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# SIT Is Raising the Bar in the Phone Tapping Case...

Now Notices to the BRS Boss?

Prabhakar Rao attends third day of hearing

SIT reportedly preparing to issue notices to KCR



**TPN | V. Krishna Kumar**  
**Hyderabad:** The Kaleshwaram Commission hearings may have concluded, but former Chief Minister KCR is likely to face trouble again—this time in the phone tapping case. All attention is now on the statements made by Prabhakar Rao. Beneath the surface of this already serious investigation, fresh tremors seem to be brewing. Once Prabhakar Rao's questioning is complete, the SIT is expected to interrogate KCR, who is currently undergoing treatment in the hospital. Within the police department, speculation is rife that the Special Investigation Team is planning to move aggressively. Former Task Force DCP Radhakishan Rao has already stated in both court and police interrogations that the phone tapping was done on the orders of "the boss"—a statement that could prove damning for KCR. Sources say the answers given by Prabhakar Rao, who recently returned from abroad, have left SIT officials on the defensive. The SIT has even informed the High Court that Prabhakar Rao is uncooperative, frequently claiming he doesn't remember key details. Because of this, Praneeth Rao has been called in again for a fresh round of questioning—this time face-to-face with Prabhakar Rao. Along with his written explanation, the entire investigation is being video recorded.

**Allegations Against Prabhakar Rao**  
In his earlier statement, Praneeth Rao alleged that when Prabhakar Rao was the SIB Chief, a team was formed under his instructions. He claimed that after the change in government, evidence—including hard disks—was destroyed and burned in the Anantagiri forests of Vikarabad on the orders of "boss" Prabhakar Rao. Based on this, the SIT has been interrogating Prabhakar Rao for the past three days.

**What Radhakishan Rao Revealed**

There were reports that former Task Force DCP Radhakishan Rao, who was arrested in the case, had turned approver. He claimed that around 1,200 phones were tapped—those of BJP leaders during the Dubbaka and Huzurabad elections, as well as Congress leaders, bureaucrats, and media personalities. He said all of this was done under direct orders from the then Chief Minister KCR. With this, the phone tapping case became even more entangled for KCR. Statements by Bhujanga Rao and Tirupatanna also reportedly echo the same. They claimed that a team was formed during Prabhakar Rao's tenure as SIB Chief and that all actions were taken under instructions from the then CM.

**The Key Role of Shravan Rao**  
Media personality Shravan Rao allegedly played a key role alongside Prabhakar Rao. It is claimed that he procured equipment for phone tapping from abroad and discreetly set it up in his media company to avoid suspicion. Allegations also suggest he used the recordings to threaten rivals and extort money running into lakhs of rupees.

**Case Background**  
Current Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, who was then a Congress leader, had accused the previous regime of tapping his phone. After taking office, he ordered a formal investigation. A case was registered at Panjagutta police station in 2024. The first arrest was of Praneeth Rao, followed by Bhujanga Rao, Tirupatanna, and Radhakishan Rao. All are currently out on bail. As the case progressed and Prabhakar Rao was named as A1 in the FIR, both he and Shravan fled the country. After 15 months, they returned to India following a Supreme Court directive to surrender their passports and appear before the SIT. On June 9, they presented themselves for questioning. To bring back Prabhakar Rao from the U.S., police

# Case After Case: KTR Can't Catch a Break

- ACB issues notices to KTR again
- Orders to appear for questioning on June 16
- Another cybercrime case filed against KTR recently
- Campaign intensifies claiming arrest is fixed

**TPN | V. Krishna Kumar**  
**Hyderabad:** Is the ACB ready to arrest the BRS China boss? Is that why it has issued fresh notices for investigation again? Or is it Revanth's ploy to trouble KTR? Are the leaders claiming there was no corruption being stubborn? They say yes. They allege that all this is a politically motivated act. They claim it's part of a conspiracy, pointing out that Revanth was once arrested under similar circumstances. While Kaleshwaram is hanging around KCR's neck, this Formula Car case is choking KTR. The Congress government alleges that crores of rupees were misused in the event. The ACB stepped in after orders were issued for a comprehensive investigation. As part of this, the ACB served fresh notices to KTR to appear for questioning again on June 16. Many allegations were made against this prestigious Formula Car race during the BRS government. Immediately after the change in government, the ACB—Anti-Corruption Bureau—registered a case on December 23, 2023. The main allegation was that unauthorized payments of Rs. 45 to 55 crore were made. Accordingly, the ACB named A1 KTR, A2 then-IAS officer Arvind Kumar, A3 BLN Reddy, and A4 FEO officials in the FIR. A case was registered under the PC Act Sections 13(1)(A), 13(2), IPC Sections 409 and 120(b). Alongside the ACB, the ED—Enforcement Directorate—



also stepped in, registering a case under money laundering and FEMA violation. Summons were issued to KTR, Arvind Kumar, and BLN Reddy. KTR approached the High Court seeking protection from arrest in the cases filed by the ACB. He obtained court orders in his favour. Meanwhile, the ACB interrogated the FEO officials, Arvind Kumar, and BLN Reddy and reportedly collected substantial evidence. Finally, on May 26, 2025, the ACB issued summons to KTR. He appeared for questioning at the Banjara Hills ACB office on May 28. Just when everyone thought the case had gone dormant, the ACB gave him another shock by issuing fresh notices, asking him to appear for questioning again. This created a commotion within the BRS. Discussions began suggesting that these notices might be a prelude to arresting KTR. KTR, Kavitha, and Harish Rao reacted strongly, expressing deep anger. It is reported that KTR, troubled by the new notices, consulted his legal teams.

**Another case registered against KTR**  
When the ACB called him for questioning again, KTR expressed strong displeasure. He argued that the Formula Car race had brought investments to the state and that there was nothing wrong with events like beauty pageants. Until then, things were relatively calm. But KTR reportedly lost his temper and used vulgar language to insult CM Revanth Reddy and tarnished his reputation. In response, Congress MLC Balmuri Venkat filed a complaint with the Hyderabad Cyberabad Crime Police. He submitted video clippings and statements alleging defamatory remarks. After reviewing the evidence, the Cyber Crime Police registered a new case against KTR.

**Arrest Fix?**  
In this Formula Car case, where KTR is the A1 accused, a heated debate has begun in the state, especially in BRS and Congress circles.

# Check On Fee Racket...

- CM Revanth Targets Engineering Colleges
- Orders scientific review of fee structure, questions vigilance action



**TPN Correspondent | Telangana**  
Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has taken strong exception to the persistent fee hikes by private engineering colleges across the state. In a review meeting held on Friday with senior education department officials, the Chief Minister questioned the rationale behind increasing fees every academic cycle and expressed concern about the potential impact on student admissions to convener quota seats. Officials submitted a draft report proposing new fees for the next three academic years — 2025–26, 2026–27, and 2027–28. However, CM Revanth Reddy was reportedly dissatisfied with the recommendations and raised a series of questions. "Why are fees rising

every time? What is the quality of education being delivered? Are the managements complying with norms?" he asked. He directed officials to conduct a deeper and more scientific study on how fee structures are being determined. Revanth Reddy also revisited the 2016 initiative by the previous government, which had deployed 40 vigilance teams to inspect the functioning of engineering colleges. He asked officials to trace those inspection reports and provide updates on the actions taken.

# 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

Where Is Gaddar in the Gaddar Awards?

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# Uttam Demands Centre Block Banakacherla Project

- **Andhra’s Godavari-Banakacherla plan violates GWDT, APRA**
- **Rebuts Harish Rao, says Congress acted swiftly unlike BRS silence**

**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**  
Telangana Irrigation Minister Capt. N. Uttam Kumar Reddy has urged the Union Government to immediately reject the Pre-Feasibility Report (PFR) of Andhra Pradesh’s proposed Godavari-Banakacherla Link Project, prevent submission of the Detailed Project Report (DPR), and halt all plans to call or award tenders. In a strongly worded letter to Union Jal Shakti Minister C.R. Patil dated June 13, Uttam alleged that the project violates the Godavari Water

Disputes Tribunal (GWDT) Award of 1980 and the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act (APRA), 2014, and threatens Telangana’s legitimate share of river waters. Uttam expressed serious concern that Andhra Pradesh was reportedly asked to submit the DPR following a June 2 meeting chaired by the Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Finance and attended by Jal Shakti officials. “It is a matter of grave concern... the request to submit the DPR implies the PFR is deemed approved, which is both flawed and unacceptable,” he stated, warning that such a move violates interstate water governance norms. The ₹80,112 crore project, aimed at diverting 200 TMC from the Godavari to Banakacherla via



Bollapalli reservoir, is being pushed by the Andhra Pradesh government citing development of backward Rayalaseema areas. Uttam countered that Sections 46(2) and 46(3) of APRA 2014 do not override Part IX provisions governing water management. He further pointed out that Andhra Pradesh had not sought mandatory approvals from the Central

Water Commission (CWC), Godavari River Management Board (GRMB), Krishna River Management Board (KRMB), or the Apex Council. He stressed that Telangana’s assured 968 TMC share under GWDT is yet to be fully utilized due to pending project clearances, while Andhra Pradesh is attempting to push an illegal

diversion based on speculative ‘floodwaters.’ “There are no ‘floodwaters’ as per the GWDT Award. If any exist, all riparian states are entitled to them,” he wrote. C.R. Patil had responded on May 28 stating no detailed proposal from AP had yet been received and assured it would be evaluated per guidelines. But Uttam maintained that “mixed signals” from the Centre remained troubling and demanded a clear stand against Andhra’s project. Responds to Harish Rao’s Allegations  
Responding sharply to BRS leader Harish Rao’s accusations of inaction, Uttam said, “It is the Congress government that raised formal objections with the Centre on January 22 itself,

and again on June 13. Telangana Congress didn’t stay silent—we fought this from day one.” He blamed the BRS government for “crippling Telangana’s river water position” by accepting reduced Krishna allocations—from 724 TMC to just 299 TMC—while allotting 512 TMC to Andhra Pradesh. “That betrayal laid the foundation for today’s crisis,” he said. He further charged the previous BRS government with overlooking illegal water diversions from Mucchumarri and Malyala and not acting even when tenders for Rayalaseema Lift Irrigation Project were finalised. “There was a silent deal between KCR and Jagan. BRS allowed Andhra to plunder Telangana’s water,” Uttam alleged.

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had issued a Red Corner Notice and involved Interpol. Meanwhile, Shravan Rao was sent to CCS remand in connection with a ₹6.5 crore fraud case, with court approval.

### Legal Provisions Invoked

Six accused in the phone tapping case have been booked under IPC Sections 120B (criminal conspiracy), 409 (criminal breach of trust), 420 (cheating), 201 (destruction of evidence), 468 and 471 (forgery). Additional charges were filed under the IT Act—Sections 66, 66B, and 77—for

digital misuse and privacy violations; the Telegraph Act—Sections 25 and 26—for illegal use of telephone lines; and Section 65B of the Evidence Act regarding the admissibility of digital evidence. Due to the gravity of the case, it was transferred from Panjagutta Police Station to the SIT. Given the repeated references to the then CM in multiple testimonies—including that of Prabhakar Rao—it is now being reported that the SIT is preparing to issue formal notices to KCR as well.

## Check On Fee Racket...

His pointed inquiry reflected a renewed focus on transparency and accountability in the state’s technical education sector. When the discussion turned to private school fees, the CM reportedly showed a positive inclination toward introducing a law to regulate school fees, similar to the regulation being considered for engineering institutions. He asked officials to explore this as part of their broader study. With B.Tech counselling for the 2025–26 academic year expected to start in early July, there is mounting uncertainty over whether the

government can finalize the new fee structure within the next month. In the past, delays have led to colleges collecting the existing fees and adjusting them later once the revised figures were confirmed. It remains unclear whether a similar approach will be followed this year or if the proposed fee hike will be deferred entirely. As students and parents await clarity, all eyes are now on the government’s next steps, which will be critical in shaping the affordability and accessibility of engineering education in Telangana.

## Case After Case: KTR Can’t Catch a Break

However, no one has been arrested in this case so far—only investigations have taken place. Party leaders insist that KTR will again only be investigated this time, citing High Court orders that prohibit arrest until further notice. If officials attempt arrest, they may face contempt of court charges. Nevertheless, the Kaleshwaram

case, the phone tapping allegations, the Formula Car race case, the sheep scam in the animal husbandry department, and now the cybercrime case—all of these have put the BRS top leadership under intense pressure. What happens on June 16 has now become a suspense-filled moment in Telangana politics.

## Good News for AgriGold Victims...

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 massive 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 compensation. 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, commercial spaces, and apartments — spread across Andhra Pradesh (380), Telangana (13), and Karnataka (4). These assets will now be liquidated or used as per government guidelines to compensate the defrauded investors. Officials say this marks a turning point in the prolonged legal and financial battle that the victims have been fighting for years. With the legal green signal now in place, there is growing hope that disbursements to the victims will begin soon, offering long-overdue justice to the affected families.

# KCR Undergoes Medical Tests at AIG for Second Day

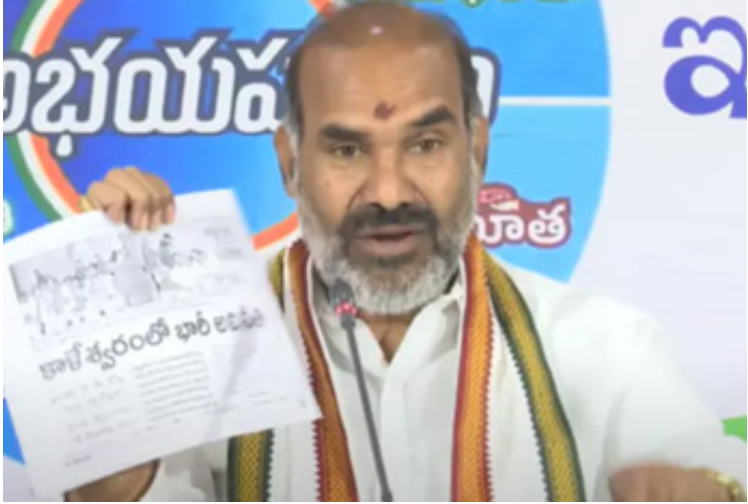
**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**

Former Telangana Chief Minister and Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) president K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) visited the Asian Institute of Gastroenterology (AIG) Hospital in Gachibowli on Saturday for the second consecutive day. His visit was part of routine health checkups, according to hospital sources. KCR arrived at AIG Hospital on Friday afternoon around 2:30 PM and remained there for approximately an hour. Continuing the same checkups, he returned on Saturday for additional medical evaluations. The health tests were conducted under the direct supervision of AIG chairman and leading gastroenterologist Dr. D. Nageswara Reddy. Doctors overseeing the evaluations confirmed that KCR is not facing any health complications at present. However, they reportedly advised a few lifestyle-related precautions, which were communicated to the former Chief Minister.



The former CM’s visits have drawn public attention, but close aides emphasized that these are part of his regular health monitoring and nothing alarming.

## KTR is scared of ACB in Formula-E case, says Adi Srinivas



- **Reminds how KTR skipped drug test challenge in the past**
- **Asks KTR to appear before ACB, stop making loud statements**

**TPN Correspondent | Telangana**

Government Whip Adi Srinivas has launched a sharp counterattack on BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) over the ongoing controversy surrounding alleged irregularities in the organization of the Formula-E car race. In a video statement released on Saturday, Adi Srinivas said KTR appears scared and is deliberately avoiding the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) investigation by throwing irrelevant challenges at Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. This comes after KTR, who has received ACB notices in the case, challenged CM Revanth Reddy to undergo a lie detector test. Responding to this, Adi Srinivas said, “This kind of challenge and retreat attitude is typical of BRS leaders. When Revanth Reddy challenged KTR to take a drug test in the past, who ran away? Wasn’t it KTR who backed out?” Adi Srinivas accused KTR of making baseless and provocative remarks instead of cooperating with the ACB inquiry. He stated that the Chief Minister is focused on making Telangana a drug- and marijuana-free state, while the BRS leader is trying to derail the investigation through diversionary tactics. Condemning KTR’s recent comments, Adi Srinivas said, “The entire society of Telangana is watching the kind of foul language coming from KTR. The people have already given their verdict on the BRS through the ballot box. It’s time KTR faces the law.” He further alleged that KTR will not be spared in the phone tapping case either. “The truth must come out in the Formula-E scam, and KTR should face trial without drama,” Adi Srinivas asserted. He concluded by stating that the ACB should proceed with its investigation professionally and not get distracted by political posturing or challenges made for publicity.

## 8 Tractors Of Sand Free For Indiramma House Beneficiaries

**TPN Correspondent | Telangana**

Telangana Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnampati Prabhakar has announced a significant update for beneficiaries of the revived Indiramma House Scheme, a flagship housing initiative brought back under the Congress-led Praja Palana government after a decade. The Minister stated that each beneficiary will receive eight tractor loads of sand free of charge for house construction. In a video message posted on the ‘X’ platform, Ponnampati Prabhakar detailed the government’s support for constructing houses under this scheme. He said that a financial aid of ₹5 lakh would be provided to each beneficiary in phased installments. Additionally, he mentioned that an extra loan of up to ₹1 lakh can be availed through women’s self-help groups if needed.

“The government is committed to ensuring that no family is left without shelter. Beneficiaries should build their homes within a 400 to 600 square feet area and complete the construction without delay,” the Minister said, emphasizing the scale and intent of the scheme. He added that after a long pause of ten years, the Congress government has reinstated the Indiramma housing initiative to reflect its commitment to inclusive development and social welfare. Ponnampati Prabhakar encouraged all eligible beneficiaries to make full use of the assistance being extended and assured continued government support throughout the construction process. Congratulating the beneficiaries, he expressed hope that they will soon be able to live in a house of their own with dignity.







# OBCs Must Unite Politically to Achieve Justice: IAS Narahari

**Narahari urges 80 crore OBCs to rise for political empowerment**  
**Book ‘OBCs’ Struggle’ launched in presence of Telangana political leaders**  
**TPCC President calls for Centre to include BC bills in Ninth Schedule**

**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**  
Madhya Pradesh Principal Secretary and senior IAS officer Narahari has given a clarion call for unity among the Other Backward Classes (OBCs) across India, asserting that true social justice will be possible only when OBCs seize political power. Speaking at the book launch event of ‘OBCs’ Struggle’ held at the Suravaram Pratap Reddy Telugu University Auditorium in Nampally on Saturday, Narahari said that despite economic and social advancements, OBCs continue to lag in political representation. The book, co-authored by Narahari and High Court Advocate Prithviraj Singh, was unveiled by a host of Telangana political leaders including Malkajgiri MP Etela Rajender, TPCC President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud, MLCs Addanki Dayakar and Dasoji Sravan, TSMDC Chairman Eeravatri Anil Kumar, former Water Resources Development Corporation Chairman V. Prakash, retired IAS Chiranjeevulu, retired IPS Poornachandra Rao and BC Welfare Association National President Jajula Srinivas Goud. Narahari said he wrote ‘OBCs’ Struggle’ to address the aspirations, concerns, and future roadmap for the 80 crore OBCs in India. “Although OBCs form a significant part of the population, political representation is far from proportional. In Telangana, for example, OBCs influence 50% of Assembly constituencies but hold only 15–20% of seats,” he pointed out.



He welcomed the Centre’s decision to consider caste in the census, stating that it is essential to measure how government funds and schemes are distributed. “Only a caste-based census can reveal the exact beneficiaries of policies. Social justice depends on accurate data,” he said, adding that political reservations based on population share would bridge the current gap in power dynamics. TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud highlighted Congress’ commitment to BC empowerment, recalling Rahul Gandhi’s emphasis on BC rights during the Bharat Jodo Yatra. He said the Telangana government under CM Revanth Reddy had passed two significant bills providing 42% reservation for BCs in education, employment, and politics. He urged the Centre to include these bills in the Ninth Schedule of the Constitution to protect them from judicial review. Calling on the BC community to rise above

intra-caste divisions, he said, “It’s time for all BCs to unite and move forward with collective strength. Youth must understand their history, read books, and be prepared to lead.” Malkajgiri MP Etela Rajender praised IAS Narahari’s initiative, calling the book an “inspiration for Telangana society.” He said that the OBCs are becoming more socially aware and politically conscious, and now need leadership that can assure the community of their rightful place. “Movements like ABCD are growing because governments have failed to fully uphold the spirit of the Constitution,” he noted. Speakers at the event unanimously stressed the need for OBCs to organise politically to ensure fair representation and access to opportunities, reiterating that the future of Indian democracy must be inclusive and reflective of all communities.

## Faim Meets CM Revanth, Vows to Strengthen Congress



**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**  
State Food Corporation Chairman and newly appointed TPCC Vice President MA Faim met Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy on Saturday and expressed his gratitude for the trust reposed in him. During the meeting, Faim presented a bouquet to the Chief Minister and pledged to work with full dedication to strengthen the Congress party in the state. Speaking after the meeting, Faim said, “I will strive to uphold the trust placed in me by the party leadership. My focus will be on reinforcing the Congress

party across Telangana and ensuring our presence grows stronger at the grassroots level.” Faim also thanked TPCC President and Minister Mahesh Kumar Goud, Deputy CM Damodar Rajanarsimha, Zaheerabad MP B. B. Patil, former MLA and TPCC Working President Tooru Jayaprakash Reddy (Jagga Reddy), and TGIC Chairperson Nirmala Jaggareddy for their support and encouragement. He added that he would continue to work in coordination with the party’s leadership and cadres to take forward the Congress agenda in the state.

## Mallu Ravi Vows to End Dharani by Next August 15

**Congress to bring permanent solution to land issues through Bhu Bharati**

**TPN Correspondent | Nagarkurnool**  
TPCC Disciplinary Committee Chairman and Nagarkurnool MP Dr. Mallu Ravi declared that the Congress government would end the Dharani system by next August 15 and replace it with the people-friendly Bhu Bharati initiative, ensuring a permanent solution to land problems in the state. Speaking as chief guest at the Bhu Bharati Awareness Conference held in Guttalapalli village of Tadur mandal on Saturday, Mallu Ravi also unveiled a statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and performed Bhumi Puja. He said the new Congress

government is committed to delivering justice to farmers and landowners. “Just like the country achieved freedom on August 15, Telangana will be freed from Dharani by the next Independence Day,” he said, accusing the previous BRS government of turning poor people’s land into a political tool. Explaining the benefits of Bhu Bharati, he said, “Every revenue village will be surveyed by officials who will come directly to your village. Farmers will no longer need to visit government offices. Each land parcel will be given a Bhudhar number, ensuring proper identification and protection. Revenue

officials will now support and safeguard farmers, not harass them.” Criticizing the Dharani portal, Mallu Ravi said it was used to commit massive irregularities, especially in lands distributed under the Indiramma housing scheme. “With support from higher officials, lands allotted to the poor were tampered with and turned into revenue lands in Dharani,” he alleged. He further said the Congress government is not only continuing welfare schemes from the previous administration but also introducing reforms to make the registration process more transparent. “We



are changing the registration system by introducing a slot-booking system and eliminating irregularities.” The event witnessed the participation of DCCB Chairman Vishnuvardhan Reddy, District Additional Collector, RDO, revenue officials from Tadur mandal, and former Village Market Committee Chairman Valab Reddy.

## Banakacharla may become another Pothireddypadu: Harish Rao

**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**  
BRS senior leader and former minister T. Harish Rao launched a scathing attack on the Congress-led Telangana government and the Centre over the Andhra Pradesh government’s progress on the controversial Banakacharla project. Drawing comparisons with the much-debated Pothireddypadu project, Harish Rao warned that this new project could once again allow Andhra Pradesh to illegally divert massive quantities of water — this time from the Godavari. Speaking at a press conference in Hyderabad, Harish Rao presented a detailed power-point presentation exposing what he called the “conspiracy” behind the Godavari-Banakacharla linkage project. “Banakacharla is set to become the next Pothireddypadu. If Telangana remains a mute spectator, this could be catastrophic for our state’s water future,” he said. Harish Rao criticized Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and Irrigation Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy for their alleged inaction. “While Andhra Pradesh is rushing ahead with tenders for the project, our government is sitting idle—watering lemon trees,” he remarked sarcastically. He accused the Congress government of focusing more on political vendettas, like cases against KTR, rather than defending Telangana’s water rights. He further demanded an immediate all-party meeting to counter Andhra Pradesh’s aggressive execution of the project. “This is not a matter of one party. It is about our future. If Congress does not act, BRS will launch a massive



agitation,” he declared. Harish Rao also took aim at the Central government, accusing it of clear bias. “In the last two Union Budgets, Andhra Pradesh received generous funds. Telangana got zero,” he said. He alleged that the BJP-led Centre was operating with a mindset of ‘funds for Andhra, rivers for Andhra,’ and questioned the silence of the state’s 16 MPs, including two Union Ministers, for not raising this issue in Delhi. Recalling how Chandrababu Naidu once fought for 2 TMC of Babil water in 2008, Harish Rao said Andhra Pradesh is now attempting to draw 200 TMC with this illegal project. “If this is not stopped now, Telangana will have to struggle for every drop in the future,” he warned. In a final appeal to the Revanth Reddy government, Harish Rao said, “Open your eyes. Act now. We will support any genuine fight for Telangana’s interest. But if you continue to ignore this, BRS will take this fight to the people.”

## CPI Leader Slams Kaleshwaram As Useless Project

**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**  
CPI State Secretary Kunamneni Sambasiva Rao made sensational remarks on the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project, branding it a complete failure and urging the government to refrain from spending more public funds on what he termed a wasteful venture. Addressing the media in Hyderabad on Saturday, Kunamneni came down heavily on former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao, accusing him of distancing himself from the very project he once executed with pride. Kunamneni alleged that despite the massive investment poured into the Kaleshwaram project, not a single acre of land had received new irrigation benefits. “All the water being supplied to agricultural fields today is from the Yellampally project,” he stated, adding that Kaleshwaram has turned out to be a project without purpose or outcome. He further accused KCR of making unilateral decisions during his tenure regarding the construction and execution of Kaleshwaram, and now



pretending as if he had no involvement or responsibility for its failures. In a separate but equally sharp critique, Kunamneni also lashed out at the central government, accusing it of serious human rights violations. He condemned the Centre’s refusal to hand over the body of Maoist leader Keshav Rao to his family members, calling it inhumane. “Even after seeing the dead bodies of Maoists, the Centre trembles in fear,” he remarked. Kunamneni’s dual criticism of both the state and central governments has added new fuel to political debates surrounding Telangana’s major irrigation project failures and the Centre’s policies towards insurgency and civil rights.

## Boora Narsayya Slams Congress for Delay in Local Body Polls

**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**  
Former Bhuvanagiri MP and BJP senior leader Dr. Boora Narsayya Goud has sharply criticized the Congress government in Telangana for its prolonged delay in conducting local body elections. Speaking at a press meet held at the BJP state office on Saturday, Boora said the inaction is costing the state heavily, both financially and democratically. “Despite being in power for nearly 18 months, the Congress government has not given any clarity on conducting local body elections,” he said.

He detailed the status of expired terms: 12,769 sarpanches since January 2024, 5,717 MPTCs since May 2024, and 538 ZPTCs, MPPs, and ZP chairpersons whose terms ended a year ago. Similarly, elections for 128 out of 130 municipalities are overdue by over six months. Boora alleged that due to these delays, Telangana has lost ₹1,514 crore from the Central Finance Commission, and an additional ₹800 crore from the 14th Finance Commission remains pending. “This is a direct result of the state government’s failure.

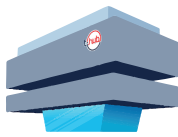
The central government has no role in this,” he clarified. “Rahul Gandhi promised 42% reservation for BCs before elections, but till now there is no progress,” Boora said. He called the Congress’ failure to implement the ‘triple test’ — caste census, BC Commission, and a dedicated committee — as an excuse to delay BC reservations. Boora added, “In Telangana’s 14-member Congress cabinet, only three are from BC communities. The party that ruled the country for nearly 50 years has never made a BC Chief Minister.”

He compared this with the BJP’s record, highlighting that “for the first time, BJP made a BC the Prime Minister, and over 60% of ministers in the Union Cabinet are from SC, ST, or BC backgrounds.” He also accused the Congress of using the caste census as a “political weapon” and blamed its leadership for using rhetoric without action. “While Congress keeps talking about caste census and social justice, in Karnataka — where it is in power — the caste census report remains hidden for three years, ‘The people of Telanga-

na are being misled daily with false hopes and empty promises,” he said.







# Hyderabad Hydra vs GHMC...

Cold war between GHMC and Hydra officials  
Coordination lapses hamper monsoon response  
GHMC officials ignore Hydra chief’s request  
Lack of coordination causes public inconvenience

**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**  
A crisis has emerged between two government organizations regarding responsibilities during monsoon emergency measures in Hyderabad. The Telangana government has sidelined the GHMC and handed over the responsibility of managing monsoon-related emergency measures to Hydra. Recently, Municipal Administration Secretary Ilambarthi issued orders bringing these responsibilities under Hydra’s purview. In this context, a cold war appears to be brewing between GHMC and Hydra officials. Due to coordination failures and communication gaps, confusion is hampering joint efforts. A clear pow-

er struggle is visible between the two departments. It is believed that GHMC officials have been reluctant to accept the delegation of such critical responsibilities to Hydra. Allegations have also surfaced that vigilance officers are operating under the GHMC Commissioner, which is leading to further controversy. This internal power tussle is now threatening to impact public services. Reportedly, some engineering officials within GHMC (Baldia) are unable to accept the government’s decision to entrust monsoon emergency team duties to Hydra. The government took this step after GHMC was accused of delays in forming monsoon teams and irregulari-

ties in tender notifications, allegedly favoring a single individual. Heavy rains hit the city while tenders were still being called for monsoon teams. Hydra’s Disaster Response Force (DRF) teams were deployed for these relief operations. However, it appears that GHMC has not cooperated with them. Officials remained silent as the responsibilities shifted to Hydra. Even though the Hydra Commissioner formally requested GHMC engineers to coordinate with Hydra during the monsoon season, the request seems to have been ignored. When GHMC engineering officials were asked for clarification, they responded: “Who should we inform if



we are to work under Hydra? Who do we contact in case of any issues? We haven’t even been given phone numbers of Hydra officials.” This lack of coordination between Hydra and GHMC officials is causing problems for the public as heavy rains have continued for the last three days. On Thursday, rainfall reached up to 14 centimeters, flooding roads, railway underpasses, and apartment cellars. Water stagnation occurred in areas like Chandanagar, Lingampally, Miyapur, Chatrinaka, Himayatnagar, and Langar Houz. GHMC officials failed to respond adequately, and it took a long time for Hydra’s DRF teams

to reach the affected areas—worsening the plight of residents. Due to the shortcomings of the government machinery—which is supposed to protect citizens’ lives and property during the rainy season—the people themselves are bearing the brunt. This situation underscores the critical importance of coordination. The administration must realize that public service is far more important than any power struggle among officials. Citizens of Greater Hyderabad are demanding that all officials set aside their differences and move forward together with a unified focus on public welfare.

## Where Is Gaddar in the Gaddar Awards?

**TPN | V. Krishna Kumar**  
Hyderabad: For the first time in the state of Telangana, film awards in the name of Gaddar have been introduced. Although the name itself drew applause, the flaws in the ceremony have raised serious questions. Public representatives had announced that the honors included ₹40 lakhs to the family, ₹3 crores to the foundation, land allocation, a government job, and the official celebration of Gaddar’s birth anniversary. These were presented as the highest tributes Telangana could offer. But on the day of the awards ceremony, only one question echoed: “Where is Gaddar in the Gaddar Awards?”  
**Where are the traces of Gaddar?**  
There was no photo of Gaddar on the award mementoes. He didn’t appear on the invitation letters either. Gaddar is not just a name—he is a personality, a movement, a thought. His life was a song of resistance, a revolutionary voice for the people. Without that essence in the awards, does merely using his name truly honor him? Isn’t the failure to prioritize folk arts and experimental cinema a betrayal of his ideology?  
**Controversies in award selection**  
Though Chief Minister Revanth Reddy spoke of progress and inclusiveness, controversies surrounded the selection process. The prominence given to Andhra actors and films sparked the question: “Is this truly a Telangana film



festival?” The preference for commercial hits while ignoring folk and experimental works intensified the criticism. The decision to give the Best Film Critic Award to Ponnamp Ravichandra also drew scrutiny. While he is deserving as a writer and critic, why was the award announcement made public only on the second day? Why wasn’t the jury revealed on the first day itself? The timing raised doubts—was this political interference or a tactic to suppress criticism?  
**Flaws in the jury**  
Isn’t it absurd that there were no Urdu-speaking members in the jury, despite the stage talk about promoting

Urdu cinema? If lists were prepared according to rules and regulations, why were they poorly implemented? This negligence highlights the incompetence of the organizers.  
**Social media buzz**  
social media erupted with satire: “There is no Mysore in Mysore Bonda, and there is no Gaddar in Gaddar Awards!” This sentiment reflects the public’s disappointment. From the Mangli-Ganja controversy, criticism of Keeravani, to Ram Miriyala’s personal branding, many issues sparked outrage and led to one collective question: “Have Telangana artists been forgotten again?”  
**Honoring Gaddar means...**  
Gaddar is the voice of rebellion, the song of the masses, the embodiment of revolution. Merely instituting awards in his name is not enough. His ideals must be respected. Folk artists must be encouraged, and experimental cinema must be given space. Without this, these awards risk becoming nothing more than a political performance. Naming is one thing—honoring is another. To truly celebrate Gaddar, his philosophy must live through these awards. Whether or not the word “revolution” remains etched in public memory, Gaddar lives on in the hearts of the people. But do these awards reflect that spirit—or do they simply raise more questions than they answer?



## Excise Dept Earns Nearly ₹37 Cr, 24 New Pub Licenses Allotted in Hyderabad

**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**  
Hyderabad is set to witness the addition of 24 new pubs, as the Telangana Prohibition and Excise Department concluded the latest bar license allotment process through a computerised draw held on Friday, June 14, at Narsingi. In total, 28 new bar licenses were granted across the state, with 24 of them allotted within the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) limits. The department earned ₹36.68 crore from the allotment, reflecting the high demand and competition for bar licenses in urban areas. The process, overseen by Prohibition and Excise Commissioner C Hari Kiran, received an overwhelming response—3,520 applications were filed for the 24 available licenses in Hyderabad alone.

Beyond Hyderabad, four additional bar licenses were allotted in districts like Ranga Reddy, Mahabubnagar, and Nizamabad, which received 148 applications in total. This brought the cumulative number of applications for all 28 locations to 3,668. Ranga Reddy district recorded the most intense competition, with a single bar license in Saroornagar attracting 57 applications. In Mahabubnagar, 49 contenders competed for one bar slot, while in Nizamabad, two different locations received 27 and 15 applications respectively. The excise department’s move is expected to further boost state revenues while also catering to increasing demand in urban nightlife zones, especially within the GHMC boundaries.

## Another Case Filed Against Actress Kalpika Ganesh

**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**  
Actress Kalpika Ganesh has landed in fresh legal trouble, with the Hyderabad Cyber Crime Police registering another case against her, marking the second such case in recent times. The complaint, filed by a woman named Keerthana, alleges that Kalpika used obscene and abusive language on social media, particularly on Instagram. According to police sources, the case has been filed under Sections 67 of the IT Act (2000-2008), and Sections 79 and 356 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). The complaint accuses Kalpika of harassment through vulgar messages, offensive posts, and repeated online abuse. The victim, Keerthana, provided screen-

shots of the alleged messages and Instagram statuses as evidence to support her claims. These reportedly include derogatory language and personal attacks, which she stated caused her severe mental distress. This is not the first time Kalpika has faced legal action for her online behavior. The current case adds to a growing list of controversies surrounding the actress, raising serious concerns over cyber harassment and the responsibility of public figures on digital platforms. Cyber Crime officials have confirmed that an investigation is underway, and further action will be taken based on digital forensic analysis of the submitted material.



## Locals Flee With Mangoes After Truck Overturns in Rangareddy

**TPN Correspondent | Rangareddy**  
A truck carrying a large load of mangoes overturned near Thimmapur village on the highway in Kothur Mandal, Rangareddy district, early on Saturday morning, leading to a bizarre scene where locals rushed in to collect the spilled fruit. The vehicle, reportedly en route to Hyderabad city, lost control and overturned on a curve. While the driver escaped without injury and no casualties were reported, the accident quickly drew the attention of local residents who gathered with bags, baskets, and even bedsheets to take away as many mangoes as they could. The situation turned chaotic as dozens of people scrambled to grab the fruit, disregarding

both traffic and the police. A video capturing the incident — showing people joyfully looting the mangoes — is now circulating widely on social media. Kothur inspector Narasimha Rao, speaking to reporters, confirmed that while the accident did not result in any major injuries, it led to a severe traffic jam in both directions of the highway. “We had to intervene to clear the road and disperse the crowd that was looting mangoes,” he said. Police have not filed any case so far but urged residents to behave responsibly during such incidents, especially on busy highways where safety is paramount.





# Hydra-Style Crackdown Begins in Manakondur

MLA Kavvampalli launches ‘MLA on Wheels’ for public complaints  
Officials remove encroached road in Kothapalli after swift action  
“Hydra model will apply to all land grabbers,” warns MLA

**TPN | Srikanth Gurram Karimnagar:** Inspired by the high-impact ‘Hydra operations’ in Hyderabad targeting land encroachments, similar swift and bold actions have begun in Manakondur constituency under the leadership of local MLA Dr. Kavvampalli Satyanarayana. Through his citizen outreach initiative, “MLA on Wheels,” the MLA has become a formidable force against illegal land dealings, drawing praise from local residents. In a recent operation, a complaint was brought to the MLA’s at-

tention regarding unauthorized occupation of government land and a key road in Kothapalli village, Thimmapur mandal. The encroachment was part of a local real estate venture, according to villagers. Responding immediately, Dr. Kavvampalli escalated the matter to the District Collector. Following the MLA’s intervention, the revenue department launched a survey and initiated legal procedures. Notices were posted at the Kothapalli Gram Panchayat, and after the deadline passed with no

valid objections, officials — including MPDO, MPO, CI, and SI — moved in to dismantle the illegal road construction. The original Naxa road was fully restored in a public display of administrative firmness. An ex-public representative who had reportedly encroached the area tried to stir up resistance, but promptly withdrew after a stern warning from the officials about impending legal action. Locals welcomed the move and expressed their relief and satisfaction with the MLA’s direct involvement. Dr. Kav-



vampalli Satyanarayana made his stance clear: “Those misusing politics to grab lands in the name of real estate will not be spared. We will apply Hydra-style action here too.” He reiterated that the government land and paths meant for public use must re-

main untouched and added that a CC (cement concrete) road will soon be laid where the encroached road was removed. “This is just the beginning. Wherever such irregularities are found in Manakondur, we will act without delay. Villagers should come forward

and inform us. We won’t spare anyone who harms village development,” the MLA stated firmly. The bold initiative has set a new tone for public accountability and action against illegal land grabs in rural Telangana.

# Elderly Protest Against Saket Bhusatva Management



**TPN Correspondent | Medchal**  
Tension prevailed in Gaudavelli under the Gundlupochampally Municipality as elderly residents of Saket Bhusatva Phase 1 gated community staged a protest on Saturday, accusing the builder of neglect and broken promises. The senior cit-

izens, who reside in the gated layout developed by Saket Bhusatva, staged a dharna in front of the project’s office demanding justice and basic amenities. Holding placards with messages like “We want action, not guarantees,” “Provide battery car facility,” “Ensure our security,” and “Implement RERA verdict,” the

aggrieved residents, many of whom are senior citizens, demanded that the management address critical unresolved issues that have persisted for over a decade. The protestors alleged that the housing project, which began in 2011, remains incomplete even after 13 years. They claimed that around 200 villas are suffering due to a lack of proper maintenance, unfinished construction, poor security arrangements, and unfulfilled promises related to elderly-friendly infrastructure such as battery cars and emergency response systems. Saket Pranam Senior Citizens Friends Association President Srirangarao, Vice President Ramakrishna, and around 50 association committee members led the protest. They

pointed out that the management has consistently ignored complaints, forcing the residents—especially the elderly who expected peace and dignity in their retirement years—to take to the streets. The protestors demanded the immediate implementation of the Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA) verdict and urged the authorities to intervene if the builder fails to comply. They also highlighted the physical and emotional stress being endured by senior residents due to the continued mismanagement and lack of accountability from the developers. The dharna concluded with a warning from the association that larger protests will be organized if the issues remain unaddressed.

# Telangana Formation Day Celebrated Grandly in Washington

**TPN Correspondent | Washington, USA**  
The Telangana Formation Day celebrations held in Washington turned into a vibrant tribute to the state’s culture, pride, and progress. Organized by the Washington Telangana Association, the event featured a grand display of cultural performances, showcasing the deep-rooted patriotism and emotional connection of expatriate Telanganites to their homeland. The highlight of the celebrations was an artistic portrayal of the legendary queen Rani Rudrama Devi, performed by Kamasani Aneela, head of Colorful Creations. Dressed in a specially designed costume, Aneela’s graceful depiction captivated the audience, turning into the most talked-about element of the evening. The accompanying fashion walk featuring unique designs also drew wide appreciation for creatively reflecting Telangana’s rich heritage. Former Telangana Minister Errabelli Dayakar Rao, who attended the event as chief guest, lauded the efforts of the organizers and praised Aneela’s role. “A daughter of Rayalaseema performing as Telangana’s proud queen is a beautiful example of unity and cultural respect. Aneela’s representation of Rudrama Devi truly honored our traditions,” he said. He also extended congratulations to Supriya Bandi and Aneela Kamasani for their contributions to the event. Telangana MLC L. Ramana, Washington Telangana Association President Rajesh Brindala, members of the association, and a large number of NRIs participated enthusiastically in the event. The evening was marked by heartfelt celebrations, with traditional music, dance performances, and patriotic expressions highlighting Telangana’s growth and glory since its formation. The diaspora’s collective efforts in presenting Telangana’s identity to a global audience were met with appreciation. The event not only celebrated the state’s formation but also served as a cultural bridge between Telangana and its people abroad.



# Fake Baba Gang Busted In Hidden Treasure Scam

Victim Gajji Praveen cheated of ₹15.30 lakh in Karimnagar

**TPN Correspondent | Karimnagar**  
In a shocking incident, a gang of fraudsters posing as spiritual healers—commonly referred to as “Robber Babas”—were arrested by the Karimnagar Rural Police for deceiving a villager in the name of hidden treasures. The accused manipulated the victim by exploiting his family’s health and financial concerns, ultimately swindling him out of ₹15.30 lakh. According to Karimnagar Rural ACP Shubham Prakash, the victim, Gajji Praveen from Sriramulapalle village, sought spiritual help from a so-called Baba after facing severe family troubles. The accused gang convinced him that a quintal of gold was buried near his



house and that only by performing specific rituals could it be retrieved to improve his family’s well-being. They also threatened him that failure to act would result in the death of family members. Falling into their trap,

Praveen paid ₹15.30 lakh in installments for various rituals. The gang carried out a staged ceremony—buying puja materials, digging beside his house, sprinkling saffron, and theatrically retrieving a pre-planted box, which they

claimed contained gold. After showing him this fake “evidence,” they pressured him for more money. Sensing the ongoing harassment, Praveen approached the Kothapalli police, who swiftly launched an investigation. Based on his complaint, police arrested five members of the gang: Eennala Raju, Miryala Durgayya, Penugonda Raju, Challa Ajay, and Eennala Satish. Authorities seized ₹15.30 lakh in cash, seven tolas of gold, three cars, and seven mobile phones from the accused. ACP Shubham Prakash warned the public to stay vigilant against such fraudulent Babas who prey on innocent people’s emotions and superstitions.

# Khammam MP Supports Auto Drivers



**TPN Correspondent | Khammam**  
In a gesture aimed at supporting the working class, Khammam MP Rama Saawan Raghuram Reddy has financially supported the distribution of khaki shirts to auto drivers across the city. The event took place on Saturday at the MP’s camp office in Gattaiah Center, where Congress district leader Koppula Chandrasekhar led the distribution drive. Auto drivers affiliated with INTUC and those from various localities of Khammam city gathered in large numbers to re-

ceive the khaki shirts. Congress leaders including INTUC district president Kotha Seetharamulu and city president Nara Naresh joined Koppula Chandrasekhar in handing over the uniforms. Speaking on the occasion, Koppula Chandrasekhar called upon the public, particularly workers, to make use of the initiatives being undertaken by MP Raghuram Reddy. He emphasized that the Congress government is committed to the welfare of all sections of society, including workers and farmers. He said the distribution of kha-

ki shirts is part of a broader effort by the Congress to uplift and support the working class through dignity, identity, and recognition. “The Congress is implementing multiple welfare schemes across sectors, and this initiative reflects our commitment to labor welfare,” he added. The program saw enthusiastic participation from INTUC leader Palvancha Krishna, several Congress leaders, party cadres, and auto drivers from different areas of the district, marking it a success in community outreach.



# 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.

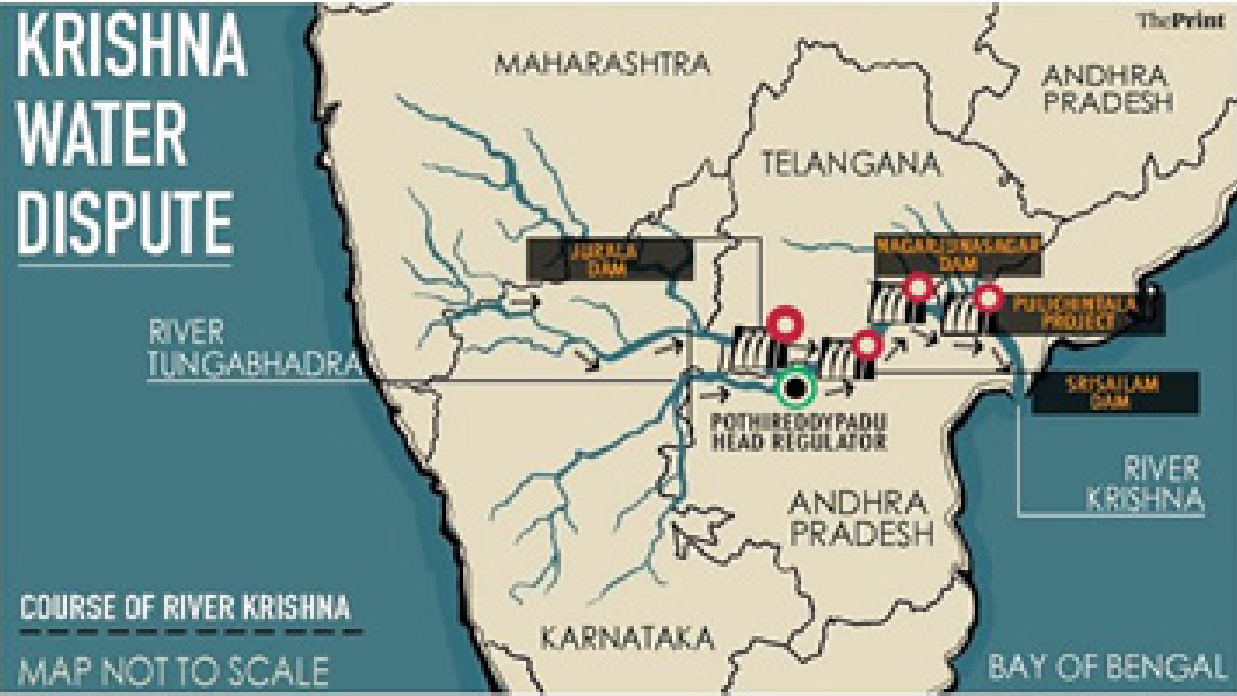
India must prepare for a world where diplomacy is louder, more impulsive, and increasingly about personal credit — especially when Trump’s fire truck shows up at the door.

# 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.

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.

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

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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

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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.

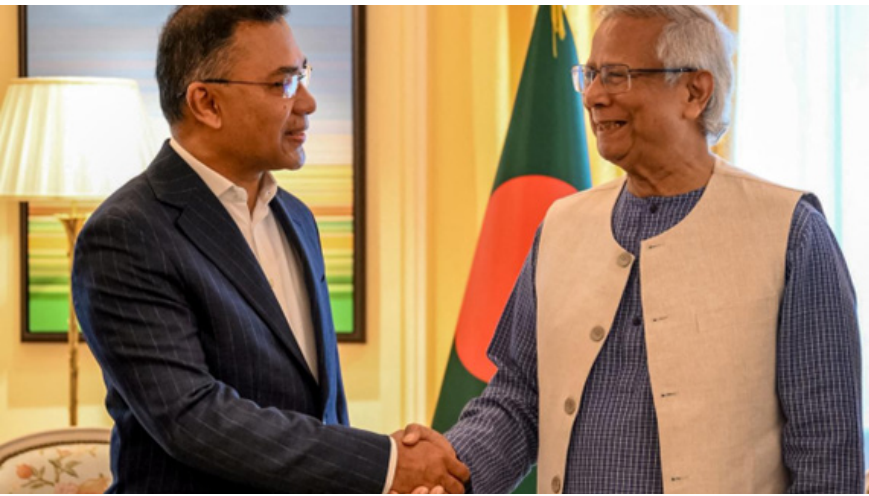
Explosions and air defense activity were reported in Tehran shortly after midnight, with a fire breaking out at Meh-

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

TPN Correspondent | Dhaka

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.



himself.

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

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.

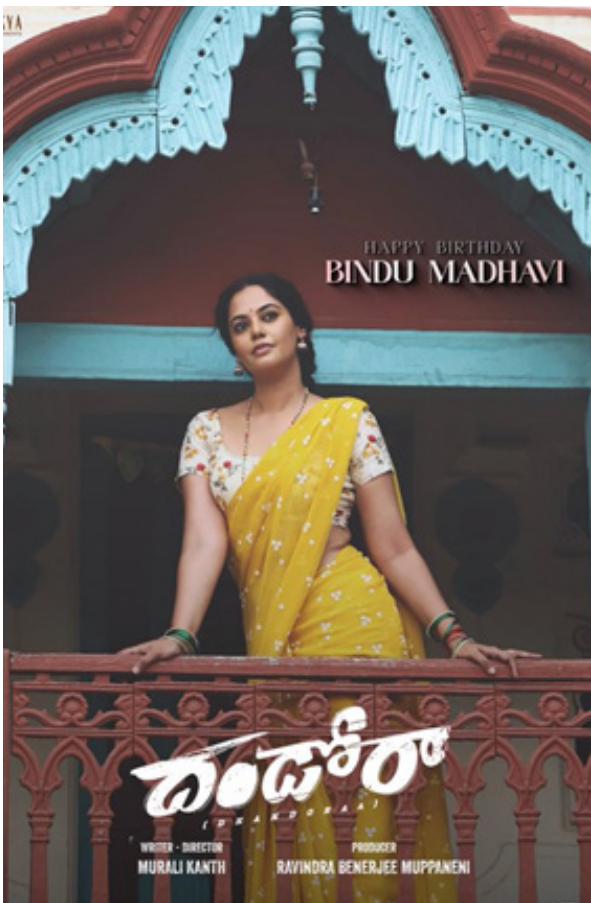
Fans and critics alike have pointed out that the season lacks engaging content and fresh storytelling, which has resulted in disappointing word of mouth. Many viewers feel that the narrative hasn't evolved enough to hold their interest, especially after the strong impact of the first season. This slow 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.