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# Allu Arjun–Revanth Reddy Twist Sparks Speculation

- CM Revanth once targeted Bunny, now awards him
- Pushpa-2 controversy triggered political storm
- Gaddar Award raises questions of a hidden deal



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There is hardly anyone in the Telugu states unaware of the tension-filled chapter between Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and star actor Allu Arjun. What began as a heated controversy has now taken a sudden twist, with CM Revanth bestowing an award on the very actor he once targeted — sparking political and public specula-

tion. The sequence of events began with Allu Arjun’s controversial act of skipping CM Revanth Reddy’s name during the promotional activities of Pushpa-2. Fans of the actor alleged that Revanth Reddy was intentionally targeting the actor in retaliation. Congress leaders, however, denied such claims. Matters escalated when a tragic stampede occurred during a

Pushpa-2 preview event, leading to the death of a woman and serious injuries to her son. CM Revanth responded sternly. A police case was filed against Allu Arjun, and he was even arrested. The opposition condemned the move, calling it an abuse of power. Yet, the Revanth-led government remained firm and unapologetic. In that context, CM Revanth’s recent gesture of honoring Allu

Arjun with the Gaddar Award has turned heads. Has “Pushpa” really calmed down? Or is there a larger political script being played behind the scenes? Has Allu Arjun struck a behind-the-scenes deal with the CM? Adding fuel to the fire, critics recall how Revanth once blasted Pushpa-2 as a film that sent a dangerous message to society and accused Allu Arjun of glorifying smuggling. From calling him a “smuggler hero” to now calling him the “best actor” — the shift in tone has triggered a series of questions: What changed? What’s the real agenda? Some political whispers also point toward the influence of Allu Aravind, the influential film producer and father of Allu Arjun. Did he play a role in mending fences with Telangana’s top leadership? Or did he broker the award decision with the help of Andhra Pradesh political heavy-weights? Speculations are rife — was this award recommended by AP Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu himself? Or was it Deputy CM and actor-turned-politician Pawan Kalyan who supported the move? These questions are now swirling through political and film industry circles, indicating that this development is more than just an award — it might be a calculated political move with strategic implications on both sides of the Telugu states.



## I Will Send Two Eno Packets to Jagan: Nara Lokesh

- Lokesh mocks Jagan for reacting to scheme’s success
- Accuses Jagan of spreading fake propaganda
- Clarifies funds for some will be released post field verification

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

Andhra Pradesh Education Minister Nara Lokesh took a sharp dig at former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, saying he seemed “inflamed” by the success of the state’s flagship “Talliki Vandanam” scheme. Sarcastically remarking that Jagan appeared to be suffering from a “threefold stomach ache,” Lokesh quipped that he would send him two packets of Eno to ease his discomfort. Lokesh said, “Talliki Vandanam’ is a super success. Seeing the joy in the eyes of mothers, Jagan Reddy’s stomach got inflamed. That’s why he’s once again running fake propaganda through his toxic magazine.” Addressing claims that certain beneficiaries had not yet received funds, Lokesh clarified that field inspections are mandatory in cases where mothers have more than six children or the children are in orphanages. He asserted that such verifications are being carried out by village and ward secretariat staff, after which the funds will be released.

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## Meeting with Chandrababu Was Fruitful: Piyush Goyal

- Union Minister assures full support for AP’s industrial and developmental progress
- Goyal and Chandrababu discuss state’s key development priorities
- Focus on accelerating industrial growth across Andhra Pradesh
- Centre will fully cooperate with state for people’s welfare

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

Union Minister Piyush Goyal described his meeting with Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu in Guntur as highly productive and promising. Taking to social media, Goyal stated that their conversation covered a wide range of issues concerning the state’s development, particularly industrial progress and improving people’s lives. He said the main agenda of the meeting was to outline strategies for accelerating industrial development across Andhra Pradesh. He highlighted that



both leaders had meaningful discussions on the creation of new employment and investment opportunities in the state

and comprehensive development programs to uplift various sectors. “The Government of India will

extend full cooperation to Andhra Pradesh. We are committed to supporting the vision and developmental goals of the state government under the leadership of Chandrababu Naidu,” Goyal affirmed. He further clarified that the Centre is determined to actively support every initiative aimed at transforming the lives of Andhra Pradesh’s people and bringing about long-term socio-economic improvements. The video of his meeting with Chandrababu Naidu was also shared by Piyush Goyal on social media, indicating the Centre’s strong intent to work closely with the AP government.



## Vedika’ revives classical theatre with grand staging of Kanakapushya Ragam

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada

The newly formed platform Vedika staged the timeless Telugu play Kanakapushya Ragam at Velidandla Hanumantharaya Grandhalayam Hall, rekindling interest in classical theatre. Organized in partnership with Andhra Arts Academy, the event drew theatre enthusiasts, patrons, and veterans alike. Speaking on the occasion, DV Chandrasekhar, founder of Vedika, said the initiative aims to re-establish ticketed theatre culture in Vijayawada. “We are trying to build accountability and value, for audiences and artists, through a sustainable ticketing model, similar to successful formats in Hyderabad,” he said. Art patron Dr. Kamineni Pattabhiramaiah hailed the performance as “an artistic triumph,” calling it a much-needed step to bring serious drama back into the mainstream. Theatre scholar Dr. M.C. Das reflected on the golden era of Telugu theatre, noting how the production evoked nostalgia and deep emotional response. The Andhra Arts Academy, represented by President Dogiparthi Sankara Rao, pledged continued support to Vedika’s efforts to rejuvenate stage drama. The play, penned by renowned dramatist Raghava and directed by veteran S.K. Misro, featured stellar performances from a strong cast, Don-tala Prakash, Evana Bhagyaraj, Kathi Syam Prasad, Evana Ramesh Babu, Naren Borra, Bathina Roopaa Sri, and Gonuguntla Satyanandini. Backstage support came from Sridhar (makeup), Suresh (lighting), Anil and Phani (set), PV Bhaskara Sarma (coordination), Vishnu Priya (vocals), and Siriki Appalanaidu (lyrics). HVRS Prasad’s background score and overall coordination were widely appreciated.

## Vacation Delay Stalls Kommineni’s Release



- Supreme Court granted bail, but court holidays push release
- Kommineni Srinivasa Rao’s release delayed despite SC bail
- Orders not received by Friday; lawyers hope for Monday relief
- Co-accused Krishnam Raju remains in Guntur jail

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

Sakshi anchor Kommineni Srinivasa Rao, who was arrested in a case involving inappropriate comments on women, will remain in jail until at least Monday due to a series of consecutive court holidays. Though the Supreme Court granted him bail, procedur-

al delays caused by the vacation period have prevented his immediate release. According to his legal team, the bail orders from the Supreme Court did not reach the relevant trial court by Friday evening. With Saturday and Sunday being court holidays,

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## Land Scam Clouds IPS Officer Uday Bhaskar’s Record in Andhra Pradesh

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Fresh controversy has erupted around Jammu & Kashmir cadre IPS officer Uday Bhaskar Billa, currently on deputation to the CRPF, with serious allegations linking him to a major land scam in Kunchanapalli, Andhra Pradesh. Locals allege that under the guise of authority, Bhaskar unlawfully acquired land belonging to poor residents in the village, which lies virtually adjacent to the Andhra Pradesh DGP office.

This is not the first time Bhaskar has found himself in the eye of a political storm. During the previous YSRCP-led government, Bhaskar was reportedly stopped and sent back from Visakhapatnam Airport by then CM Chandrababu Naidu — a move seen as a symbolic protest against his alleged proximity to CM Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy.

Further, serious allegations of harassment have emerged from a female officer who worked under Bhaskar. Internal sources within the police department claim that not only did Bhaskar harass her, but he also systematically oppressed several lower-level staff during his tenure, creating a climate of fear and resentment. Locals in Kunchanapalli, including Vijayender Rao and Pamula Reddy, have now approached the High Court, alleging that their land was illegally seized under pressure. The court has since issued notices in the case, bringing Bhaskar’s alleged misuse of power back into public focus.

It is also alleged that Bhaskar made large-scale investments in Hyderabad real estate, with funds and proxies traced back to controversial Vizag-based auditor G.V., who is reportedly acting as an alias or financial front for the IPS officer.

Adding to the political dimension, Bhaskar — while on central deputation to the CRPF — is accused of covertly supporting the YSRCP during the recent elections, working against TDP-aligned officers and influencing local administrative decisions, even though his formal duties required strict neutrality.

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Slamming Jagan, Lokesh added, “Fraudulent numbers and corrupt practices are your brand, not ours. You seem to think our government functions like yours did — filled with irregularities. Let me tell you, we are a public government. We don’t commit fraud, and we won’t allow it.” Mocking further, he said, “It looks like Jagan Reddy is in digestive pain. I’ll send him two Eno packets... Let him relax a bit.” The statement comes in the wake of growing political tussles between the ruling alliance and the opposition, with schemes like ‘Talliki Vandanam’ emerging as a key political flashpoint.

## Vacation...

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there was no scope for proceedings over the weekend. In an attempt to expedite the process, Kommineni’s lawyers reportedly met the magistrate at his residence, but those efforts were unsuccessful. His legal team is now planning to secure the bail orders in the trial court on Monday. If the process goes smoothly, Kommineni is expected to be released by Monday evening. Kommineni was arrested for making inappropriate remarks against women and is currently in remand in the Andhra Pradesh capital region. Meanwhile, Krishnam Raju, identified as the main accused in the same case, continues to be lodged in Guntur district jail. While the YSRCP’s legal cell lawyers have worked on securing bail for Kommineni, Krishnam Raju is said to have appointed a separate legal counsel to handle his case. The delay in Kommineni’s release has once again highlighted how court holidays can impact the execution of judicial orders, especially in high-profile or time-sensitive cases.

## RWAs Key to Power Savings: BEE Pushes for Energy Efficiency in Homes

- BEE calls on states to empower RWAs and promote behaviour-based energy saving
- BEE urges SDAs to adopt 2BESP model for long-term impact
- Residential sector accounts for 35–40% of India’s energy use
- Up to 22.5 billion kWh of energy can be saved annually with simple behavioural shifts

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In a major initiative to curb residential energy consumption, the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) under the Ministry of Power, Government of India, has urged all State Designated Agencies (SDAs) to actively engage Residential Welfare Associations (RWAs) and Group Housing Societies to promote Behaviour-Based Energy Saving Practices (2BESP) across the country. Highlighting that the residential sector consumes 35–40% of India’s total energy, the BEE emphasized that RWAs—due to their strong community influence—can play a vital role in spreading awareness and accelerating the adoption of energy-efficient habits and appliances.

At a recent stakeholder meeting on the impact of 5-Star Rated Appliances, BEE Secretary Milind Deore stressed the need for households to shift to high-efficiency air conditioners, ceiling fans, and refrigerators. He also reiterated the government’s campaign to set air conditioners at 24°C or higher as a simple yet effective energy-saving measure.



“A shift in daily habits, coupled with the adoption of energy-efficient appliances, can lead to massive savings—for both consumers and the nation,” said Deore. BEE estimates that successful implementation of 2BESP initiatives could lead to annual savings of 22.5 billion kWh, offering both economic and environmental benefits. For example:

- A 75W ceiling fan running for 16 hours daily incurs an annual electricity bill of ₹2,857.

- A 32W BLDC fan, under the same usage, consumes less than half the power, bringing the yearly bill down to ₹1,208.

BEE applauded the proactive involvement of southern states—particularly TSREDCO (Telangana)—in the World Environment Day campaigns. SDAs from Tamil Nadu (TANGEDCO), Kerala (EMC), Andhra Pradesh (APSECM), and Karnataka (KREDL) were also commended for their efforts in promoting energy efficiency.

**These collective efforts have already resulted in:**

- 81.64 billion units of electricity saved in 2022–23
- ₹54,323 crore in energy cost savings
- 58 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions avoided annually

BEE concluded by reaffirming its commitment to sustainable development, urging SDAs to collaborate with RWAs, schools, and local bodies to accelerate grassroots energy awareness.

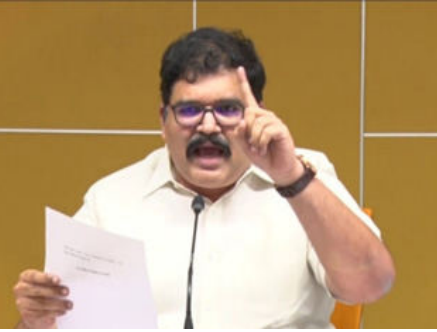
“The road to a cleaner, more energy-secure future begins at home,” Deore added. “RWAs can be the torchbearers of this movement.”

## Pattabhiram exposes 'Amma Vodi' cuts, defends Taliku Vandanam rollout

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Swachh Andhra Corporation Chairman Kommareddy Pattabhiram launched a scathing attack on former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, accusing him of massive fund cuts and false claims under the Amma Vodi scheme. At a press conference held at the TDP national office in Mangalagiri on Sunday, Pattabhiram presented comparative data on Amma Vodi and the newly launched Taliku Vandanam scheme by the NDA government.

He alleged that under Amma Vodi, Jagan promised Rs 50,000 crore over five years but released only Rs 23,877 crore. “He cut Rs 2,178 crore in the name of maintenance and drastically reduced the number of student beneficiaries every year,”



Pattabhiram said. He cited figures showing a steady decline, from 44.4 lakh students in 2021 to just 42.6 lakh in 2023.

Pattabhiram contrasted this with the Taliku Vandanam scheme, launched on June 12 by CM N. Chandrababu Naidu and HRD Minister Nara Lokesh, under which Rs 10,090 crore was released, Rs 8,745 crore directly deposited to mothers accounts and Rs 1,345 crore for

school infrastructure. “We are covering 67.27 lakh students, benefiting nearly 25 lakh more than Jagan’s final Amma Vodi phase,” he said.

Responding to YSRCP’s criticism that funds meant for school development were diverted to Lokesh’s account, Pattabhiram said no one had dared to accept Lokesh’s challenge to prove the allegations. “If they can’t prove it, they must apologize or face legal action,” he warned.

He accused YSRCP leaders of running a “mud-slinging campaign” instead of supporting pro-student initiatives. “We brought real smiles to our mothers. Jagan only played with their hopes,” Pattabhiram declared, urging people to see through the political narrative and recognize the facts.

## Surface Depression Triggers Rain Across Andhra

Heavy rains likely in coastal areas; fishermen warned to stay ashore

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

A surface depression formed in the west-central Bay of Bengal, adjacent to North Andhra, is bringing widespread rains to various parts of the state. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued alerts for rain in several areas across Coastal Andhra and Rayalaseema, along with warnings of potential heavy downpours in specific coastal locations.

The Visakhapatnam Meteorological Center reported that the depression, coupled with multiple surface troughs—one stretching from Bangladesh through the North Bay of Bengal to South Odisha, and another extending from Marathwada via Telangana to Coastal Andhra—is influencing weather patterns in the region. These developments led to rainfall across many parts of the state on Saturday.

The IMD forecast indicates that more rain is expected over the



next 24 hours in both Coastal Andhra and Rayalaseema, with certain coastal areas likely to receive heavy rainfall. Authorities have advised fishermen not to venture into the sea due to strong winds prevailing along the coast, as safety risks are high.

The state administration is on alert, and residents in low-lying and flood-prone areas have been urged to remain cautious. Weather officials are continuously monitoring the situation and further updates are expected as the depression evolves.



## MP Putta Mahesh Warns Against Baseless Allegations

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Member of Parliament Putta Mahesh has strongly condemned what he described as baseless and defamatory reports circulating in sections of the media, accusing him of being involved in the transfer of a government official. Speaking out firmly, Mahesh clarified that neither he nor his office staff, nor even the District Collector, were approached for clarification before such reports were published.

“It is not right to write false articles in newspapers, alleging that I was involved in transfers, without consulting me or my office or even the District Collector,” Mahesh said. “If any allegations are received, they should first be verified. Writing baselessly will not be tolerated,” he warned.

The MP emphasized that such unfounded accusations damage reputations and create misconceptions among the public. “From now on, I urge all media houses to contact me or my office before making any such allegations,” he said, making it clear that he will not hesitate to pursue legal action if such acts continue. Mahesh also reminded that elected representatives are accountable to the people and that transparency and proper process must be followed in all matters. He called for responsible journalism and warned against defamation through false news.

He concluded by stating, “I respect the role of the media, but misinformation is dangerous. I will take legal steps if such unverified claims are made against me again.”



## Nara Lokesh Congratulates NEET UG Toppers

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

State Education Minister Nara Lokesh expressed pride and appreciation as students from Andhra Pradesh made their mark in the NEET UG 2025 results. Six students from the state have secured ranks within the top 100 in the nationwide medical entrance examination, drawing accolades from both the public and political circles. Taking to Twitter, Minister Lokesh congratulated the rankers and acknowledged their remarkable efforts. “I congratulate six students from the state for securing ranks in the top 100 in the results of the NEET UG examination conducted at the national level for admissions to medical courses,” he wrote. He specially lauded D. Karthik Ram Kiriti, who achieved All India Rank 19, followed by K. Mohita Sri-ram (56th rank), D. Suryacharan (59th), P. Avinash (64th), Y. Sameer Kumar (70th), and T. Shivamanideep (92nd). Lokesh also noted that students from both Andhra Pradesh and Telangana have performed exceptionally well this year. “I am happy that students from two Telugu states have excelled in the competitive examination conducted at the national level. The students have achieved the best ranks at the national level with their talent and have become a source of pride,” he stated. He further encouraged the young achievers to contribute to society through their future roles in the medical profession, expressing hope that their success would translate into meaningful service to the people.



# Narra Vasu Takes Charge as Vijayawada Market Yard Chairman

- MP Sivanath hails the appointment as a boost to TDP in Gollapudi
- Wishes for farmer-friendly reforms under the new chairman
- Congratulates Vice Chairman Pala Madhava and committee members



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Telugu Desam Party Gollapudi village president and Member of Parliament Kesineni Sivanath extended his congratulations to Narra Vasu on taking oath as the Chairman of the Vijayawada Market Yard. In a statement released on Sunday, the MP also congratulated Pala Madhava, who assumed office as the Vice Chairman of Gollapudi Market Yard, along with the newly appointed committee directors. MP Sivanath expressed hope that under the leadership of Narra Vasu, the Market Yard would

function efficiently and become a model for farmer services in the state. He emphasized that the chairman's post should enhance the reputation of the coalition government led by Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu through impactful contributions to the agricultural sector. He urged the new chairman to fulfill the responsibilities entrusted to him by the party high command with utmost sincerity and dedication, and to justify the trust placed in him by ensuring transparency and service-oriented administration at the yard. Recognizing Vasu's past efforts

to strengthen the Telugu Desam Party in Gollapudi, Sivanath expressed confidence that Narra Vasu would rise to greater heights in politics. He also expressed gratitude to Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu and Youth Leader Nara Lokesh for appointing a committed leader like Narra Vasu to the key post. The oath-taking ceremony marks a significant step in consolidating the TDP's leadership structure at the grassroots level and is seen as a move that will empower local governance and improve market yard operations, especially for farmers.

# Suman TV celebrates top 500 doctors from across Telangana

- Event attended by prominent political leaders and medical icons
- Initiative praised for spotlighting healthcare heroes

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In a grand tribute to medical excellence, Suman TV successfully hosted "INDIA'S BIGGEST DOCTOR AWARDS - 500" at Novotel HICC in Hyderabad on June 15, 2025. With an expansive digital footprint of over 8 crore followers, Suman TV brought together 500 distinguished healthcare professionals to recognize their exceptional service, innovation, and contributions to patient care across Telangana. The event witnessed the presence of influential personalities from political, administrative, and medical spheres. Their collective acknowledgment of the initiative underscored the importance of honoring frontline healthcare professionals, especially those who go beyond duty to serve society. The esteemed guest list included Hyderabad Mayor Smt. Gadval Vijayalakshmi, former Andhra Pradesh Health Minister Sri Kamineni Srinivasa Rao, HYDRA Commissioner Sri A. V. Ranganath, Rajya Sabha MP Sri Vaddiraju Ravi Chandra, and Telangana leaders like Sri Harish Rao, Sri Tummala Nageswara Rao, and Sri Etala Rajendar, among several others. Indian actress Miss Meenakshi Chaudhary also graced the occasion. Speaking at the event, Mayor Gadval Vijayalakshmi said, "This initiative by Suman TV is truly commendable. Recognizing our doctors is paramount, and Suman TV has done a magnificent job in bringing their contributions to the forefront." Sri Harish Rao echoed similar sentiments, stating, "Doctors are the backbone of our society, and acknowledging their impact



through such a grand event is a testament to Suman TV's commitment to social welfare. Sri Dudi Suman Garu deserves immense praise for this wonderful initiative." Sri Kamineni Srinivasa Rao also lauded the platform, emphasizing, "The dedication of healthcare professionals often goes unnoticed. I applaud Suman TV and Sri Dudi Suman Garu for creating a platform that highlights their unwavering commitment to public health." Sri Dudi Suman, the driving force behind the awards, received widespread appreciation for his visionary leadership and for using the power of digital media to elevate the contributions of doctors to national prominence. The event was powered by LifeSpan, with a wide range of

co-sponsors including Dr. Chek, Veda Seeds, Dia Grand, Germantan Hospitals, Sid's Farm, Skandanshi Group, Indukuri Life Spaces, Sri Naipunga Projects Pvt. Ltd., American Laser Eye Hospital, Keha Clinics, Country Delight, Alakananda River Front, eShieldz, Treatment Range Hospitals, Koteswar Rao Natural Treatments, Ice Berg Organic Ice Creams, Neet Walas, Olive Mithai Shop, Aakash Foundations, Ekadhi Silver Jewellery, and Anvita. Suman TV's award ceremony not only celebrated the present heroes of medicine but also set a benchmark for recognizing service in the healthcare industry. The event is expected to further amplify awareness around medical excellence through the platform's extensive digital outreach.

# Corruption Will Not Be Tolerated in Any Department: CM



TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu has taken a firm stand against corruption in the state administration. In a review meeting held at his camp office in Undavalli, the Chief Minister made it clear that corruption will not be tolerated in any department, anywhere, or by anyone. He directed officials to take swift and strict action wherever corruption is proven and to focus on establishing a transparent and accountable governance system across the state. The review meeting centered around the public feedback collected through IVRS and CSDS surveys regarding various government schemes and services. Officials informed the Chief Minister that the coalition government has received a high level of public satisfaction over the past year. In response, Chandrababu instructed a technical audit of the survey data to identify areas of concern and improve satisfaction levels where needed. The Chief Minister emphasized the importance of addressing ten major public issues with urgency, including welfare distribution, job creation, road development, and infrastructure. He asked officials to prepare data on job creation through work-from-home programs, investment inflows, and skill training. He also announced that job fairs will be held in all 175 constituencies and said that by August 15, all public services should be accessible through the "Mana Mitra" WhatsApp Governance initiative. Chandrababu also stressed the need for more efficient ration distribution, particularly for the elderly and the disabled. He suggested seeking public opinion on whether cash or coupon-based alternatives would be more effective and asked officials to consider increasing the number of low-cost ration shops. In addition, he directed a regional analysis of the free

sand policy to understand why some areas show high satisfaction while others express disappointment, particularly regarding sand availability. The IVRS survey revealed that 85 percent of respondents believe there is no corruption in pension distribution, 87.8 percent confirmed that pensions are delivered to homes, and 83.9 percent were satisfied with the behavior of government employees. Meanwhile, the CSDS field survey showed even higher satisfaction, with 93.9 percent stating there was no corruption, 93.3 percent acknowledging home delivery, and 73.3 percent expressing satisfaction with staff conduct. In the areas of public health and municipal services, 80.5 percent of people rated canteens as clean, 79.3 percent were satisfied with the food, and 80.8 percent appreciated the quality checks in hospitals. However, only 55 percent were satisfied with free medicine distribution. About 68.1 percent were satisfied with daily garbage collection, and 57 percent said garbage removal was done within 24 hours. Religious and transport services also received public feedback. In temples, 68 percent of devotees said darshan facilities were good, 63.6 percent appreciated temple amenities, and 77.7 percent approved of the quality of prasadam. In APSRTC services, 69.7 percent said buses leave and arrive on time, 72.4 percent were satisfied with staff behavior, and 69.7 percent said they felt safe during travel. In welfare schemes, 62.8 percent reported no overcharging in Deepam-2, and 75.1 percent said they receive ration supplies regularly. About 73.8 percent felt the quality of ration items was good. Among farmers, 60.9 percent said fertilizers were available, and 63 percent said seeds were supplied on time, though 27.4 percent cited issues with pesticides. On law enforcement, 54.5 percent said the police respond effectively, 59.5 percent said they act properly, and 27.8 percent mentioned harassment in public spaces. In land registration, 63.4 percent expressed satisfaction with slot booking, while 62.3 percent said there was no corruption in the process. With regard to sand supply, 70.6 percent were happy with the registration system, 67.5 percent with availability, and 61.1 percent with pricing. In the power and healthcare sectors, 61.6 percent said there is uninterrupted power supply, 86.2 percent were satisfied with admissions under NTR medical services, and over 80 percent rated general healthcare services and assistance by health volunteers as satisfactory. Importantly, 78.5 percent of respondents said there was no corruption in healthcare services. Chandrababu concluded the meeting by reiterating his commitment to clean and effective governance, assuring that his government will continue to act on public feedback and maintain its focus on integrity, transparency, and service delivery.

# Chandrababu Is the Number One CM in the Country: Actor Suman

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Popular film actor Suman has praised Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu, describing him as the most capable and visionary Chief Minister in the country. Speaking to a news channel, Suman expressed strong confidence in Chandrababu's ability to rebuild and develop Andhra Pradesh with his leadership, experience, and clarity of vision. "Chandrababu is a visionary. He is someone who can handle any crisis and lead the state towards growth. In my view, he is the number one CM in the country," Suman said. He stressed that the current state of Andhra Pradesh, which has faced significant challenges, needs a capable leader like Chandrababu to guide it towards progress. "If we want to fix the damaged state, it is only possible through Chandrababu. People should support him and give him time. Everything cannot happen immediately. There is an order and priority for what needs to be done first and what can be done later," he added. Suman highlighted Chandrababu Naidu's past contributions, particularly during his tenure as Chief Minister of united Andhra Pradesh. "There's nothing new to say about his capabilities. The way Hyderabad was developed under his leadership is proof. Hi-Tech City and Shamshabad Airport are structures that reflect his architectural vision. Though later leaders like Rajasekhar



Reddy and KCR did contribute, the original foundation was laid by Chandrababu," he stated. Drawing attention to the challenges AP currently faces, Suman noted that developing the state from scratch is like transforming a desert into a fertile land, and such a task requires time, planning, and patience from the public. "We all need to cooperate and allow him the time needed to bring results," he appealed. The actor also made a balanced remark on political accountability. "Everyone makes mistakes. No one is perfect. What matters is the size of the mistake. If it's big, we must raise our voice. But even small mistakes should not be ignored. The previous government also made mistakes—some things were good, some were bad. Now we have Modi ji's support. We should make the most of it for the betterment of the state," Suman concluded.



# “I Will Register Any Land”

**Allegations Surface Against Patamata Sub-Registrar Nalmala Revanth**  
**Sub-Registrar Revanth allegedly defies High Court stay on Church lands**  
**Claims protection from ACB DG and backing of Minister Satya Prasad**  
**Documents point to illegal registrations worth hundreds of crores**

**TPN Correspondent | Amaravati**  
A major controversy has erupted in Andhra Pradesh following explosive allegations against Patamata Sub-Registrar Nalmala Revanth, who is accused of openly defying a High Court order and facilitating illegal land registrations across the state. In a brazen assertion, Revanth reportedly declared, “I will register any land, anywhere, any land in the West! Who can stop me?” — igniting widespread condemnation. The crux of the issue lies in the illegal registration of prime lands belonging to the Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church Society. The High Court, in its ruling under Writ Appeal No. 1033/2023, had clearly directed that the Church Society lands across

Andhra Pradesh not be sold or transferred. Despite this, Nalmala Revanth allegedly carried out registrations of Church lands in Rajahmundry from his Vijayawada-based Patamata Sub-Registrar Office by exploiting the Anywhere Eni system. The registered document numbers — 27901/2024 to 27908/2024 — are now at the center of an emerging storm. Sources allege that when the Rajahmundry Sub-Registrar raised objections, citing the HC stay, Revanth reportedly boasted of his political protection. “Behind me is ACB DG Atul Singh. Nara Lokesh is my relative. Minister Angani Satya Prasad is backing me. I send ₹6 lakh every month for his office expenses,” Revanth is said

to have claimed, silencing objections and completing the transactions. There are serious accusations that Revanth received bribes to execute these illegal registrations. It is further alleged that similar high-value land transactions — estimated to be worth over ₹100 crore — were facilitated in Guntur, West Godavari, East Godavari, and Visakhapatnam districts in violation of established legal procedures. What’s raising further concerns is the inaction by vigilance authorities. Though a vigilance inquiry was reportedly conducted against Revanth earlier, insiders claim it was diluted due to political pressure, particularly because of his alleged ties to Nara Lokesh and the influence of Minister Angani Satya Prasad.



Officials within the registration department and legal experts are now demanding immediate intervention. “This is not just a violation of court orders but a breakdown of the system. If a sub-registrar claims immunity from ACB and ministers, what justice can citizens expect?” said a senior legal officer who chose to remain anonymous. The silence of the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) is also drawing criticism. Activists question why the ACB has not yet initiated action in such a high-profile case despite mounting evidence. “Is ACB functioning at all



in Andhra Pradesh? This is a litmus test for its credibility,” said a citizens’ group leader from Vijayawada. With mounting pressure, opposition parties and civil society organizations are now demanding a judicial probe and immediate suspension of Nalmala Revanth, while urging the High Court to take suo motu cognizance of the alleged contempt of its orders. This case threatens to become one of the most serious challenges for the coalition government, testing its commitment to transparency, accountability, and rule of law.

## Red Book Against Alliance Rule Devineni Avinash Fires Fresh Salvo...



**TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada**  
YCP NTR District President Devineni Avinash has launched a scathing attack on the ruling alliance in Andhra Pradesh, accusing it of betraying the people over the past year. Addressing a press conference in Vijayawada, he unveiled the party’s “Red Book”, a report compiled by YSR Congress Party to document what he called a year of deception and governance failures under the coalition government. Avinash likened the current rule in Andhra Pradesh to a “Red Book regime,” claiming it was symbolic of suppression and betrayal. “We have been ruled by the Red Book for the last one year. We’ve brought all the deception and betrayal of the alliance into this book,” he said. He pointed out that despite last year’s floods in Vijayawada, the affected families have not received any compensation till now. “Even after the city was submerged, the government has not shown concern or provided relief,” he alleged. Avinash also criticized the government for ignoring the expectations of 30 lakh mothers who had reposed faith in the YSRCP’s welfare schemes. “They’ve completely neglected women who were

once the backbone of social welfare under the previous government,” he said. He accused the government of resorting to threats and repression. “They are misusing power by filing false cases against those who question them, and trying to bury the truth of the Red Book,” he said. Defending the YSR Congress Party’s record, Avinash stated, “In just one year before the 2024 elections, we fulfilled 95% of our promises. We are ready to face any challenge that the ruling alliance throws at us.” Avinash said the Red Book is not just a political statement, but a movement. “This book will bring awareness in every constituency, mandal, and village. It will expose the lies and failures of the current government,” he declared. To reach a wider audience, the YCP has also made the Red Book digitally accessible. “We’ve released a QR code so that people can read the truth themselves, no matter where they are,” he added. As political tempers rise in Andhra Pradesh, the Red Book appears set to become a key campaign tool for the YSRCP in taking its message of opposition directly to the grassroots.

## Employees Await Action on PRC, Health Cards, DAs: AP NGVOS Flags Concerns

*Welfare programs welcome, but don’t ignore employee issues: Vidyasaga*

**TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada**  
The Andhra Pradesh NGVOS (Non-Gazetted Officers’ Sangham) has urged the state government to take immediate steps to resolve pending issues affecting government employees. Speaking after the election of D.V. Ramana from Vizianagaram district as the new State General Secretary, Sangha State President Alaparthi Vidyasagar stated that while the employees welcome the welfare and development programs introduced by the new government, employee welfare cannot be ignored. The elections, held on Sunday at the state office under the co-option system, saw D.V. Ramana unanimously chosen as General Secretary by district presidents, secretaries, and the state executive members. The event was followed by a media briefing where several key concerns were raised. Vidyasagar pointed out that although a year has passed since the new government took office, many employee demands remain unaddressed. He emphasized that employees are increasingly dissatisfied, particularly over the non-appointment of the PRC (Pay Revision Commission), which was due in July 2023. “Due to this delay, employees are losing financial benefits,” he said, demanding that the government act immediately.



He further called for the release of three pending DAs and highlighted issues related to the employees’ health cards. “Monthly salary deductions for health cards are not reaching hospitals. This negligence must end,” he asserted. The union also criticized the government for not holding a single Joint Staff Council meeting with employee unions since coming to power. Additional demands included the immediate release of GFP and APGLI funds, regularization of over 7,000 contract employees who joined before 2014, and extension of the enhanced retirement age (from 60 to 62) to employees in Gurukul schools and public sector units, who were excluded by the previous government. The Sangha also raised concerns about Village Secretariat employees not being allowed to work in their native mandals. “The government should reconsider its policy and permit postings within

their local mandals,” Vidyasagar said. D.V. Ramana, addressing the gathering after his election, said his selection was not by chance but a reflection of the trust placed in him by employees. He vowed to work under the guidance of the State President to fulfill employee aspirations. The event also witnessed a grand felicitation ceremony attended by Sangha leaders including State Co-Presidents Dastagiri Reddy, Treasurer A. Ranga Rao, Women’s Wing Convenor P. Madhavi, AISGEF Women’s Sub-Committee Convenor M. Rajyalakshmi, NEC Member V. Shantisree, Women’s Wing Chairperson V. Nirmala, and many Vice Presidents and Secretaries from across the state. With growing dissatisfaction brewing among employees, the union’s message to the government is clear — development is welcome, but not at the cost of ignoring long-pending employee welfare issues.



**TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh**  
The Andhra Pradesh Government’s ongoing General Transfers – 2025 policy has sparked discontent within the Health, Medical and Family Welfare (HM&FW) Department, particularly over the application of transfer rules for ministerial staff. Although framed with the intent to bring accountability

and administrative rotation, the implementation of G.O.Rt. No.344, issued on May 31, 2025, is being flagged for procedural ambiguity and potential injustice. This department-specific G.O. mandates the rotation of ministerial staff who have completed 3 to 5 years of service at a given station — a deviation from the broader G.O.Ms. No.23, which applies compulso-

## Concerns Rise Over AP Health Dept. Transfer Rules

### Uneven implementation of G.O.s sparks unrest among ministerial staff

ry transfers only to employees with over five years of continuous service at the same location. The new clause, applicable solely to ministerial staff in sensitive units like DM&HOs and RDMHS offices, has led to confusion and alleged misuse. **Intent vs. Misuse** Officials say the objective behind G.O.Rt.No.344 was to break influence networks and prevent prolonged postings in sensitive units, thereby curbing administrative misuse. However, ground reports suggest the clause is now being used selectively, allowing certain staff members with only 3–5 years of tenure to secure transfers to other districts of their choice — often through lobbying and bypassing standard procedures.

In contrast, those who have completed over 5 years of service — and are clearly prioritized in G.O.Ms.No.23 — are being overlooked. Many staff with 2–5 years of service who applied for transfers on request are also being ignored, while 3–5 year tenure staff are being moved compulsorily, sometimes to unfamiliar zones or distant districts. **Unequal Implementation** A glaring example cited is that of a Senior Assistant at the DM&HO Office, Bhimavaram, where no alternative administrative office exists in the same station. Under current interpretations, this staff member was allowed a direct posting at the RDMHS Office in Rajamahendravaram. Meanwhile,

existing staff in Rajamahendravaram are being forced to relocate to Eluru, Kakinada, or Konaseema due to lack of vacancies — triggering displacement among junior employees and undermining the seniority matrix. **Demands for Policy Revisit** This has led to rising appeals from department insiders and employees’ unions, urging the Health Minister and Principal Secretary of HM&FW to revisit and rationalize the implementation. Their key demands include: • Ensuring employees with over 5 years of service are given top priority in transfers • Making transfers for 3–5 year employees optional or need-based, not compulsory

- Preventing misuse of “no local vacancy” clauses for cross-district postings
- Enforcing transfers based on vacancy, seniority, and transparent criteria
- Issuing a uniform clarification to all District Collectors and HoDs on correct interpretation

**Conclusion** While the state’s effort to overhaul stagnant administrative setups is well-intended, misapplication of guidelines in the HM&FW Department may cause demoralization, mistrust, and potential legal challenges. Health staff urge swift action to correct inconsistencies and preserve the spirit of fair governance that these reforms aim to establish.



## Foundations Are Strong, Move Forward...

Iconic towers and permanent High Court structures are intact, say experts  
Minimal damage observed; cleaning and tests recommended  
No need to delay further, construction work can resume immediately

TPN Correspondent |  
Amaravati

In a major boost to the capital development in Amaravati, a team of structural engineering experts from IIT Madras has confirmed that the foundations and concrete structures of the iconic towers and the permanent High Court are strong and intact. The expert team has advised the government to proceed with the construction works without delay. A three-member team led by Professor Meher Prasad from IIT Madras visited Amaravati on Thursday to assess the condition of key structures that were halted during the previous regime. The team carried out a thorough inspection of the iconic towers and the foundations laid for the per-



manent High Court buildings. They were accompanied by CRDA engineers and officials during the visit. After the inspection, the team declared that the concrete structures do not require reconstruction or major repairs.

“There is no need for any concrete reconstruction. The structures are in good condition. The damage is minimal. Just clean the rusted iron rods. Get the necessary tests done and record the results. There is no need to wait for the reports.

You can start the work immediately,” the IIT experts reportedly advised the engineers. The experts also reviewed and guided the technical team on-site about the minor maintenance and test procedures needed. A detailed discussion followed at the L&T site office, where the IIT team explained the safety measures to be adopted going forward. The positive technical review by IIT Madras is expected to expedite the stalled works of Amaravati capital city development, especially the core infrastructure and public buildings like the High Court and Assembly. The government's focus now appears to be shifting towards fast-tracking construction and regaining momentum in the capital region.

## Yogandhra’ Mega Event in Vizag on June 21



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The Andhra Pradesh coalition government is gearing up to host a grand yoga celebration titled ‘Yogandhra’ in Visakhapatnam on the 21st of this month. The event is being organized on an unprecedented scale, with nearly 5 lakh participants expected to take part in what could be a record-breaking observance of the 11th International Yoga Day. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will grace the occasion as the chief guest.

Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu and Education & IT Minister Nara Lokesh have extended invitations to people across the state to actively participate in the Yogandhra program. They emphasized the spiritual and health benefits of yoga and urged citizens to make it an essential part of daily life.

“Yoga is India’s divine gift to the world,” said Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu in a social media message. “It not only improves physical and mental health but also enhances longevity. On the 21st of this month, we are organizing the ‘Yogandhra’ program on a massive scale in Visakhapatnam. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be joining us as the chief guest. I call upon everyone to join us in this celebration. Let’s make yoga a way of life and live healthier.” Reinforcing the importance of the event, Minister Nara Lokesh stated, “Yoga plays a key role in maintaining mental and physical wellness. It is not just an exercise, but a great cultural and spiritual offering from India to the world. The coalition government is organizing this event with immense pride, and with the participation of Prime Minister Modi, it is set to be a historic day. I urge people from every corner of the state to be part of the Yogandhra celebrations. Let’s show the world that yoga is our lifestyle, not just a practice.” The event in Visakhapatnam is expected to draw yoga enthusiasts, students, officials, and members of the general public in large numbers. Authorities are making elaborate arrangements to accommodate the massive turnout and to ensure smooth execution of the event under strict health and safety protocols. With Prime Minister Modi’s presence and the enthusiastic support of the state government, the Yogandhra program is set to become one of the most significant yoga gatherings ever held in the country.

## Lokesh Is Paving the Way for Education and a Better Future: Minister Kondapalli Srinivas

TPN Correspondent | Vizianagaram

Andhra Pradesh Minister Kondapalli Srinivas has stated that education is the only force that can truly change the future, praising the leadership of Education Minister Nara Lokesh for laying a strong foundation for a more educated and empowered Andhra Pradesh. Speaking in Vizianagaram, he emphasized the significance of the ‘Salute to Mother’ scheme, asserting that the initiative—which provides ₹15,000 to every eligible student—is being implemented in line with the government’s election promise. “We are not only honoring mothers but also empowering families through education,” he said. Minister Srinivas stated that Andhra Pradesh is becoming a model for the entire country in terms of education policy. “We are making notable changes in the

syllabus and aligning education with the needs of industry,” he added. He said these reforms are being led efficiently by Education Minister Nara Lokesh, whose vision is helping shape a better future for the youth. He also took a swipe at the previous YSRCP-led administration, accusing it of neglecting both education and development. “Now, we are giving the ‘Salute to Mother’ benefit based on the number of children in a household. We are committed to every student,” he said. Minister Srinivas urged rural families to make the most of this scheme, un-

derlining that quality education should reach even the remotest areas. He called on mothers to prioritize education for their children and ignore the false propaganda being spread by YSRCP. As part of broader development plans, the Minister announced the establishment of MSME parks in every constituency, aimed at creating local employment opportunities and strengthening the economic fabric of rural Andhra Pradesh. “We are not just transforming education; we are laying the foundation for a self-reliant future through job creation,” he said.



## High Court Judge N Jayasurya Attends GST Awareness Meet in Nellore



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An awareness program on recent changes in the GST Act was held today in Nellore, jointly organized by the All India Federation of Tax Practitioners and The Nellore District Sales Tax Bar Association at Hotel DR Uttam. The event saw the participation of several key dignitaries, including Hon’ble Andhra Pradesh High Court Judge Sri N Jayasurya, Commissioner of State Taxes Sri K Ravi Shankar, and Sri JVM Sarma, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Tirupati. The meeting focused on making tax practitioners and taxpayers more aware of the latest amendments in the GST Act, and how these changes would impact compliance and operational procedures. Addressing the gathering, Justice N Jayasurya emphasized the importance of staying updated with evolving taxation laws and highlighted the role of practitioners in supporting transparent and lawful business practices. Commissioner K Ravi Shankar provided an in-depth explanation of the key changes and reforms introduced in the GST framework, and urged tax professionals to be proactive in educating their clients and communities. Additional Deputy Commissioner JVM Sarma also addressed the participants and elaborated on the procedural improvements that have been brought in for better administration and ease of doing business. Prominent members of the Nellore Sales Tax Bar Association, including S Prasada Rao, T Venkateswara Rao, K Jayesh Babu, and Pesala Murali, actively participated in the session, which witnessed enthusiastic interaction and exchange of insights among practitioners. The program served as a meaningful platform to bridge communication between tax authorities and the professional community, aiming to build a more efficient and compliant tax environment in the state.

## Five Devotees From Hyderabad Drown in Godavari River in Nirmal

*Tragedy strikes Basar pilgrimage as group ventures into deep waters*

- Five youths from Hyderabad drowned during holy dip
- Group of 18 devotees had come to visit Sri Gnana Saraswathi temple
- Victims were from Chintalbazar area of Dilsukhnagar

TPN Correspondent | Nirmal

A tragic incident occurred on Sunday, June 15, when five young devotees from Hyderabad drowned in the Godavari River near Basar in Nirmal district, while taking a holy dip during their visit to the Sri Gnana Saraswathi Devasthanam. According to reports, the group of 18 devotees had traveled to Basar for darshan. Despite not knowing how to swim, five of them ventured into the deeper section of the river, leading to the fatal accident. Locals nearby noticed the youths struggling in the water and immediately alerted the

police, who dispatched rescue teams to the site. Tragically, all five were declared dead. The deceased have been identified as Rakesh (17), Vinod (18), Madan (18), Ruthvik, and Bharath, all residents of Chintalbazar in Dilsukhnagar, Hyderabad. Their bodies were later retrieved and sent for post-mortem examination. This is the second such incident this month. On June 7, a seven-year-old boy, Akhil Goud, from Ramanthapur, Hyderabad, also drowned in the Godavari River during a holy dip while visiting Bhadra-



chalam with his family. These back-to-back incidents have raised serious concerns about safety measures and awareness near major pilgrimage sites, especially near water bodies. Locals and officials are urging pilgrims to remain cautious and avoid entering rivers without safety support, especially during peak religious visits.

## Telugu NRIs in Riyadh Hold Candlelight Vigil for Ahmedabad Plane Tragedy

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In a solemn expression of solidarity and grief, Telugu NRIs in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, held a candlelight vigil on Saturday, June 14, mourning the tragic crash of Air India Flight AI-171 that occurred in Ahmedabad on June 12. The tragic incident claimed the lives of over 270 passengers when the Air India Boeing 787 Dreamliner crashed into a medical hostel near the airport, sending shockwaves across the globe. The event has triggered a wave of condolence messages and memorials both in India and abroad. In Riyadh, members of the Telugu NRI community, led by the SATA Central organization, gathered to pay tribute to the victims. The vigil was marked by silent prayers, candle lighting, and emotional



speeches remembering those who lost their lives. SATA Central President G. Ananda Raju said that the event was not just a memorial but also a reminder of the strength of shared humanity, emphasizing the importance of compassion and responsibility among overseas communities. “We stand in solidarity with the families affected by this heartbreaking tragedy,” he

said. The women’s wing of the organisation, represented by Akshita and Shilpa, conveyed their deep sorrow. “Our hearts go out to all the families. No words can truly capture the magnitude of their loss,” they stated. Among the devastation, a ray of hope emerged in the form of 40-year-old British-Indian Vishwash Kumar Ramesh, who miraculously survived the crash. He was seated in seat 11A at the time of the accident and is currently undergoing treatment. The Telugu NRI community’s heartfelt vigil added to the growing chorus of tributes being held around the world, underlining the global scale of sorrow and the unifying power of compassion in times of unimaginable loss.



# Imran Khan vs Pakistan Military: How Democracy Became a Bedtime Story

Pakistan's political theatre has long been dominated by the invisible yet omnipresent hand of its military establishment. The narrative of democracy—while periodically enacted through elections and parliamentary proceedings—has largely served as a facade, masking the real levers of power wielded by the men in uniform. The ongoing incarceration of former Prime Minister Imran Khan since 2023 is merely the most visible symbol of a deeper malaise: a civilian governance system permitted to exist only at the pleasure of the military elite.

Imran Khan's rise to power in 2018 was not an act of defiance against the establishment but rather a carefully orchestrated endorsement. His cricketing fame and populist promises made him an ideal proxy. Yet, his eventual attempts to assert civilian authority—particularly over foreign policy and intelligence matters—were met with swift and unforgiving retribution from the very institution that once backed him.

Khan's ousting in 2022 marked the beginning of a targeted campaign to dismantle his influence. What followed was a relentless barrage of legal cases—ranging from corruption allegations in the Toshakhana case to violations of Islamic marriage laws—intended less for accountability and more for political eradication. Even his wife, Bushra Bibi, was drawn into this



legal vortex, which critics argue has become a tool of lawfare rather than justice.

The 9 May 2023 protests following Khan's arrest triggered an unprecedented backlash. For the first time in Pakistan's history, military installations in Lahore and Peshawar were attacked by demonstrators. The state's response was draconian: mass arrests, forced resignations of PTI leaders on

live television, and military trials for civilians accused of sedition.

At the helm of this crackdown is Army Chief Field Marshal Asim Munir, whose approach has left little room for political pluralism. With mainstream parties like the Pakistan Muslim League (N) and Pakistan People's Party allowed to operate under the military's watchful gaze, PTI was pushed to the margins—barred from using its electoral

symbol and crippled ahead of the 2024 general elections. Despite being billed as a democratic exercise, the elections were marred by internet shutdowns, vote-count discrepancies, and allegations of ballot tampering—turning the process into a staged performance with a pre-determined outcome.

Beyond the political sphere, the military's control extends to the media and civil society. Journalists have been ab-

ducted or driven into exile, platforms like X (formerly Twitter) were banned for over a year, and enforced disappearances now plague not just the restive provinces but major cities like Karachi and Lahore. Under the guise of national security, dissent is silenced, surveillance intensified, and freedom curbed.

This environment has hollowed out Pakistan's democratic institutions. The judiciary is largely submissive, parliamentary functions as a rubber stamp, and political survival depends not on public support but allegiance to the military establishment in Rawalpindi. Pakistan today isn't suffering from a civil-military imbalance—it operates under military dominance with civilian rule as a carefully managed illusion.

Imran Khan joins a long list of leaders—Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto, Benazir Bhutto, Nawaz Sharif—who were brought down once they outlived their usefulness. What makes this moment particularly perilous is the normalization of authoritarianism under a democratic veneer. The cost is steep: a faltering economy, dwindling foreign investment, growing diplomatic isolation, and deepening societal fractures.

Until Pakistan's generals loosen their grip on power, democracy will remain, as it has for decades, little more than a bedtime story told to comfort, not to convince.

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

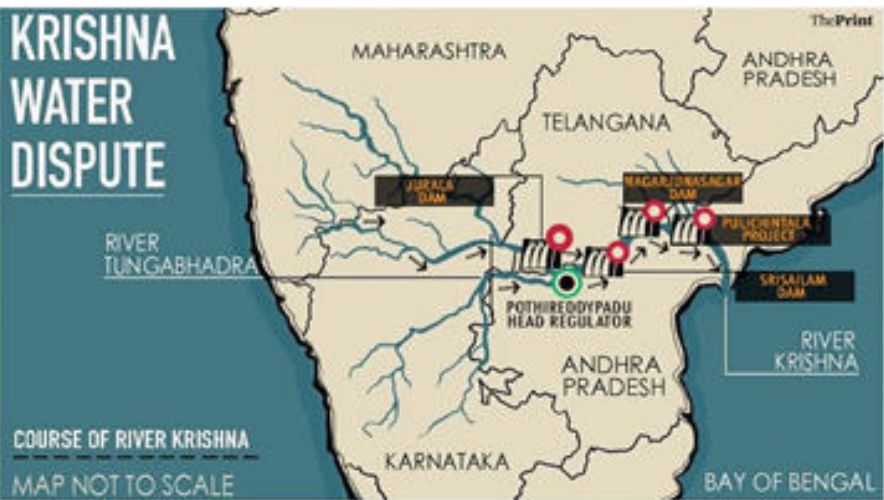
More than ten years after Telangana split from Andhra Pradesh, the state's struggle to secure its rightful share of Krishna river water remains unresolved, exposing deep political and administrative challenges.

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 Srisaillam and Nagarjunasagar projects. The Srisaillam dam regulates about 811 thousand million cubic feet (TMC) of water, with Telangana allocated 299 TMC and Andhra Pradesh receiving the remainder. At Nagarjunasagar, which holds 285 TMC, Telangana's share is 90 TMC.

Despite clear allocations, Andhra Pradesh has frequently been accused of exceeding its water share, hurting Telangana's agricultural and developmental prospects. In November 2023, tensions escalated when Andhra Pradesh authorities released over 2,000 cusecs of water from the Nagarjunasagar dam—beyond its entitlement—while Telangana was focused on elections. The incident sparked a police standoff, highlighting the fragile nature of water sharing between the two states.

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

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



capital, with Telangana for ten years after bifurcation, complicating relations.

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

Telangana has also sought a revision of the water-sharing formula. The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) government, under KCR, pushed for a 50:50 split instead of the current 66:34, citing the state's growing water needs, especially for major projects like the Kaleshwaram lift irrigation scheme. This demand is currently under consideration by the Brijesh Kumar tribunal. Meanwhile, Andhra Pradesh continues to advance its own projects, such as the Polavaram irrigation project on the Godavari river, aimed at irrigating millions of acres and supplying drinking water to Visakhapatnam.

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

## Backstory: Could Reporting on the AI171 Crash Have Prioritized Substance Over Sensation?



The morning after India's worst air disaster in three decades, headlines competing for attention told very different stories. The Times of India went with a sensational "Dreamliner Nightmare Kills 245," which was dramatic but factually flawed, overstating the death toll and creating confusion. Meanwhile, The Hindu's headline, "AI flight with 242 on board crashes in Ahmedabad," was straightforward and accurate, though less flashy. This contrast raises a vital question: could media coverage of the Air India AI171 crash have focused more on facts and less on sensationalism?

Air crashes are undeniably tragic and newsworthy, naturally triggering a buzz in newsrooms. Ideally, this should ignite thoughtful, responsible reporting—something akin to what former President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam once wished: that such "tingles" in the newsroom spark minds, not chaos. Unfortunately, watching hours of Indian television coverage revealed more noise than clarity, often drowning the public in speculation rather than facts.

An aviation expert commented that public speculation during ongoing investigations doesn't help families, investigators, or the process itself. This restraint was notably missing from much Indian coverage. In stark contrast, international outlets like the BBC and CNN treated the tragedy with measured sensitivity. They were careful to respect passengers' privacy and referred to the deceased with reverence, often using the term "souls" to acknowledge the human cost. Indian media, however, often veered toward hysteria. Young reporters frequently

raised their voices, seemingly believing that louder delivery added weight. One reporter's near-accusatory tone toward Bhoomi Chauhan—a passenger who narrowly missed the flight—felt inappropriate and insensitive. What stood out amidst the gloom was footage of a survivor calmly walking to an ambulance. This prompted veteran journalist Rajdeep Sardesai to wax philosophical on "miracles" and divine plans, a framing that risks deflecting focus from crucial questions of accountability.

Indeed, accountability—or the lack thereof—was a sore point. Union Home Minister Amit Shah's remark that "this is an accident, and nobody can stop accidents" sparked criticism. Many saw it as a premature dismissal of responsibility, with calls growing louder for resignations from senior leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi and key ministers. Over 240 lives lost demanded more than platitudes.

Political optics played a large role in the media narrative. Even before Modi's arrival at the crash site, coverage framed his response as swift and decisive, with channels like Times Now headlining "Team Modi rushes to Ahmedabad." Yet details of any concrete "quick action" remained vague. When the Prime Minister did visit the next day, the iconic image of him standing alone, staring up at the wreckage embedded in a hostel building, became a social media sensation. But while the disaster's physical toll was evident, many perceived Modi's visit as a carefully staged public relations moment amid the ongoing chaos.



# PM Modi Begins Five-Day Tour to Cyprus, Canada, and Croatia Focused on Counter-Terror Diplomacy and Strengthening Ties



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has embarked on a significant five-day foreign tour, starting with a two-day visit to Cyprus, followed by stops in Canada and Croatia. This marks his first overseas trip since India launched Operation Sindoor, targeting terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir (PoK).

PM Modi was warmly welcomed at the airport by Cyprus President Nikos Christodoulides, highlighting the importance of this visit — the first by an Indian Prime Minister to Cyprus in over two decades. During his stay from June 15 to 16, Modi will discuss expanding cooperation with Cyprus in

trade, investment, security, technology, and people-to-people exchanges. He described Cyprus as a close friend and key partner in the Mediterranean and the European Union.

Next, Modi will travel to Kananaskis, Canada, to attend the G7 Summit on June 16 and 17, at the invitation of Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney. The summit provides a platform for India to present its stance on pressing global issues such as energy security, technology cooperation, and innovation. The visit to Canada is notable as it is Modi's first since diplomatic ties between the two countries were strained over allegations relating to the killing of Khalistan separatist Hardeep Singh Nijjar in Canada — claims India has

strongly denied. His attendance also quells speculation that he might skip the summit, a move that would have broken a six-year tradition.

The final leg of the tour takes PM Modi to Croatia on June 18, marking the first-ever visit by an Indian Prime Minister to the country. There, he will meet Croatian President Zoran Milanovic and Prime Minister Andrej Plenkovic to explore new opportunities for bilateral cooperation, building on centuries-old cultural connections.

The tour underscores India's commitment to deepening international partnerships and advancing counter-terrorism efforts globally.



## Uttarakhand Suspends Char Dham Helicopter Services for Two Days After Fatal Crash

### High-Level Probe Ordered

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Dehradun, June 15, 2025: The Uttarakhand government has suspended all helicopter services on the Char Dham Yatra route for two days following a tragic crash near Guptkashi on Sunday morning. The accident involved a private chopper operated by Aryan Aviation Pvt Ltd and claimed the lives of all seven people on board, including the pilot.

The helicopter was returning from Kedarnath when it crashed under adverse weather conditions. In response to the incident, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami convened an emergency meeting with top officials and announced immediate measures to enhance safety and accountability in heli services across the state.

“The safety of pilgrims is our top priority. Heli services will remain suspended for two days due to bad weather and to ensure a thorough review of safety protocols,” the Chief Minister said. He ordered a high-level inquiry into the crash and emphasized that any negligence, regardless of position or authority, would be strictly punished.

CM Dhami also directed officials to formulate a stringent Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for helicopter operations in Uttarakhand. He stressed the urgent need for improved coordination and monitoring of aerial services, especially during the peak pilgrimage season.

To that end, the state will establish a Common Command and Coordination Centre in Dehradun. This centralized body will oversee helicopter operations and ensure real-time coordination among multiple stakeholders. The centre will include representatives from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), Uttarakhand Civil Aviation Development Authority (UCADA), the State Disaster Management Department, and all private heli service providers.

“The lives of the people come first. There will be no compromise when it comes to safety,” Dhami asserted, vowing comprehensive reforms to prevent such incidents in the future.

# Asaduddin Owaisi urges urgent evacuation of 1700 Indians stranded in Iran, Iraq



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Amid the rapidly deteriorating security situation in the Middle East following Israel's military strikes on Iran, All India Majlis-e-Itehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) chief and Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi has called for the urgent evacuation of over 1,700 Indian nationals stranded in Iran and Iraq.

In a post on X (formerly Twitter) on Saturday, June 14, Owaisi highlighted the plight of 1,595 Indian students in Iran, including 140 medical students at Tehran University. He also said that 183 Indian pilgrims are currently stranded in Iraq due to escalating tensions and airspace closures.

“I request the Government of India to treat this as an emergency and coordinate an urgent evacuation,” Owaisi appealed. He confirmed that he has already shared the details of those stranded with Anand Prakash, Joint Secretary (PAI) at the Ministry of External Affairs.

Owaisi also urged External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar and Telangana Chief Minister Anumula Revanth Reddy to act immediately to ensure the safety and safe return of these Indian citizens.

The call for evacuation follows Israel's launch of Operation Rising Lion on June 13, which targeted Iranian military and nuclear sites. The strikes reportedly resulted in the deaths of senior Iranian military officers, nuclear scientists, and civilians. In retaliation, Iran initiated Operation True Promise 3 in the early hours of June 14, firing over 100 missiles at Israeli targets, further escalating the conflict.

As a result of the hostilities, airspace over both Iran and Iraq has been restricted, significantly impacting commercial flight routes and complicating evacuation logistics. The tense situation has raised fears of wider regional instability, making the evacuation of Indian nationals an urgent humanitarian priority.

# NIA Chargesheets Three in Punjab Police Post Grenade Attack Linked to Khalistani Terror Network



TPN Correspondent | Delhi

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has filed a chargesheet against three individuals in connection with the December 2024 grenade attack on a police post in Punjab's Shaheed Bhagat Singh (SBS) Nagar district. The attack has been linked to the banned Khalistan Zindabad Force (KZF), a designated terrorist organization with transnational networks.

The accused—Yugpreet Singh, Jaskaran Singh, and Harjot Singh, all residents of Rahon village in Punjab—have been charged under multiple sections of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), the Explosive Substances Act, and other relevant laws. According to the NIA, the attack was part of a broader terror conspiracy to destabilize law enforcement and security structures in Punjab.

The agency's investigation revealed that Jagjit Singh Lahiri, also known as Jagga, a UK-based radical operative, played a key role in orchestrating the attack. Jagga allegedly rad-

icalized Yugpreet Singh while he was in the United Kingdom and facilitated the transfer of over ₹4.36 lakh in terror funds through Canada-based sources.

With financial and logistical backing from foreign handlers, Yugpreet Singh recruited Jaskaran and Harjot. The trio received a grenade in November 2024 and carried out the attack during the night of December 1–2, 2024, targeting a Punjab Police post in an attempted arson and explosion.

The NIA has also expanded the scope of the investigation to include KZF chief Ranjit Singh, designated as an individual terrorist under Indian law, and other unidentified international operatives.

The attack is part of what the agency believes is a coordinated campaign by KZF to conduct terror strikes against law enforcement agencies and vital installations in Punjab. The NIA emphasized that further investigation is underway to dismantle the entire network and prevent future threats.





## Pakistan Expresses Solidarity with Iran Amid Israel-Iran Conflict

### PM Sharif's Message to Iranian President

TPN Correspondent | Islamabad

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif conveyed Pakistan's strong support for Iran following recent Israeli attacks on Iranian nuclear and military sites. In a phone call on June 15, 2025, with Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian, Sharif condemned the Israeli strikes, describing them as "blatant provocations" that violate Iran's sovereignty and international law.

Israel's military offensive on Friday targeted several key Iranian nuclear and military facilities, resulting in the deaths of senior military commanders and nuclear scientists. Iran responded with retaliatory strikes, escalating tensions in the region.

During the conversation, Sharif emphasized Iran's right to self-defense under Article 51 of the UN Charter. He expressed Pakistan's unwavering solidarity with the "brotherly people of Iran" in the face of what he called unprovoked aggression by Israel.

Sharif also offered heartfelt condolences to President Pezeshkian over the loss of lives due to the attacks. He recalled Pakistan's support for Iran during the recent emergency meeting of the UN Security Council and condemned Israel's actions as a serious threat to regional and global peace.

Highlighting Israel's continued campaign against Palestinians, Sharif described it as an ongoing genocide carried out with impunity. He urged the international community and the United Nations to take urgent and credible measures to halt Israel's aggressive behavior and illegal actions.

Reaffirming Pakistan's commitment to promoting peace in the region, Sharif assured readiness to play an active role in fostering stability.

In response, President Pezeshkian thanked Sharif for Pakistan's steadfast support during this challenging period, particularly at the UN Security Council. He described the solidarity as a reflection of the close and brotherly ties between Iran and Pakistan.

This exchange underscores Pakistan's position as a vocal supporter of Iran amid escalating Middle East tensions.

## Trump Denies U.S. Role in Iran Strike, Issues Strong Warning Amid Escalating Conflict

TPN Correspondent | Washington

Amid intensifying hostilities between Israel and Iran, U.S. President Donald Trump has issued a firm statement distancing the United States from the latest Israeli airstrikes on Iran, while warning Tehran of devastating consequences if American forces are targeted.

Taking to his social media platform, Truth Social, President Trump clarified, "The U.S. had nothing to do with the attack on Iran tonight. If we are attacked in any way, shape or form by Iran, the full strength and might of the U.S. Armed Forces will come down on you at levels never seen before."

Trump's remarks come after Israel launched a large-scale military operation, dubbed Operation Rising Lion, which targeted several Iranian military and nuclear sites. The Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) claimed the strikes were aimed at halting Iran's alleged nuclear weapons development. In retaliation, Iran launched multiple ballistic missiles at Israeli cities.

The violent exchange has already led to substantial



casualties. Reports indicate that at least 78 people have died and over 320 were injured in Iran, while in Israel, three people lost their lives and more than 170 were wounded.

The IDF confirmed that its operations focused on critical Iranian infrastructure, including the Ministry of Defence headquarters, the SPND nuclear project command center, and several covert locations believed to house nuclear development materials and archives.

While tensions soar, Trump hinted at a possible diplomatic resolution, stating, "We can easily get a deal done between Iran and Israel and end this bloody conflict!"

The international community now watches closely as fears grow over the conflict spilling across regional borders, with the U.S. maintaining a high alert posture but emphasizing its preference for de-escalation through diplomacy—if its interests remain unharmed.



## Germany, France, and UK Offer Immediate Nuclear Talks to Iran Amid Middle East Tensions

TPN Correspondent | Tel Aviv

Germany, France, and the United Kingdom have offered to hold immediate negotiations with Iran regarding its nuclear program in a bid to ease escalating tensions in the Middle East. German Foreign Minister Johann Wadepuhl, currently visiting the region, emphasized the urgency of de-escalating the conflict between Israel and Iran through diplomatic engagement.

Speaking to German broadcaster ARD on Saturday, Wadepuhl expressed hope that Iran would accept the offer for talks, despite Tehran's previous reluctance to engage constructively. He stressed that resolving concerns over Iran's nuclear ambitions is crucial for achieving lasting peace and ensuring the safety of Israel, the wider region, and Europe. "The conflict will only end when pressure and influence are applied to both Iran and Israel from all sides," Wadepuhl said during his visit to Oman on Sunday. He added that there is a shared expectation that serious efforts must be made in the coming week to interrupt the ongoing spiral of violence.

When asked if he believed Iran's government might fall amid the crisis, Wadepuhl stated that he did not think Israel intended to bring down Tehran's administration. Turning to the humanitarian crisis in Gaza, Wadepuhl described the situation as "unacceptable" and called on Israel to allow unrestricted access for aid organizations.

## Iran Accuses Israel of Sabotaging Nuclear Talks Amid Rising Conflict

Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi accused Israel of deliberately trying to derail ongoing nuclear negotiations with the United States as tensions between the two nations escalated sharply. The comments came after Israel launched deadly strikes on Iranian nuclear and military sites, killing several and sparking retaliatory missile attacks by Iran on Israeli territory.

Araghchi stated that Iran's missile barrages on Israel would cease only if Israel ended its military campaign against Iran. He emphasized that Iran's actions were purely in self-defense and that Tehran did not seek to expand the conflict to neighboring countries unless forced. However, he warned that Israeli strikes on the



South Pars gas field—shared by Iran and Qatar—were a dangerous provocation aimed at widening the war beyond Iranian borders.

The foreign minister condemned Israel for crossing a "new red line" by attacking Iran's nuclear facilities,

which he said was a blatant violation of international law. He further accused Israel of sabotaging the sixth round of Iran-US nuclear talks, which had been scheduled for Sunday but were postponed due to the recent escalations. Araghchi insisted that

Israel does not want a diplomatic resolution or an agreement on the nuclear issue.

Araghchi also accused the United States of backing Israel's military campaign, claiming Iran has solid evidence that American forces and bases supported Israel's attacks. He expressed skepticism over U.S. denials and called on Washington to condemn the Israeli strikes on Iran's nuclear sites to demonstrate true goodwill.

Finally, the Iranian minister criticized the United Nations Security Council for its perceived indifference toward Israel's attacks. He said Western nations have unfairly condemned Iran instead of Israel, despite Iran being the party whose sovereignty was violated.

## 'No Kings' Protest Sees Millions March Across U.S. Against Trump Amid Tensions

TPN Correspondent | Washington

Massive crowds flooded streets, parks, and plazas across the United States on June 14, 2025, joining the widespread "No Kings" protests against President Donald Trump's policies. Demonstrators marched through downtown areas and small towns alike, blending chants against authoritarianism with calls to protect democracy and immigrant rights.

Organizers claimed that millions participated in hundreds of events nationwide. Governors urged calm, condemned violence, and some even deployed the National Guard ahead of the demonstrations. While most protests remained peaceful, isolated clashes occurred. In Los Angeles, police used tear gas and crowd-control munitions



to disperse protesters after the official event concluded. The city has been tense following federal immigration raids a

week earlier that ignited nationwide demonstrations. Portland officers also fired tear gas and projectiles to break

up a crowd protesting in front of a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement building late into the evening.

Salt Lake City experienced a more serious incident when a shooting during a downtown march critically injured one person. Police detained three individuals, including a man believed to be the shooter, who was also wounded. Authorities said it was unclear if the attack was politically motivated, and that the shooter had been walking with the crowd. Huge crowds marched, danced, and chanted in cities including New York, Denver, Chicago, Austin, and Los Angeles. Seattle hosted over 70,000 participants, marking its largest downtown rally in recent memory. Atlanta's event quickly reached venue capacity with thousands more listening out-

side. In Washington, D.C., about 200 protesters gathered near Logan Circle, chanting "Trump must go now." A giant puppet caricature of Trump wearing a crown and sitting on a golden toilet was wheeled through the crowd. Many carried American flags—some flying upside down as a distress signal—and Mexican flags were also seen, especially in Los Angeles.

The protests follow intense unrest after immigration enforcement raids and President Trump's order deploying the National Guard and Marines to Los Angeles, where protesters blocked freeways and set cars on fire. Despite the tension, the No Kings Coalition declared, "Across red states and blue, rural towns and cities, Americans stood in peaceful unity and made it clear: we don't do kings."



# Markets Brace for Turbulence Amid Israel-Iran Tensions; Caution Advised as Global Risks Rise

Domestic stock markets are likely to experience severe turbulence this week. The Israel-Iran war will have a major impact on global trade. Crude oil prices have already increased dramatically due to uncertainty. Financial experts predict that if the war spreads to other countries and worsens, a global crisis may occur. In this context, investors should take cautious steps. Shares in the IT, pharma, healthcare, media and defense sectors performed well last week. Shares in the tourism, realty, PSU bank and finance sectors lost.



### Stock Recommendations

#### Bharat Electronics:

Defense stocks are performing well even in uncertain conditions. After a long consolidation, these shares have performed by 40% in 3 months. They have remained stable since then. Momentum and relative strength are good. Investors should take a position above Rs. 390 with a target price of Rs. 440 on this counter last Friday. Stop loss should be placed at Rs. 375.



#### Biocon:

Currently, the short and medium-term momentum of these shares is increasing significantly. Moreover, they are moving above the 20 and 50-day EMA. Investors should enter above Rs. 340 with a target price of Rs. 410 on this counter last Friday. Stop loss of Rs. 320.



#### Tech Mahindra:

Currently, these shares are near the



key Rs. 1700 resistance. Relative strength and momentum have been increasing steadily since April. It has gained 15% in the last 3 months. Fundamentals are strong. In this counter, which closed at Rs.1659 last Friday, investors should take a position in the Rs.1630/1650 range with a target price of Rs.1740/1770. A stop loss at Rs.1610 is mandatory.

#### Wipro:

Accumulation is currently taking place in these shares, which have been in a downtrend since February this year. Price action continues to be tight. Relative strength and momentum are increasing.



In this counter, which closed at Rs.260 last Friday, investors should enter in the Rs.250 range with a target price of Rs.390/410. A stop loss should be chosen at Rs.240.

#### Max Health:

There are many advantages to these shares. It recently broke its 52-week and lifetime highs. It has been in a consolidation phase since January. Moreover, momentum and relative strength are better. Investors should take positions above Rs. 1220 with a target price of Rs. 1450 in this counter, which closed at Rs. 1232 with a gain of 2.6% last Friday. A stop loss at Rs. 1200 is mandatory.



# Rupee Slips 55 Paise to Close at 86.07 Against US Dollar Amid Rising Oil Prices and Global Tensions



The Indian rupee dropped sharply by 55 paise to close at 86.07 against the US dollar on June 13, 2025, pressured by surging global oil prices, escalating Middle East tensions, foreign fund outflows, and weak domestic equity markets.

Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, saw a steep rise of 7.27% to \$74.40 per barrel in futures trading, intensifying concerns over India's trade deficit and inflation. The spike came amid heightened geopolitical tensions after Israel's military strike on Iran's nuclear sites, which has rattled global markets.

At the interbank foreign exchange, the rupee opened at 86.25, moved between 85.92 and 86.25 during the day, before settling at 86.07, down from 85.52 on the previous day. Forex traders noted that weak domestic stock markets and sustained foreign institutional investor (FII) selling further weighed on the rupee's performance.

Anil Kumar Bhansali, Head of Treasury and Executive Director at Finrex Treasury Advisors LLP, highlighted the fragility of the markets following the military conflict, saying, "It has taken one country's military strike on another to bring home the fragility of markets." He also pointed out that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) intervened to support the rupee but rising oil prices remain a significant challenge, as every \$10 increase in crude prices could widen the trade deficit by \$12 billion and push inflation higher by 50 basis points.

Meanwhile, domestic equity markets mirrored the negative sentiment. The BSE Sensex tumbled 573.38 points to 81,118.60, while the Nifty index fell 169.60 points to 24,718.60. Foreign institutional investors sold equities worth ₹3,831.42 crore on June 12, showing continued caution.

The dollar index, measuring the greenback's strength against six major currencies, rose 0.33% to 98.24, adding pressure on the rupee.

With ongoing geopolitical uncertainty and volatile oil prices, analysts expect the rupee to trade in a range between 85.75 and 86.50 in the coming days as markets await India's trade deficit data, scheduled for release soon.

# 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.

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.

tainty 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's Economic Growth Remains Strong but Industrial Slowdown, Trade Deficit, and Business Caution Pose Risks for H2 2025

A recent report by LLama Research highlights that while India's economy continues to exhibit robust growth and moderating inflation, several vulnerabilities demand close attention as the second half of 2025 approaches. The study points to softening industrial momentum, an expanding trade deficit, and emerging signs of business caution as key risks that could impact the economic outlook.

India is currently enjoying a "Goldilocks" phase of macroeconomic stability characterized by high growth and controlled inflation, supported by solid buffers. The report underscores that despite this favorable backdrop, the industrial sector's slowing output and a widening trade gap raise concerns that need monitoring going forward.



The services sector continues to lead the growth momentum, showing strong performance that bolsters overall economic resilience. However, the industrial sector, which is crucial for employment and manufacturing, is showing signs of weakness. This slowdown in industrial activity could affect supply chains and production capacity if it persists.

On the trade front, India is facing a growing deficit partly due to rising global oil prices and increased imports, which could put pressure on the country's foreign exchange reserves and widen the current account deficit. This factor, combined with cautious business sentiment,

highlights potential headwinds for the economy in the coming months.

The report further noted that India's GDP growth accelerated to 7.4% in the first quarter of 2025, up from 6.2% in the last quarter of 2024, signaling strong domestic demand and economic activity. Gross Value Added (GVA), a measure of economic output excluding taxes and subsidies, also improved to 6.8%, reflecting the overall resilience of the economy.

While the broader outlook remains positive, LLama Research emphasizes the need for policymakers and market watchers to remain vigilant about these emerging risks, especially as global uncertainties and domestic challenges could impact India's growth trajectory during H2 2025.





## Australia Man Quits Carpentry to Make Rs 20 Lakh a Year from Fart Videos

Nath Wyld, an Australian who once worked as a carpenter and weekend stripper, has found an unusual niche that earns him over Rs 1.1 crore annually—creating fart videos. Wyld started his career in carpentry, working regular hours during the week, while entertaining crowds as a topless waiter and stripper on weekends at a club called Magic Men. His growing popularity on Instagram led fans to encourage him to start an OnlyFans account in 2017.

“At first, my content was tame—just semi-naked photos and short videos that were a little raunchier than what Instagram allowed,” Wyld told

The Metro. But things changed when he began posting more explicit content, earning around £3,280 (roughly Rs 3.8 lakh) in his first month on OnlyFans. Encouraged by the demand, he eventually left his carpentry job to focus on content creation full-time. “Not having to work eight hours a day and commute was a huge bonus. Now, I enjoy the freedom of working from home,” he said.

His biggest surprise came when fans started requesting fart videos. Initially reluctant, Wyld finally gave it a try, filming his first video in his bedroom as a pay-per-view offering. The response was

overwhelming, with one video alone earning him £2,050 (about Rs 2.3 lakh). Today, he makes around £1,540 (Rs 90,000) monthly just from fart videos, which make up about 20% of his total yearly income exceeding £101,000 (Rs 1.17 crore). Clients often request specific outfits, camera angles, or whether Wyld should speak during the videos. To prepare, he eats foods like chicken and green vegetables to induce bloating, then performs wearing tight shorts or a jockstrap.

Despite some judgment, Wyld is happy with his unconventional career and the freedom it offers.

## Believe It or Not: This French Restaurant Charges ₹1,500 Fine for No-Shows and Surprise Guests



A French restaurant's strict new policy is stirring debate online after the owner announced fines for customers who don't show up as expected. L'îlot, a cozy 20-seat restaurant in Amboise, is run by chef and owner Olivier Vincent, who recently introduced a ₹1,500 (15 euros) fine for any guest who arrives with a different number of people than stated in their reservation.

Vincent explained that this policy came about due to repeated frustrations caused by no-shows and unexpected extra guests turning up without prior notice. Such changes disrupt the restaurant's smooth operation, seating arrangements, and food preparation, which are all carefully planned for each reservation.

In a Facebook post, Olivier Vincent made it clear that any change in party size without warning would result in a fine of €15 per missing or extra person. His caption read simply: “Without warning obviously.....”

Despite this strict stance, L'îlot enjoys an impressive 4.7-star rating on Google, reflecting

the high quality of its dining experience and the respect many customers have for the restaurant.

The fine aims to encourage responsibility and better communication from diners, helping the small restaurant avoid last-minute disruptions and losses. It also reflects a growing trend among popular eateries worldwide that face similar challenges with no-shows and unpredictable guest numbers.

While some patrons have supported the decision as fair and necessary, others have criticized it as too harsh. Still, Vincent remains firm, emphasizing that the policy ensures the restaurant can continue to provide excellent service to all guests without the stress of unexpected changes.

In a world where dining spots are in high demand, especially intimate ones like L'îlot, clear communication and respect for bookings have become essential — and this French chef is making sure his guests understand that.

## Friday the 13th: Where the ‘Curse’ Comes From and Whether You Can Avoid It



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

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

Some biblical stories also tie Fridays to misfortune — including

the expulsion of Adam and Eve from Eden, Cain's murder of Abel, and the onset of the Great Flood. Roman legends contributed as well, with beliefs that witches gathered in groups of 12, with the 13th being the devil himself.

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

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

## Internet Reacts to Woman Wearing Sheet Mask in Delhi Metro: ‘Now, I Will Bring Toothpaste and Brush’

The Delhi Metro, once just a reliable means of transportation, has evolved into something of a second home for many daily commuters—sometimes quite literally. It's common now to see passengers multitasking during their rides, from applying makeup and straightening hair to even filming “Get Ready With Me” videos. However, not everyone is happy with this trend of treating public transit as a personal space.



The latest incident to go viral on social media features a woman calmly standing near the gate of the general coach, headphones on, holding a book—but what truly caught the public's eye was the white sheet mask she had applied on her face during the metro ride. This unusual sight sparked a wave of reactions online, ranging from amusement to concern.

Many users found humor in the scene, joking about how they might now start bringing toothpaste and a toothbrush to complete their “metro self-care routine.” Others expressed discomfort, feeling that such acts blur the lines between public and private spaces, potentially making fellow passengers uneasy.

Some co-passengers voiced worries about the metro increasingly becoming a place where personal grooming over-

shadows the primary purpose of travel. They fear it could lead to a loss of decorum and affect the comfort of other riders who expect a respectful and neutral environment during their commute.

Still, supporters argue that in today's fast-paced lives, commuters are simply trying to make the most of their time, balancing work, self-care, and travel. They see it as a harmless act of adapting to busy schedules rather than a breach of social etiquette.

Whatever the opinion, this viral moment highlights how public spaces like the Delhi Metro are evolving and raises questions about boundaries, privacy, and etiquette in shared environments. The conversation continues as more commuters share their experiences and views on what should or shouldn't be done in public transit.

## 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 until 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.



## India Fall Short Against Australia in Thrilling 2-3 Loss at FIH Pro League

Antwerp [Belgium], June 15 (ANI): In what was supposed to be a memorable occasion for Indian hockey stalwart Manpreet Singh, his 400th international match ended in disappointment as India narrowly lost 2-3 to Australia in the ongoing FIH Hockey Pro League 2024-25 (Men) on Sunday.



India began on a promising note, drawing first blood in just the third minute. Youngster Sanjay capitalized on a rebound from a penalty corner to give India a 1-0 lead. However, the celebration was short-lived. Australia struck back almost immediately, with Tim Brand leveling the score in the fourth minute. Just seconds later, Blake Govers stunned the Indian defence with another quick goal, turning the game around within moments.

The opening quarter was a high-octane contest, with both sides displaying aggressive and fast-paced hockey. Australia led 2-1 at the first break. In the 18th minute, Cooper Burns extended the Aussie lead to 3-1, putting India under considerable pressure. Despite some spirited play and multiple penalty corner opportunities, India failed to convert further in the first half.

After the haltime break, India showed renewed energy. In the 36th minute, Abhishek assisted Dilpreet Singh for a well-executed field goal that brought India back into the contest at 2-3. However, the Australian defence held firm, denying India any further chances to equalize.

The final quarter was intense, with India pushing hard for an equaliser. Yet, Australia's disciplined defence and game management ensured they secured all three points.

Post-match, Manpreet Singh expressed disappointment over the team's sixth consecutive loss but remained optimistic. "All matches have been close. We need to focus on finishing better and will work to bounce back in the upcoming games," he said via Hockey India's official release.

## Temba Bavuma Leads South Africa to Historic WTC 2025 Triumph at Lord's

History was made at Lord's as South Africa, under the calm yet courageous leadership of Temba Bavuma, clinched their maiden World Test Championship title, defeating Australia and ending decades of heartbreak and near-misses on the global stage.



The moment Kyle Verreynne struck the winning runs, the South African fans erupted into deafening celebrations, chanting Bavuma's name across the iconic venue. Yet, Bavuma himself remained still, his face buried in his hands, as if trying to absorb the enormity of what had just transpired. The usually composed captain was overwhelmed — not by the noise, but by the silence of history finally giving way.

Bavuma had spent much of the final moments in quiet reflection, watching from the balcony as his team closed in on the target of 282. Even with just a handful of runs to go, he refused to show emotion, perhaps wary of the ghosts of South Africa's past failures. His reaction when the final boundary was struck was one of disbelief and deep emotional release.

It wasn't until he finally held the WTC mace that

a smile broke through — a hard-earned one, carved out of resilience, leadership, and an unwavering belief in his team.

The celebrations continued well into the evening. Bavuma was seen laughing freely with teammates Kagiso Rabada and Dane Paterson, enjoying a well-deserved beer and soaking in the magnitude of their achievement. Hours after the final ball, the squad returned to the pitch, singing, dancing, and posing with the mace — a symbol of their triumph and freedom from decades of sporting trauma.

This was not just a victory. It was liberation. Led by a captain who defied the odds, South Africa had finally conquered world cricket — and Lord's, their final frontier.



Hillang Yajik has etched her name into the history books by becoming the first woman from Arunachal Pradesh to win an international gold medal in physique sports. Representing

## Hillang Yajik Creates History with Gold at South Asian Bodybuilding Championship 2025

India at the 15th South Asian Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championships 2025 in Thimphu, Bhutan, Yajik delivered a stellar performance that earned her one gold and one silver medal.

Competing in the Women's Model Physique (up to 155 cm) category, Yajik secured the top podium finish with a powerful and confident display. She also clinched a silver medal in another category, cementing her status as a rising star in the world of bodybuilding and fitness.

Her remarkable achievement drew widespread praise from across the nation. Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu took to social media to congratulate her, calling her a "trailblazer in every sense." In a post on X (formerly Twitter), he wrote, "Big applause to Ms. Hillang Yajik for her phenomenal feat at the 15th South Asian Bodybuilding & Physique Sports

Championships 2025 in Thimphu, Bhutan! With 1 Gold and 1 Silver medal, she becomes the first-ever woman from our state to clinch an international Gold in physique sports."

Union Minister Kiren Rijiju also lauded her record-breaking performance. "Delighted as India's Miss Hillang Yajik wins 1 Gold and 1 Silver Medal. She has created history!" he posted on X.

Rajya Sabha MP Satnam Singh Sandhu added his voice to the chorus of appreciation, highlighting Yajik's dedication to fitness and the growing presence of Indian women in international bodybuilding competitions.

Yajik's triumph marks a proud moment for Arunachal Pradesh and for Indian sports, inspiring a new generation of women athletes across the country.

## Tatjana Maria Stuns Madison Keys to Reach Queen's Club Final

German veteran Tatjana Maria continued her incredible run at the Queen's Club by defeating 2025 Australian Open champion Madison Keys in straight sets, 6-3, 7-6 (7/3), to book her place in the final of the prestigious grass-court tournament.

The 37-year-old mother of two, who was forced to go through the qualifiers after falling to No. 86 in the WTA rankings, has turned the Queen's Club debut women's event — the first in 52 years — into a personal fairytale. A Wimbledon semi-finalist in 2022, Maria has once again shown her prowess on grass, combining experience, tactical finesse, and tenacity.

Her path to the final has been nothing short of remarkable. Just a day earlier, Maria shocked former Wimbledon champion Elena Rybakina 6-4, 7-6 (7/4) in the quarter-finals. Following that upset, she proved it was no fluke by toppling Keys, one of the form players of the year and a Grand Slam winner.



Maria expressed her disbelief and joy after the match, saying she was "still living this dream" and relishing every moment on court. Known for her unorthodox slice-heavy style, Maria has used the fast grass surface to full advantage, frustrating big hitters like Rybakina and Keys with her variation and calm under pressure.

In Sunday's final, Maria will face either top-seeded Zheng Qinwen of China or American Amanda Anisimova, ranked 15th in the world.

For Keys, the loss comes as a setback ahead of Wimbledon, which starts on June 30 at the All England Club. Despite her Grand Slam triumph in Melbourne and a strong run to the French Open quarter-finals, her grass-court preparations now face an unexpected bump.

Meanwhile, Maria's dream week continues — and it may yet have a fairytale ending.

## Lionel Messi Kicks Off Historic 32-Team Club World Cup in Miami

The much-anticipated first edition of FIFA's expanded 32-team Club World Cup began in grand style on Saturday, as Lionel Messi led Inter Miami against Egypt's Al Ahly at the Hard Rock Stadium in Miami. The opening clash marked the beginning of a new era for the tournament, now modeled after the FIFA World Cup and featuring top clubs from every continent.

Despite initial concerns over attendance, the 64,000-seat venue — home to the NFL's Miami Dolphins — was nearly full at kickoff. Fans arrived in droves, especially supporters of Al Ahly, the most successful club in African football history with 12 CAF Champions League titles and 45 Egyptian league championships. Their vibrant energy and early arrival created a festive atmosphere for the tournament opener.

Security measures were noticeably tighter this year, following chaotic scenes during last year's Copa America final between Argentina and Colombia at the same venue. This time, organizers implemented a well-structured filter system for ticket and security checks, positioned far from the stadium's perimeter. As a result, the match-day experience remained smooth and safe, with no major issues reported.

This inaugural edition of the revamped Club World



Cup marks FIFA's most ambitious attempt yet to globalize club competition. The tournament features 32 teams from across the globe, with clubs representing every confederation. Over the coming weeks, matches will be held at various venues across the United States, culminating in the final at MetLife Stadium in New Jersey on July 13.

For Inter Miami, the spotlight remains on Messi, whose presence adds global allure to the event. As the tournament unfolds, fans can expect a celebration of world-class football — one that began with the roar of thousands in Miami and a global icon leading the charge.





## SS Rajamouli to Attend Grand Pre-Release Event of Kuberaa

Excitement is building as Kuberaa, the upcoming socio-political drama directed by Sekhar Kammula, prepares for its grand pre-release event this evening at the JRC Convention in Hyderabad. The film, headlined by Dhanush, Nagarjuna, and Rashmika Mandanna, is already one of the most anticipated releases of the year — and now, the stakes have risen even higher.

Adding star power to the event, celebrated filmmaker SS Rajamouli will grace the occasion as the chief guest. Known globally for his epic storytelling and cinematic vision, Rajamouli's presence is expected to draw massive attention. Fans are particularly eager to see if he'll share any updates or subtle hints about SSMB 29, his next collaboration with superstar Mahesh Babu.

Directed by Sekhar Kammula, known for his emotionally grounded narratives, Kuberaa promises a compelling blend of realism and

drama. The film spans multiple themes of power, politics, and personal struggle, and features a strong ensemble cast, including Jim Sarbh, Dalip Tahir, and Sayaji Shinde in pivotal roles.

The trailer, set to be unveiled at the event, is expected to give audiences their first real taste of the film's tone and ambition. Complementing the powerful visuals is a high-energy soundtrack composed by Devi Sri Prasad, whose music is expected to enhance the emotional depth of the film.

Kuberaa will release theatrically on June 20, 2025, in five major languages — Telugu, Tamil, Hindi, Kannada, and Malayalam — marking it as a true pan-India offering. With the pre-release event just hours away and Rajamouli joining the celebration, anticipation is at an all-time high. All eyes are now on Hyderabad for what promises to be an electrifying evening.

## Samantha and Naga Chaitanya to Reunite for Ye Maaya Chesave Re-Release? Fans Hopeful

Samantha and Naga Chaitanya, once one of the most beloved couples in South Indian cinema, captured hearts both on and off the screen. After years of dating and convincing their families, the duo tied the knot in a much-celebrated wedding. However, their fairytale marriage came to an unexpected end after four years, sparking nationwide discussions and speculation about the reasons behind their separation. Since their divorce, the two have not been seen together publicly or engaged in any form of interaction. Naga Chaitanya has since married actress Shobhita Dhulipalla, while Samantha is reportedly in a relationship with filmmaker Raj Nidimoru. Despite moving on in their personal lives, their fans have always hoped to see them reunite — if not in real life, then at least professionally. Now, that wish might partially come true. Their iconic love story Ye Maaya Chesave, which marked Samantha's debut and showcased Naga Chaitanya in a charming romantic role, is set for a grand re-release on July 18, 2025, to celebrate its 15th anniversary. Directed by Gautham Menon, the film is widely considered a milestone in both actors' careers and holds a special place



in the hearts of fans. Rumors are now swirling that Samantha and Naga Chaitanya might appear together to promote the re-release. Though no official confirmation has been made, fans are hopeful that the former couple will share the stage again for this nostalgic event. Samantha even has a tattoo inspired by the film, underlining its significance in her life. While opinions are divided on whether such a reunion will happen, audiences are excited at the very thought of seeing "Chai-Sam" together again — even if it's just to celebrate the timeless magic of Ye Maaya Chesave.

## Mystery and Laughter Collide: The Raja Saab Pre-Teaser Sparks Curiosity

The excitement around The Raja Saab, starring Prabhas, is reaching new heights as the makers prepare to unveil the official teaser tomorrow at exactly 10:52 AM. Directed by Maruthi, the film ventures into the horror-comedy genre, promising a thrilling yet entertaining ride that blends spooky elements with humor — a first for the pan-India superstar.

To build anticipation, the team has dropped an intriguing pre-teaser online, and it's already generating buzz among fans. In the short clip, leading ladies Nidhhi Agerwal, Malavika Mohanan, and Riddhi Kumar are seen looking upward, visibly shocked by something unseen. The real surprise? Rumors suggest that Prabhas appears upside down above them — a bizarre and humorous visual that has sparked plenty of fan theories online.

This clever and mysterious glimpse has only deepened the curiosity around Prabhas' character, which seems to be unlike anything he's done before. The full teaser, set to arrive tomorrow, is expected to give fans a better look at the tone of the film and its unique sto-



ryline.

Produced by People Media Factory, The Raja Saab also boasts music by Thaman, whose energetic and catchy scores have consistently elevated films across genres. His soundtrack is anticipated to play a key role in blending the eerie and comedic elements of the film.

Slated for a grand theatrical release on December 5, 2025, The Raja Saab will hit screens in multiple Indian languages, targeting a wide audience base. With Prabhas exploring a refreshing new avatar and Maruthi bringing his signature style to the horror-comedy space, expectations are sky-high. For now, all eyes are on the teaser launch tomorrow — a moment fans won't want to miss.

## “8 Vasantalu” Trailer Promises an Emotional and Empowering Journey

The official trailer of 8 Vasantalu, a coming-of-age romantic drama, has been unveiled, offering a glimpse into a heartfelt and inspiring story. Directed by Phanindra Narsetti and produced by Mythri Movie Makers, the film stars Ananthika Sanilkumar in a powerful lead role, marking a significant departure from typical love stories.

The narrative follows the life of a young woman as she grows and transforms through eight different emotional seasons (“vasantalu”) of her life. Raised in a supportive household, especially by her father who trains her in martial arts, she becomes a symbol of strength in a society that often limits women's freedom and voice. Her journey, filled with love, heartbreak, and perseverance, portrays how every life event molds her into a more resilient and self-reliant individual.

The trailer showcases a mix of emotions—romance, pain, empowerment, and resistance—interwoven with moments of intense drama and action. A standout moment is the much-talked-about “mutton shop



fight” sequence, where Ananthika impresses with her fierce performance and physical commitment to the role.

Director Phanindra Narsetti has been praised for crafting a story that not only entertains but also challenges societal norms, especially around gender expectations. The film aims to reflect the inner strength of women and the emotional complexities of their personal journeys. Technically, 8 Vasantalu is a treat. Cinematographer Vishwanath Red-

dy's visuals complement the film's emotional depth, while Hesham Abdul Wahab's soul-stirring music elevates the overall impact. The synergy between visuals and sound makes the trailer an emotional rollercoaster, drawing viewers in.

With high production values and a strong central performance, 8 Vasantalu has already struck a chord with the audience. The film is set for release on June 20, and expectations are high for this poignant, empowering tale.

## “Thammudu” Gears Up for Musical Launch with First Single ‘Bhuu Antu Bhuutham’

The excitement around Nithiin's upcoming film Thammudu continues to build as the makers gear up to release the first single from the film's soundtrack. Titled Bhuu Antu Bhuutham, the track is scheduled to drop on June 17, 2025, at 5 PM, marking the beginning of the film's musical promotions.

Directed by Venu Sriram and slated for a theatrical release on July 4, 2025, Thammudu stars Nithiin in a lead role, alongside Kantara fame Sapthami Gowda, who plays the female lead. The film has already garnered significant attention thanks to its gripping trailer, which hinted at an emotionally rich and action-packed storyline.

Now, with Bhuu Antu Bhuutham set to be unveiled, expectations are high for the soundtrack, especially with acclaimed composer Ajaneesh Loknath onboard. Known for his ability to blend emotion and energy through music, Ajaneesh's score is anticipated to play a crucial role in enhancing the film's overall impact.

Produced by Dil Raju and Shirish un-



der the prestigious Sri Venkateswara Creations banner, Thammudu also features a strong supporting cast that includes Laya, Swasika, Varsha Bollamma, and Saurabh Sachdeva. Each character is expected to bring depth and variety to the narrative, which appears to focus on family dynamics, personal transformation, and resilience.

As the release date approaches, the

team is set to intensify promotional efforts, with music being a key driver of pre-release buzz. The launch of the first single is likely to give fans a taste of the film's emotional tone and musical richness.

With its intriguing storyline, strong cast, and promising soundtrack, Thammudu is shaping up to be one of the most anticipated Telugu releases of the year.