Minister Konda Surekha said, " Saplings will be distributed to households

to promote greenery at the doorstep. Public demands for saplings must be addressed proactively. A diverse mix of species is recommended, including flowering plants such as rose, hibiscus, oleander, and fruit-bearing and medicinal trees like guava, custard apple, amla, black plum, drumstick, tulsi, pongamia, neem, tamarind, soapnut, toddy palm, and eetha palm. Roadside avenues, lake bunds, school campuses, temples, anganwadis, hospitals, and both public and private spaces will be priority areas for plantation." Noting that that the monsoon had arrived earlier this year, Minister Surekha directed the officials to make use of this opportunity by beginning the planting drives promptly. She also advised identifying species best suited to the local soil and climatic conditions in each area. Telangana Government aims to turn Vana Mahotsavam 2025 into a mass movement for ecological restoration and a greener, healthier future for all, she said.

Pre-Primary Classes in Telangana Govt Schools from 2025-26

TPN Correspondent | Telangana

In a significant move to revamp school education and curb declining enrollment in government institutions, the Telangana government has issued key orders to introduce pre-primary education—Nursery, LKG, and UKG—in selected government schools. The decision was officially announced on Wednesday, with clear directives issued to all District Education Officers (DEOs) across the state. Until now, government schools in Telangana have been admitting children starting from Class 1. However, in contrast, private schools have long been offering pre-primary classes beginning at age three, attracting a large number of parents seeking early foundational education for their children. This trend has been cited as one of the major caus-



es behind the steady drop in student strength in government-run schools. To address this, the government will now begin offering early childhood education in 210 selected government schools across the state, starting from

the 2025–26 academic year. Admissions will open for Nursery, LKG, and UKG levels, aligning government institutions more closely with private school offerings. The Education Department has emphasized the importance of this move in bridging the gap between public and private schooling systems. DEOs have been asked to initiate all necessary arrangements for infrastructure, teaching staff, and learning materials to ensure a smooth rollout of the pre-primary sections. This initiative is part of the state government's broader efforts to improve the quality and appeal of public education, reduce dependence on private schools, and provide equitable early learning opportunities to all sections of society.

Telangana as the Emerging 'Skill Capital of the Globe'

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

Telangana is poised to become the Skill Capital of the Globe under the visionary leadership of Chief Minister Shri Revanth Reddy, said Duddilla Sridhar Babu, Minister for IT and Industries. The Minister was speaking after a high-level meeting with representatives of UK-based semiconductor giant ARM Holdings at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Secretariat on Wednesday. During the meeting, the Minister highlighted Telangana's business friendly ecosystem and the proactive support extended by the state government to industries. He noted that ARM Holdings' keen interest in investing in Telangana reflects the efficiency and credibility of the state's governance. "We extend our sincere gratitude to ARM Holdings for expressing interest in partnering with us in the semiconductor sector. The government will provide all necessary support to facilitate their entry and growth," the Minister affirmed. "Our greatest asset is our youth. They are highly talented and need only the right guidance to excel. Through the Young India Skills University, we are committed to creating industry-ready human capital," he added. Emphasizing the growing global demand in the semiconductor sector, Minister Sridhar Babu reiterated the



government's commitment to skilling Telangana's youth in line with industry needs. In a major boost to this initiative, Mr. Ken Ku, CEO of Malaysia-based Spring Semiconductors, who attended the meeting, expressed the company's willingness to take responsibility for training 10,000 youth by 2030. "We commend the Telangana government's dedication to becoming the global hub for skilled talent. Spring Semiconductors will develop a specialized curriculum to train local youth in semiconductor manufacturing and design. The training will involve six months of instruction in Telangana

followed by international internships in countries like Taiwan, South Korea, and Japan," Mr. Ku stated. He also confirmed that this ambitious plan will be executed in partnership with T-Consult. Minister Sridhar Babu welcomed this initiative and thanked Mr. Ken Ku for his proactive support. The meeting was also attended by Mr. Sandeep Kumar Makthala, Chairman of T-Consult, Mr. Maruthi, President of World Telugu IT Council Malaysia Chapter and other dignitaries including Mr. Mahesh Nataraj and Ms. Vakiti Bhagyalakshmi.

Left Out But Undeterred Rajgopal Reddy Says Politics Is Beyond Power

Extends wishes to new Telangana Ministers



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After being left out of the Telangana Cabinet during its recent expansion, Munugode MLA Komatireddy Rajgopal Reddy broke his silence on Monday and reiterated his commitment to serve the people of the state, stating that for him, politics is beyond the pursuit of power or positions. Taking to social media, Rajgopal Reddy congratulated the newly inducted Ministers and said he would continue his journey in public life with the same zeal. “Even without a ministerial berth, I will continue to work for the people and strengthen the Congress party,” he wrote in a post on X. The Congress leader, who joined the party ahead of the 2023 Assembly elections after a stint in the BJP, had been widely expected to secure a ministerial berth, especially after his vocal support for the party leadership during the cam-

paign. In his post, Rajgopal Reddy added, “Politics is not about holding positions. It is about rebuilding Telangana and giving voice to the people’s aspirations.” He also noted that working outside the government often allows for more direct engagement with the public, and he intends to stay at the forefront of people’s issues, advocating for their concerns with the same intensity. His remarks come amid growing curiosity over the political future of leaders overlooked in the Cabinet reshuffle, and speculation has intensified given his past statements indicating confidence about a Cabinet role. Despite the snub, Rajgopal Reddy appears resolute. By emphasizing that his focus remains on Telangana’s development and the Congress party’s growth, he has positioned himself as a dedicated public servant, regardless of title or office.

BRS Resisting Industrial Growth with Malicious Intent: Minister Sridhar Babu

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Telangana’s Minister for IT and Industries, Duddilla Sridhar Babu, has strongly accused the Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) of deliberately attempting to hinder industrial development in the state. In a statement released on Wednesday, the Minister stated that the BRS is actively working to block employment opportunities for the youth, driven by a regressive political mindset. “It is increasingly evident that the BRS does not want industries to thrive in Telangana. Their actions suggest a deliberate attempt to prevent job creation for our youth,” Sridhar Babu said. “Over the past 18 months, our government has attracted investments worth ₹3 lakh crore. These investments have already resulted in the creation of 1.5 lakh direct jobs in the private sector and have indirectly benefited another one lakh individuals.”



He remarked that the BRS is visibly anxious about these developments, fearing that successful implementation of these projects would erode their political relevance. “They are trying to create hurdles for ongoing industrial projects and are even inciting farmers as part of their diversionary tactics,” he said. “Let me make it clear — the government will not remain a passive observer if attempts are made to disrupt public order.”

Highlighting the proactive efforts of the Revanth Reddy-led government, the Minister said Telangana is fast emerging as a prime destination for industrial investments. “In the past, a shortage of skilled manpower deterred many industries from setting up operations here. With the establishment of the Young India Skills University, we are now addressing this gap by aligning academic learning with industry requirements,” he explained. He also informed that the government is setting up district-level skill development centers to ensure every unemployed youth is equipped with at least one industry-relevant skill. “Unlike the BRS, we never opposed developmental initiatives during our time in the opposition. We supported projects in the interest of the state’s growth and allowed existing agreements to proceed unimpeded. Today, the BRS — which is fast losing public support — is attempting to regain relevance by provoking unrest among farmers.” “The Central Government has set a national target of blending 20% ethanol into petrol by 2025-26. In line with this policy, guidelines were issued for the establishment of ethanol plants across the country. The factory in Peddadhawwada is being set up in accordance with these central guidelines, and all permissions have been granted by the Centre. The land for the project was legally purchased by the company — not acquired by the government.” He stressed that the operationalization of the ethanol plant will generate local employment and contribute to regional development. “If the BRS continues to obstruct such progress, the people of Telangana will never forgive them. No party can survive by promoting disruption and destruction. Unless they learn from their past defeat and choose to cooperate in the state’s development journey, public support will remain out of reach,” Sridhar Babu concluded.

Obulapuram Mining Case

Telangana High Court Suspends Gali Janardhan Reddy’s 7-Year Jail Sentence
Reddy ordered to surrender passport, furnish ₹10 lakh sureties

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In a major relief to former Karnataka MLA and mining baron Gali Janardhan Reddy, the Telangana High Court has suspended the seven-year rigorous imprisonment sentence handed down by a CBI special court in the Obulapuram illegal mining case. The interim order came as a significant legal reprieve for the ex-legislator, who is one of the primary accused in the high-profile case. On May 5, the CBI special court in Hyderabad convicted Reddy and three others, sentencing them to seven years in prison along with a monetary penalty. The case pertains to illegal mining operations conducted under the Obulapuram Mining Company (OMC) in Andhra Pradesh. Following

the verdict, the Karnataka Assembly had disqualified Reddy from his MLA post. Challenging the lower court’s verdict, Reddy approached the Telangana High Court seeking suspension of his sentence. His legal counsel argued that he had already served more than three years in jail and that a by-election triggered by his disqualification would cause unnecessary political and personal damage. The court was also informed that his appeal against conviction is pending and requires time for disposal. Taking these arguments into consideration, the High Court granted interim relief to Janardhan Reddy. The court instructed him to furnish two sureties of ₹10 lakh each and imposed strict conditions including surrender-



ing his passport and refraining from leaving the country. These conditions were set to ensure his availability for further judicial proceedings. The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), however, strongly objected to the plea, arguing that the nature of the offence and the existence of multiple pending cases against Reddy did not warrant suspension

of the sentence. Despite their objections, the High Court decided in favour of Reddy, stating that further legal scrutiny is necessary before enforcing the conviction. With this decision, Gali Janardhan Reddy secures temporary legal relief, but the larger battle around the Obulapuram mining scam remains far from over as the appeal process continues.

KCR visit Palla Rajeshwar Reddy in Hospital

BRS MLA slipped and fell at Erravalli farmhouse



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Senior BRS leader and Jangaon MLA Palla Rajeshwar Reddy has been admitted to Yashoda Hospital in Hyderabad after sustaining injuries in a fall at the Erravalli farmhouse on Wednesday morning. According to party sources, he slipped and hurt himself while walking through an agricultural field. Upon hearing the news, former Chief Minister and BRS chief K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) visited Yashoda Hospital soon after completing his 50-minute testimony before the Kaleshwaram Judicial Commission at BRK Bhavan. KCR was accompanied by senior party leader and MLA T. Harish Rao. At the hospital, KCR met with doctors and inquired about Palla Rajeshwar Reddy’s condition. He spent some time by the MLA’s side and wished him a swift recovery. Later, BRS MLC Kalvakuntla Kavitha also visited the hospital to check on Palla. Sources close to the family say the MLA is responding well to treatment and his condition is stable. The incident has drawn concern from party members, with many sending their wishes for his speedy recovery.

Raja Singh counters Revanth's Delhi remarks on Kishan Reddy

TPN Correspondent | Telangana

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy’s recent comments in Delhi accusing Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy of obstructing central projects meant for Telangana have sparked a sharp political reaction. BJP MLA from Goshamahal, Raja Singh, hit back at the Chief Minister, questioning his selective outrage and political motives. Raja Singh criticized Revanth Reddy for not raising the issue within the state but choosing to do so during his visit to Delhi. “Why didn’t he say anything when both Revanth Reddy and Kishan Reddy were together at a public event recently in the state? He had the opportunity to question him directly,” Raja Singh said. The BJP MLA also challenged Revanth’s seriousness on the issue, suggesting that if the Chief Minister truly believed Kishan Reddy was blocking Telangana’s development, he should escalate the matter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. “If there is a genuine grievance, why not lodge a formal complaint with the Prime Minister?” he asked. The war of words between the Congress-led state government and the BJP at the Centre appears to be intensifying as Telangana’s development issues are increasingly becoming a political battleground. While Revanth Reddy continues to allege deliberate neglect by the Union government, BJP leaders like Raja Singh are countering those claims as political posturing without substance.



No Funds Even for Diesel Harish Rao Slams Revanth Govt Over Panchayat Crisis

TPN Correspondent | Telangana

Former Minister and senior BRS leader T Harish Rao launched a scathing attack on the Congress-led Telangana government, holding it responsible for the “collapse” of the gram panchayat system due to prolonged non-release of funds. In a strongly worded statement, Harish Rao questioned whether this was the change Chief Minister Revanth Reddy had promised to the people. “You have brought the state to a situation where even garbage tractors cannot be refueled. Petrol pump owners are refusing to fill diesel for sanitation vehicles, and officials are returning keys to the secretaries,” Harish Rao alleged. Highlighting the gravity of the crisis, he said that village governance has been paralyzed for over a year and a half, with no support being extended to panchayat staff or sanitation workers. He stated that panchayats are suffering from lack of basic maintenance, including non-functional street lights, abandoned tractors, and discontinued sanitation operations.



The former minister reminded that under KCR’s leadership, Telangana had 12,941 panchayats, each equipped with a tractor and trolley, making it a model for rural governance in the country. He accused the Congress government of failing to even sustain the systems in place. Harish Rao said, “During our tenure, we released ₹275 crore in GP funds monthly, totaling ₹3,330 crore annually, and an additional ₹1,700 crore for urban sanita-

tion. What has the Congress government done in the past six months?” He also took aim at the government’s failure to pay salaries to gram panchayat employees and sanitation workers, leading to mass leave protests. “The same government that promised salary disbursement on the 1st of every month has defaulted for two months. Panchayat workers are protesting with no support in sight,” he said. He criticized the Congress regime for not conducting sanitation drives like Palle Pragathi and Pattana Pragathi, and instead focusing on internal power struggles. “You camped in Delhi for three days to resolve ministerial portfolios while village administration is in shambles,” Rao said. The BRS party, he said, demands that the Revanth Reddy-led government immediately release pending panchayat funds and restore the collapsing rural administrative system before the situation worsens. “This is not governance. This is abandonment of responsibility,” Rao concluded.

GHMC Raids 60 Sweet Shops Over Hygiene Issues

Unsanitary kitchens, poor labelling and safety violations found

Surprise raids reveal widespread breaches of food safety norms
Notices issued; serious violators to face legal action
GHMC urges all shops to maintain hygiene or face closure

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In a major crackdown on food safety violations, the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) conducted surprise inspections at 60 sweet shops across Hyderabad on Wednesday, June 11. The raids, carried out by the civic body's food safety wing under the orders of the GHMC Commission-

er, exposed several hygiene and regulatory lapses. Each food safety officer was directed to inspect at least five sweet shops within their designated circles. The checks revealed numerous violations of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, and the corresponding Rules and Regulations of 2011. The violations included a lack

of insect-proof mesh on windows, food handlers not wearing hairnets or gloves, greasy exhaust systems, and dirty kitchen floors. Open dustbins and stagnant water in washing areas led to fly infestations and unhygienic conditions. In many shops, the ceilings and walls were found greasy, flaking, and poorly maintained. In addition, many outlets

failed to maintain records such as pest control logs, employee health reports, and water testing documentation. Several shops did not display manufacturing or expiry dates on sweets and savouries, breaching mandatory labelling norms. Poor lighting, dirty utensils, and inadequate drainage systems further added to the concerns. GHMC has started issuing no-



tices to the violating establishments, warning them to address the issues immediately. In cases of severe non-compliance, adjudication cases will be filed with the appropriate authorities, which could lead to penalties or closure of the shops. The civic body has reiterated

its warning to all food business operators to strictly follow hygiene standards, maintain clean cooking environments, and display accurate labels on all food items. GHMC also cautioned that continued negligence would invite stringent legal action, including shutting down of outlets.



GHMC Seals Mangalya Mall for Lacking Occupancy Certificate

Panic among staff as civic body enforces OC rule at RTC X Roads

Action taken under Section 461(A) of GHMC Act

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

In a decisive move, the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) on Wednesday, June 11, sealed Mangalya Shopping Mall at RTC X Roads for running without an Occupancy Certificate (OC) for the past eight months. The enforcement action comes after repeated notices to the management went unheeded. GHMC town planning officials, citing violations under Section 461(A) of the GHMC Act, carried out the seizure, stating that no commercial establishment can operate without proper occupancy clearance, which certifies that the building is safe for use. According to sources, Mangalya Mall had been conducting regular business activities despite lacking the necessary approvals. This prompted GHMC to initiate stringent action in line with its ongoing

efforts to ensure building compliance and safety standards across the city. The sudden sealing of the mall led to chaos among staff and store operators. Several employees expressed concern about their future and job security, stating they were unaware of the legal issues surrounding the building. GHMC officials have clarified that commercial operations without a valid occupancy certificate are illegal and pose serious risks, both structurally and in terms of public safety. The civic body has warned that similar action will be taken against other establishments violating the rules. Officials also urged builders and property owners to obtain all necessary approvals before beginning operations, warning that continued non-compliance would not be tolerated.

ACB Uncovers Lavish Assets of Telangana Engineer

Villas, hotels, Thailand wedding under scanner in irrigation project probe

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The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has unearthed significant illegal wealth in the possession of Telangana irrigation executive engineer Sridhar, who is currently under investigation in connection with financial irregularities in the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project. Raids were carried out on Tuesday, June 10, across 12 locations associated with Sridhar, revealing a staggering level of undisclosed assets and lavish personal expenditure. Sridhar, who is posted in the CAD Division 8 at the SSRSP camp in Choppadandi, Karimnagar district, is alleged to have amassed wealth far beyond his known sources of income. The ACB recovered key evidence including property documents, bank transactions, and other financial records from residences and business premises linked to him. Among the properties discovered are a four-storey house in Malakpet, a 4,500



sq ft luxury flat in SKY HIGH gated community in Shaikpet, a posh villa in Urjit enclave, Tellapur, and a G+3 commercial building in Warangal. He is also reportedly a partner in several hotels in Karimnagar. What raised further eyebrows was Sridhar's extravagant spending on his son's wedding in Thailand, with expenses reportedly running into several crores. ACB officials believe these expenditures and investments point toward deep-rooted corruption, potentially linked to the ongoing investigation into misappropriations in the multi-crore Kaleshwaram project. A formal case has been filed, and officials confirmed that Sridhar is being interrogated to trace the origin of the wealth and to establish links with alleged kickbacks in irrigation contracts. The ACB has not ruled out the possibility of further arrests or expansion of the probe to include officials and contractors associated with the Kaleshwaram project.

Prostitution Racket Busted in Banjara Hills

Six arrested, four women rescued; organiser from Anantapur

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Hyderabad police on Tuesday night busted a prostitution racket being operated from a residential premises in Banjara Hills, arresting six individuals, including the organiser, housekeeping staff, and three customers. Four women who were being forced into sex work were rescued during the operation. The primary accused, Kummetha Narender Reddy, hailing from Anantapur district of Andhra Pradesh, was running the brothel from the premises. Police said Reddy acted as the organiser, arranging clients for women through mobile communication and charging them between Rs 4,000 and Rs 5,000 per session. He was assisted in the operations by two housekeeping staffers — Anand Kumar and Rahul Kumar. The customers caught at the spot were identified as V Ayyan Kodiswaran, a businessman from Sivakasi (Tamil Nadu), Ushkelwar Srinivas, a gumastha from Nizamabad, and R Narender Kumar, a businessman from Champapet. Acting on a tip-off, the Commissioner's Task Force, West Zone team, along with Banjara Hills police, raid-



ed the premises around 9:30 pm on June 10. During the raid, authorities recovered Rs 26,500 in cash and seven mobile phones used in the illicit operation. Police confirmed that the women involved were being paid fixed salaries and their services were facilitated through a network maintained by the accused. A case has been registered and further investigation is underway to trace others possibly involved in the trafficking and exploitation racket.

Deputy Mayor Flags Off Pre-Monsoon Sanitation Drive in Hyderabad



TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

Ahead of the rainy season, Greater Hyderabad Deputy Mayor M Srilatha Shobhan Reddy launched a pre-monsoon sanitation

drive on Wednesday, June 11, by flagging off special sanitation vehicles from her office in Tarnaka. Addressing officials and participants at the event, she highlighted

the significance of maintaining hygiene during the monsoon to safeguard public health. "Sanitation is crucial to protect public health. Key measures such as preventing water stagnation and mosquito control are integral parts of this special drive," the deputy mayor said. The initiative aims to tackle potential sanitation challenges posed by heavy rains, such as waterlogging and mosquito-borne diseases. She called on residents to actively support cleanliness efforts by avoiding prac-

tices that lead to stagnant water accumulation. Telangana Town Unions Confederation (TTUC) president Shoban Reddy echoed the call for citizen participation. "It is the duty of every citizen to contribute to cleanliness and avoid water stagnation during monsoons," he stated. The launch event saw participation from local representatives, GHMC officials, and sanitation workers. The drive is expected to continue over the coming weeks across key urban areas of Hyderabad.

Medical Shop Raided in Hyderabad, Illegal Drugs Worth ₹25,000 Seized

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

The Telangana Drugs Control Administration (DCA) on Tuesday, June 10, conducted a surprise raid on a medical shop in Zamistanpur, Musheerabad, and seized unauthorised medicines worth ₹25,000. Acting on a tip-off, the officials found that the store — New Al-Shifa Medical and General Stores — was operating without a valid drug licence. Mohd Saddam Hussain, who was running the store, had stocked and was allegedly selling various unapproved medicines without proper authorisation. The seized stock included 35 different types of medicines, such as antibiotics, abortion kits, and habit-forming substances like Alprazolam and Tramadol tablets, along with IV fluids. DCA officials confirmed that the establishment violated several provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act. A case has been registered and the investigation is ongoing to determine the full extent of the illegal operations.



The DCA has sent the seized drugs for laboratory testing and reiterated its appeal to the public to report any suspicious medical activity or sales of unlicensed drugs.

Free Sand for Indiramma Housing Beneficiaries: Minister Ponguleti

TPN Correspondent | Mulugu
Telangana Revenue, Housing, and Information & Public Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy announced that beneficiaries of the Indiramma Housing Scheme will be provided sand free of cost for the construction of their homes. He stated that the responsibility of distributing the free sand coupons will lie with the district collectors. On Wednesday, the minister, along with Minister Seethakka, distributed approval documents to beneficiaries of the Indiramma Housing Scheme in Incherla village of Mulugu mandal, Mulugu district. Speaking on the occasion, Ponguleti mentioned that 3,500 houses have been sanctioned



for the Mulugu constituency, along with an additional 1,500 houses under the ITDA (Integrated Tribal Development Agency) limits. He further

announced that, responding to Minister Seethakka's request, another 1,000 Indiramma houses are being specially sanctioned. He stated that if

the beneficiaries begin house construction within the next 10-15 days, funds will be released to them every Monday. He also stated that forest officials will be instructed to allow residents living in small make-shift homes within forest areas to construct Indiramma houses at the same locations. Additionally, based on Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's directive, 10,000 houses have been sanctioned specifically for the Chenchu tribal community.

Past and Future of Indiramma Housing:

Ponguleti hailed the Indiramma government as synonymous with Indiramma Housing. He recalled that during the nine-year rule of the previous

Congress government, 25.5 lakh houses were distributed to the poor. In contrast, he criticized the BRS government, which held power for two terms, for sanctioning only 92,000 houses and completing just 60,000 of them, of which over 30,000 were left incomplete with only walls standing. He also alleged that contractors were not paid for their work under the previous regime.

Target of 20 Lakh Houses in Four Years:

The minister assured that there are at least 60 eligible beneficiaries for Indiramma houses in every village, and currently, only about 25 houses per village can be sanctioned. However, he promised that all eligible fam-

ilies will be provided houses in the future.

He announced that the state government has set a target to construct 20 lakh houses with a budget of ₹22,500 crore over the next four years. Ponguleti urged people to observe the welfare schemes being implemented by the Congress government and support it in the upcoming local body elections. On the issue of Bhoobharathi (land records), Ponguleti pointed out that during the previous government, farmers had to run from pillar to post for resolution of land issues. Now, however, revenue officials are proactively reaching out to the people to resolve their problems.

Egg Biryani Welcomes Children Back to Anganwadi Centres in Telangana

State sees historic change as Anganwadis reopen with new menu

TPN Correspondent | Telangana

In a first-of-its-kind initiative, Anganwadi centres across Telangana reopened on Wednesday with a festive welcome and a delicious surprise for children — egg biryani. Following the directives of Women and Child Welfare Minister Dr. Dhanasari Anasuya Seethakka, Anganwadi staff served egg biryani to the children on the first day as part of a special menu planned under the “Minister’s Lunch.” The initiative, hailed as a historic move in the state’s Anganwadi system, aims to improve both the nutritional intake and attendance of children. Teachers and helpers welcomed children with warmth and enthusiasm after the summer break, with egg biryani receiving an overwhelmingly joyful response from the young attendees. The Telangana government has



changed its earlier practice of providing repetitive meals and has introduced a diverse menu aimed at catering to the taste preferences of children. Officials believe that offering variety in meals, such as egg biryani, can boost enrolments and strengthen the bond between Anganwadi centres and the communities they serve.

The State Commission for Protection of Child Rights Chairperson Seetha Day-

akar Reddy, along with commission members, visited several Anganwadi centres on reopening day to inspect the arrangements and food quality. They expressed satisfaction with the food and services being provided and lauded the government’s proactive steps in improving Anganwadi facilities. The Commission observed that efforts like providing nutritious, tasty meals, toys, games, and quality early education are gradually earning the trust of both children and parents. The government continues to focus on holistic child development through its strengthened Anganwadi network. Officials expect this move to set a new precedent for government-run child care centres, combining care, education, and nutrition in a way that appeals directly to young minds and their families.

Minister Ponnam Provides ₹2 Lakh Aid to Families of Deceased BRS Supporters

Two men died en route to BRS Silver Jubilee celebrations in April

TPN Correspondent | Siddipet

Minister for Civil Supplies and BC Welfare, Ponnam Prabhakar, extended financial assistance of ₹2 lakh each to the families of Tadem Saraiah and Bandoju Ganesh, who tragically died after being hit by a vehicle on their way to the BRS Silver Jubilee Celebrations at Elkathurthi on April 27. The deceased, both from Baswapur village in Husnabad constituency, were active participants in political programs and were en route to

attend the BRS event when the fatal accident occurred. Minister Ponnam, who had earlier promised to support the grieving families, visited their residences on Wednesday and handed over the aid. He also assured that the children’s education expenses would be taken care of and added that he would continue to stand by the families during difficult times. Recognizing that the families lacked stable housing, the Minister said efforts would be made to support them comprehensively. The



gesture was received with families and the local community.

11-Year-Old Girl Dies in Tragic Rotavator Accident in Chevella

TPN Correspondent | Ranga Reddy

An 11-year-old girl named Akshitha tragically lost her life after accidentally falling into a rotavator in Thanagadapalli village of Chevella mandal, Ranga Reddy district, on Wednesday. According to local reports, Akshitha had come to visit her grandfather’s mango orchard in the village. Her uncle and another relative, Raju, were operating a rotavator on the farm while she and her younger brother were sitting atop the tractor. In a devastating turn of events, Akshitha reportedly lost balance and fell off the vehicle, getting caught in the rotating blades of the ro-



tavator.

Akshitha, a student of Bhashyam School in Vikarabad, had just completed her 6th grade and was set to begin 7th grade in the new academic year. Her parents, Sanjeev Kumar and Kalavathi, run a barber shop in Vikarabad town. They had brought her to the village to visit family. Her body was immediately taken to Chevella Government Hospital. The incident has left the local community in shock and mourning. Police have registered a case and initiated an investigation into the circumstances leading to the accident. Further details are awaited.

Police must act responsibly in delivering justice to victims: SP Rohit Raju



TPN Correspondent | Kothagudem

District Superintendent of Police Rohit Raju, IPS, visited Bhadrachalam Police Station on Wednesday and issued a strong directive to officers, emphasizing the need for firm action against individuals disrupting peace and public security.

During his inspection, the SP reviewed the station premises and suggested that cleanliness be maintained consistently. He stressed the importance of responsible policing, urging the staff to provide justice to victims who approach the police with grievances.

The SP reviewed several case files and instructed the officers to prioritize the swift resolution of pending cases. “People approach the police with faith. It is our duty to respond

promptly and justly,” he said.

He also inquired about the challenges faced by the police personnel at the station and assured them of necessary support. In particular, he highlighted the growing threat of cybercrimes and instructed officers to regularly alert the public and conduct awareness programs to prevent such crimes.

The visit reflects the SP’s commitment to improving police efficiency and public trust, while reinforcing discipline and accountability within the department.

Additional SP (Operations) G. Narendar, Bhadrachalam ASP Vikrant Kumar Singh IPS, Inspector Nagaraju, SSPs Swapna, Ramakrishna, Shyam Prasad, and other police staff participated in the inspection.

BJP OBC Morcha Submits Petition Over Issues in BC Gurukuls

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On the eve of educational institutions reopening across Telangana on June 12, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) OBC Morcha State President Gandha Malla Anand Goud led a delegation that submitted a petition to the Secretary, highlighting critical issues faced by students in over 300 BC Gurukul schools and colleges across the state.

The petition raised strong concerns about the poor sanitary conditions, lack of adequate toilet and bathroom facilities, substandard food quality, and insufficient health safeguards in these institutions. The delegation stressed the urgent need for the state government to take steps to ensure a clean and safe environment for students, especially with the new aca-

ademic year beginning tomorrow.

The memorandum also demanded that BC Gurukul institutions be upgraded to meet basic daily needs along with educational standards, underlining the importance of holistic development and student well-being. Several BJP state leaders, including Sanjay Ganate, Pyarasani Venkatesh, Jakkali Raju, Enuganti Raju Neta, Sarath Thakur, Shankarrolla Ravi, Raju Yadav, G. Mallesh, and Sandeep, accompanied Anand Goud in submitting the petition.

The BJP OBC Morcha called on the Telangana government to treat this matter with utmost urgency, emphasizing that the future of thousands of BC students depends on the swift resolution of these long-standing issues.



Is America Still the Dream for Indian Students? A Shifting Reality

For decades, the United States has been the gold standard for higher education, especially for Indian students. Icons like Sundar Pichai, Indra Nooyi, Raghuram Rajan, and Amartya Sen all honed their intellects at prestigious American universities, eventually rising to global leadership roles. American institutions such as MIT, Stanford, and Harvard not only provided academic excellence but also symbolized intellectual freedom and opportunity.

But in 2025, that image is beginning to crack. Recent political developments—especially under Donald Trump’s administration—have placed American academia under pressure. Institutions like Harvard and Columbia are facing political backlash for their perceived liberal values and student protests, particularly over issues like Gaza and racial equity. Trump’s aggressive stance, which includes freezing student visa interview appointments and scrutinizing applicants’ social media history, is sending shockwaves through the international student community, including in India.

These changes are more than just bu-



reaucratic hurdles. For Indian families who meticulously plan and invest in U.S. education, the uncertainty

is causing anxiety and disappointment. Many now wonder whether the dream of an American degree is still

worth the risk and expense.

Data already shows a shift: Indian

student enrolment in the U.S. has reportedly dropped by 28% in 2025. Alternatives like the UK, Australia, Canada, and even Germany are gaining traction. These countries offer high-quality education without the current political hostility that seems to plague American campuses.

The irony is stark: while Indian students have contributed immensely to U.S. research, technology, and economics, they are now being viewed with suspicion. America’s academic institutions, long admired for openness and innovation, risk losing their edge by turning inward.

However, this disruption also presents an opportunity for India. With institutions like the IITs, IIMs, and emerging private universities, India can position itself as a new hub for global education. By focusing on research investment, policy reform, and academic freedom, India could not only retain its own talent but also attract students from around the world disillusioned with America’s shifting priorities.

The tide is turning. The question now is: will India rise to meet it?

No, India Is Not Israel and Pakistan Is Not Palestine: Why the Analogy Fails

In recent years—and especially after the April 2022 Pahalgam terror attack—many commentators have lazily drawn parallels between the India-Pakistan conflict and the Israel-Palestine issue. Social media and even academic circles have promoted the narrative that India is acting like Israel while Pakistan mirrors Palestine. However, this comparison is deeply flawed and distorts both regional and geopolitical realities.

Unlike the Israel-Palestine conflict—which involves a militarized state controlling a stateless people under occupation—the India-Pakistan conflict is between two sovereign nations with clearly defined, internationally recognized borders. Pakistan’s framing of Kashmir as “Palestine” ignores decades of its own state-sponsored terrorism, from Punjab to Jammu & Kashmir and even India’s Northeast. Unlike the occupied Palestinians, Pakistan is not stateless—it is a nation that has repeatedly used proxy groups to destabilize India.

This misleading analogy also dilutes the Palestinian struggle for dignity, freedom, and statehood. While Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank live under military occupation with severe restrictions on basic rights, Pakistan continues to shelter militant groups and enforce religious discrimination through state institutions. This includes constitutional discrimination against Ahmadiyyas and systematic targeting of Shia communities—actions that reflect state complicity, not victimhood.

In contrast, India, despite facing internal religious tensions, remains a functioning democracy where Muslims, though under social and political strain, maintain legal protections, cultural institutions, and political representation. Leaders like APJ Abdul Kalam and current opposition figures such as Asaduddin Owaisi and Salman Khurshid have held key roles in governance and international diplomacy—something nearly unimaginable for religious minorities in Pakistan.

The analogy also misrepresents India’s counter-terror strategy. India has consistently differentiated between the people of Pakistan and its military-intelligence complex that supports terrorism. Its policies are driven by national security, not collective punishment. On the other hand, Israel’s responses to Palestinian resistance—such as bombings and blockades—are often seen as disproportionate, drawing global criticism.

Furthermore, India has long supported the Palestinian cause at the UN, even while deepening strategic ties with Israel. Unlike Israel’s occupation model, India does not suppress a stateless people—it defends its sovereignty against cross-border threats.

To equate India with Israel and Pakistan with Palestine is not only inaccurate but dangerously oversimplified. It undermines nuanced diplomacy, weakens India’s global standing, and trivializes the real struggles of Palestinians.

What Mumbai’s Recent Floods Reveal About Our Climate Future



The recent flooding of Mumbai’s brand-new Acharya Atre station on Metro Line 3, caused by 90 mm of rain in just 90 minutes on May 27, highlighted a troubling reality: extreme weather events are growing more intense and unpredictable. Despite being a state-of-the-art facility, the station was overwhelmed when water surged in from storm drains combined with high tide, flooding concourses and tracks, and forcing a temporary shutdown. This event, described by Mumbai Metro chief Ashwini Bhide as “unprecedented” and “overwhelming,” is a stark reminder that our infrastructure is struggling to cope with climate change-driven weather extremes.

Simultaneously, a glacier collapse in Switzerland triggered a mudslide causing a minor earthquake, showing that these powerful natural disasters are a global phenomenon. The usual forecasting models and data-driven predictions are proving inadequate in the face of increasingly erratic climate patterns. The monsoon in India arrived a full week early in 2025, leading to the third wettest May in 125 years. Such shifts have disrupted industries—cooling product sales slumped, and manufacturers had to adjust production, showing how climate unpredictability can ripple through economies.

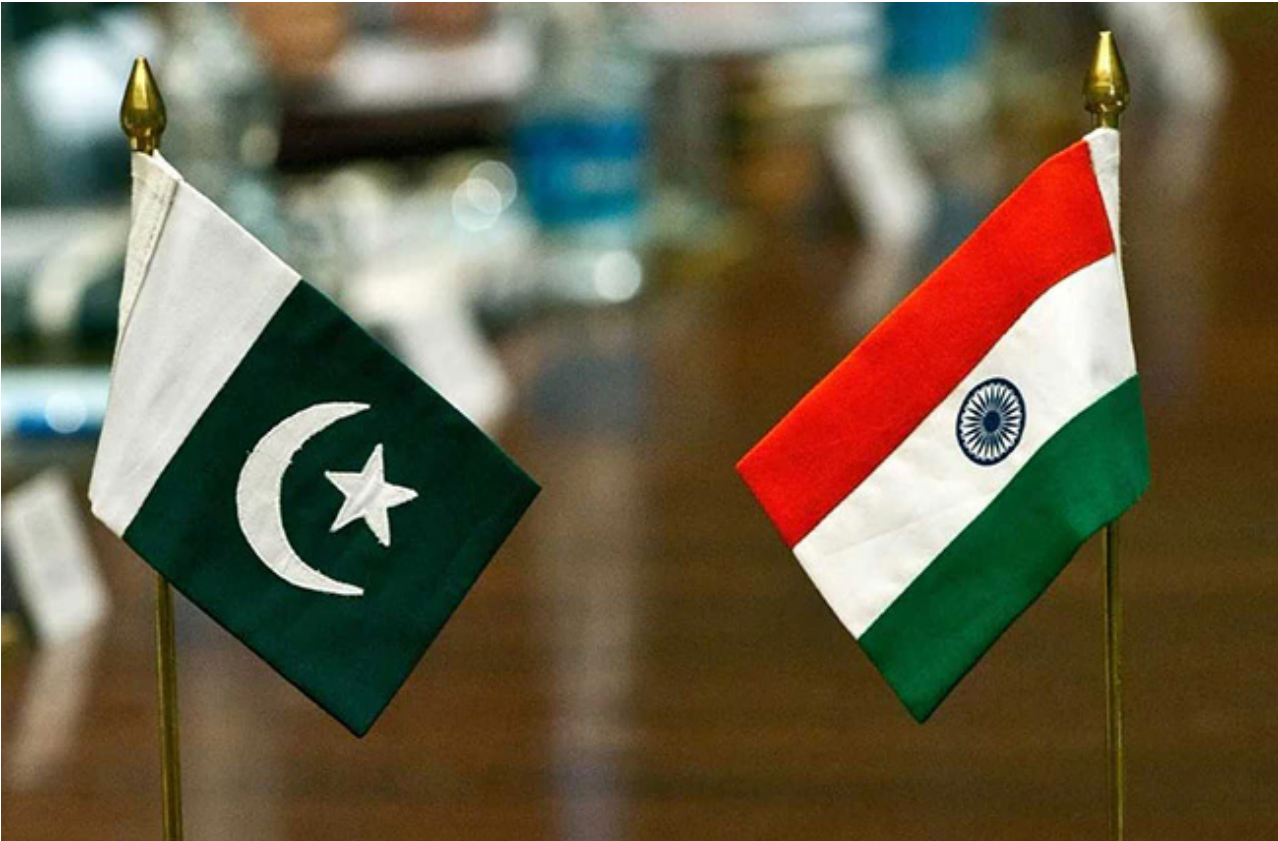
Scientists have long warned about the limits of Earth’s “planetary boundaries”—the critical processes needed to maintain a stable climate and ecosystem balance. A 2024 report by Johan Rockström and colleagues revealed that six of nine planetary boundaries, including freshwater availability, biodiversity, land use, and climate, have already been crossed, pushing the Earth dangerously close to irreversible damage.

With weather patterns becoming more chaotic and forecasting less reliable, developing countries like India face tough challenges. One promising solution is climate risk insurance. However, India’s insurance penetration remains low, with just 3.7% of the population insured in 2023-24, partly due to cultural resistance and economic constraints. Climate insurance, if structured as a public good with government support and tied to sustainability commitments—such as communities adopting eco-friendly practices—could mitigate some risks.

Currently, India offers crop insurance through schemes like Fasal Bima Yojana and some parametric insurance for farmers, but broader coverage for businesses is limited. Kerala’s government-backed insurance for MSMEs is a start, but lacks incentives for climate-conscious practices. A nationwide insurance program that rewards companies for ecological stewardship—such as protecting natural water bodies or innovating sustainable technologies—could encourage resilience while lowering costs.

Financial innovations like catastrophe bonds (CAT bonds) could also play a role. These bonds, which transfer disaster risks to investors, help insurers manage large payouts from extreme events without overburdening taxpayers. The global CAT bond market reached \$50 billion in 2024, offering attractive returns while spreading risk—making it a growing tool in climate finance.

Mumbai’s floods are a warning: climate change is no longer a distant threat but a present reality demanding urgent, innovative solutions in urban planning, risk management, and public policy to protect lives and livelihoods in an unpredictable future.



India’s rapidly expanding infrastructure network boosting ‘Ease of Living’: PM Modi

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi marked what he called “11 Years of Infrastructure Revolution,” emphasizing the transformative impact of India’s rapidly growing infrastructure network. In a post on social media platform X, PM Modi stated, “It’s been #11YearsOfInfraRevo-lution, with outstanding infra-structure being added that has enhanced India’s growth trajec-tory.”

Highlighting key developments across sectors like railways, highways, ports, and airports, Modi underscored how these advancements are improving the ‘Ease of Living’ and fueling economic prosperity. The Prime Minister reshared a detailed thread originally posted by the government’s citizen engage-ment platform, MyGovIndia, showcasing the country’s infra-structure achievements under



his leadership.

“Smart Cities. Safer Roads. Smoother Commutes — #New-India’s Infrastructure Promise. India’s infrastructure is racing into the future under PM @na-rendramodi’s leadership,” read the MyGovIndia post. It praised

the government’s commitment to modernization and connec-tivity, noting that India’s in-frastructure transformation is more than physical change — it is a symbol of national am-bition.

The post described the journey

as one where “steel and spir-it merge,” with infrastructure projects serving as milestones of hope for the country’s 1.4 bil-lion citizens. Whether it’s high-ways that reduce travel time, bridges connecting remote re-gions, or digital networks fos-tering innovation, each devel-opment is seen as a building block of a stronger, more confi-dent India.

In a separate message, PM Modi emphasized the importance of sustainable, forward-think-ing development. “India’s push for next-gen infrastructure is powered by sustainability and long-term vision. It is laying the foundations of a self-reliant India,” he wrote. The government continues to promote infrastructure as a key pillar of its development strat-egy, backed by major invest-ments and a future-ready vision aimed at inclusive growth and national transformation.



Govind Raghuvanshi Consoles Raja’s Mother Demands Justice in Meghalaya Honeymoon Murder Case

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In the wake of the tragic Meghalaya honeymoon murder case, Govind Raghuvanshi, brother of the accused Sonam Raghuvanshi, visited the grieving family of Raja Raghuvanshi in Indore to offer his condolences and support. Raja, who was on his honeymoon with Sonam, was found dead in a gorge near Sohra, close to Cherrapunji, on June 2. His wife Sonam, who later went missing, was located in Uttar Pradesh and taken into custody by the Meghalaya police. She is currently under interrogation. Speaking to reporters, Govind made a strong statement: “If Sonam is guilty, she should be hanged.” He emphasized that his family has com-pletely disowned Sonam and expressed their commitment to fight for justice on behalf of Raja.

Govind also revealed that their parents, after learning the details of the case, have chosen to sever ties with Sonam. “My parents didn’t know anything before, but now they have accepted the truth. We all stand with Raja’s family,” he said. He further claimed to be fully convinced of his sister’s guilt based on the evidence presented so far. “I am 100 per cent sure she committed this crime. All those accused are linked to Raj Kushwaha, who is allegedly Sonam’s boyfriend,” Gov-ind alleged.

Vowing to pursue legal action, he stated, “We will appoint a lawyer and ensure Sonam faces the consequences of her actions.” This case has shocked many, with Raja’s death turning what was meant to be a romantic getaway into a national tragedy. As investigations continue, Govind has taken a public stand for justice, distancing his family from the accused and aligning himself with the bereaved family of Raja Raghuvanshi.

Cabinet Approves ₹6,405 Crore Rail Doubling Projects in Jharkhand, Karnataka, and AP

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The Cabinet Com-mittee on Econom-ic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved two major railway doubling projects worth ₹6,405 crore to boost freight mo-bility and improve rail connectivity in key regions of India. These initiatives, under the Ministry of Railways, are aligned with the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan for multimodal connectivity.



1. Koderma–Barkakana Doubling (133 km), Jharkhand

This railway section runs through the coal-rich belt of Jharkhand and is a vital connector between Patna and Ranchi. Covering Koderma, Chatra, Hazaribagh, and Ramgarh districts, the project will improve access for 938 villages and benefit ap-proximately 1.5 million people.

Infrastructure includes 17 large bridges, 180 small bridges, 42 road overbridges (ROBs), and 13 road underbridges (RUBs). The line is projected to handle an additional 30.4 million tonnes of freight annually. It is expected to cut carbon dioxide emissions by 1,630 million kg per year—equivalent to planting 70 million trees—and save 320 million litres of diesel.

2. Ballari–Chikjajur Doubling (185 km), Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh

Spanning Ballari and Chitradurga districts in Karnataka and reaching into Anantapur district in Andhra Pradesh, this line is strategically important for freight movement between Mangal-uru Port and Secunderabad.

The 185-km project includes 19 stations, 29 major bridges, 230 minor bridges, 21 ROBs, and 85 RUBs. It will support the transport of essential goods like iron ore, coal, steel, fertilisers, and petroleum. Around 470 villages and 1.3 million people will benefit from im-proved connectivity. Expected freight capacity increase: 18.9 million tonnes per year. Environmental benefits include a reduction of 1.01 billion kg of CO₂ emissions and a saving of 200 million litres of diesel, equiv-alent to planting 40 million trees.

Laxman Singh, Brother of Digvijaya Singh, Expelled from Congress for Anti-Party Activities

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Indore, Madhya Pradesh – The Indian National Congress on Wednesday expelled former MLA Laxman Singh, brother of veter-an party leader Digvijaya Singh, citing anti-party activities. The decision was announced by Congress Disciplinary Action Committee member Tariq An-war, who confirmed Singh’s re-moval from the party’s primary membership for six years with immediate effect.



party leadership.

The final straw reportedly came after Singh made inflammatory comments during a recent ter-ror attack in Pahalgam. He pub-licly criticized Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and businessman Robert Vadra, labeling them as “immature” and blaming their “lack of leadership” for nation-

al setbacks. In a statement that sparked outrage within party ranks, Singh called Rahul Gand-hi a “naive leader” who had damaged the party’s credibility.

The Congress leadership viewed these remarks as a serious breach of party discipline, par-ticularly at a time when unity is essential ahead of upcoming

state and national elections.

Additionally, Singh has pre-viously stirred controversy by accusing former Jammu & Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah of having alleged links with terrorists during the In-dia-Pakistan conflict — another move that embarrassed the Congress party, which has his-torically supported democratic leadership in the region.

This is not Laxman Singh’s first departure from the Congress. Over the years, he has switched political allegiances, including a brief stint with the BJP, before returning to Congress. His expulsion highlights the Congress party’s tightening stance on internal dissent and its focus on reinforcing party discipline ahead of key electoral battles.

Telangana : Rice Bowl Of India

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Telangana has achieved a major success in agriculture by becom-ing the top rice-producing state in India. In the year 2024-25, the state produced 183.57 lakh tonnes of paddy, breaking its own previous record of 168.75 lakh tonnes in 2023–24. This remarkable growth has been made possible due to good weather, timely support from the Congress government, and uninterrupted free electricity to farmers.

State had aimed to produce 269.37 lakh tonnes of crops during the rainy and summer seasons, but it went beyond the target by producing 297.79 lakh tonnes. This means Telangana produced 28.42 lakh tonnes more than ex-pected. Among the major crops, paddy production stood at 274.99 lakh tonnes, maize at 35.05 lakh tonnes, and sorghum at 3.32 lakh tonnes, all of which exceeded their targets.

Earlier, leaders from the BRS party claimed that farmers were struggling under the Congress government due to lack of elec-tricity and water. They also said that agriculture had flourished only under BRS rule and that farmers had stopped farming af-ter the Congress came to power. However, the record harvest this year clearly proves these claims wrong.



Currently, farmers in Telan-gana are cultivating around 29 lakh acres using borewells. The government has been supply-ing free and continuous elec-tricity to these borewells, which has played a big role in increas-ing crop production. On March 20, 2025, Telangana recorded its highest-ever electricity demand of 17,162 megawatts, which the government managed without any power cuts. This shows that farmers had the support they needed for farming.

Back in 2014, the number of ag-ricultural borewells in the state was only 18 lakh, but that number has now grown to 29 lakh. Along with this, good rainfall helped fill the irrigation projects. While the BRS party earlier credited the Kaleshwaram project for farming success, the recent results show that even without its full use, the state has achieved record yields. This proves that the project was not the only reason behind agri-

cultural growth.

With such a large rice production, Telangana has started exporting rice to other countries. In the first phase, 12,500 metric tonnes of rice were exported to the Philippines. The Philippines has now agreed to import 8 lakh metric tonnes of rice from Telangana every year.

The Congress government has also encouraged farmers by of-fering a bonus of ₹500 per quin-tal for fine paddy. Because of this, many farmers have chosen to grow more rice. In the last rainy season, the government paid ₹1206.44 crore as bonus to farm-ers. This gave them extra income of more than ₹20,000 per acre for two crop seasons. Along with this, the government provided fertilizers and seeds on time. By delivering seeds directly to farm-ers’ homes at low prices, it helped them sow crops without delay.

The state also saw a big jump in



Sagar Vanaparthi, Sr Journalist.

paddy procurement. While the BRS government bought only 36.63 lakh tonnes of paddy during the 2022–23 rabi season, the Con-gress government purchased 60.61 lakh tonnes in the same season this year. That is nearly 20 lakh tonnes more. Despite this, BRS leaders are still spreading false claims that the government is not buying paddy.

For many years, Punjab held the top spot in rice production in In-dia. But now Telangana has over-taken Punjab and has become the new leader in paddy output. Following Telangana are Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, and Pun-jab. The Telangana government has also given the highest share of its budget to agriculture. This is helping not just the farming sec-tor, but also the development of villages and rural communities.

"Went Too Far": Elon Musk Says He "Regrets" His Posts About Donald Trump

TPN Correspondent | Washington

Billionaire Elon Musk has expressed regret over some of his recent social media posts targeting former US President Donald Trump, just days after a public fallout between the two. Musk acknowledged on Twitter, “I regret some of my posts about President @realDonaldTrump last week. They went too far.”

The dispute began when Musk harshly criticized a key spending bill championed by the Trump administration, describing it as a “disgusting abomination.” He also urged political action against Republican lawmakers who supported the legislation, a move that drew sharp attention from the White House.

Trump responded sternly during an interview with NBC News, warning Musk of “very serious consequences” if he tried to back primary challengers against incumbent Republicans. The former president made it clear he had no interest in reconciling, stating, “I have no intention of speaking to him.”

Just a week prior, Trump had praised Musk’s work as head of the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), an advisory body created to streamline federal spend-



ing. Musk resigned from the role shortly after, citing fundamental disagreements over government budget priorities.

Tensions escalated when Musk made incendiary claims linking Trump to the late financier Jeffrey Epstein, whose death in custody in 2019 raised many questions. Musk asserted that unreleased “Epstein files” implicated Trump, suggesting the documents were being suppressed. However, Musk provided no evidence, and the posts were later deleted without explana-

tion. Trump dismissed the allegations as “old news” and reiterated his denial of any involvement in Epstein’s illegal activities. Publicly available documents have not accused Trump of wrongdoing, though he has admitted to a social acquaintance with Epstein.

The feud underscores the volatile relationship between Musk and Trump, highlighting deep political divides and personal animosities.



Food Aid Remains Vital Lifeline for Millions in Crisis-Hit Afghanistan: WFP

The World Food Programme (WFP) has highlighted that food assistance continues to be the only lifeline for millions of Afghans struggling with severe hunger amid ongoing crises, according to a report by Khaama Press. In a statement posted on June 10 on social media platform X, WFP emphasized the urgent need for sustained support to vulnerable communities across Afghanistan. Despite challenging conditions, including difficult terrain and remote mountainous regions, WFP teams persist in delivering life-saving food supplies to those most in need. “For many Afghans facing hunger, this food is their only hope of survival,” the agency stressed.

However, a significant drop in funding has drastically impacted WFP’s operations in the country. The organization, which has played a crucial role in preventing famine over recent years, has been forced to scale back its services substantially, raising fears over the worsening humanitarian situation. Currently, more than 23 million people in Afghanistan face acute food insecurity due to prolonged conflict, economic collapse, and climate-related disasters. The country continues to grapple with economic hardships under the Taliban regime, including high unemployment, soaring food prices, and reduced international aid.

Millions of families, especially in rural and hard-to-reach areas, remain heavily reliant on humanitarian assistance to survive. WFP and other aid organizations have consistently called on the international community to increase financial contributions to sustain relief efforts. WFP has issued a stark warning that without immediate and increased funding, the lives of many more Afghans could be at risk in the coming months. Humanitarian groups urge global donors not to abandon Afghanistan’s most vulnerable populations, stressing that even a single truckload of food can be a matter of life and death for many families.

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

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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 im-



migration enforcement efforts. Governor Newsom condemned this move as fulfilling “the deranged fantasy of a dictatorial president” and called it “an unmistakable step toward authoritarianism,” 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.

Los Angeles Mayor Imposes Curfew on Downtown Amid Rising Nighttime Violence

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Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass imposed a curfew on downtown Los Angeles on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, in response to a surge in nighttime violence, vandalism, and looting. The curfew, aimed at protecting lives and property, runs nightly from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. and covers a one-square-mile area where protests and unrest have occurred since Friday.

Mayor Bass declared a local emergency, citing that the city had “reached a tipping point” after 23 businesses were looted in recent days. The curfew exempts residents living in the affected zone, homeless individuals, accredited media, and emergency personnel, according to Los Angeles Police Chief Jim McDonnell.

Chief McDonnell emphasized that the escalating “unlawful and dangerous behavior” since Saturday necessitated the curfew to safeguard the community amid growing unrest throughout the city. The situation intensified as National Guard troops expanded their role beyond protecting federal property to supporting immigration enforcement operations in Los Angeles.

Photos released by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) showed National Guard members providing security during arrests, signaling a closer involve-



ment in law enforcement activities such as deportations. Although the Guard has limited arrest authority, it assists with transportation and can temporarily detain individuals attacking officers.

California Governor Gavin Newsom has strongly opposed the deployment of nearly 4,000 National Guard troops and 700 Marines ordered by President Donald Trump, arguing it would escalate tensions and fuel civil unrest. Newsom filed an emergency court request seeking to block their involvement in immigration raids.

Meanwhile, Marine Corps officials clarified that Marines are currently tasked only with protecting federal officials and property, without direct involvement in protests or arrests. Despite the heavy military presence, the Marines have yet to be deployed on the streets, and the National Guard’s engagement with protesters remains limited. The curfew and increased military presence highlight ongoing tensions in Los Angeles amid clashes over immigration enforcement and public order.

Markets Close with Moderate Gains Amid Volatility; IT, Pharma Lead Rally, Nifty Holds Above 25,100

Domestic stock markets witnessed sharp fluctuations on Wednesday. Benchmark indices ended with moderate gains today. The indices, which started with huge gains due to mixed signals from global markets, suddenly collapsed after noon. This is due to investors selling shares of the respective sectors due to high valuations and taking profits. IT and pharma shares rose due to the fall in the dollar and the possibility of a conclusion of the trade tariffs between the US and China. Auto shares rose due to good monthly sales. It is noteworthy that Nifty gained 37 points and Sensex gained 123 points.

The BSE Sensex, which closed at 82,391 in the previous session, opened at 82,473 on Wednesday. It touched an intraday low at 82,308. It reached an intraday high at 82,783. It finally closed at 82,515 with a gain of 123 points. The NSE Nifty, which opened at 25,134, reached a low of 25,081 and a high of 25,222. It rose 37 points to close at 25,141. The Nifty Bank fell 169 points to settle at 56,459.

In the Nifty50, 28 companies gained and 22 lost. HCL, Tech, Infosys, Tech Mahindra, Bajaj Auto, ONGC were the top gainers. Shriram Finance, Power Grid, Adani Enterprises, Adani Ports, BEL lost the most. Oil, IT, Pharma, Commodities, Energy, Infra, Healthcare, Auto, PSE, Realty indices rose. PSU Bank, FMCG, MNC, Bank, Finance, CPSE, Private Bank, Metal, Media indices rose.

Market breadth turned in favor of buyers on NSE today. Out of 2995 stocks traded, 1608 gained and 1304



lost. 76 shares reached 52-week highs and 21 shares reached 52-week lows. 131 touched the upper circuit and 37 touched the lower circuit.

The cabinet gave the green signal to two multi-tracking railway projects covering seven districts. The rupee settled at 85.51 against the dollar. Centrum Broking downgraded Max Financial from Buy with a target price of Rs. 1565. It is noteworthy that Kotak Institutional has given a buy rating to Inter Globe Aviation with a target price of Rs 6700. 10 lakh shares changed hands in ITC. Defense stocks like Garden Reach and Mazdak fell today on the back of profit book. Sebi has given permission certificate to Jio BlackRock to act as an investment advisor. IIFL Finance will raise Rs 600 crore through the issue of non-convertible debentures. 18.05 crore shares worth Rs 4675 crore



changed hands in Wipro at Rs 259 each. Information is that the NSDL IPO worth Rs 3400 crore may come in July. The World Bank has warned that the global economy will be damaged due to Trump tariffs and US growth will fall. Shares of other wine companies, including GM Breweries and Sula Wines, rose up to 19% in the wake of price hikes in Maharashtra.

Biocon Ltd.

A leading biopharmaceutical company focusing on biosimilars, novel biologics, and research services. Strengths include an efficient cash conversion cycle, healthy liquidity, and high promoter holding (60.64%). However, it has shown poor profit and revenue growth over the past three years. Management is looking towards mid-teens revenue growth driven by biosimilars and generics. There's also a



potential evaluation of a merger with its subsidiary Biologics. Analyst ratings are mixed, with a majority recommending "buy" or "strong buy."

JK Cement Ltd.



A major player in the Indian cement industry, known for both grey and white cement production. The stock is currently considered "Expensive." Key strengths include good revenue growth over the past three years (19.94%), an efficient cash conversion cycle, and good cash flow management. The company is strategically expanding its capacity with projects like Panna Expansion and Bihar Grinding Unit expected to be operational by late 2025/early 2026, aiming for 50 MTPA production by 2030. Strong cement demand and better realizations are expected to support continued growth.

PNC Infratech Ltd.

An infrastructure development company primarily focused on roads and highways. Despite the soft performance, PNC's order book remains robust at around ₹17,800 crore (including L1 positions), translating to a healthy book-to-bill ratio of 3.5 times. The company has also made progress on asset monetization, selling ten HAM road projects for approximately ₹1,830 crore. Analysts maintain a mixed view, with some citing attrac-



tive valuations and a bright growth outlook driven by increased infrastructure spending, while others remain cautious due to soft operating trends.

Ajanta Pharma Ltd.

A pharmaceutical company specializing in branded generics across various therapeutic segments. The India business grew by 13% in Q4 FY25 and 11% for the full year, outperforming the Indian pharmaceutical market. The US business saw 25% growth in Q4 and 9% for FY25. However, the institutional business, particularly antimalarial, saw a sharp decline (53% in Q4, 41% for FY25) due to its unpredictable nature. Management expects sustained growth in branded generics, with a cautious outlook for the Africa branded business due to a high base effect and the unpredictable institutional business. They aim for mid to high teens growth in the US business for FY26E.



KPIT Technologies Ltd.

A global technology company focusing on embedded software and AI solutions for the automotive and mobility industry. The board recommended a final dividend of ₹6 per share for FY25. The company also approved the merger of its wholly-owned subsidiary, PathPartner Technology, to simplify its corporate structure.



Gold Futures Rise on Firm Spot Demand, Prices Hit ₹97,056 per 10 Grams



Gold prices witnessed an upward movement on Wednesday, with futures contracts gaining momentum amid strong spot demand. On the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX), gold contracts for August delivery increased by Rs 154, or 0.16%, to close at Rs 97,056 per 10 grams. The trading activity was brisk, with a total turnover of 13,323 lots recorded during the session.

Analysts attribute the rise in gold futures primarily to fresh positions being created by market participants, reflecting growing confidence and demand in the physical gold market. This surge in spot demand often prompts traders and investors to take new positions in futures contracts, pushing prices higher.

Globally, gold futures also showed positive trends. In New York, the precious metal's futures prices rose by 0.49%, reaching \$3,359.90 per ounce. This increase in international prices contributed to the bullish sentiment in the domestic market.

The current upward movement comes against a backdrop of sustained interest in gold as a safe-haven asset, particularly amid ongoing economic uncer-

tainties and inflationary pressures. Investors tend to turn to gold to protect their portfolios during times of volatility, and this trend has supported both spot and futures prices in India.

The rise in gold prices also reflects broader market dynamics, including fluctuations in the U.S. dollar, global geopolitical tensions, and inflation concerns—all factors that influence investor behavior in precious metals markets.

Traders and analysts continue to monitor global cues, including Federal Reserve policies, currency movements, and geopolitical developments, which are likely to impact gold prices in the near term. For now, the firm demand in the physical market and a cautious outlook among investors appear to be driving gold futures higher.

In summary, the combination of robust spot demand and positive global trends has led to a steady rise in gold futures on the MCX, with prices touching ₹97,056 per 10 grams for August delivery. This trend highlights gold's enduring appeal as a reliable investment amid uncertain economic conditions.

India's Coal Imports Decline 4.4% to 24.95 Million Tonnes in April Amid Rising Domestic Output

India's coal imports fell by 4.4 percent in April 2025, totaling 24.95 million tonnes (MT), compared to 26.10 MT in the same month last year. This decline is attributed mainly to a drop in non-coking coal imports, while coking coal imports saw a modest rise. According to data from mjunction services ltd, coal imports in April were actually up 9.48 percent compared to 22.79 MT in March 2025, indicating some month-on-month recovery.

Non-coking coal imports stood at 15.90 MT in April 2025, down from 17.40 MT in April 2024. On the other hand, coking coal imports increased to 5.42 MT from 4.97 MT in the same period last year. The subdued demand for imported coal has been driven by



surplus stock availability in the system, despite relatively soft seaborne prices. "Availability of surplus stock in the system has reduced buyers' appetite for imported materials, even as the seaborne prices have remained soft," said Vinaya Varma, MD & CEO of mjunction services. He added

that this trend may continue until demand picks up ahead of the festive season. Meanwhile, India's domestic coal production showed encouraging growth, rising by 3.6 percent to 81.57 MT in April 2025 compared to 78.71 MT in the corresponding period last year. Coal India Limited (CIL),

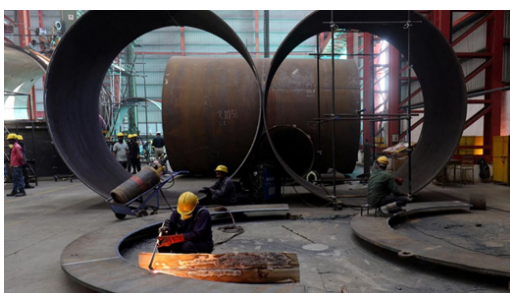
the country's largest coal producer accounting for over 80% of domestic output, produced 62.1 MT in April, slightly higher than the 61.8 MT produced in April 2024.

Despite this growth, CIL fell short of its production target for the 2024-25 financial year, producing 781.1 MT against a target of 838 MT, missing the mark by nearly 7 percent. The company is targeting increased production in the current fiscal year to meet India's growing energy demands.

Overall, the dip in coal imports combined with rising domestic output reflects a balancing act in India's coal supply chain, driven by stock availability, price dynamics, and production capabilities.

World Bank Lowers India's FY26 Growth Forecast to 6.3% Amid Export and Investment Slowdown

The World Bank has reduced its growth forecast for India's financial year 2025-26 to 6.3%, down from the 6.7% projected earlier in January. This revision reflects weaker export performance and slower investment growth, aligning with a similar downward adjustment in the global growth forecast to 2.3%. India continues to lead among the world's largest economies in terms of growth rate, despite the downward revision. The updated forecast was part of the World Bank's June 2025 Global Economic Prospects report released on June 10 in Washington. The revised 6.3% forecast is slightly below the 6.5% growth predicted by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in its latest monetary policy announcement on June 6. The report highlights that exports have been subdued due to reduced demand from key trading partners and rising



global trade barriers. Additionally, investment growth is expected to slow, primarily driven by heightened global policy uncertainty affecting business confidence. Despite the slowdown, the World Bank projects India's growth to rebound in the following two years, with an average annual growth rate of 6.6% during FY27 and FY28. This recovery is expected to be supported by strong performance in the services sector and a potential revival in

export growth. The report also notes that economic activity in India has moderated, with a slowdown in industrial production balancing steady services sector activity and a recovery in agricultural output. India, South Asia's largest economy, continues to show resilience but faces headwinds from both domestic and global factors. Globally, the World Bank warns that ongoing trade tensions and policy uncertainties are dragging down economic growth, resulting in the slowest global growth pace since 2008 outside of recessions. Chief Economist Indermit Gill pointed out that global GDP growth in 2025 is expected to fall to 2.3%, nearly half a percentage point below early-year expectations, and average just 2.5% annually through 2027—the slowest decade since the 1960s.

Snapchat Launches Apple Watch App With Scribble and Dictation Support

Snapchat has officially expanded its presence to the Apple Watch, introducing a dedicated app that lets users stay connected on the go. Announced on Thursday, the new Apple Watch app allows users to preview incoming messages and respond using Scribble, Dictation, or emojis. While users can't send Snaps or initiate new chats directly from the watch, the app offers a streamlined way to stay in touch through simple interactions. It requires watchOS 9.0 or later and is now available for free on the Apple Watch App Store.

This launch extends Snapchat's footprint beyond smartphones, tablets, and web browsers, aligning with the platform's goal of being available across all commonly used devices. Snapchat, which currently boasts over 900 million users worldwide, emphasized its commitment to keeping people connected across an increasingly diverse device ecosystem.

Interestingly, the Apple Watch functionality isn't entirely new—users have long been able to mirror Snapchat notifications from their iPhones. However, this standalone app brings

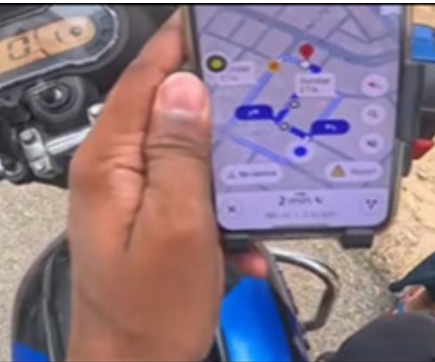


added convenience with direct support for Apple Watch input methods like Scribble and Dictation.

In parallel, Snapchat has also introduced its popular Lens Studio on iOS and the web, previously available only as a desktop application. The move aims to make augmented reality (AR) creation more accessible. Now, iPhone users can design and publish lenses using AI-powered tools directly from their devices. Creators can incorporate Bitmojis and use AR effects to develop personalized and expressive Lenses. While the desktop version of Lens Studio remains the go-to for professional developers, the mobile and web versions open the door for casual users and budding creators. Lens Studio is now available for free on the iOS App Store and online at lensstudio.snapchat.com.

Woman Books Ola Ride for Just 180 Metres to Escape Street Dogs, Internet Amused

In a quirky yet relatable moment that has gone viral on social media, a woman booked an Ola Bike ride to travel a mere 180 metres — and the reason has left netizens both amused and sympathetic. Captured in a short video shared by the rider, the clip begins with the Ola driver arriving at the pickup point and asking the woman for the one-time password (OTP). However, when he checked the destination, he was visibly surprised to find it was just 180 metres away. Perplexed, the rider asked if she had made a mistake in selecting the drop location. The woman calmly responded that the address was correct. She explained that she took the ride simply to avoid a group of aggressive street dogs in the area. The incident, which quickly gained traction online, struck a chord with many who understand the fear and anxiety that can come from encountering stray animals, especially in areas where dog attacks are



not uncommon. The video, shared on Instagram, has received thousands of views and comments, with users calling the woman's decision both practical and brave. "She did what she had to. Street dogs can be terrifying!" commented one user. Another joked, "This has to be the most justified short ride in Ola history." Some viewers praised her quick thinking, while others shared similar experiences of altering their walking routes or waiting for help to pass through areas with street dogs. While the ride may have been unusually short, it highlights a larger concern about stray dog safety in urban areas. In the end, the woman's decision sparked a broader conversation online — and gave the internet a moment of levity and relatability.

Experts Refute Claims of Hidden Underground City Beneath Egypt's Pyramids

A recent viral report suggesting the existence of a hidden underground city beneath Egypt's Giza Plateau has been firmly debunked by leading archaeologists. While initial findings by a group of scientists appeared to unveil groundbreaking evidence of a massive subterranean network beneath the iconic pyramids, experts now warn that the claims are scientifically flawed and lack credible verification.

The initial report, which quickly gained traction online, stated that researchers using Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) tomography had uncovered what seemed to be an expansive complex of underground chambers and passageways. This alleged network reportedly connected the Khafre, Khufu, and Menkaure pyramids, including the Great Sphinx. Some even claimed to have found vertical shafts extending up to 2,000 feet below the Khafre pyramid, with speculation that they dated back as far as 38,000 years, well



before the widely accepted timeline of ancient Egyptian civilization.

Filippo Biondi, a radar imaging expert at the University of Strathclyde, had earlier stated there was a "90 per cent likelihood" that these ancient structures were interconnected underground. He suggested the pyramids might only represent the visible part of a massive, hidden infrastructure. "We firmly

believe that the Giza structures are interconnected, reinforcing our view that the pyramids are merely the tip of the iceberg," Biondi was quoted as saying in international media.

However, Egyptologists and archaeological experts have since dismissed the findings as speculative and misleading. They criticized the study's methodology, pointing out that SAR tomography, while useful in surface im-

aging, is not precise enough at such depths to make definitive claims about buried architecture. Additionally, no peer-reviewed publication has supported the claim, and there is no archaeological evidence corroborating the supposed 38,000-year-old shafts or structures.

Experts argue that the current understanding of the Giza Plateau, based on decades of scientific excavation and analysis, does not support the notion of a second underground city. The narrative, while intriguing, seems to feed into the growing trend of pseudoarchaeological theories that rely more on speculation than substantiated science.

For now, the mystery of the pyramids remains intact, with researchers continuing to explore their origins through more grounded and evidence-based approaches.

Palau: A Hidden Island Paradise Now Visa-Free for Indian Travelers

Looking for a fresh destination beyond the well-trodden paths of Thailand and the Maldives? Say hello to Palau, a stunning island nation in the western Pacific Ocean, now offering visa-free entry to Indian passport holders for up to 30 days. With its untouched natural beauty, crystal-clear waters, and tranquil ambiance, Palau is fast emerging as a top choice for travelers seeking a serene tropical getaway.

Nestled near the Philippines, Palau is an archipelago of more than 300 islands, known for its vibrant marine life, lush forests, and rich biodiversity. Often overlooked by mainstream tourism, this lesser-known paradise is a haven for scuba divers, nature lovers, and peace seekers.

Why Palau Should Be on Your Travel List

Palau's Rock Islands, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, are a visual treat with their mushroom-shaped limestone islets scattered across turquoise lagoons. Jellyfish Lake, where you can swim among harmless jellyfish, offers a surreal experience that you won't find elsewhere. For beach lovers, Ngardmau Waterfall and the pristine sands of Long Beach deliver the perfect setting for relaxation.

Travel and Cost Tips

Though Palau doesn't have direct flights from India, travelers can reach it via transit hubs like Manila (Philippines) or Taipei



(Taiwan). Flight costs can range between ₹60,000 and ₹1,00,000 depending on the season and layovers.

Accommodation in Palau ranges from budget guesthouses to luxurious beach resorts. Expect to spend between ₹4,000 to ₹20,000 per night, depending on your choice of stay. Dining and local transportation are reasonably priced, especially if you stick to local markets and public transport.

When to Visit

The best time to explore Palau is from No-

vember to April, when the weather is dry and ideal for water activities. This is also when you'll find the clearest waters for diving and snorkeling.

Final Word

With visa-free access and unique natural wonders, Palau presents a refreshing alternative to traditional island vacations. Whether you're seeking adventure or a peaceful retreat, Palau offers the best of both worlds—without the visa hassle. So pack your bags and discover the Pacific's best-kept secret.

Winged Terror: Lone Buzzard Sparks Panic in Essex Village

In a bizarre turn of events, residents of Havering-at-Bower, a quiet village in Essex, are under siege — not by burglars or vandals, but by a rogue buzzard. Dubbed the "Dive-Bombing Buzzard", the bird has become a daily threat to locals, reportedly attacking both people and property with increasing aggression.

Since late March, the buzzard's erratic and violent behaviour has left villagers anxious and afraid to step outdoors. Unlike the usual flock-based avian aggression seen in nature, this case involves a lone bird of prey, likely a buzzard-eagle hybrid, launching unprovoked attacks from the sky. It swoops down with startling speed and force, diving at unsuspecting passersby, including children.

The situation has grown so serious that local primary school students are being kept indoors for extended periods to avoid injury. Teachers and parents remain on high alert,



as the bird has shown no signs of backing down. In one alarming incident, captured on May 20 by local resident Nick Woodgate, the buzzard is seen repeatedly smashing into a closed window, apparently trying to break through. The footage, now viral, underscores the bird's relentless nature and has left viewers stunned.

Reports suggest that the buzzard has even at-

tempted to claw at residents, targeting their heads or shoulders during low-flying ambushes. Some villagers have resorted to using umbrellas or hats as makeshift protection when venturing outside.

Local wildlife experts speculate that the bird may be defending a nest nearby, mistaking human activity as a threat. Buzzards are known for their territorial nature, especially during the breeding season, but such persistent and widespread attacks from a single bird remain highly unusual.

Despite calls for action, wildlife authorities are treading carefully, as buzzards are protected under UK law. A humane solution is being sought, but until then, villagers are left to navigate daily life under the looming shadow of the buzzard's wings.

For now, Havering-at-Bower remains on high alert — a village held hostage by one very angry bird.

Indian Junior Women’s Hockey Team Beats Belgium 2-1 During European Tour

The Indian junior women’s hockey team extended their winning run on their European tour with a hard-fought 2-1 victory over Belgium on Tuesday. The match took place at the Hockey Centre of Excellence, Wilrijkse Plein in Antwerp, Belgium.

After a goalless first half, India broke the deadlock in the 35th minute when Lalthantluangi converted a penalty stroke. Belgium quickly responded in the 48th minute with a field goal by Van Hellemont, leveling the score. However, India regained the lead just two minutes later through a field



goal by Geeta Yadav. India then held strong in the final minutes to secure

the win. This victory marks India’s second consecutive win against Belgium in the ongoing three-match series. The teams will face off for the final time on June 12 as part of the junior women’s team’s five-match European tour running from June 8 to 17. After completing their matches against Belgium, India will take on Australia in Kontich before finishing the tour against the Netherlands in Utrecht.

The tour follows a promising performance by the Indian side in the Four Nations Tournament in Rosario,

Argentina, where they faced tough teams like Chile, Argentina, and Uruguay. The matches helped the team gain valuable experience in managing high-pressure situations and adapting to different playing styles. These international fixtures are crucial preparation for the upcoming FIH Hockey Women’s Junior World Cup 2025, scheduled for December in Santiago, Chile. The exposure to strong opponents and diverse playing conditions will help the Indian junior women’s team sharpen their skills, build match temperament, and boost confidence ahead of the world event.

Shreyas Iyer-led Mumbai Falcons Enter T20 Mumbai League 2025 Final

Mumbai (Maharashtra) [India], June 11 (ANI): Shreyas Iyer’s SOBO Mumbai Falcons booked their place in the final of the T20 Mumbai League 2025 with a convincing five-wicket win over Bandra Blasters. The Falcons will face Mumbai South Central Maratha Royals in the final scheduled for June 12 at Mumbai’s iconic Wankhede Stadium.

In the second semi-final, Bandra Blasters batted first and posted a modest total of 130 runs. Dhruvil Matkar (34) and Akash Anand (31) were the top scorers for the Blasters, but it was Akash Parkar who starred with the ball for the Falcons, claiming three crucial wickets.

Chasing the target, Mumbai Falcons cruised to victory with more than five overs to spare, thanks to an unbeaten half-century from opener Ishan Mulchandani (52*). Valuable contributions from Akash Parkar (32) and Ankrish Raghuvanshi (27) helped secure the win comfortably.

Earlier, in the first semi-final, Mumbai South Central Maratha Royals secured an emphatic eight-wicket win over Eagle Thane Strikers. The Royals were powered by skipper Siddesh Lad’s unbeaten 74 off 52 balls and an exceptional five-wicket haul from pacer Rohan Raje, who dismantled the Strikers’ batting lineup with figures of 5/40. Raje’s performance was the first five-wicket haul of the season and a rare feat in the tournament’s history.



The Strikers managed only 131/8 in their 20 overs, struggling against the disciplined bowling of Raje and left-arm spinner Aditya Dhumal. In response, the Royals chased the target with ease, finishing with 13 balls to spare, thanks to a solid partnership between Lad and Sachin Yadav (19*).

With both teams now set for the final, cricket fans can look forward to an exciting clash at Wankhede Stadium on June 12.

WTC Final 2025: Mitchell Starc Strikes Early as South Africa Begin Chase After Bundling Australia for 212

London, June 11, 2025 — The much-anticipated World Test Championship (WTC) Final 2025 at Lord’s kicked off with a bang as Australia’s Mitchell Starc delivered a magical opening over, striking early to reduce South Africa to 0/1. Ryan Rickelton and Wiaan Mulder are now at the crease as South Africa begin their chase in pursuit of their maiden WTC title.



Australia, led by captain Pat Cummins and a strong bowling unit, were bundled out for a modest total of 212 on Day 1. South Africa’s pace spearhead Kagiso Rabada was the standout performer, wreaking havoc with a sensational five-wicket haul. Rabada’s fiery spells dismantled the Australian batting lineup, supported ably by Marco Jansen, who chipped in with three crucial wickets.

The Australian innings saw some resistance from Steve Smith, who scored a solid 66, and Beau Webster, who made a valuable 72. However, the rest of the lineup struggled to build partnerships against the disciplined South African attack.

South Africa’s batting lineup, led by captain Temba Bavuma, will now aim to chase down the target and secure their first-ever WTC championship. Alongside Rickelton and Mulder, the

South African side boasts experienced campaigners like Aiden Markram, Tristan Stubbs, David Bedingham, and wicketkeeper Kyle Verreynne.

On the Australian side, the bowling attack featuring Starc, Josh Hazlewood, Nathan Lyon, and Cummins will look to maintain their dominance and defend the total.

The match promises intense competition as both teams battle for glory on the hallowed grounds of Lord’s, with Australia seeking to defend their WTC crown and South Africa determined to make history. Stay tuned for live updates from this thrilling final.

Wimbledon Champion Barbora Krejckikova Suffers Shock Early Exit at Queen’s Club

Barbora Krejckikova’s preparation for defending her Wimbledon title has hit a major hurdle after a surprising first-round defeat at the Queen’s Club tournament in London. The Czech star, who claimed her second Grand Slam by beating Italy’s Jasmine Paolini in last year’s Wimbledon final, was stunned by Slovakia’s Rebecca Sramkova in straight sets, 6-4, 6-3, on Tuesday.

This unexpected loss marks another disappointing chapter in Krejckikova’s recent form. Since her Wimbledon triumph, the 29-year-old has struggled with injuries and early exits, including a second-round loss at the French Open and missing the Australian Open earlier this year due to a back injury. She was also knocked out in the second round of the 2024 US Open, reflecting a tough period for the world number 17.

Sramkova, ranked 41st in the world, now advances to face former US Open champion Emma Raducanu in the second round. Raducanu, who rose to fame by winning the US Open as an 18-year-old qualifier in 2021, started her grass-court season strongly, defeating Spain’s Cristina Bucsa 6-1, 6-2. Despite ongoing struggles with back spasms throughout 2025, the British star impressed the home crowd at the Andy Murray Arena



with a confident performance.

“I was quite locked in today,” said Raducanu, ranked 37th globally. “The support is incredible, and I want to play as many matches as I can here.”

Raducanu was joined by fellow Brits Katie Boulter and Heather Watson in reaching the second round. Boulter defeated Australian Ajla Tomljanovic in three sets, while Watson beat world number 27 Yulia Putintseva and will face former Wimbledon champion Elena Rybakina next. This year marks the first women’s action at Queen’s since 1973, ending a 52-year stretch as a men-only ATP event.

England Completes 3-0 T20I Sweep Over West Indies with Duckett’s Stellar 84

England sealed a commanding 3-0 victory in the T20I series against the West Indies after a dominant 37-run win in the third and final match at Southampton’s Utilita Bowl on June 10, 2025. The clean sweep follows England’s earlier 3-0 triumph in the ODI series, marking a perfect start to Harry Brook’s white-ball captaincy.



Winning the toss and electing to bat, England posted a formidable total of 248-3 — their second-highest T20 international score. Opening batsman Ben Duckett led the charge with an explosive 84 off just 46 balls. Duckett’s patient yet powerful innings, combined with an aggressive 60 from Jamie Smith (26 balls, including five sixes), laid a strong foundation with a 120-run opening partnership.

England’s innings was further bolstered by captain Harry Brook and Jacob Bethell, who shared an unbeaten 70-run stand off just 31 balls to push the total to a daunting 249. England’s record-breaking 135-1 after 10 overs set the tone for the innings, ensuring the West Indies faced a steep chase.

In reply, the Windies struggled to keep up with the required run rate on a flat batting track but still managed a respectable 211-8. They slipped to 70-4 early in the innings, hampering their chase. Rowman Powell top-scored for the visitors with a resilient 79 not out from 45 balls, while captain Shai Hope contributed a brisk 45 off 27 deliveries.

England’s comprehensive white-ball dominance reflects their well-rounded performance under Brook’s captaincy, who now shifts focus to an upcoming five-match Test series against India starting June 20. With both the ODI and T20I series wins, England has sent a strong message ahead of the Test battles, showcasing depth in batting and bowling across formats.



Suriya46: Filming Begins for Suriya’s Emotional Family Drama with Venky Atluri

After the underwhelming performance of Retro, actor Suriya has wasted no time in steering his career forward with a fresh and promising project. Titled Suriya46 for now, the film brings together the Tamil superstar and acclaimed Telugu director Venky Atluri, who recently tasted success with Lucky Baskhar. This collaboration has already created significant buzz across South Indian cinema industries.

The film was officially launched with a traditional pooja ceremony held in Hyderabad, marking an auspicious start to the venture. The latest update from the production team confirms that principal photography is now underway. Shooting has commenced in Hyderabad, with Suriya and several key cast members participating in the first schedule, which is expected to run for the next several days.

Described as an emotional family drama, Suriya46 promises to be a departure from the stylized action and experimental narratives the actor explored in his recent outings. The film is being mounted on a grand scale, reflecting the strong backing it enjoys from its production houses — Sithara Entertainment and Fortune Four Cinemas, both known for delivering content-rich and commercially viable films.

Adding to the film’s appeal is the casting of Mamitha Baiju, who rose to fame with the Malayalam hit Premalu. Her role in Suriya46 is said to be pivotal, further fueling anticipation for how the ensemble cast will elevate the film’s emotional quotient.

The musical score is being composed by GV



Prakash Kumar, reuniting with Suriya after previously successful collaborations. His involvement is expected to bring both emotional depth and commercial energy to the soundtrack.

With strong creative forces at the helm, Suriya46 is shaping up to be a compelling blend of heartwarming drama and mainstream appeal. As fans eagerly await more details — including the film’s official title and release date — this project stands as a significant step in Suriya’s evolving cinematic journey.

Panchayat Season 4 Trailer Out: A Double Dose of Comedy and Politics Returns to Phulera

The much-loved web series Panchayat is back with its fourth season, promising fans a blend of heartfelt humor and village politics with an extra punch of comedy. Streaming on Amazon Prime Video, Panchayat has consistently won over audiences with its simple yet engaging storytelling, endearing characters, and slice-of-rural-life charm. Now, as Season 4 is set to release on June 24, 2025, the makers have officially dropped the trailer — and it’s already creating quite the buzz.



Abhishek Tripathi, the village secretary trying to navigate the quirky world of Phulera. Neena Gupta reprises her role as Manju Devi, Faisal Malik returns as Prahlad, and Chandan Roy is back as the ever-loyal Vikas — each bringing their unique flavor to the story.

With witty dialogues, comedic timing, and a touch of satire, Panchayat Season 4 looks set to deliver a double dose of laughter and drama. The trailer hints at evolving character arcs, deepening village politics, and plenty of laugh-out-loud moments that stay true to the show’s roots.

As anticipation builds, fans are counting down the days until June 24 to return to the charming, chaotic world of Phulera. If the trailer is any indication, Panchayat 4 will once again strike the perfect balance between comedy, commentary, and heartfelt storytelling.

From the trailer, it’s evident that this season will dive deep into the political rivalry brewing in the fictional village of Phulera. The upcoming elections form the central plot, with a fierce contest between the seasoned Pradhan Ji (played by Raghubir Yadav) and the ever-ambitious Bhushan (played by Durgesh Kumar). The trailer teases intense campaign scenes, cheeky political strategies, and a series of hilarious yet thought-provoking moments that the series is known for.

Fans of the series will be glad to know that the core cast remains intact. Jitendra Kumar returns as the earnest and often bewildered

Jr NTR Begins Dubbing for ‘War 2’: Action Drama Set for Independence Day Release



Tollywood superstar Jr NTR has officially begun dubbing for his much-anticipated Bollywood debut in War 2, and excitement is building rapidly among fans. Yash Raj Films, the production house behind the project, recently shared a behind-the-scenes video confirming the start of Jr NTR’s dubbing process, giving a sneak peek into the high-octane thriller that promises to redefine action cinema in India.

Directed by Ayan Mukerji, War 2 is a sequel to the 2019 blockbuster War, and features Hrithik Roshan reprising his role as elite spy Kabir. Jr NTR steps into the antagonist’s shoes for this film, marking a powerful crossover from South

Indian cinema to the YRF Spy Universe. This unique casting has only added to the anticipation, as fans are eager to witness the face-off between two of Indian cinema’s biggest stars.

The film also stars Kiara Advani in the female lead, adding glamor and depth to the action-packed narrative. Produced by Aditya Chopra under the prestigious Yash Raj Films banner, War 2 is being positioned as a pan-India blockbuster and a significant expansion of the YRF Spy Universe, which already includes Ek Tha Tiger, Tiger Zinda Hai, War, and Pathaan.

Scheduled for release on August 14, 2025 — just ahead of

Independence Day — the film is expected to set new benchmarks in terms of scale, storytelling, and cinematic spectacle. The release date also positions it for a massive opening weekend, as audiences gear up to celebrate the holiday with a patriotic action thriller.

With Jr NTR’s powerful screen presence, Hrithik Roshan’s unmatched action flair, and Ayan Mukerji’s directorial vision, War 2 is shaping up to be one of the most awaited films of the year. As the dubbing process begins, it signals that the post-production phase is in full swing, and audiences won’t have to wait long before they witness this explosive cinematic showdown.

Aamir Khan’s ‘Sitaare Zameen Par’ Gets Telugu Trailer: Emotional Sports Drama Set for June 20 Release

Bollywood superstar Aamir Khan is back on the big screen with Sitaare Zameen Par, a heartwarming emotional sports drama that carries the powerful tagline, “Sab Ka Apna Apna Normal.” Directed by RS Prasanna, the film stars Aamir Khan in the lead role alongside Genelia D’Souza, and is produced under the banner of Aamir Khan Productions in collaboration with Aparna Purohit. With its theatrical release scheduled for June 20, 2025, the makers are leaving no stone unturned to reach wider audiences across India. In line with this effort, the Telugu version of the trailer was unveiled on June 11, garnering attention from audiences in the South. The film follows the story of a hot-headed basketball coach, played by Aamir Khan, who is suspended due to inappropriate conduct. As part of a court-mandated rehabilitation process, he is assigned a seemingly impossible task — to coach a group of mentally challenged individuals and train them into a functional basketball team. As the narrative unfolds, the film delves into the emotional and physical challenges faced by both the coach and the players. Initially reluctant and dismissive, the coach slowly begins to connect with the team, learning life-changing lessons about empathy, resilience, and acceptance along the way. The storyline emphasizes



that “normal” is a relative concept, and everyone has their own strengths and battles. The Telugu trailer captures the essence of this uplifting journey, with impactful dialogues, moving background music, and glimpses of intense emotional and humorous moments. Genelia plays a pivotal role in supporting the coach’s journey and connecting the dots between the team and the larger world. Sitaare Zameen Par is not just a sports film — it’s a reflection on inclusivity, human connection, and second chances. With Aamir Khan’s signature touch of storytelling and RS Prasanna’s sensitive direction, the film promises to strike a chord with viewers across linguistic boundaries. The Telugu release aims to build on the actor’s pan-India appeal and draw in regional audiences for this inspiring cinematic experience.

Thammudu Trailer: Nithiin’s Intense Family Drama Promises Action and Emotion

After a string of setbacks at the box office, actor Nithiin is all set to bounce back with his upcoming film Thammudu, and the newly released theatrical trailer suggests he might just have a winner on his hands. Directed by Sriram Venu and produced by the successful duo Dil Raju and Shirish, the film is gearing up for a theatrical release on July 4, 2025.

The trailer presents a gripping mix of family drama and high-octane action, with a strong emotional core driving the narrative. The story revolves around the complex relationship between a brother and sister. The sister, played by one of the female leads, harbors deep resentment toward her brother, refusing to acknowledge him as family. Her animosity is rooted in a personal vow that ultimately leads her into serious trouble — a central conflict that sets the tone for the film.

As the trailer progresses, the story transitions to a rustic village named Ambraragodugu, where the emotional undercurrent gives way to intense action. Nithiin’s character is seen engaging in powerful confrontations, with the visuals hinting at a man on a mission, likely to protect or redeem his family.

The visuals are rich and impactful, and the dialogues carry emotional weight, hinting



at themes of betrayal, redemption, and the strength of familial bonds. The emotional depth appears to be the heart of the film, and if it resonates with audiences, it could very well mark a strong comeback for Nithiin.

Thammudu boasts a strong supporting cast, including Sapthami Gowda, Swasika of Lubber Pandhu fame, Varsha Bollamma, and Saurabh Sachdeva. In a pleasant surprise for fans, actress Laya makes a notable return to the screen with this project.

With its intriguing premise, emotional resonance, and a blend of rural grit and action, Thammudu is shaping up to be a potential crowd-puller. All eyes are now on July 4th to see if Nithiin’s gamble pays off and brings him the much-needed box-office success.