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My Father Died Like This... I Understand Their Pain

- Civil Aviation Minister reviews Ahmedabad crash in high-level meeting
- Five-member inquiry panel and Home Secretary-led team to probe
- “Investigation will be completed in 2 months,” says Rammohan Naidu

TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

Union Civil Aviation Minister K. J. Somaya expressed deep empathy for the families affected by the Ahmedabad Air India plane crash, recalling the tragic demise of his own father, former minister Yerran Naidu, in a similar accident.

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Lokesh Hardwork to Make His Mark on Education Sector

- Lokesh aims to prove his capability through education reforms
- Implements syllabus changes, Mega DSC, and One Class One Teacher reforms
- Faces criticism for development cuts from Thalliki Vandanam

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

Nara Lokesh — the political heir of TDP supremo Chandrababu Naidu — has come a long way since the days of relentless trolling. Rising above ridicule and criticism, he now commands a position of informal authority within the Telugu Desam Party, even without holding an official designation in the party or the government until recently. However, this too has attracted scrutiny, with many questioning whether he is running the show without a formal mandate. Allegations of being “too commercial” also follow him, especially in policy-related decisions. Despite this, Lokesh is making a concerted effort to leave a significant mark on the education sector,



which he now leads as a cabinet minister. He appears determined to prove his worth, especially with the Chief Minister's chair being his long-term ambition. Officials and political observers alike have noted his seriousness and involvement in every review meeting and decision, signaling his intention to stand out through performance. One of his first moves was to correct the previous government's school merger policy. During the YSRCP rule, many small schools were merged or

shut down, leading to public anger. Lokesh reversed this in several places, reinstating 9,600 schools into the education fold under the “One Class, One Teacher” scheme. Previously, one teacher was often made to handle four or five classes — this has now been rectified. Another major step is the launch of the Mega DSC, through which the government is filling 16,000 teaching posts. Although the transfer of teachers was initially planned to coincide with school reopening, it

has been slightly delayed due to widespread requests for a return to the manual transfer system. Lokesh clarified the delay and maintained transparency around the process. One of the most transformative initiatives under Lokesh's leadership is the overhaul of the syllabus — both at the school and college levels. The new curriculum is being aligned with skill development goals, in coordination with the Centre. Officials themselves are reportedly surprised by Lokesh's proactive and hands-on approach. He also stood by his pre-election promise of providing financial aid to mothers under the “Amma Vodi” scheme. While ₹15,000 was promised, the decision to deduct ₹2,000 for development purposes sparked criticism, with people feeling that this should have been clarified earlier. Still, since the benefit reaches all families, there has been limited open opposition. Lokesh's focus remains on improving the structure, syllabus, and quality of education. Yet, some allegations have surfaced against fellow Minister Narayana, suggesting he favored private institutions during the exemption of Intermediate first-year exams and related student decisions. Critics argue this undermines the credibility of broader reforms. Nevertheless, Lokesh's performance in the education department is slowly shifting perceptions. While he may still be battling comparisons with his father, his current governance style is earning recognition — and setting the stage for his political journey ahead.

Tahsildar Transferred for Not Following Orders...

Is MP Putta Mahesh Kumar Behind It?



TPN Correspondent | West Godavari

When those in power choose to see, even missing lands suddenly become visible. They form special teams, conduct targeted surveys, and get the required documentation in order. If some-

one resists, they are sidelined. This method, once openly followed by YSRCP leaders, is now allegedly being adopted in a more systematic manner by leaders of the new ruling coalition. A controversial land dispute has emerged in Koyyalagudem, allegedly orchestrated by MP Putta Mahesh Kumar, with support from local MLA Balaraju. The dispute centers around a valuable piece of land located adjacent to the highway, where nearly 100 families have lived for over 45 years. Suddenly, a new claimant appeared, armed with documents, asserting ownership of the land. Local residents claim the individual has links to the ruling coalition leaders and is being pushed forward by them. The locals, who had been residing there for decades, are angry and anxious.

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Good News for AgriGold Victims...

- ₹3,950 Crore Worth Assets Restored
- Special PMLA Court approves ED plea to return assets to victims
- Total asset value exceeds ₹7,000 crore as per current market rate
- 397 lands and properties identified across AP, Telangana, Karnataka

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

In a major relief to the long-suffering victims of the AgriGold scam, the Hyderabad Special PMLA (Prevention of Money Laundering Act) Court has approved the Enforcement Directorate's (ED) restitution application seeking to return seized assets of AgriGold group companies to the victims. This marks a crucial step toward compensating lakhs of depositors who were defrauded by the firm. As per the ED, around 19 lakh people were duped in the mas-



sive scam, which spanned several states. In a significant development, the court's approval has cleared the way for handing over immovable and movable properties worth ₹1,000 crore (based on previous valuations) to the respective governments for victim com-

pensation. The market value of these assets now stands at over ₹1,000 crore. Earlier, in February 2025, the ED had already facilitated the return of assets worth ₹3,339 crore. With this new batch included, the cumulative value of assets restored to victims has reached ₹3,950 crore, which translates to over ₹7,000 crore at current market prices. The recovered properties include 397 items — agricultural lands, residential plots,x

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Visakhapatnam Metro to Be Asia's Longest Double-Decker

- Metro rail above, four-lane flyover for vehicles below
- First phase to include 20 km of double-decker structure
- APMRC, NHAI to jointly execute the mega project



TPN Correspondent | Visakhapatnam

In a groundbreaking move to transform Visakhapatnam's urban landscape, the Andhra Pradesh government has decided to construct Asia's longest double-decker metro rail corridor as part of the Vizag Metro project. The ambitious infrastructure plan combines a metro line on the upper deck with four-lane vehicle flyovers below, making it a first-of-its-kind for the state. To address growing traffic issues and to modernize the city's transport infrastructure, the double-decker system will be introduced in the first phase itself, covering

a stretch of 20.16 kilometers. The unique structure will have a road on the ground level, a vehicle flyover above it, and the metro line on the topmost tier, bringing both space and cost efficiency. The Andhra Pradesh Metro Rail Corporation (APMRC) has called for consultancy bids to prepare a unified Detailed Project Report (DPR) for both the four-lane flyover and the metro corridor. The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) has expressed willingness to finance the project, adding global attention and importance to the plan.

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My Father Died Like This...

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"My father also died in an accident like this. I understand their pain," the minister said while addressing the media after a high-level review meeting held in Delhi on Saturday. Rammohan Naidu stated that the Civil Aviation Department is treating the Ahmedabad incident with utmost seriousness. He chaired a meeting with top aviation officials to assess the situation and ongoing investigation. The minister announced the formation of a five-member committee to probe the crash. "We have formed an initial five-member committee to look into the causes. Depending on the need, we are ready to expand it further," he said. In addition, another special team has been constituted under the leadership of the Union Home Secretary, comprising experts and senior officials from various departments. He confirmed that the black box from the crashed aircraft was recovered on Friday evening and is now under detailed analysis. "We are waiting for the insights the black box will provide. Only after its full analysis can we speak definitively about the causes of the accident," Rammohan Naidu stated. Highlighting the coordinated efforts made after the tragedy, the minister said that rescue operations were launched immediately, with the Gujarat government and the Civil Aviation Department working closely to manage the situation. Fire was brought under control swiftly and the bodies were shifted without delay, he added. To prevent further mishaps, the minister revealed that his department has directed comprehensive inspections of all Boeing 787 series aircraft. "Safety is our highest priority. We've instructed immediate checks and we're ensuring all protocols are followed strictly," he said. Rammohan Naidu assured the public that the investigation would be completed within two months and full details would be shared with the media. He stressed that both central and state authorities are committed to uncovering the truth and supporting the affected families. This incident, one of the most serious aviation mishaps in recent years, has sparked widespread concern. The government's swift response and the minister's personal connection to the tragedy have drawn national attention.

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With the support of both an MP and an MLA behind the new claimant, many believed the matter would be swiftly settled in his favor. Moreover, reports suggest that the group had plans to acquire an additional 11 acres of nearby land, which is worth crores. However, a twist in the tale occurred when Tahsildar Kunja Chellannadora took a firm stand. After conducting detailed surveys and reviewing the records, he reportedly concluded that the land could not be legally granted to the new claimant. This decision reportedly enraged MP Putta Mahesh Kumar. According to sources, Chellannadora came under immense pressure but refused to bow down. As a result, he was abruptly transferred to the Coordination Section of the Collectorate. Allegations are now circulating that MP Putta Mahesh Kumar was instrumental in orchestrating this transfer to remove the official from the case. Following his transfer, a deputy Tahsildar was appointed as his replacement. However, reports suggest that the officer is hesitant to take charge due to the ongoing controversy and political pressure. Locals believe that behind this entire attempt at land acquisition is a larger plan involving influential political figures who are allegedly using their power to manipulate land records for personal gain.

DSC Exams Postponed in AP Due to Yoga Day Event

- Exams moved to July 1 and 2 due to PM Modi's visit
- New hall tickets available from June 25
- Govt says move made for candidate convenience

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The Andhra Pradesh government has officially postponed the DSC (District Selection Committee) teacher recruitment exams, earlier scheduled for June 20 and 21, citing the grand-scale arrangements being made for the International Yoga Day celebrations. The revised dates for the exams are now July 1 and 2. In a statement released on Saturday, DSC convener MV Krishna Reddy announced the rescheduling and clarified that the decision was taken to ensure the comfort and convenience of the candidates. He mentioned that the revised hall tickets with updated exam centers and timings will be made available for download from June 25 on the official website: <https://apdsc.apcfss.in>. The key reason for the postponement



is the large-scale event planned at the Visakhapatnam beachfront on June 21 to mark International Yoga Day, where Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to participate. The state government is making elaborate arrangements to host nearly five lakh participants for a mass yoga session. Officials said that due to the scale of the event, government machinery and public transportation services will be heavily engaged, potentially causing

serious logistical challenges for exam candidates on the original dates. Considering these constraints, the state decided to push back the exam dates by nearly two weeks. Krishna Reddy urged all candidates to take note of the changes, download their new hall tickets from June 25 onwards, and attend the exam as per the updated schedule. He emphasized that the postponement was done solely to avoid inconvenience and ensure a smooth examination process.

AP CM's Meeting with Tollywood Celebrities Postponed



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The much-anticipated meeting between Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and key figures from the Telugu film industry has been postponed. Originally scheduled to take place on June 15 at 4 PM at the CM's residence in Undavalli, the meeting has been deferred due to the unavailability of several important

Tollywood personalities. Reliable sources indicate that many top celebrities are currently occupied with film shoots at various locations, making it difficult for them to attend. With even some of the most crucial invitees unable to confirm their presence, organizers decided to push the meeting to a later date. A new date for the gathering is expected to be announced soon. The meeting, which was being

coordinated by State Cinematography Minister Kandula Durgesh under the CM's directions, aimed to bring together around 35 to 40 prominent directors, producers, and actors. Invitations had already been extended to top filmmakers such as S.S. Rajamouli, Trivikram Srinivas, Boyapati Srinu, and Nag Ashwin, along with senior producers like Ashwini Dutt, Dil Raju, Allu Aravind, DVV Danayya, and KV Rama Rao. Actors including Nandamuri Balakrishna, Venkatesh Daggubati, Manchu Manoj, Suman, R. Narayana Murthy, and Nani were among the high-profile names expected to attend the meeting. The discussion was anticipated to address key concerns of the industry and explore ways the AP government could support Tollywood's growth. With the film industry keen on stronger collaboration with the state government, the rescheduled meeting is likely to be a significant platform for dialogue on industry-related issues and reforms.

Sky-High Farming: Andhra Rolls Out Kisan Drone Initiative

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Vijayawada: The Andhra Pradesh government has rolled out an ambitious plan to modernize farming by introducing Kisan Drones through Village-level Farm Machinery Banks (FMBs). Under the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) 2024-25, the state aims to set up 875 FMBs with drones to help farmers spray fertilizers and pesticides more efficiently. The initiative, backed by a Rs. 70 crore budget, offers an 80% subsidy (up to Rs. 8 lakh) to farmer groups or Farm-

er Producer Organizations (FPOs) who provide drone services on a hire basis. Each drone unit includes a drone, extra batteries, chargers, nozzles, landing gears, propellers, a toolkit, a carrying case, one-year insurance, and pilot training. Two drone models—Krishi 3 Pro and Khetimithra H30—are approved, costing around Rs. 9.8 lakh each. Farmers can form groups of at least five members to apply for the scheme. They must pay 50% of the drone cost from their funds and secure a bank loan for the remaining 50%, with a



3% interest subvention. The government has selected areas with large crop fields, especially for rice, horticulture, or commercial crops, to ensure the drones are used effectively.

The program also includes training for drone pilots, who must be aged 18-50 and have at least a 12th-grade education. The trained pilots will operate the drones, which are registered with a unique identification number for safety and tracking. Districts like Guntur, Palnadu, and East Godavari will each receive 42 drone units, while others, like Visakhapatnam, will get fewer based on need. The entire process, from selecting farmer groups to delivering drones, is set to be completed by May 31, 2025.

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Visakhapatnam Metro to Be...

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Recently, AIIB representatives toured the proposed project areas along with APMRC MD Ramakrishna Reddy. Initially, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) had proposed 12 separate flyovers from Madhurawada to Lankalapalem. However, officials later concluded that combining the highway and metro projects using a double-decker model would reduce cost, time, and space constraints. The concept is modeled after the successful implementation of a similar structure in Nagpur. In the first phase, the metro rail will span a total of 46.23 km across three corridors: Kommadi-Steel Plant, Gurudwara-Old Post Office, and Tatichetlapalem-Chinawaltheru. Out of this, the 15.06 km stretch from Madhurawada to Tatichetlapalem and another corridor between Gajuwaka and the Steel Plant will be constructed using the double-decker method. The Kommadi-Steel Plant corridor will integrate 8 previously proposed flyovers into a single, continuous structure. Once completed, Visakhapatnam's double-decker metro system is expected to be the longest of its kind in Asia, giving the city a futuristic transport solution and setting a precedent for other cities in India and across the continent.

15 More Arrested in Podili Violence Case; Police Tighten Probe

Total arrests reach 24 in Podili attack case



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The wave of arrests continues in the aftermath of the violent incidents that took place during YSRCP chief YS Jaganmohan Reddy's visit to Podili in Prakasam district. In connection with the attacks on women protestors and police personnel, the Andhra Pradesh Police on Saturday arrested 15 more individuals, taking the total number of arrests to 24. The incident occurred on June 11 when women from the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) staged a protest at the tobacco auction center where Jagan was interacting

with farmers. The women, holding black balloons and placards, expressed outrage over a debate aired on Sakshi TV, which they claimed demeaned Amaravati women. The protest, carried out during Jagan's visit, appeared to have angered YSRCP supporters who responded violently. According to police reports, some ruling party workers allegedly hurled stones and sandals at the protesting women and also at the police personnel on duty. Several women and officers were injured in the chaos. The state government, taking the incident seriously, responded promptly.

Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu reportedly directed the DGP to take swift and strict action. Following the CM's orders, police officials analyzed CCTV footage and camera visuals from the incident and arrested nine individuals initially. On Saturday, another 15 were taken into custody based on further identification efforts. The investigation is still ongoing, and more arrests are expected as the police work to identify all those involved. Notices have also been served to Darsi MLA Buchepalli Sivaprasad Reddy, whom police believe played a role in inciting the violence.

Kakani Cornered by Multiple Cases

Former Sarvepalli MLA Kakani arrested again
Cases range from illegal mining to social media offences

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The legal troubles for former Sarvepalli MLA and YSRCP leader Kakani Govardhana Reddy continue to mount, with arrests being made in rapid succession over a range of allegations. What started as opposition activism during the YSRCP rule has now turned into a full-blown legal crisis for the ex-MLA, triggering a political storm in Nellore district.

Kakani was arrested in connection with illegal mining operations reportedly carried out during the previous YSRCP regime. Authorities allege that white stone was illicitly excavated and transported from mining sites in Tatiparthi of Podalakuru mandal, which were allegedly linked to Kakani. He has been listed as Accused No. 4 in the case and was remanded to judicial custody, with a three-day police custody granted for further questioning.

Adding to his woes, another case has surfaced, this time relating to alleged inappropriate social media content. Officials say that during his tenure, Kakani made derogatory posts and shared morphed images, for which a case was registered in Guntur. A PT warrant was executed, and he was again taken into custody for questioning. These back-to-back arrests have sparked sharp political reactions, especially from YSRCP leaders, who claim that the ruling TDP-led coalition is using state machinery to target opposition figures. They allege the current administration is deliberately pursuing political vendetta to weaken the YSRCP.

Former Minister Somireddy Chandramohan Reddy, who had earlier protested illegal mining in the same region while he was in opposition, had



received no official support at that time. Ironically, some of those same issues are now being used to book cases against Kakani, leading to questions about selective action and political motives. YSRCP leaders argue that Kakani, who served both as an MLA and a minister, is being unfairly targeted, and warn that such actions set a dangerous precedent. “If this is how governments behave after gaining power, then no MLA from any party would be safe in future,” said a senior YSRCP functionary. The party has decided to pursue legal remedies to defend Kakani and has vowed to expose what they call the government’s “politically motivated crackdown.” With allegations and counter-allegations intensifying, the political heat in Nellore continues to rise, indicating that the cases against Kakani are far from the last chapter in this unfolding political saga.

Kakani Will Be Acquitted, Says Peddireddy

YSRCP leaders slam coalition for 'illegal' arrest in mining case



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Former Minister and Sarvepalli MLA Kakani Govardhan Reddy, who is currently in judicial custody in connection with the illegal mining case, will be acquitted soon, asserted senior YSRCP leader and former minister Peddireddy Ramachandra Reddy. Speaking to reporters after visiting Kakani at Nellore Central Jail on Saturday, Peddireddy said the arrest was politically motivated and part of the ruling coalition’s plan to harass opposition leaders.

He was accompanied by former MP Anantha Venkatarami Reddy, former MLA Kethireddy Venkatarami Reddy, and MLC Parvatha Reddy Chandrasekhar Reddy during the jail visit. Peddireddy accused the government of filing fabricated cases

and misusing PT warrants to target Kakani repeatedly, a trend he described as unprecedented in the state’s political history. “I have been an MLA seven times, but never have I seen any Chief Minister resort to such tactics. The coalition government will have to pay the price for undermining democratic norms,” he warned. He added that the state should be run in accordance with the Constitution and not personal vendettas. Echoing the same sentiments, Anantha Venkatarami Reddy accused the coalition of failing to fulfill its election promises and instead engaging in diversionary politics. “They are targeting a gentle and honest leader like Kakani with fabricated charges. Even the courts are raising objections to these baseless cases,” he said. Former MLA Kethireddy Venkatarami Reddy also criticised the government for encouraging a “dangerous culture” of foisting false cases. He warned that such actions would not go unnoticed by the public and would lead to severe political consequences. “The YSRCP is not afraid of these fabricated cases. The day is not far when the people will teach the coalition a strong lesson for their misuse of power,” he said. The visit drew participation from a large number of YSR Congress Party leaders and activists, who gathered in solidarity with Kakani Govardhan Reddy.

Police Stop Pedda Reddy, Tension Grips Tadipatri Again

TPN Correspondent | Ananthapuram

Tension flared up once again in Tadipatri town of Ananthapuram district as former YSRCP MLA Kethireddy Pedda Reddy attempted to return to the region amidst a highly sensitive atmosphere. Despite receiving clearance from the High Court to visit Tadipatri, Pedda Reddy was stopped by the police at Thimmampalli village in Yellanur mandal of Singanamala constituency on Saturday morning.

Pedda Reddy, who has remained away from Tadipatri following post-election clashes, was reportedly heading towards the town when the police intercepted him. This action sparked immediate backlash from the former legislator, who questioned the legality of the police move in light of the High Court’s approval. “Why are you stopping me when the court itself has allowed me?” he asked the officers on the spot, expressing his frustration. The situation turned more volatile after rumors of Pedda



Reddy’s arrival spread on Friday night, prompting around 300 TDP leaders and activists to gather near the residence of Tadipatri MLA JC Prabhakar Reddy. Police swiftly deployed heavy security around the area and entered into discussions with TDP leaders to avoid any untoward incidents. After it was learned that Pedda Reddy had not yet arrived, the crowd was dispersed. However, Pedda Reddy’s actual departure toward Tadipatri this morning brought renewed tensions. Authorities suspect that his arrival could

ignite another round of group clashes, given the strong political rivalry between the factions led by JC Prabhakar Reddy and Pedda Reddy. Hence, they claim to have acted in advance to maintain law and order in the area. This marks the fourth time that Pedda Reddy has been blocked from entering Tadipatri, raising serious questions about political rivalry, freedom of movement, and the enforcement of court directives. The unfolding developments have kept the town on edge, with police closely monitoring both camps.

Minister Narayana Slams YSRCP’s Allegations on Welfare Schemes

TPN Correspondent | Nellore

Andhra Pradesh Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister Dr. P. Narayana came down heavily on YSRCP leaders for their criticism of the TDP government’s flagship welfare scheme ‘Salute to Mother.’ Speaking in Nellore on Wednesday, Narayana asserted that the opposition was making baseless and unreasonable allegations, despite the government’s sincere commitment to fulfilling its election promises. Responding to remarks that questioned the credibility of the ‘Thalliki Vandanam’ scheme, Narayana said, “July 12th will be a festival for lakhs of students and mothers across the state. As promised, the government is transferring the benefit to as many children as there are in a household, unlike the previous regime which supported only one beneficiary per family.” The Minister revealed that ₹10,000 crore was allocated in a single day for 67.25 lakh beneficiaries, despite the financial crisis left behind by the YSRCP government. “The previous government spent just ₹5,000 crore for 42 lakh people. We are doubling both the amount and the reach,” he stated. Narayana added that the TDP-led alliance government was not only executing the ‘Thalliki Vandanam’ scheme, but also progressing steadily on all six key promises — referred to as the ‘Super Six’ — made during the elections. “We are now providing ₹4,000 pensions to over 64 lakh people, a feat unmatched anywhere in the country. We’re spending ₹34,000 crore annually just on pensions,” he said. On social welfare measures, he noted that three cooking gas cylinders are being provided to women as promised. The Annadata Sukh-ibhava scheme has also been launched for

farmers. Additionally, the free bus travel guarantee for women will be implemented from August, and 2.25 lakh people are being served nutritious meals every day through Anna Canteens for just ₹5, he added. Taking aim at the opposition, the Minister said, “YSRCP leaders are making a fuss over imaginary issues. Some are even alleging that the money is being diverted to Lokesh Babu’s house. It’s doubtful whether they have even seen the TDP’s original manifesto.” He further criticised former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, stating, “Jagan, who called himself ‘mama’ (uncle), left the state in debt and disrepair. All administrative systems were weakened under his leadership.” Narayana also pointed out that the previous government failed to utilise the Centre’s funds allocated for urban development. “We are correcting that. Every house in the state will get a drinking water tap under the AMRUT scheme,” he assured. “The governance is improving under the efficient leadership of Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu. If people remain patient, all promises will be fulfilled,” Narayana concluded.



Will Quit If Allegations Are Proven: Minister Savita

TPN Correspondent | Mangalagiri

BC Welfare Minister S. Savita issued a bold challenge to the YSR Congress Party (YCP), declaring she will resign as both MLA and minister if their allegations about corruption in the ‘Thalliki Vandanam’ scheme are proven true. Addressing a press meet at the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) central office in Mangalagiri, Minister Savita hit out at the opposition, calling their claims politically motivated and completely baseless. “YCP leaders are alleging that out of the ₹15,000 benefit under Thalliki Vandanam, ₹2,000 is being siphoned off into Nara Lokesh’s pocket. If that’s true,

I am ready to resign from my MLA seat and ministerial post. But if not, will Jagan be ready to resign as MLA from Pulivendula?” she asked, throwing down a direct political gauntlet. She said that the YCP was only trying to mislead the public out of desperation, and added that the people had already shown their disapproval by not even granting them opposition status. “Their false propaganda won’t work anymore,” she said. **Direct Benefit for Mothers, Transparent System** Minister Savita explained the mechanics of the scheme clearly, stating that under the Thalliki Vandanam initiative, ₹8,745 crore was directly de-



posited into the bank accounts of mothers of 67.27 lakh students across the state. Out of the ₹15,000 per student, ₹13,000

is given directly to the mother and ₹2,000 is allocated for school development works, she clarified. “Whether a fam-

ily has one child or five, all are covered. We gave ₹13,000 for one child, ₹26,000 for two, and up to ₹65,000 for five children in a household. Several families with multiple girl children have thanked us for this support,” she said. Savita stressed that the new NDA government led by Chandrababu Naidu is committed to educational welfare despite the financial burden left by the previous regime. She praised Chandrababu, Lokesh, and Pawan Kalyan for their determination in fulfilling the poll promise.

YSRCP Failed Amma Vodi Promise

Taking a swipe at the previous YSRCP government, Minister

Savita pointed out that though Jagan had promised to provide Amma Vodi benefits to every child in a family before elections, he went back on his word once in power. “In 2022–23, they gave ₹5,500 crore to only 42.61 lakh people. We’ve extended the benefit to 25 lakh more,” she said. Savita also criticized Jagan’s dramatic statements from past campaigns, saying, “He called himself the uncle of the daughters and their children, but after winning power, he betrayed them.” She emphasized that the Thalliki Vandanam scheme was not only more inclusive but also better implemented, benefiting lakhs more families.

Jagan Has Taken a Patent for Diversion Politics: Anitha

Home Minister warns strict action against those insulting women

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Andhra Pradesh Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha came down heavily on YSRCP chief Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, accusing him of indulging in what she termed "diversion politics." Speaking at a press meet in Vijayawada, she warned that strict legal action will be taken against anyone making derogatory remarks against women, regardless of their political affiliation. Anitha said that since the coalition government took charge, major drives have been undertaken to seize marijuana, and steps were being implemented to strengthen law and order. She accused the previous YSRCP government of failing to take action when objectionable remarks were aired against women on their affiliated media channels, questioning whether YSRCP's women leaders would support such behavior. Responding to criticism over the 'Thalliki Vandanam' initiative, the Minister clarified that the scheme was not meant for one person but was aimed at benefiting all students in schools. "If funds are allocated transparently, they call it misuse. Why don't they accept the challenge thrown by Lokesh



regarding the fund allocations?" she asked. Comparing digital safety tools, Anitha stated that the new 'Shakti' app introduced by the coalition is far superior to the 'Disha' app implemented by the previous regime. She emphasized that the government is committed to women's safety and children's education, and will not be deterred by baseless allegations from the opposition. She further accused Jagan of attempting to disrupt the development process in the state and inciting unrest. "Are we supposed to suffer silently if the police are attacked with stones? Jagan is trying to destabilize the administration

and has now patented the art of diversion politics," she remarked. Touching on the recent legal controversy, Anitha questioned Jagan's motives behind moving the Supreme Court to halt the DSC (Teacher Recruitment) process. "Aren't you the one trying to block the future of young aspirants?" she asked, reiterating that the coalition government is focused on delivering good governance and protecting public interest. The Home Minister concluded with a strong warning that no insult to women will be tolerated and action will be swift and firm against offenders, regardless of their status or connections.

Constable Involved in Illegal Sand Transport

- Constable Chilla Vijay Krishna accused of cross-border sand smuggling
- Brother Vamsi Krishna caught transporting sand to Telangana

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Nandigama: A startling case of illegal sand transportation has come to light in NTR District's Nandigama, where a police constable and his elder brother are allegedly involved in smuggling sand from Andhra Pradesh to Telangana. The incident has raised serious concerns about the misuse of police authority and the failure of law enforcement to act on previous complaints. According to official sources, a lorry transporting sand from Kasarabad village's sand reach in Chandlerlapadu mandal to Telangana was intercepted by Nandigama police. The lorry was found using a fake bill marked for Vijayawada, but was en route across the state border, triggering suspicion. The police detained the elder brother of the constable, Chilla Vamsi Krishna, who was reportedly driving or overseeing the transport. Investigations revealed that the mastermind behind this operation is Constable Chilla Vijay Krishna, currently serving at Vatsavai Police Station. This isn't his first offense. Previously, while posted at Nandigama Police Station, he was sent to the VR (Vacancy Reserve) list



for similar misconduct in sand transportation. Despite this, he allegedly resumed illegal activities after being posted to Vatsavai, now involving his own brother. Locals allege that within just three years of service, Vijay Krishna has become a symbol of unchecked corruption. There are even claims that he is being protected by a powerful political figure, MLC Arun Kumar, which has further emboldened his activities. Adding to the controversy is a separate but serious case. Vamsi Krishna's wife has filed an FIR at the Kanchikacherla Police Station, alleging dowry harassment by her husband and misbehavior by Constable Vijay Krishna. Though an FIR has been registered, no investiga-

tion has been carried out so far. The complainant is reportedly seen frequently visiting the station carrying her baby, seeking justice, but her pleas remain unheard. Locals are growing increasingly frustrated with the lack of accountability. "There seems to be no one to restrain Vijay Krishna. His illegal activities and influence are expanding unchecked," a resident of the area said. With both criminal and departmental allegations mounting, citizens are calling for a full-scale investigation into the conduct of Constable Vijay Krishna and his associates. The silence from higher authorities and failure to act has only deepened public distrust in the system.



NEET UG 2025 Results Out...

- 41,584 students from Telangana, 36,776 from AP qualify
- Telangana's Jeevan Saikumar secures 18th rank, AP's Karthikram gets 19th rank
- Over 22 lakh students appeared nationwide

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh
The National Testing Agency (NTA) on Saturday announced the results of NEET UG 2025, bringing an end to the long wait for lakhs of aspiring medical students across the country. Students from Telugu states have once again demonstrated outstanding performance, securing top ranks in the highly competitive examination. The NEET UG exam, held on May 4, is conducted every year for admissions into MBBS, BDS, BSMS, BUMS, and BHMS courses across the country. As per the data released, 41,584 students from Telangana and 36,776 from Andhra Pradesh have qualified this year, reflecting the strong academic performance of students from both states. From Telangana, Kakarla Jeevan Saikumar secured an All India Rank (AIR) 18, followed by Shanmukha Nishant (AIR 37), Mangari Varun (AIR 46), and Yandrapati Shanmukh (AIR 48), marking a significant achievement for the state. Meanwhile, from Andhra Pradesh, Darba Karthikram achieved AIR 19, while Kodavati Mohit Sri-ram stood at AIR 56, bringing laurels to the state. According to the NTA, more than 22 lakh students appeared for the NEET UG exam this year across various centers in India. The results were declared after considering the objections raised on the preliminary answer key, which was released earlier. Students can now access their scorecards online using their application number and login credentials, or via email. The outstanding success of Telugu students highlights the growing emphasis on medical education in both states. Education analysts believe that focused coaching, increasing awareness, and consistent efforts from both students and institutions have contributed to the impressive results from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana this year.

NCC Vijayawada Hosts Blood Donation Camp Ahead of World Blood Donor Day

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada
In a noble initiative ahead of World Blood Donor Day, the 8 (Andhra) Air Squadron NCC, Vijayawada, organised a successful blood donation camp on June 13, 2025, at SRR & CVR Government Degree College, Vijayawada. The camp was conducted in collaboration with the Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS), Vijayawada, to encourage voluntary blood donation and spread awareness about its importance. The camp was held under the leadership of Wing Commander Ajit Singh Rathee, Commanding Officer of the 8 (Andhra) Air Squadron NCC, along with dedicated staff members JWVO Suraj KR, Sgt Prabhat,

Cpl JS Reddy, and GCI Harika. The initiative was part of a directive from the NCC Group Headquarters in Kakinada. Although World Blood Donor Day is officially observed on June 14, the camp was scheduled a day earlier due to logistical convenience with IRCS. The response from cadets was overwhelming, with 120 cadets voluntarily donating blood. Cadets from six NCC units participated in the event: 8 (Andhra) Air Squadron NCC, 8 (Andhra) Naval NCC, 3 (Andhra) Remount & Veterinary NCC, 1 (Andhra) EME NCC, 17 (Andhra) Battalion NCC and 4 (Andhra) Girls Battalion NCC. The blood donation drive highlighted the NCC's commitment to



social responsibility and community welfare. The participating officers and staff commended the cadets for their spirit of service and discipline. Officials from the Indian Red Cross Society and

other dignitaries also praised the initiative and its impact. The success of this event reinforces the role of NCC in nurturing a generation of responsible citizens dedicated to the nation's well-being.

Yoga Enthusiasts Converge on Kondapalli Fort



TPN Correspondent | NTR District
The historic Kondapalli Fort turned into a spiritual and fitness hub on Saturday as yoga practitioners, government officials, and local citizens came together for a special yoga session as part of Yoga Andhra Month. Under the leadership of NTR District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha, the event highlighted the cultural and natural grandeur of the fort, blending heritage with health. The scenic Kondapalli fort wit-

nessed hundreds performing yoga asanas in unison, guided by instructors and set against the backdrop of lush greenery and ancient architecture. Joining the Collector were Joint Collector S. Ilakkiya, AP NGGO State President A. Vidyasagar, and a large number of employees and locals. The initiative is part of a broader campaign to promote yoga across Andhra Pradesh, with similar events already held at Gandhi Hill, Pavitra Sangam, and Haritha Beram Park. Collector Lakshmisha noted

that Yoga Andhra programs have been running in villages and towns since May 21. "It is a great pleasure to organize this program at the Kondapalli Fort, which stands as a symbol of historical glory and green beauty. Yoga, once a traditional practice, is now a global solution for modern lifestyle ailments like BP, diabetes, and hormonal issues," he stated. He urged citizens to embrace the 45-minute Common Yoga Protocol for a healthier life and a stronger society aligned with the vision of a Viksit Bharat and Swarnandhra. Joint Collector Ilakkiya emphasized that yoga is not just physical, but a means to achieve mental wellness. "Through Yoga Andhra events in tourist spots, we aim to raise awareness about both yoga and local destinations," she added. AP NGGO State President A. Vidyasagar called yoga India's gift to the world. "Participating at the Kondapalli Fort was an honor. These programs preserve our heritage and help in stress management, especially for employees. Yoga should become a daily

habit," he said, appreciating the Collector's efforts. Adding a patriotic touch, Operation Sindoor, a cultural performance by Amaravati Yoga and Aerobics group, moved the audience with its tribute to fallen soldiers. Collector Lakshmisha praised the program for instilling pride and emotion among attendees. Students from Sirisha Yoga Academy and Government Nursing College also performed, winning hearts. Many dignitaries participated in the event, including AP NGGO state executives A. Ranga Rao, B. Janaki, V. Subbareddy, SBV Ram Prasad, B. Tulasi Ratnam, DV Ramana, DSN Reddy, VV Prasad, P. Ramesh, CVR Prasad, CH Naga-bhushana, and others. Officers from various departments such as District Tourism Officer A. Shilpa, Municipal Commissioner Ramyakirtana, DMHO Dr. M. Suhasini, and medical and AYUSH officials also took part. The program highlighted how a blend of tradition, wellness, and community spirit can promote both individual health and cultural pride.

Fire Accident in Kurma Village Unfortunate: Pawan Kalyan

- ISKCON spiritual center in flames, heavy loss reported
- Organizers allege foul play; police probe underway
- Pawan Kalyan orders investigation, promises full support

TPN Correspondent | Srikakulam
Deputy Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Pawan Kalyan, has expressed deep shock and sorrow over the fire accident that gutted the ISKCON Radhakrishna temple in Kurma village, located in Hiramandalam mandal of Srikakulam district. The incident, which occurred a few days ago, led to massive damage to property and disrupted the peaceful, spiritually inclined lives of the villagers.

Kurma village, known for its natural and traditional lifestyle, is home

to devotees living without modern conveniences. They engage in natural farming, live in mud houses, and promote Vedic education. Children here are taught in multiple languages including Sanskrit, Telugu, Hindi, and English. The village is run under the auspices of the ISKCON organization and is considered a rare model of cultural and spiritual sustainability. According to initial reports, the fire completely engulfed the ISKCON temple premises. Temple authorities, including a manager named Prabhudas, alleged that this

may not have been a mere accident and recalled similar suspicious incidents in the past. In light of these allegations, the police have intensified their investigation and are exploring all possible angles, including foul play. Reacting to the incident, Pawan Kalyan termed the tragedy "unfortunate" and assured immediate and complete support to the victims and the village. "Kurma village, which promotes a spiritual way of life away from modern mechanical routines, should be revived with full support.

I have instructed officials to conduct a thorough investigation and look into the suspicions being raised about this incident," he stated. He further added that the state government would coordinate with district authorities to assess the damage and ensure necessary assistance is provided for the restoration of Kurma village and its unique ecosystem. The Deputy CM emphasized that such a unique community, which upholds traditional Indian values, deserves full protection and support from the government.



Education Is a Top Priority: Minister Kolusu Parthasarathy

Talliki Vandanam brings justice to 65 lakh students



TPN Correspondent | Eluru
State Housing, Information and Civil Affairs Minister Kolusu Parthasarathy reaffirmed the Telugu Desam Party government's commitment to education and welfare, emphasizing that education remains a top priority in the government's agenda. He made these remarks while interacting with beneficiaries of the Talliki Vandanam scheme at his camp office in Nuzvidu on Saturday. The minister said the Talliki Vandanam scheme is being implemented in a way that benefits every eligible student in a household, unlike the previous Amravodi scheme under the YSRCP government, which was limited to only one child per family. "We are keeping our promise by ensuring that no student is left behind. This is real justice," he stated. Parthasarathy pointed out that the previous government restricted the Amravodi benefits to 42 lakh people, while the current Talliki Vandanam has covered nearly 65 lakh beneficiaries. He also appealed to YSRCP leaders to

refrain from baseless criticism and instead observe how the new government is delivering on its promises. During his interaction, several parents expressed their gratitude, highlighting that multiple children in a single household had received benefits. Many noted the positive impact of the scheme in the Nuzvidu constituency where financial aid was credited to families with two or even three students. The minister further announced that free bus travel for women will be implemented from August 15. He said that free gas connections have already been distributed, and financial aid for farmers under the Annadatta Sukhibhava scheme will be launched soon. "We are moving ahead with the Super 6 agenda. Every promise made is being fulfilled with dedication, in line with the aspirations of the people," Minister Parthasarathy assured, reiterating that the welfare of the poor is at the heart of the TDP government's mission.

Jana Sena Leaders Extend Help to Helpless Woman

Monthly groceries and rice provided to Venkatamma's family



TPN | C Shekar Tirupati: Janasena Party leaders from Thottambedu Mandal of Srikalahasti constituency came forward to support a helpless woman, Venkatamma, from Chilaka Wari Kandriga by providing her with sufficient groceries and rice to last a month. This compassionate gesture has brought much-needed relief to Venkatamma and her struggling family.

Upon learning about the dire conditions of her household, party leaders explained the situation to General Secretary Laxman, who promptly took action. Expressing her gratitude, Venkatamma conveyed her heartfelt thanks to the Jana Sena leaders for their timely support. Thottambedu Mandal Incharge Peta Chandrasekhar, General Secretary Laxman, and party members Mani, Peta Chiranjeevi,

Lokesh, Muni Chandra, and Chandu actively participated in this humanitarian initiative. Brave women like Sharada and Gayatri also took part in the program, standing in solidarity with the party's effort to aid those in distress. This act of kindness underscores the Jana Sena Party's commitment to social responsibility and their readiness to support the underprivileged during times of need.

Book Nooks to Expand Across Eluru Soon

Three centers launched; plan to grow to 100 book spots for public reading

TPN Correspondent | Eluru
Eluru District Joint Collector P. Dhatri Reddy on Saturday emphasized the importance of developing a reading culture among people of all ages. As part of this initiative, the Eluru Urban Development Authority has launched a new program called Eluru Book Nooks, along with a dedicated website <https://eluru-booknooks.com>, aimed at promoting reading through accessible community book centers. Speaking at the launch event, Joint Collector Dhatri Reddy said that the Eluru Book Nooks will offer a diverse collection of books, including educational, literary, scientific, historical, personality development, inspirational stories, novels, and children's books. He noted that the goal of the initiative is not only to provide easy access to books but also to inspire a lifelong love of reading among res-

idents. Currently, three Book Nook centers have been established, and plans are underway to expand to 100 such centers in the near future. To support this expansion, a public book collection drive has been initiated. The Joint Collector appealed to the public to donate both old and new books that are informative and beneficial to society. "We encourage citizens to donate only books that spread useful knowledge to all sections of the society," he stated, adding that all donated books will be made accessible through upcoming Book Nook centers in Eluru and surrounding areas. He also highlighted the convenience offered by the new website, which provides detailed information about donation centers, book availability, and locations. "Through this system, thousands of readers will bene-



fit, and everyone can become a part of this knowledge-sharing movement," he concluded. The initiative has already begun receiving positive attention from local readers and is seen as a promising step toward building a stronger, more informed community.

Signboards and Lights Installed to Prevent Road Accidents

TPN Correspondent | Eluru
In a proactive move to curb the rising number of road accidents in Eluru district, District SP Kommi Prathapa Shiva Kishore has launched a series of safety measures targeting the most accident-prone areas on national highways and road bridges. The initiative comes after the district traffic department identified key problem zones, particularly the Ashram Bridge and Vyasakani Railway Bridge, where accidents were reported frequently. An investigation by the traffic authorities found that poor lighting conditions and the absence of clear warning signage at night were major contributors to the mishaps in these locations. Acting swiftly, SP Shiva Kishore held a review



meeting with National Highway officials to discuss and implement immediate solutions. Following the review, a set of seven solar-powered street lights, four warning signboards, and ten speed limit boards were installed at the identified sites on

Saturday. These additions aim to enhance visibility and alertness for drivers, especially during nighttime travel, where risks of accidents are significantly higher. Speaking to the media, traffic department officials emphasized the importance of such preventive actions. "Every life is valuable. Small precautions like these can prevent major tragedies," one official remarked. They reiterated that public safety is the top priority, and the department is committed to creating safer roads for all motorists. The initiative has been widely welcomed by residents and motorists alike, with hopes that such focused interventions will lead to a significant drop in road mishaps in the district.

Talliki Vandanam Brings Joy to AP Families

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh
Cash is being directly credited into the bank accounts of eligible mothers across Andhra Pradesh under the 'Talliki Vandanam' scheme launched by the state government. As part of the initiative, ₹13,000 is being provided per student, significantly benefiting families with multiple school-going children. One such remarkable instance has emerged from Kalakada mandal in Annamayi district, where three mothers from a joint family with 12 studying children received a total of ₹1.56 lakh under the scheme. The Telugu Desam Party (TDP), which heads the co-

alition government, shared this heartwarming story on social media platform 'X'. In a video posted online, the mothers were seen expressing joy and gratitude to Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and the coalition government for supporting their children's education in such a substantial way. In another case from Devanakonda in Kurnool district, Shakinabi, the mother of six daughters, received ₹78,000 under the scheme. Her husband, Chand Basha, shared their happiness publicly, saying all their daughters study in government schools and are eligible for the scheme. The 'Talliki Vandanam' scheme is designed

to offer financial assistance to the mothers of students studying from Class 1 to Intermediate, in both government and private schools across the state. The aim is to reduce the financial burden on families and encourage continued education for children, especially in low-income households. So far, thousands of mothers across the state have begun receiving this benefit, which not only helps meet educational expenses but also strengthens family support systems. The government has stated that the scheme will be implemented transparently and inclusively, ensuring that no eligible student is left behind.

Air India Dreamliner Tragedy: A Fireball That Could Threaten Tata’s Aviation Revival



The recent crash of an Air India Boeing 787 Dreamliner in Ahmedabad has not only shocked the nation but also placed the Tata Group’s ambitious revival of the national carrier under intense scrutiny. The London-bound aircraft crashed seconds after takeoff, killing at least 265 people, including all 241 onboard — making it one of the deadliest aviation disasters in India’s recent history.

This catastrophe arrives at a critical juncture for Air India, which was reacquired by the Tata Group in 2022 with the goal of transforming it into a world-class airline. Under CEO Campbell Wilson, the airline has invested in fleet renewal, customer experience upgrades, and a record-breaking order of 470 new aircraft from Boeing and Airbus. But this single, devastating crash threatens to undo years of progress and investor confidence.

The aircraft involved, a Dreamliner delivered in 2014, was considered a symbol of next-gen-

eration aviation. Known for its fuel efficiency and long-haul capabilities, it had no known history of critical failures. However, initial witness accounts and aviation analysts point to a sudden loss of power or pitch control, leading to the aircraft’s failure to gain altitude. The pilot reportedly made several unsuccessful attempts to stabilize the plane before it crashed into a residential area, erupting in a fireball.

Aviation consultant Mark D Martin noted that such issues are highly unusual in fifth-generation aircraft, suggesting a possible system or engine failure. This raises questions about maintenance oversight, safety protocols, and overall readiness — all crucial elements in a high-stakes industry.

The fallout is expected to be severe. International regulators are watching closely, and the US aviation authorities have joined India’s DGCA in the investigation. Boeing has pledged technical support. Meanwhile, the black box data, maintenance

logs, and crew performance will be scrutinized to determine the cause.

The tragedy comes amid growing concerns about Air India’s service quality, with recent incidents involving passenger misconduct and flight delays already hurting its image. Analysts like Shukor Yusof believe this crash could “prolong the rehabilitation of the airline” and potentially affect bilateral aviation agreements, insurance premiums, and public trust.

However, this moment also offers an opportunity for the Tata Group to demonstrate true leadership. Transparent communication, support for victims’ families, and a firm commitment to safety reform will be key to restoring public and global confidence. As India aspires to become a global aviation hub, Air India must lead by example — not only in luxury and expansion but in safety and responsibility. This tragedy may either derail the airline’s rebirth — or become the moment it finally earns its wings back.



India, Pakistan & the Return of the ‘H’-Word: Why De-Hyphenation Still Matters in Trump’s World

As much as we’d prefer to retire the phrase, the dreaded “H-word” — Hyphenation with Pakistan — is back in diplomatic discourse. For India, which has long worked to delink itself from being viewed through the same lens as Pakistan, this represents not just an irritant but a strategic setback.

There are three key reasons for India’s discomfort with the return of this narrative. The first is the zero-sum trap. When the US views the subcontinent as an India-Pakistan equation, it implies balance — a gain for one is seen as a loss for the other. India resents this perceived equivalence, especially given its scale, influence, and ambitions on the world stage.

Second is stature denial. India believes it has earned a distinct place in global geopolitics, powered by its economy, military capabilities, and democratic credentials. Viewing South Asia solely through an India-Pakistan prism denies India the sphere of influence it believes it deserves — especially at a time when China is actively working to undercut that dominance, with Pakistan’s eager collaboration.

The third concern is the return of the M-word: Mediation. Former US President Donald Trump reignited this debate, claiming credit for “stopping a nuclear war” between India and Pakistan. While clearly more about ego than diplomacy, such statements have given Islamabad fresh talking points. Pakistani politicians like Bilawal Bhutto now boast that Wash-

ington could even drag India to the negotiating table “by the ear.”

Trump’s transactional worldview and his disregard for historical nuance unsettle traditional diplomacy. He undermines long-standing alliances, praises adversaries like Putin, and dismisses democratic leaders. His new term (if won) could reshape global alignments — and certainly India’s diplomatic calculations.

The Modi government, so far, has been wise to remain calm and focused, especially as a critical India-US trade deal looms. No official outrage was expressed over statements from US nominees like Paul Kapur, who hinted at working with Pakistan “where American interests align.” Similarly, CENTCOM’s praise of Pakistan as a counterterrorism partner raised eyebrows but reflected longstanding military jurisdictional divides.

The challenge now is balancing public sentiment, often hyper-reactive on social media, with the strategic composure needed in diplomacy. Past crises — from Kargil to 26/11 — have shown that American involvement has often helped defuse tensions and even reinforced India’s narrative against terror. The fear is that under Trump, involvement may return, but without the discretion or balance.

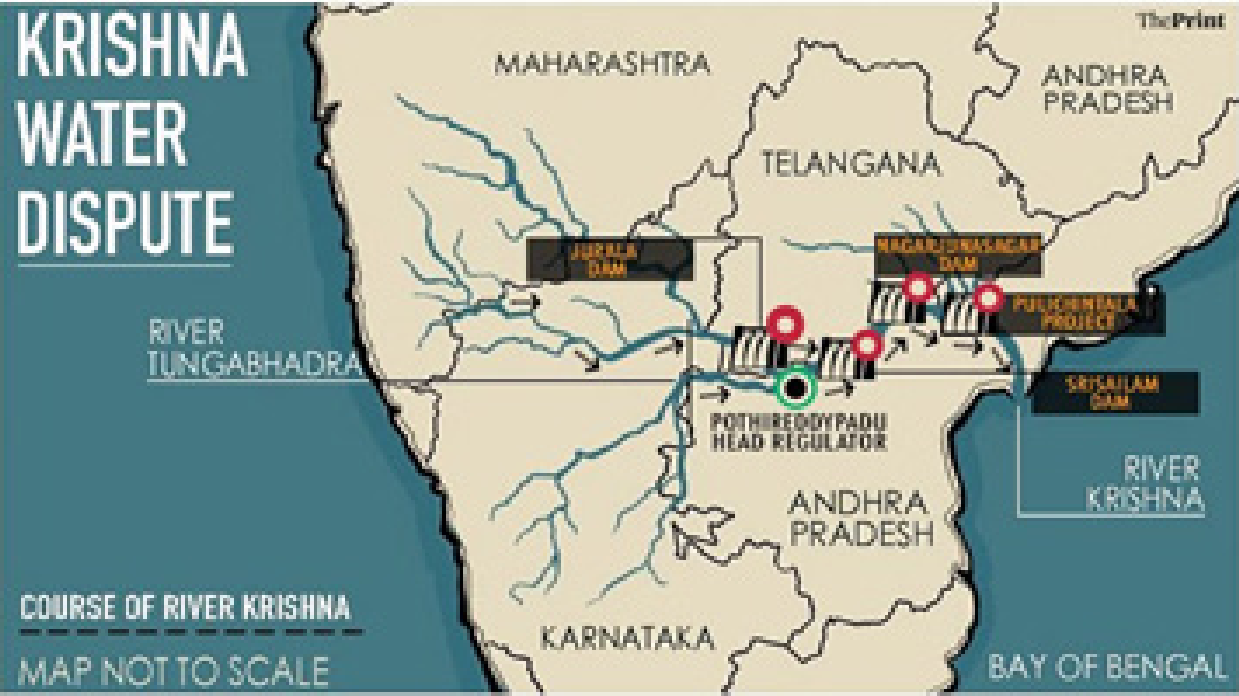
India must prepare for a world where diplomacy is louder, more impulsive, and increasingly about personal credit — especially when Trump’s fire truck shows up at the door.

A Decade Later, Telangana’s Battle for Krishna River Water Continues

More than ten years after Telangana split from Andhra Pradesh, the state’s struggle to secure its rightful share of Krishna river water remains unresolved, exposing deep political and administrative challenges.

The Krishna river, flowing through Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Karnataka, is central to this dispute. Telangana and Andhra Pradesh share two major dams on the river: the Srisaileam and Nagarjunasagar projects. The Srisaileam dam regulates about 811 thousand million cubic feet (TMC) of water, with Telangana allocated 299 TMC and Andhra Pradesh receiving the remainder. At Nagarjunasagar, which holds 285 TMC, Telangana’s share is 90 TMC.

Despite clear allocations, Andhra Pradesh has frequently been accused of exceeding its water share, hurting Telangana’s agricultural and developmental prospects. In November 2023, tensions escalated when Andhra



Pradesh authorities released over 2,000 cusecs of water from the Nagarjunasagar dam—beyond its entitlement—while Telangana was focused on elections. The incident sparked a police standoff, highlighting the fragile nature of water sharing between the two states.

The Centre established the Krishna River Management Board (KRMB) to oversee the equitable distribution of water between Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. The KRMB, comprising officials from both states and the central government, was expected to settle disputes and ensure compliance with the agreed 66:34 water-sharing ratio.

Yet, a decade on, its effectiveness remains limited as disputes persist.

Water issues are deeply intertwined with politics. At Telangana’s formation, the rivalry between Telangana’s first Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) and Andhra Pradesh’s then-leader N Chandrababu Naidu added fuel to the dispute. Naidu’s party had to share Hyderabad, the joint capital, with Telangana for ten years after bifurcation, complicating relations.

The political landscape shifted in 2019 with the rise of YSR Congress Party’s Jagan Mohan Reddy in Andhra Pradesh, briefly raising hopes for improved cooperation. However, the honeymoon ended quickly when Andhra Pradesh unilaterally used 3 TMC of water from the Srisaileam dam without informing Telangana or the KRMB, reigniting mistrust.

Telangana has also sought a revision of the water-sharing formula. The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) government, under KCR, pushed for a 50:50 split instead of the current 66:34, citing the state’s growing water needs, especially for major projects like the Kaleshwaram lift irrigation scheme. This demand is currently under consideration by the Brijesh Kumar tribunal.

Meanwhile, Andhra Pradesh continues to advance its own projects, such as the Polavaram irrigation project on the Godavari river, aimed at irrigating millions of acres and supplying drinking water to Visakhapatnam.

With the Congress now in power in Telangana—a party historically opposed to Andhra Pradesh’s TDP—the political divide remains a significant barrier to resolving the water dispute. For a fair and lasting solution, the KRMB must be empowered and allowed to function effectively, ensuring both states receive their rightful share and protecting the interests of millions dependent on the Krishna river.

PM Modi Embarks on Three-Nation Tour to Cyprus, Canada, and Croatia

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to embark on a significant three-nation diplomatic tour covering Cyprus, Canada, and Croatia, beginning Sunday morning. The visit marks a key effort to strengthen India's global partnerships and expand strategic engagement across Europe and North America.

The tour will begin with a two-day visit to Cyprus from June 15-16, on the invitation of President Nikos Christodoulides. This marks the first visit by an Indian Prime Minister to Cyprus in over 20 years. During his stay in Nicosia, PM Modi will hold high-level talks with President Christodoulides aimed at deepening bilateral cooperation. He is also scheduled to address a gathering of business leaders in Limassol, highlighting economic opportunities and reaffirming India's commitment to stronger ties with both the Mediterranean region and the European Union.

From Cyprus, PM Modi will trav-



el to Canada for the second leg of his tour, where he will attend the G-7 Summit at Kananaskis, Alberta, on June 16-17. He is participating at the invitation of Canadi-

an Prime Minister Mark Carney. This will be Modi's sixth consecutive G-7 Summit appearance.

At the summit, PM Modi is ex-

pected to engage in discussions with leaders from the G-7 countries, invited outreach nations, and heads of various international organisations. The key themes include energy security, technology and innovation, and critical topics like the AI-energy nexus and quantum technologies. On the sidelines of the summit, the Prime Minister is also expected to hold bilateral meetings with several world leaders to bolster India's global partnerships.

The final leg of the Prime Minister's tour will take him to Croatia on June 18. This visit will be historic, as it will mark the first-ever visit by an Indian Prime Minister to Croatia. In Zagreb, Modi will meet with Croatian Prime Minister Andrej Plenković and President Zoran Milanović to explore avenues for enhanced cooperation across sectors, including trade, tourism, and technology.

The tour is seen as a strategic move to deepen India's diplomatic outreach and global influence ahead of key international developments.



India abstaining from UN motion on Gaza 'shameful': Priyanka Gandhi

TPN Correspondent | Malappuram

Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Saturday strongly criticized the Indian government for abstaining from a United Nations resolution aimed at protecting civilians and ensuring adherence to humanitarian law in Gaza. She called the move "shameful" and a "disappointing" departure from India's historical values.

In a post on social media platform 'X', Vadra expressed outrage over the government's silence amid the worsening humanitarian crisis in Gaza. "It is shameful and disappointing that our government has chosen to abstain on the UN motion for the protection of civilians and upholding legal and humanitarian obligations in Gaza," she wrote.

Citing reports that over 60,000 people — mostly women and children — have died and that the entire population of Gaza is being starved and confined, Vadra questioned India's moral compass and its failure to condemn the violence.

She also alleged that the Indian government was not only passive on the Gaza crisis but was effectively supporting Israel's aggressive actions against Iran, including what she described as the "assassination of its leadership in violation of international norms."

"This is a tragic reversal of our anti-colonial legacy," she said. "Not only are we standing silent as Mr. Netanyahu annihilates an entire nation, we are cheering on his government's attacks on Iran in complete contravention of international norms."

Vadra further questioned how India could abandon the principles enshrined in its Constitution and the values of its freedom movement, which were rooted in peace, justice, and non-violence. "There is no justification for this. True global leadership demands the courage to defend justice. India has shown this courage in the past," she said, urging the country to reclaim its moral voice in the international arena.

India's Active Covid-19 Tally Crosses 7,400; Surge in Karnataka, Nine Deaths Reported

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

India's active Covid-19 cases rose to 7,400 on Saturday after a single-day addition of 269 new cases, according to the Union Health Ministry. The sharpest increase came from Karnataka, which reported 132 new infections, followed by Gujarat (79) and Kerala (54).

The country also reported nine Covid-related deaths in the last 24 hours. Maharashtra accounted for four of these, Kerala reported three, and Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu recorded one death each. The total number of Covid-related deaths since January 1, 2025, now stands at 87.

Despite the rise in new cases, 991



patients recovered in the past 24 hours, taking the overall recovery count to 11,967.

Among the states, Kerala remains the worst affected, with an active case load of 2,109, followed by Gu-

jarat (1,437) and Delhi (672). Other states with significant numbers include Maharashtra (613), Karnataka (527), Uttar Pradesh (248), Tamil Nadu (232), Rajasthan (180), and Andhra Pradesh (102). In northeastern India, Manipur

reported five new cases on Friday — three in Imphal East and two in Imphal West — out of 15 samples tested. Meanwhile, Rajasthan continues to see 30-35 daily cases, with one recent death attributed to a patient who also had tuberculosis, according to Dr. Ravi Prakash Sharma of the state's health department.

States like Sikkim, Haryana, and Tamil Nadu reported minor upticks, while no cases were reported in Arunachal Pradesh, Chandigarh, Ladakh, Mizoram, Punjab, and West Bengal.

Health authorities have urged continued vigilance, even as testing, tracing, and treatment capacities remain robust across the country.

Axiom-4 Mission Rescheduled Indian Astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla Set for Historic Space Journey on June 19



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The highly anticipated Axiom-4 mission, which will carry Indian astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla to the International Space Station (ISS), has been officially rescheduled for June

19, 2025, following a brief delay due to technical issues.

The launch will take place from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida. Originally slated for June 11, the mission was postponed after engineers

detected two key issues — a fuel leak in SpaceX's Falcon-9 rocket and a pressure anomaly in the Russian Zvezda module on the ISS.

Union Minister of Science and Technology Dr. Jitendra Singh confirmed

the revised launch date on social media. "The launch date of the Axiom-4 mission carrying Indian astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla to the International Space Station is now set for June 19. The SpaceX team has addressed all technical concerns that led to the earlier delay," he wrote, adding that further updates would be provided as needed.

Mission Overview & International Crew

The Axiom-4 (Ax-4) mission is Axiom Space's fourth private astronaut venture to the ISS, in collaboration with NASA and SpaceX. The mission underscores growing global cooperation in space exploration and the rise of private sector participation in human spaceflight.

The Ax-4 crew includes:

Peggy Whitson (USA) – Mission

Commander

Shubhanshu Shukla (India) – Pilot

Śławosz Uznański-Wiśniewski (Poland) – Payload Specialist

Tibor Kapu (Hungary) – Payload Specialist

India's Role in the Mission
Shubhanshu Shukla's participation in this mission marks a historic milestone for India's space program, especially as ISRO gears up for future human spaceflight missions, including Gaganyaan.

During the 14-day stay aboard the ISS, the crew will conduct seven scientific experiments developed by ISRO, covering fields like microgravity research, life sciences, and fluid dynamics.

This mission not only signifies a proud moment for India on the global space stage but also strengthens international collaboration in space science and technology.

Not Concerned About War, Gave Iran 60 Days, Today's 61st: Trump Backs Israel

TPN Correspondent | Washington

US President Donald Trump stated on Friday that he is “not concerned” about a regional war erupting following Israel’s recent strike on Iran’s military and nuclear facilities, which also killed key Iranian nuclear scientists and commanders.

In an interview with Reuters, Trump revealed that he had initially tried to delay the Israeli attack to allow more time for diplomacy and dialogue with Tehran. “I gave them a 60-day ultimatum, and today was the 61st day,” Trump said, referring to Iran. Despite the offensive, the President expressed continued hope for nuclear negotiations, noting that planned talks in Oman on Sunday will proceed, although he doubts Iran will participate following the Israeli strike. US special envoy Steve Witkoff is scheduled to meet an Iranian delegation on June 15.



Trump emphasized that it’s still not too late for Iran to negotiate. Earlier in the day, he urged Tehran to “make a deal before it is too late,” while also warning on his Truth Social account that

Iranian hardliners were “all DEAD now,” adding ominously that “it will only get worse.” The President acknowledged that the US was aware in advance of Israel’s plans. He convened his top national

security team at Camp David on June 8 to discuss Iran and spoke with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu the following day. “We knew everything, and I tried to save Iran from humiliation and death. I would have loved to see a deal worked out. They can still work out a deal; it’s not too late,” Trump said.

Reaffirming strong support for Israel, Trump called the US its “number one ally by far.” When asked about Iran’s counterattack, Trump responded, “We’ll see what happens.”

In retaliation for Israel’s strike, Iran launched 100 drones toward Tel Aviv. The Israeli military said its air defenses intercepted the drones outside Israeli territory. Iran’s Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, warned Israel of a “bitter and painful” fate in response to the attacks, signaling escalating tensions in the region.

"Unite for freedom from evil and oppressive regime": Israel PM Netanyahu tells Iranians

TPN Correspondent | Tel Aviv

As Israel’s military operation against Iran intensifies under the codename Operation Rising Lion, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has issued a direct appeal to the Iranian people, calling on them to rise up against what he called an “evil and oppressive regime.”

In a televised address on Saturday, Netanyahu explained the strategic aim of Israel’s ongoing offensive — to eliminate Iran’s nuclear and ballistic missile capabilities. He emphasized that Israel’s fight is not with the people of Iran but with its ruling regime.

“Tonight, I wish to speak to you, the proud people of Iran,” Netanyahu said. “We’re in the midst of one of the greatest military operations in history. The Islamic regime has oppressed you for nearly 50 years and threatens to destroy Israel. Operation Rising Lion aims to neutralize that threat.”

Netanyahu claimed that Israel has al-



ready dealt significant blows to Iran’s military and nuclear infrastructure, including the elimination of senior military commanders and scientists. “We’ve taken out major enrichment facilities and crippled much of Iran’s ballistic missile arsenal. And more is on the way,” he declared. In an emotional appeal, Netanyahu invoked historical ties between Iran and Israel, referencing the era of Cyrus the

Great. “The nations of Israel and Iran were once friends. As we achieve our objectives, we clear the path for you to achieve yours — freedom,” he said. He ended his message with the words “Woman, Life, Freedom – Zan, Zendegi, Azadi,” echoing recent protest slogans from within Iran.

Meanwhile, Iran’s Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei responded fiercely, warning that Israel would face harsh retaliation. In a series of posts on social media, Khamenei described Israel’s strikes as “a grave error” and vowed that “life will become bitter for the Zionists.” He confirmed that Iran’s armed forces are fully prepared and that the entire leadership and population are united behind them.

“The Islamic Republic will not show mercy,” Khamenei said, promising “heavy blows” to Israel in response to what he called “heinous crimes.” As tensions escalate rapidly, the region stands on the brink of a wider conflict with both sides warning of further action.

Israel Strikes Iran’s Nuclear Sites; Iran Retaliates with Missile Attacks

TPN Correspondent | Israel

Israel launched a powerful air-strike on June 13, 2025, targeting Iran’s key nuclear and military facilities, using warplanes and drones to destroy critical sites and kill top Iranian generals and nuclear scientists. The Israeli government said the operation was necessary to prevent Iran from advancing closer to developing an atomic weapon, although international experts had already assessed Iran’s active nuclear program prior to the attack.



In response, Iran fired multiple ballistic missiles at Israel, causing explosions over Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. Israeli authorities urged civilians to take shelter as some missiles damaged homes, resulting in two fatalities and several injuries. Hospitals in Tel Aviv treated multiple casualties, mostly with minor injuries, while one Iranian missile strike in Rishon LeZion killed two people and injured 19, damaging several homes.

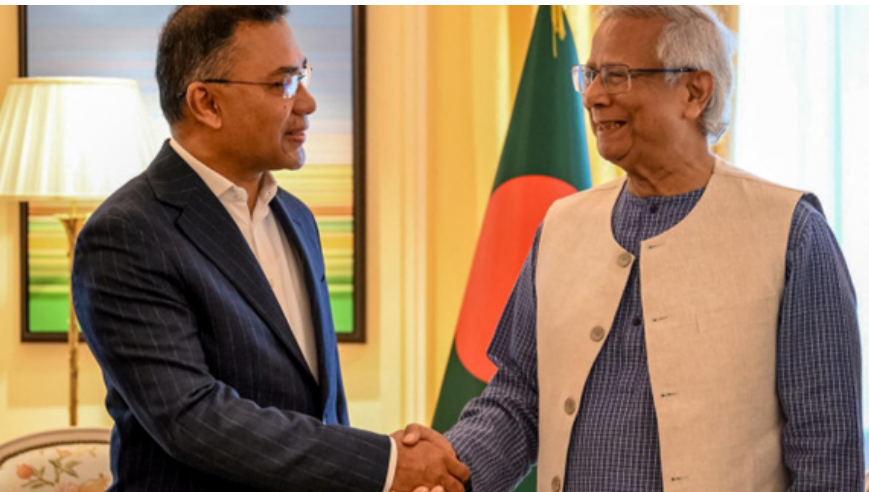
Explosions and air defense activity were reported in Tehran shortly after midnight, with a fire breaking out at Meh-

rabad International Airport. Iran’s Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, vowed harsh retaliation, condemning Israel’s attack as a “great crime” and promising the perpetrators would not escape unpunished. Iran’s UN ambassador reported 78 fatalities and over 320 wounded from the Israeli strikes.

The Israeli military said about 200 aircraft targeted nearly 100 locations, including the Natanz nuclear enrichment site, where significant damage was visible, and the Isfahan nuclear research facility. Israeli officials confirmed destruction of numerous radar and mis-

siles, including Generals Mohammad Bagheri, Hossein Salami, and Amir Ali Hajizadeh, delivering a severe blow to Iran’s military command.

The U.S. provided air defense support, helping Israel intercept Iranian missiles. The conflict has escalated fears of a broader regional war, with countries worldwide calling for immediate de-escalation. Israel’s Prime Minister Netanyahu revealed the attack had been planned months in advance but was delayed due to evolving geopolitical factors, including the October 2023 Hamas attacks and U.S. political developments.



Bangladesh’s Interim Chief Adviser Yunus Meets BNP Leader Tarique Rahman in London Ahead of 2026 Elections

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Bangladesh’s interim Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus met with Tarique Rahman, acting chairman of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), in London on June 13, 2025, in a significant political development as the country prepares for elections next year. Photographs released by the government press team showed the two leaders smiling and shaking hands, signaling a moment of cordiality amid a historically rocky relationship between Yunus’s caretaker government and the BNP.

Tarique Rahman, son of former Prime Minister Khaleda Zia, leads the BNP, which is widely considered the frontrunner in the upcoming elections, expected to take place in April 2026. These will be the first elections since a student-led uprising forced former Premier Sheikh Hasina from power in August 2024, ending her 15-year rule marked by allegations of human rights abuses and politicization of the judiciary and civil services.

The exact election date remains a contentious issue. While Yunus has suggested an April 2026 timeline, the BNP has been pushing for earlier polls—preferably before the Islamic holy month of Ramadan begins around February 17, 2026. Senior members of Yunus’s cabinet, including Khalilur Rahman, have hinted that elections could be held sooner if sufficient progress is made in democratic reforms and judicial trials. BNP leader Amir Khasru Mahmud Chowdhury expressed hope for consensus on these reforms soon.

Yunus, an 84-year-old Nobel Peace Prize laureate, assumed the caretaker role after the student protests that ousted Hasina, who fled the country by helicopter amid growing unrest. The caretaker government has emphasized the need to strengthen democratic institutions before elections, warning that ongoing political power struggles could threaten recent gains. The meeting in London between Yunus and Rahman is viewed as a critical step toward easing political tensions and ensuring a fair electoral process in Bangladesh’s politically volatile environment. Both sides appear to be cautiously moving toward dialogue and consensus as the nation prepares for a pivotal election.

Trump’s HIV/AIDS Aid Cuts Push 2030 Goal Further Out of Reach, Warns UNAIDS Chief



Efforts to end AIDS as a public health threat by 2030 have suffered a major blow following U.S. President Donald Trump’s decision to slash billions in HIV/AIDS foreign aid, according to UNAIDS Executive Director Winnie Byanyima. Speaking to journalists in Johannesburg on June 13, 2025, Byanyima expressed concern that the funding cuts are already having visible impacts across Africa, particularly in South Africa, which has the world’s highest population living with HIV — an estimated 8 million people.

“The world was already off track,” Byanyima said, citing 1.3 million new infections in 2023. “Less funding means we will get more and more off-track.” The U.S. has historically been one of the largest funders of global HIV programmes through initiatives like PEPFAR. But the Trump administration’s February decision to significantly cut foreign aid, including HIV-related funding, has disrupted treatment and prevention services in many low-income countries.

Byanyima noted that the effects are already visible, with some countries seeing a decline in clinic visits and HIV testing. Community prevention programmes — instrumental in curbing new infections — are shutting down due to lack of resources. “We don’t know yet what that impact will be, but impact there will be,” she warned. In South Africa, where about 20% of the national HIV budget came from U.S. funding, monitoring and testing systems are faltering.

UNAIDS estimates that as many as six million people could die if global funding shortfalls continue. Byanyima emphasized that while prevention efforts were starting to show success, they were “not coming down fast enough” — and progress is now at serious risk.

She urged other wealthy nations to step in and help fill the funding gap. “Even poor, indebted countries are trying to plug the holes,” she said. “We’re saying to donors: this is one of the diseases without a cure, without a vaccine — yet we’re seeing progress. If you’ve got a good success story, why drop it before you end it?” Her call comes amid growing concern from global health organizations, including the World Health Organization, about the wider implications of U.S. aid cuts on international health programmes.

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Owais Metal: A Deep Dive into a Rare Earth-Linked SME Stock

This week we are discussing OWAIS METAL AND MINERAL PROCESSING LTD which is based in Madhya Pradesh and engaged in manufacturing and processing of mineral and metals. The Company after having been listed in the Stock Market created ripples and on the back of hype touched as high as Rs.1569 as against the present price of just Rs.686.85. The reason for the hype is that it is the only listed company directly or indirectly connected to RARE EARTH ELEMENTS. As many investors are aware, rare earths are the in thing now and our country has been sourcing requirements of all rare earth elements from China. China has recently blocked supplies of RARE EARTHS to India. These rare earths are important components of Hi-tech consumer products like cellular telephones, computer hard drives, electric vehicles, televisions and many defence applications. Central Government is thinking of providing many incentives to this industry to encourage production of rare earths in the country and reduce dependence on China

Only time will tell how far this company will seize this opportunity of rare earths.

BASIC INFORMATION:

Face Value Rs.10
Capital Rs.18.18 Crores
Market Cap - Rs.1248 Crores
EPS R.25.86
52 Week High Rs.1569
Price as on 13-06-25 Rs.686.85

This company belongs to SME Group listed in BSE with a tradable lot of just 100. Hence makes no difference whether SME Group or Main Board.

LATEST FINANCIALS :

The Company declared financial results for the year ended 31-03-2025 on 23-5-2025. A comparison of results between 2024 and 2025.



	2024	2025	% of Growth
Sales	80	213	166
Net Profit	15.46	47	204
EPS	11.41	25.86	

This is the story of the company so far. Can we buy it now? At a price of Rs.686.85, PE works out to 26.56 against the industry PE of 21. If this company is really successful in rare earths, a new PE will apply as this is a sunrise industry. Rerating the company at a PE of 30 is not a bad idea. Multiple of 30 and EPS of Rs.25.86 will give an intrinsic value of Rs.775. The price has gone up from a low of Rs.455 (as on 18-03-25) to Rs.686 all within two months.

STRATEGY :

Buy the share only in huge corrections. Apply staggered buying (SIP method) and avoid lump sum buying.

FINAL WORDS : This is the risk aspect. The Company bid for a licence to a gold mine in Rajasthan and deposited an amount of Rs.100 Crores towards EMD with the State Government. An Australia based Company has initiated proceedings against the Central Government to block the licence to Gold Mines to third parties. How this will play out in future will make or mar the prospects of the Company. After this incident, the price crashed to Rs.455. Now the price slowly recovered to Rs.686 after the good financial results.

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India’s Goods and Services Exports Poised to Cross \$900 Billion in 2025-26, Says Piyush Goyal

India’s goods and services exports are set to exceed \$900 billion during the fiscal year 2025-26, despite ongoing global economic uncertainties, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal has announced.



Addressing an Indian business delegation in Stockholm on June 11, 2025, Goyal expressed confidence that the country would achieve this milestone amid challenges such as the Russia-Ukraine conflict, the Israel-Hamas war, and the ongoing crisis in the Red Sea region. He highlighted that India’s overall exports had already reached an all-time high of \$825 billion in 2024-25, up from \$778 billion the previous year.

“We have crossed \$825 billion exports last year, we are surely to cross \$900 billion this year in all this global turmoil,” Goyal said during his official visit to Sweden, where he met with his Swedish counterpart and engaged with companies to promote bilateral trade and investments.

The United States continues to be India’s largest trading partner, maintaining this position for the fourth consecutive year in 2024-25, according to government data.

Adding to this optimism, the Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO), the apex exporters’ body, has projected a robust growth of over 21% year-

on-year in India’s overall goods and services exports for 2025-26. FIEO’s forecast anticipates exports will reach the \$1 trillion mark during the same period, signaling a significant leap in India’s global trade footprint.

This growth trajectory is particularly notable given the volatile geopolitical landscape and global economic disruptions. India’s expanding export base, diversification of trade partners, and focus on boosting manufacturing and services sectors have been key drivers behind these encouraging export numbers.

The Commerce Minister’s remarks underline India’s resilience and rising stature in the global trade ecosystem, reflecting the government’s ongoing efforts to enhance trade infrastructure, streamline export processes, and deepen international trade ties.

As India pushes toward the ambitious \$1 trillion export target, the government’s strategic engagements and policy support will remain critical to sustaining this growth momentum in the coming years.

Oil Prices Surge Amid Middle East Tensions, Global Stocks Slip



Oil prices soared sharply on Friday as fears grew that Israel’s recent attacks on Iranian nuclear and military sites could escalate, potentially disrupting the global crude supply and impacting the world economy. The surge in oil prices coincided with weakening stock markets worldwide, reflecting heightened investor caution.

The price of US benchmark crude jumped 7.1% to \$72.88 per barrel, while Brent crude, the international benchmark, rose 7.2% to \$74.32 per barrel. Iran, a significant oil producer, has been under Western sanctions limiting its exports. However, any broadening of conflict in the region could further restrict Iran’s oil flow, pushing prices higher globally for crude and gasoline.

Despite the current spike, analysts remain cautious. Richard Joswick, head of near-term oil at S&P Global Commodity Insights, noted that previous confrontations between Iran and Israel led to initial oil price jumps that later eased when it became clear the conflict was not escalating and supply remained stable.

Wall Street reflected this uncertainty with

the S&P 500 falling 0.7% in early trading. The Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 508 points, or 1.2%, while the Nasdaq composite slid 0.8%. The recent sell-off partially reversed the strong gains that had pushed markets close to record highs.

Brian Jacobsen, chief economist at Annex Wealth Management, described the situation as “an economic shock that nobody really needs,” but added that the impact so far appears more related to investor sentiment than fundamental economic shifts.

In India, equity markets also fell sharply amid the global sell-off. The BSE Sensex declined 573.38 points, or 0.70%, closing at 81,118.60 after falling for the second consecutive day. On the NSE, the Nifty dropped 169.60 points, or 0.68%, to settle at 24,718.60. Weekly losses for the Sensex and Nifty stood at 1.30% and 1.13%, respectively.

Investors remain cautious as they await further developments in the Middle East, closely watching the delicate geopolitical situation and its potential impact on global energy markets and economic stability.

India Emerges as a Global Hub for Advanced Tax Operations through GCCs

India is rapidly establishing itself as a global leader in tax expertise, with multinational corporations increasingly relying on their India-based Global Capability Centres (GCCs) to manage complex tax operations. A recent Deloitte whitepaper, Transforming Global Tax Functions: The GCC Advantage, highlights how these centres are evolving from support hubs to strategic tax leaders.

Traditionally, corporate tax, indirect tax, transfer pricing, and litigation support were managed by headquarters. However, Deloitte’s report, authored by Manisha Gupta, Partner at Deloitte India, reveals that GCCs in India are now becoming key enablers of global tax strategy. Many multinationals are setting up tax-specific Centres of Excellence (CoEs) within their Indian GCCs, leveraging local talent, robust technology, and cost efficiencies to streamline tax functions across multiple jurisdictions.

“GCCs have become an integral part of the global tax ecosystem, providing organisations with a competitive edge in managing their tax functions,” the report states. Impressively, 76% of respondents revealed they already manage global tax functions from India, indicating India’s leadership role in this space.

India’s GCC ecosystem is maturing rapidly. With



over 1,700 centres employing 1.9 million professionals nationwide, India generated \$64.6 billion in GCC revenue in 2024. Key cities like Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Pune, Chennai, Mumbai, and the National Capital Region have emerged as thriving hubs for these operations. The sector is projected to grow significantly, with revenue expected to reach \$105 billion by 2030, alongside an increase to 2,400 GCCs and over 2.8 million employees.

The whitepaper also highlights the growing role of digital transformation and geographic diversification within GCCs. Around 40% of digital initiatives are now driven from India, with new centres emerging from countries such as Germany, the UK, Japan, and Nordic nations—demonstrating global trust in India’s capabilities.

Overall, India’s GCCs are shifting from low-end processing roles to high-value, knowledge-intensive functions like analytics, compliance, and innovation, cementing the country’s position as a global tax powerhouse.

Dinosaur Fossil With Signs of Cancer May Help Advance Human Disease Research

In a groundbreaking study, researchers from the UK and Romania have uncovered a 70-million-year-old dinosaur fossil showing signs of cancer, along with exceptionally preserved soft tissue. The fossil belongs to *Telmatosaurus transsylvanicus*, a plant-eating, cow-sized dinosaur that once roamed what is now Romania.

The discovery is notable not just for the tumour found in the dinosaur's jaw, but for the preservation of soft tissue containing structures resembling red blood cells near the tumour site. Using advanced microscopy techniques, scientists were able to examine these tissues in unprecedented detail. This rare find opens new doors for understanding how diseases like cancer developed in ancient organisms and how that knowledge might translate to modern medical research.

Professor Justin Stebbing, a senior author of the study from Anglia Ruskin University, emphasized the significance of proteins found in fossilized soft tissue. "Unlike DNA, which is highly fragile, proteins—especially those in calcified tissue—are more stable and resistant to degradation," Stebbing explained. "This makes them excellent targets for studying the molecular history of diseases, including cancer."

The researchers argue that this discovery strengthens the case for prioritizing the collection and preservation of soft tissues in fossils. Traditionally, paleontologists have focused more on bones and skeletal remains. However, with improvements in molecular analysis techniques, preserved soft tissues could provide critical insights into disease evolution.



tance to the disease.

The study also supports previous findings that suggested cancer existed in *Telmatosaurus*, underlining its ancient origins. The team believes that understanding how large, long-lived animals like dinosaurs dealt with cancer could shed light on human vulnerability and resis-

Long-term fossil conservation strategies, the researchers note, are essential to enable future breakthroughs in molecular paleopathology—potentially offering clues that benefit human health.

Swiggy's 'Dilli Se Hu BLCK' Ad Sparks Backlash Over Slang Reference

Swiggy's latest ad campaign to promote its premium membership service, One BLCK, in Delhi has stirred controversy rather than celebration. The food delivery platform recently ran a full-page newspaper ad featuring the bold tagline "Dilli Se Hu BLCK" — a play on a well-known Hindi slang phrase. While intended to grab attention, the phrase drew sharp criticism online for its perceived insensitivity and suggestive language.



The phrase appeared on the front page of a prominent newspaper, prompting outrage among many Delhi residents and social media users who found the ad inappropriate and offensive. Journalist Sanket Upadhyay voiced his disapproval on X (formerly Twitter), describing the advertisement as "notorious" and accusing it of normalizing abusive language in mainstream media. He questioned how such messaging was deemed acceptable in a reputable publication.

His post quickly gained traction, with many agreeing that Swiggy had crossed a line. One commenter stressed the need for clear advertising guidelines to prevent such messaging, while another argued that the primary responsibility lies with advertisers, not just publishers. "Normalising bad is the new good," one user remarked, referencing a growing trend of

provocative marketing.

However, not everyone saw the issue the same way. A few users defended the campaign, suggesting the outrage was exaggerated. "This is the most non-issue issue," one user commented, criticizing the backlash as misplaced.

Swiggy's One BLCK is positioned as an elite, invite-only service that builds on the existing Swiggy One membership. It offers premium benefits such as faster deliveries, complimentary add-ons during dine-outs, and dedicated customer support.

Despite the marketing misstep, the service aims to appeal to high-end customers seeking enhanced convenience. However, this incident has reignited the debate over the limits of creativity in advertising and cultural sensitivity.

Friday the 13th: Where the 'Curse' Comes From and Whether You Can Avoid It

Friday the 13th has long been regarded as a day of misfortune in many Western cultures. The superstition surrounding this particular date combines fears tied to both the number 13 and Fridays — a duo many believe brings bad luck. While some brush off the notion as mere myth, others actively avoid travel, important decisions, or even stepping outside on this day.



The number 13 itself has been viewed as unlucky for centuries. It breaks the completeness of the number 12, which is often seen as a symbol of order — 12 months, 12 zodiac signs, 12 apostles. According to Christian tradition, Judas Iscariot, the betrayer of Jesus, was the 13th guest at the Last Supper. Jesus was said to be crucified on a Friday, further fueling the superstition, although historical accuracy remains debated.

Some biblical stories also tie Fridays to misfortune — including the expulsion of Adam and Eve from Eden, Cain's murder of Abel, and the onset of the Great Flood. Roman legends contributed as well, with beliefs that witches gathered in groups of 12, with the 13th being the devil

himself.

Modern pop culture has only amplified these fears. The Friday the 13th horror movie franchise and novels like Dan Brown's *The Da Vinci Code* have embedded the superstition deeper into public consciousness. The day is also remembered for real-life tragedies — plane crashes, accidents, and other eerie events — further stoking fear.

Despite a lack of scientific proof, many still take precautions on Friday the 13th. Whether avoiding black cats or postponing major life decisions, believers continue to treat it as a date best approached with caution — just in case the curse holds some truth.

Nutella Unveils First New Flavour in 60 Years – Can You Guess What It Is?

For the first time in six decades, Nutella has introduced a brand-new flavour — and it's a game-changer. Since its launch in 1964, Nutella's creamy blend of hazelnuts and cocoa has remained unchanged and loved by millions. But now, Ferrero, the company behind the iconic spread, has announced the release of a new variant: Nutella with Peanut.



This new flavour blends Nutella's signature chocolate-hazelnut spread with the rich, roasted taste of peanuts — combining two of the most beloved spreads in the world. The addition of peanuts is expected to appeal to fans of both chocolate and peanut butter, offering a familiar yet exciting new twist.

In a statement, Ferrero described the new spread as "a combination of the distinctive creaminess of Nutella with the delicious taste of roasted peanuts." While the spread retains Nutella's classic dark brown color, the packaging will look different — featuring a yellow lid and label in place of the usual white, symbolizing the peanut element.

However, there's a catch. This new flavour will only be available in North America, and not un-

til Spring 2026. Details about the price and exact launch date have yet to be revealed.

Nutella fans may remember Francesco Rivella, the man credited with developing the beloved spread. Rivella, who passed away earlier this year at the age of 97, initially created a hazelnut chocolate stick called Giandujot before refining the formula into the creamy version we now know as Nutella.

While the new peanut flavour marks a major shift in Nutella's product line, it remains to be seen how fans across the world will react — and whether it might eventually roll out globally. For now, it's a North American exclusive that promises to shake up breakfast tables and dessert recipes alike.

iPhone 17 Pro Geekbench Scores Leak: A19 Pro Chip Outpaces Snapdragon 8 Elite SoC

Apple's upcoming iPhone 17 Pro series is generating major buzz ahead of its expected September launch. The latest leak, coming from tipster Digital Chat Station on Weibo, reveals alleged Geekbench scores for the iPhone 17 Pro and iPhone 17 Pro Max—and they appear to outperform both Apple's current A18 Pro and Qualcomm's flagship Snapdragon 8 Elite chipsets.



According to the leak, the A19 Pro SoC—expected to power the iPhone 17 Pro series—will retain the 3nm fabrication process seen in its predecessor but deliver significantly better performance. The benchmark scores suggest a single-core score exceeding 4,000 and a multi-core score surpassing 10,000, representing a notable leap over the iPhone 16 Pro Max's Geekbench scores of 3,203 (single-core) and 7,846 (multi-core).

In comparison, the Samsung Galaxy S25 Ultra, equipped with the latest Snapdragon 8 Elite SoC, scored 3,054 (single-core) and 9,832 (multi-core). While Qualcomm's chip remains highly competitive, Apple's A19 Pro appears to take a slight lead in raw processing power, according to these early results.

Beyond performance, design leaks suggest the iPhone 17 Pro models may feature a thicker chassis—possibly to accommodate

a larger battery or a VC (vapor chamber) cooling system, which would be a first for Apple. Rumors also hint at a redesigned camera module and enhancements to display technology across the lineup, including the new iPhone 17 Air, a lightweight model poised to rival Samsung's Galaxy S25 Edge.

These upgrades are expected to complement Apple's recently announced Liquid Glass UI, a visually immersive interface that increases processing demands with transparency effects and transitions.

If the leaks hold true, Apple's iPhone 17 Pro series is shaping up to deliver both style and substance in its next-generation flagship smartphones.

Stuttgart Open 2025: Zverev and Fritz Cruise Into Semifinals



Top-seeded Alexander Zverev and American star Taylor Fritz have advanced to the semifinals of the Stuttgart Open 2025, keeping their title hopes alive on the grass courts of Germany.

Zverev, the hometown favorite, booked his place in the last four with a straight-sets victory over Brandon Nakashima, winning 7-5, 6-4 in a tightly contested quarterfinal on Friday. According to the ATP Tour, Zverev maintained his unbeaten record against Nakashima, now leading 4-0 in their head-to-head meetings. The German saved two break points during the match and produced an impressive 31 winners, despite committing 20 unforced errors. The win came after a one-hour and 32-minute battle, marking Zverev as the first top-three ATP player to reach the Stuttgart semifinals since Roger Federer's 2018 title run.

Zverev, who recently captured the Munich Open title on clay, is chasing his first-ever grass court title. He will face the winner of the quarterfinal clash between Ben Shelton and Jiri Lehecka in the semifinals.

In another quarterfinal, Felix Auger-Aliassime advanced to a semifinal matchup with Taylor Fritz after dispatching Justin Engel in straight sets, 7-6(3), 6-3. The Canadian was in strong serving form, hitting 18 aces and winning 86% of his first-serve points. He is chasing his third title of the season and has now reached his sixth career semifinal on grass.

Meanwhile, Taylor Fritz continued his impressive grass court run by defeating Marton Fucsovics of Hungary 6-3, 6-4 in just 77 minutes. Fritz, a three-time winner of the ATP 250 event in Eastbourne (2019, 2022, 2024), looks poised to challenge for another grass title.

The Stuttgart semifinals are shaping up to be a thrilling showcase of power and finesse on grass.

South Africa Clinch First ICC Title in 27 Years, Defeat Australia in WTC Final 2025

LONDON: South Africa have ended a 27-year-long wait for an ICC title, defeating Australia in a thrilling World Test Championship (WTC) Final 2025 on Day 4 at The Oval. Chasing a challenging target of 282, the Proteas held their nerve to script a historic victory, with Aiden Markram leading the charge with a brilliant century.

Markram's composed ton laid the foundation for the chase, while captain Temba Bavuma, despite battling a leg injury, added a crucial fifty to steer his team home in a high-pressure situation. The moment marked South Africa's first ICC trophy since the 1998 Champions Trophy and their first-ever WTC title, cementing their place in Test cricket's elite.

Earlier in the match, Kagiso Rabada was the standout performer with the ball, claiming nine wick-



ets across both innings. His relentless pace and precision dismantled the Australian batting line-up, setting the stage for South Africa's dramatic run chase.

Australia, despite holding the edge for much of the Test, failed to defend a solid total on the final day. Key wickets fell at the wrong time,

and their bowlers struggled to break the Bavuma-Markram stand that turned the match.

The victory triggered wild celebrations among South African players and fans, many of whom have long awaited the end of a trophy drought that spanned nearly three decades.

This win is a significant milestone for South African cricket, not only ending years of near-misses in ICC tournaments but also highlighting the emergence of a new generation capable of succeeding on the global stage.

With this triumph, South Africa now join India (2021 runners-up, 2023 winners) and New Zealand (2021 winners) as WTC title holders, reshaping the balance of power in modern Test cricket.

Club World Cup 2025: Can Messi's Inter Miami Defy the Odds on the Global Stage?



Just five years after its Major League Soccer (MLS) debut, Inter Miami is set to step onto football's biggest club stage — the 2025 FIFA Club World Cup. With global icon Lionel Messi leading the charge and co-owner David Beckham watching closely, the spotlight is squarely on the American side as it prepares to face the world's top teams.

Kicking off the tournament at Miami's Hard Rock Stadium, Inter Miami's first challenge comes against Al Ahly, the most decorated club in African football history. The Egyptian giants boast 12 African Champions League titles, 45 national league championships, and 39 domestic cups — a resume that dwarfs Miami's brief history.

Despite the daunting competition, head coach Javier Mascherano sees this as an opportunity rather than a burden. "This competition will show us where we truly stand," Mascherano said in a press conference on June

13. "No one expects us to go far, and that might just be our advantage. In the MLS, there's pressure on us to win — here, we're the under-dogs."

However, Miami's qualification for the Club World Cup has raised eyebrows. The team earned its place not by winning the MLS Cup but via the MLS Supporters' Shield, which recognizes the best regular-season record. The decision by FIFA President Gianni Infantino to grant a spot to Miami — despite their failure to win the league title — drew widespread criticism and questions about the tournament's selection criteria.

Still, the Club World Cup offers Inter Miami and Messi a global platform. Whether they can spring a genuine surprise or simply make a respectable showing remains to be seen — but all eyes will be on Miami as football's newest contender takes its shot at global glory.



ICC T20I Rankings Update: Tilak Varma Jumps to Third, Adil Rashid Rises to Second Among Bowlers

India's rising star Tilak Varma has climbed to third place in the latest ICC Men's T20I Batting Rankings, released on June 11. With 804 rating points, Tilak is now just behind fellow Indian Abhishek Sharma, who holds second place. Australia's Travis Head continues to lead the batting chart, while Suryakumar Yadav dropped one place to sixth, making him the only other Indian in the top 10.

On the bowling front, England's Adil Rashid made a significant leap to second place after an impressive performance during England's 3-0 T20I series sweep over the West Indies. Rashid now has 710 rating points, just 13 short of top-ranked Jacob Duffy of New Zealand, who leads with 723 points. Rashid's consistent performances — 1/22 in Chester-le-Street, 1/59 in Bristol, and 2/30 in Southampton — helped him surpass

Sri Lanka's Wanindu Hasaranga and India's Varun Chakaravathy.

Among Indian bowlers, Chakaravathy retains third spot with 706 points, while Ravi Bishnoi and Arshdeep Singh also feature in the top 10 with 674 and 653 points respectively.

In the all-rounder rankings, Hardik Pandya continues to top the chart with 252 points.

Other notable changes include England's Ben Duckett, who surged 48 places to 16th after a quickfire 84 off 46 balls in the final T20I. Harry Brook also climbed six spots to joint-38th. From the West Indies, Shai Hope moved up 14 spots to 15th, and Rovman Powell entered the top 20 after a blazing 79* off 45 balls. Jason Holder advanced 16 spots to 26th in the all-rounder rankings after a solid all-around performance.

T20 Mumbai League: MSC Maratha Royals beat SoBo Mumbai Falcons to clinch trophy



The MSC Maratha Royals clinched the T20 Mumbai League 2025 title in a tense finale at the Wankhede Stadium, defeating the SoBo Mumbai Falcons by six wickets with four balls to spare. Despite a spirited performance by the Falcons, the Royals held their nerve to cross the finish line in style.

Batting first after being put in, the Falcons managed a competitive 157/4 in their 20 overs, thanks to a blistering unbeaten 85-run stand between Harsh Aghav and Ma-

yuresh Tandel. Coming in when the Falcons were struggling at 60/3 at the halfway mark, the duo turned the tide. Aghav smashed 45 off 28 balls* (1 four, 4 sixes), while Tandel anchored the innings with a well-paced 50 off 32 balls* (3 fours, 3 sixes). Their late surge yielded 53 runs in the final five overs, giving the Falcons a strong total to defend.

The Royals' chase started steadily, but the Falcons' bowlers kept the pressure on, especially through their spinners. Akash Parkar,

known for his death-over skills, bowled two tight overs late in the innings. However, the game swung when Chinmay Sutar (53) and Awais Khan (38) combined for a crucial 67-run partnership that pushed the Royals close to the target.

Though Kartik Mishra dismissed both set batters in the penultimate over, the experienced Rohan Raje ensured there were no further hiccups. With just seven runs needed off the final over, Raje guided the

Royals to 158/5 in 19.2 overs, sealing a memorable six-wicket win.

Harsh Aghav was named the Emerging Player of the Tournament for his impactful performances throughout the league.

Brief Scores:
SoBo Mumbai Falcons – 157/4 (Tandel 50*, Aghav 45*; Mali 2/32)
MSC Maratha Royals – 158/5 in 19.2 overs (Sutar 53, Awais 38)
Result: MSC Maratha Royals won by 6 wickets.



Team Ustaad Bhagat Singh Celebrates Sreeleela's Birthday with Stunning New Poster

Powerstar Pawan Kalyan has recently resumed work on his highly anticipated project, Ustaad Bhagat Singh. Directed by Harish Shankar, this action drama marks the second collaboration between the superstar and the filmmaker after their blockbuster hit Gabbar Singh.

Sreeleela, who plays the female lead in Ustaad Bhagat Singh, is celebrating her birthday today. To mark the occasion, the film's team unveiled a vibrant new poster showcasing the actress in a striking avatar. The poster has quickly gained attention on social media for its charm and style.

In the new poster, Sreeleela exudes effortless grace and a playful aura. She is dressed in an elegant ethnic outfit, casually leaning over audio equipment while holding a coffee cup. Her direct gaze into the camera adds a captivating touch to the image, capturing the imagination of fans and followers alike.

Filming for Ustaad Bhagat Singh is currently underway in Hyderabad. Alongside Sreeleela, the movie features Sakshi Vaidya, who is reportedly playing another prominent female role in the film. Initially, the



project was rumored to be a remake of the Tamil hit Theri. However, recent updates suggest that the makers have dropped those plans and are now working with an original script.

Produced by Mythri Movie Makers, the film boasts a talented team, including music composer Devi Sri Prasad, who is known for his chart-topping scores. With Pawan Kaly-

an and Harish Shankar at the helm, expectations for Ustaad Bhagat Singh are high.

As the project progresses, fans are eagerly awaiting more updates and glimpses from the sets. Meanwhile, Sreeleela's birthday poster serves as a perfect reminder of the excitement building around this action-packed entertainer.

'Squid Game 3' Final Trailer Released: Countdown Begins for the Thrilling Final Season



The highly anticipated final season of the global Netflix sensation, Squid Game, is just 13 days away from its release. On June 27, 2025, fans worldwide will finally witness the thrilling conclusion to the gripping Korean thriller series. To mark the occasion, the makers have unveiled the official final trailer, sparking excitement across social media and fan communities.

The new trailer hints at an intense and dramatic conclusion, focusing on the protagonist Seong Gi-hun, played by Lee Jung-jae, as he strives to bring an end to the deadly games once and for all. The gripping preview raises questions about whether Gi-hun will uncover the identity of the mysterious Front Man — the enigmatic figure orchestrating the lethal contests — and how far he is willing to go to dismantle the sinister operation.

Squid Game initially took the world by storm with its unique concept and intense storytelling in its first two seasons. The blend of psychological thriller elements and social commentary made

it a massive hit, earning widespread acclaim and a massive global fanbase. Now, with the third and final season, the stakes are higher, promising to deliver a powerful conclusion to the saga.

Netflix is set to release the series not only in Korean but also dubbed in multiple Indian languages including Telugu, Tamil, and Hindi, ensuring that the show reaches a wider audience across the country. This move highlights the ever-growing popularity of Korean content in India and the global demand for diverse storytelling.

Directed by Hwang Dong-hyuk, Squid Game 3 is expected to maintain the dark and gripping tone that made the series a cultural phenomenon. Fans are eagerly awaiting to see how the story unfolds and whether justice will be served in the deadly games that have captivated viewers worldwide.

With just under two weeks to go, the final season promises to be a rollercoaster of emotions, suspense, and action — setting the stage for a memorable finale to one of Netflix's biggest hits.

Rana Naidu Season 2 Receives Lukewarm Response Despite Strong Performances



The much-anticipated second season of Rana Naidu is now available on Netflix, but the overall reception has been rather underwhelming. Despite the star power and impressive performances from Rana Daggubati and Venkatesh, the new season has struggled to create the excitement and buzz expected from such a high-profile series.

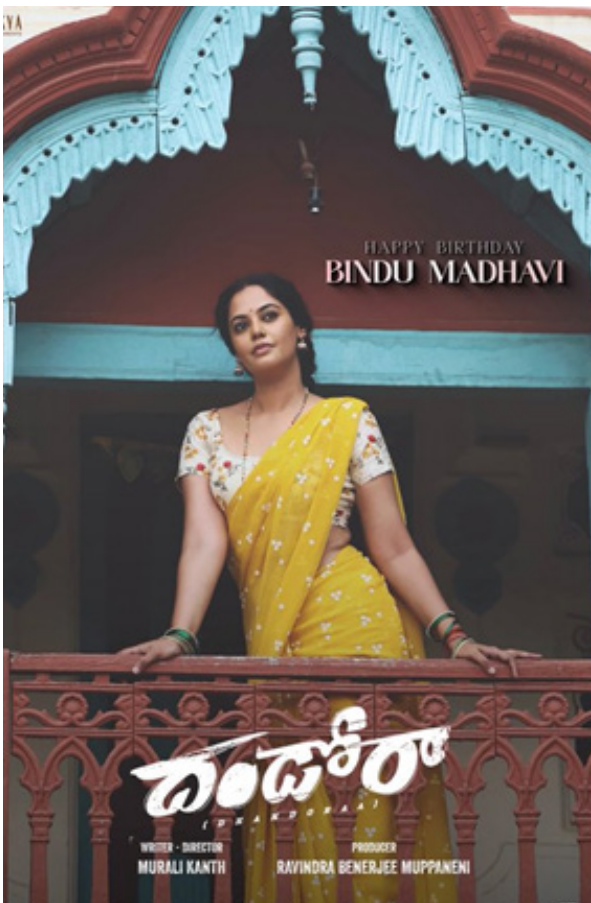
Fans and critics alike have pointed out that the season lacks engaging content and fresh storytelling, which has resulted in disappointing word of mouth. Many viewers feel that the narrative hasn't evolved enough to hold their interest, especially after the strong impact of the first season. This slow reception is a setback for the creators who hoped to capitalize on the earlier success and build a loyal audience base.

Adding to the star-studded cast this season is Arjun Rampal, who delivers a commendable performance. However, even his presence hasn't been enough to lift the show's overall ap-

peal or change the lukewarm audience response. The chemistry between the leads and the new characters remains one of the highlights, but it appears that the storyline isn't resonating as strongly as before.

The makers are now at a crossroads, as they hope the show will gain traction in the coming days. Given the initial feedback, Rana Naidu Season 2 faces the challenge of maintaining viewer interest and improving engagement as the episodes unfold. Whether it can overcome the current slump and revive the excitement remains to be seen.

In conclusion, while Rana Naidu Season 2 showcases stellar acting and strong performances, it has not yet delivered the gripping and fresh narrative that fans expected. The series needs to find its rhythm quickly to avoid fading into obscurity in an increasingly competitive streaming space. Fans and industry watchers will be closely monitoring how the show progresses over the next few weeks.



Bindu Madhavi Celebrates Birthday Amidst Shoot of Upcoming Tollywood Film 'Dandora'

Tollywood actress Bindu Madhavi is celebrating her birthday today, and the team of her latest film Dandora has extended their warm wishes to the actress on this special occasion. Produced under the banner of Lokya Entertainment, known for successful films like Color Photo and Begurulaka 2012, Dandora is currently in the midst of its shooting schedule.

The film is produced by Ravindra Banerjee Muppaneni and directed by Muralikanth. Set against a rural backdrop in Telangana, Dandora features an ensemble cast including Bindu Madhavi, Shivaji, Navdeep, Nandu, Ravikrishna, Manika Chikkala, Maunika Reddy, Radha, and singer Aditi Bhavaraju. The movie promises to deliver a fresh narrative with a strong focus on rural life and culture.

To celebrate her birthday, Bindu Madhavi shared a new poster from the film, which has excited fans and followers on social media. The poster of-

fers a glimpse of her character, hinting at a powerful and impactful role that the actress is portraying in Dandora.

Chitraunit, the film's production house, revealed that Bindu Madhavi plays a significant and strong character, marking her notable return to Telugu cinema after a considerable gap. Fans are eagerly awaiting the film's release to see how she brings this role to life on screen.

Bindu Madhavi has been a beloved figure in South Indian cinema, and her comeback with Dandora is highly anticipated. The combination of a talented cast, rural storytelling, and a capable director has raised expectations for the film.

As the shooting progresses, the team continues to keep the audience engaged with posters and updates. Meanwhile, everyone joins in wishing Bindu Madhavi a very happy birthday and success for her upcoming project Dandora.