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Govt Signs MoUs with NGOs to Bring Advanced Tech to Schools

MoUs signed in presence of CM Revanth Reddy to boost education quality in government schools

- Telangana govt partners with 6 leading NGOs for tech-based education
- CM Revanth Reddy supports ed-tech for better student learning
- Over 5,000 government schools to benefit from new-age teaching tools



TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

In a major initiative to revolutionize public school education, the Telangana State Education Department has signed Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with six prominent national and international NGOs to provide state-of-the-art technology-based teaching in government schools across the state. The agreements were signed on Sunday in the presence of Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy. The government announced that the move is aimed at

offering free, high-quality education by leveraging advanced EdTech solutions in public schools. Under this initiative, modern tools and teaching platforms will be introduced with support from reputed NGOs and foundations known for their excellence in education.

The organizations involved in this partnership include:

- EkStep Foundation led by Nandan Nilekani
- Prajwala Foundation led by Dr. Sunitha Krishnan
- Physics Wallah led by Alakh Pandey
- Khan Academy

- Pajama Foundation managed by Showbster
- Educate Girls led by Safina Hussain

As part of this initiative, the EkStep Foundation, which is already operating in 540 schools with its AI-based learning platform, will expand its services to over 5,000 primary schools across 33 districts. The program will cover subjects like Telugu, English, and Mathematics, particularly focusing on foundational learning for students from Class 3 to Class 5. The Education Department stated that this partnership

aligns with Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's vision to enhance the quality of education in the state by introducing technology-driven solutions. The government also noted that several well-known organizations have been drawn to Telangana's public education reforms and are voluntarily collaborating to support them. This initiative is expected to transform learning outcomes, especially in rural areas, and create a model for digital learning integration in public schooling nationwide.

Weather Forecast

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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

TPN Correspondent | Telangana

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 speculation.

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, de-

nied 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

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Phone Tapping Case: SIT Questions Ex-SIB Chief Prabhakar Rao Over 300 Profiles

Rao claims surveillance falls within SIB's duties; maintains silence on operational specifics

- SIT questions Prabhakar Rao about surveillance of 300 unknown profiles
- Surveillance allegedly took place ahead of 2023 Telangana Assembly polls
- Rao says collecting intel is part of SIB's official mandate



TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

The Special Investigation Team (SIT) investigating the sensational phone tapping case in Telangana questioned former Special Investigation Bureau (SIB) chief Prabhakar Rao on Saturday, June 14, over allegations of unauthorised surveillance involving nearly 300 unknown profiles. According to SIT sources, phone calls linked to these profiles were intercepted for a span of six months in the run-up to the 2023 Telangana Assembly elections. During his interrogation, Prabhakar Rao reportedly defended his actions, stating that gathering information—whether through technical or physical means—is a standard function of the SIB. While maintaining that his role was supervisory in nature, Rao refused to divulge operational specifics about the alleged surveillance activities. He reiterated that

any surveillance conducted after his resignation was beyond his knowledge or responsibility. Rao assured SIT officials that he would fully cooperate with the investigation, but remained tight-lipped when pressed for details on the interception procedures or the basis for targeting the 300 individuals. The investigation has also led to scrutiny of former DSP Praneeth Rao, who was questioned a day prior for allegedly playing a role in the destruction of a hard disk believed to contain sensitive surveillance data. The case has triggered widespread concern over alleged misuse of state machinery for political purposes, especially in the lead-up to crucial elections. The SIT is expected to summon more officials in the coming days as it widens the scope of its probe into the unauthorised surveillance network.

Rs 5 Crore Sanctioned for Victoria Memorial School by Telangana Dy CM

Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka assures protection of heritage school from encroachments

- Rs 5 crore sanctioned for boundary wall construction at historic school
- Funds to be released immediately from TRANSCO's CSR resources
- Deputy CM emphasizes state's commitment to education development



TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

Telangana Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka on Sunday sanctioned Rs 5 crore for the Victoria Memorial School located in Hyderabad's Saroornagar area. The announcement was made during his visit to the school, which was established in 1903 by the sixth Nizam of Hyderabad, Mir Mahaboob Ali Khan, as a home and educational institution for orphans. Highlighting the importance of preserving such historic educational institutions, Vikramarka assured that a boundary wall will be erected around the school to protect it

from further encroachments. He instructed the officials to release the funds immediately and begin construction without delay. The amount is being allocated from the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) resources of the Transmission Corporation of Telangana Limited (TRANSCO).

Speaking at the event, the Deputy CM stressed that education is key to human resource development and reiterated the government's commitment to strengthening the educational infrastructure across the state. He also mentioned the establishment of Young India Integrated Residential Schools, aimed at giving students across Telangana a competitive edge. "In the first phase, we are constructing 100 schools with a total outlay of Rs 11,600 crore," he said, adding that these schools will transform the education landscape of Telangana.

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Local Body Poll Notification Likely by June-End: Minister Ponguleti

Further clarity expected after next cabinet meeting, says Revenue Minister

- Local body election notification expected by end of June
- MPTC and ZPTC polls to be held first, followed by panchayat elections
- Minister urges party unity, coordination at grassroots level

TPN Correspondent | Khammam

Telangana Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy announced on Sunday that the notification for local body elections in the state is likely to be released by the end of June. He said the elections would be conducted in phases, starting



with the Mandal Parishad Territorial Constituency (MPTC) and Zonal Parishad Territorial Constituency (ZPTC) elections, followed by the panchayat polls. Speaking at a meeting of Congress leaders in the Palair constituency in Khammam district, the minister emphasized the need for grassroots-level coordination among party leaders and stressed the importance of addressing public issues effectively. "The selection of candidates will be based on reservation

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Jayant Chaudhary Meets Revanth, Assures Support for Skill Development

Union Minister lauds Telangana’s initiative in setting up Skill University

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

Union Minister for Skill Development Jayant Chaudhary on Sunday met Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy at his residence in Hyderabad and extended the Centre’s support for the state’s ongoing skill development programs.

The Union Minister was in the city to attend the Kaushal Mandan event, where he later held a key meeting with the Chief Minister. During their interaction, CM Revanth Reddy outlined the various steps being undertaken by the Telangana government to empower youth with industry-relevant skills and create employment opportunities through structured training programs. Jayant Chaudhary expressed satis-



faction over the state’s progress in the area of skill development and congratulated the state government on establishing a Skill University—a move aimed at offering advanced and integrated vocational education across sectors. The meeting is seen as a positive step towards Centre-State coordination in upskilling the workforce and enhancing employability among the youth in Telangana.

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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 whippers also point toward the influence of Allu Aravind, the influential film producer and father of Allu Arjun. Did he play a role in mend-

ing fences with Telangana’s top leadership? Or did he broker the award decision with the help of Andhra Pradesh political heavyweights? 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.

Rs 5 Crore Sanctioned for Victoria Memorial School by Telangana Dy CM

Vikramarka’s visit and announcement have been welcomed by students, staff, and the larger educational community, who have long been requesting support to preserve and improve the condition of Victoria Memorial School, a landmark institution with deep historical roots.

The move also comes as a response to long-standing appeals by educationists and heritage conservationists to protect the school from encroachments and provide better facilities for the underprivileged children it continues to serve.

Local Body Poll Notification Likely by June-End: Minister Ponguleti

criteria, and more clarity regarding the schedule will come after the next cabinet meeting,” said Reddy. In addition to electoral matters, the minister also addressed internal party issues, referring to the recent dispute among Congress workers during a party meeting in Khairatabad, which was presided over by local MLA Danam Nagender. The dispute reportedly stemmed from disagreements over speaking time allocation among representatives of differ-

ent municipal divisions. Minister Ponguleti called upon party cadres to set aside differences and work together to strengthen the Congress at all levels, especially in light of the upcoming local body elections. With the Congress government preparing for its first round of local elections since coming to power, the leadership is aiming to ensure organizational unity and electoral readiness across rural and semi-urban belts.

AIMIM vs Congress Clash Heats Up in Nampally

- War of words intensifies over illegal construction row and extortion claims
- Congress hits back, files police complaint over alleged anti-Hindu remarks
- Tensions rise in Vijaynagar Colony after GHMC demolition attempt

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Political tensions are running high in Hyderabad’s Nampally Assembly constituency, as a conflict between AIMIM and Congress has erupted into a heated public row, with allegations of harassment, extortion, and communal provocation. The issue began three days ago when AIMIM MLA Mohammed Majid Hussain visited Vijaynagar Colony after residents complained that GHMC officials were preparing to demolish a house reportedly built in violation of regulations. During his visit, the MLA claimed that local Congress-affiliated individuals were harassing residents and allegedly demanding money in exchange for halting complaints. Majid Hussain specifically alleged that Congress members were misus-



ing government channels like GHMC to extort locals, stating, “They are threatening residents with demolition notices and demanding lakhs to back off.” Following his visit, GHMC officials withdrew from the demolition site, reportedly after the MLA’s intervention. However, this move prompted a sharp reaction from the Congress, whose leaders held a press conference accusing Majid Hussain of encouraging corruption and shielding illegal constructions. Congress’s Nampally MLA candidate Feroz Khan claimed that he

had deployed a team to monitor unauthorised developments in the area, accusing AIMIM of political interference in law enforcement. In a fresh twist, Gopal Raj, a resident and Vijaynagar Colony division president, released a video alleging that Congress leaders demanded ₹20 lakh from him and his relative to allow a construction project and stop GHMC action. The video has since gone viral, adding fuel to the controversy. Meanwhile, Congress leaders retaliated by lodging a police complaint at Mehdiapatnam station against Majid Hussain. They accused him of making anti-Hindu remarks during his visit and demanded that AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi take disciplinary action, including the suspension of the MLA and a public apology. With both sides doubling down, the Nampally constituency finds itself in the eye of a political storm, with tensions spilling over into public discourse and legal channels. The coming days are expected to see further escalation as both parties continue to exchange serious accusations.

Suman TV celebrates top 500 doctors from across Telangana

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

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

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 Tum-mala Nageswara Rao, and Sri Etala Rajendar, among several others. In-



dian 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 laud-

ed 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, Al-akananda River Front, eShieldz, Treatment Range Hospitals, Koteswara 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.

Public Hearing Cancelled on Monday Due to CM’s Rythunestam Program

TPN Correspondent | Telangana

District Collector Jitesh V. Patil has announced that the public hearing scheduled for Monday, June 16, 2025, has been cancelled, citing administrative focus on arrangements for Chief Minister Enumula Revanth Reddy’s Rythunestam program. The Chief Minister is set to conduct a statewide face-to-face interaction with farmers on Monday as part of the Rythunestam initiative, aimed at addressing farmers’ concerns directly and ensuring the government’s agricultural welfare schemes are effectively implemented. As part of this initiative, farmers across the district will gather at Rythu Vedikas to take part in the interaction. The Collector stated that all district officials are engaged in organizing and facilitating the pro-



gram, due to which the regular public grievance hearing will not be held. Citizens have been advised not to visit the Integrated District Office Complex (IDOC) for submitting applications on Monday. The Collector assured that regular public services will resume as usual from Tuesday. The Rythunestam program is part of the state government’s broader effort to bring governance closer to the people, especially the farming community, through direct dialogues with the Chief Minister.

GHMC Begins Voter Roll Revision for Jubilee Hills Bypoll

Door-to-door verification underway ahead of by-election notification

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

With the Jubilee Hills Assembly by-election on the horizon, the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) has launched a comprehensive revision of electoral rolls, preparing for the Election Commission’s upcoming notification. This by-election was necessitated by the recent sudden demise of BRS MLA Maganti Gopinath. In line with election protocols, GHMC officials have commenced door-to-door verification across the constituency to ensure the voter list is updated and accurate. The teams will remove names of deceased persons and those who have relocated, while also accepting new applications from first-time voters. Currently, Jubilee Hills constituency has 3,90,864 registered voters, comprising 2,03,406 male, 1,87,434 female, and 24 transgender voters, with voting to be held at 329 polling booths. Politically, the by-election is shaping up to be an interesting contest. The AIMIM party has already declared its support for Congress, signaling a potential alliance. However, BJP and BRS are still undecided on their candidates. Meanwhile, sources suggest there is a possibility that the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) may also join the electoral race. With political activity intensifying and voter list updates in progress, the Jubilee Hills bypoll is expected to draw significant attention in the coming weeks.

Land Disputes to Be Resolved by August 15: Minister Ponguleti

Minister Reddy directs officials to resolve land disputes on time
Survey underway in five Naksha villages as part of pilot project
Govt aims to resolve all land issues by Independence Day

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
Telangana Revenue, Housing, Information and Public Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy has directed officials to resolve farmer land grievances submitted in revenue meetings by the stipulated deadline. Speaking at a review meeting on Sunday, the minister said that revenue meetings have been ongoing since June 3 across all mandals in the state, excluding Hyderabad district, as part of the government's drive to address long-standing land issues. So far, 4.61 lakh applications have been received from 7,578 villages in 561 mandals, with the meetings continuing until June 20. The minister emphasized

a humanitarian approach to handling each application and instructed officials to ensure prompt and thorough resolution. "The Indiramma government is committed to resolving all land issues by August 15, India's Independence Day," said Reddy. He blamed the previous administration's Dharani portal for pushing farmers into bureaucratic and legal entanglements, stating that many had no option but to seek court intervention for basic land matters. Having attended around 50 revenue meetings himself, the minister said he was moved by the testimonies of farmers and reiterated the government's commitment to lasting

solutions through the newly enacted Land India Act, introduced under the leadership of CM Revanth Reddy. Land Survey in Naksha Villages
Reddy also highlighted the ongoing land survey in five Naksha villages—villages with missing or outdated land records—under a pilot initiative. The project aims to restore clarity and transparency to land ownership in such areas. **He shared progress updates from the following pilot villages:**
• Salar Nagar, Mahabubnagar: 337 of 422 acres surveyed
• Kommanapalli (Kothadi), Jagtial: 269 of 626 acres surveyed
• Mulugumada, Khammam: 445 of 845 acres surveyed
• Nuguru, Mulugu: 232 of 502 acres surveyed
• Shahidnagar, Sangareddy: 308 of 593 acres surveyed
In total, 1,591 acres have been surveyed out of 2,988 acres



across the five villages. The minister instructed officials to complete the remaining survey work within 7-10 days and ensure field-level verification in the presence of farmers, to eliminate even minor disputes. The new procedures, he said, would lead to accurate land records, reduced conflicts, and improved transparency—benefiting farmers and rural landowners across the state.

Maoist Telangana State Committee Calls for Andhra-Telangana Bandh on June 20

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The Communist Party of India (Maoist) Telangana State Committee has issued a press release condemning the recent killings of seven of its members and has called for a bandh in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana on June 20. The release, issued on June 15, squarely blamed the BJP-led central government's 'Operation Kagaz', calling it a Hindutva fascist crackdown against tribal communities and revolutionary leaders. Among the deceased are senior state committee members Comrade TLNS Chalam alias Anand, Sudhakar, Gautam, and Comrade Mailarapu Adel alias Bhaskar. The Maoist statement claimed these members were brutally killed in fake encounters during a multi-day offensive in the National Park region between June 3 and June 9. The release accuses government forces of targeting unarmed or retreating Maoist cadres. Comrade Gautam, a seasoned revolutionary born in 1957, was allegedly killed after he got separated from his unit during a retreat on the night of June 4. He was surrounded and shot dead the next morning. Gautam was associated with the revolutionary movement since 1981 and had served in key roles including as editor of the Kranti magazine and secretary of the AOB Special Zone Committee. Comrade Bhaskar, a Dalit from a poor farming background, was killed on June 6 near Peddakaller village. He had been a full-time member of the party since 1995 and held significant positions, including secretary of the Komaram Bheem-Mancherial Division Committee. The press note further alleged that Comrade Raini, who was ill and unarmed, was caught and tortured to death by police on June 6-7 in Idupagutta village. Others named as victims include Comrade Santosh, Comrade Rajani, Comrade Lalsu, and Irupagutta villager Kudiya Mahesh. The Maoist committee accused the government of hypocrisy, claiming it is orchestrating killings while pretending to initiate peace talks. They reminded that Comrade Sudhakar, once a representative in peace dialogues in 2004, was also killed. The statement concluded with a call for a statewide bandh in both Andhra Pradesh and Telangana on June 20, urging people to protest against the ongoing government actions, which they describe as state-sponsored violence against tribal and revolutionary groups. The press note was signed by the official spokesperson 'Jagan' on behalf of the Telangana State Committee of the CPI (Maoist).



Fruits and Milk Distributed to Patients on Kishan Reddy's Birthday



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On the occasion of BJP Union Minister Kishan Reddy's birthday, members of the Kunja Satyavati Seva Foundation, under the leadership of state BJP leader Kunja Dharma, conducted a service activity by distributing fruits, milk, and bread to patients and pregnant women at a local hospital in Bhadrachalam, Bhadradi Kothagudem district. Speaking on the occasion, organizers stated

that although such a gesture may not be a permanent solution to the struggles faced by patients, the initiative was carried out to bring a moment of happiness to those undergoing treatment. They emphasized that the country has witnessed tremendous development under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and expressed confidence that the nation will continue progressing under

his guidance. The organizers also extended congratulatory wishes to PM Modi on the completion of 11 years of his tenure as the Prime Minister of India. The event highlighted both the spirit of service and political acknowledgment of leadership milestones, with several BJP supporters and local volunteers participating in the distribution program.

Asaduddin, Son of Ex-Cricketer Azharuddin, Joins Telangana Congress as General Secretary

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Former Indian cricketer Mohammed Azharuddin's son, Asaduddin, has officially stepped into politics with his appointment as General Secretary of the Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC). The 35-year-old, once a first-class cricketer himself, expressed his commitment to serve the public and uphold the party's values. Speaking to PTI, Asaduddin said, "I would definitely like to serve people and be there for the people. If I could make some difference in people's lives, I would be very happy." He revealed that he draws inspiration from Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for his unwavering stand for the party and social justice, as well as from his father Azharuddin, who has been active in politics for over 15 years.



Describing the appointment as a "big responsibility", Asaduddin said he is ready to work with dedication in line with the Congress party's ideology. He acknowledged the support of his family and termed the moment of his appointment as

"proud and emotional" for his father. Azharuddin, a former MP from Moradabad, had contested the 2023 Telangana Assembly elections from the Jubilee Hills constituency but was defeated. On June 10, he congratulated his son

and Goa in the domestic circuit. When asked why he stepped away from cricket, he responded, "A sportsperson's career is short. I felt like my time in cricket was over, and I wanted to take up something I'm passionate about." Asaduddin is married to Anam Mirza, the sister of tennis star Sania Mirza. His appointment comes as part of a revamp in the Telangana Congress leadership, following the AICC's announcement on June 9 of 27 Vice Presidents and 69 General Secretaries under the TPCC, after B Mahesh Kumar Goud assumed charge as state unit president in September 2024. With political lineage, sporting discipline, and public motivation, Asaduddin's entry adds a new dimension to the youth-driven energy within the Telangana Congress leadership.

Peace Message Rally by Central Forces in Patancheru

RAF and local police spread awareness on law, order, and public cooperation

- **RAF jawans and local police conduct awareness rally in colonies and villages**
- **Focus on youth, women, and industrial security in growing Patancheru area**
- **Officials distribute pamphlets and interact directly with locals**



TPN Correspondent | Sangareddy
In a major public outreach initiative, the Rapid Action Force (RAF) and local police jointly conducted a Peace Message Rally across various colonies and villages under Patancheru Police Station limits on June 15, 2025, aimed at raising awareness on public security and community participation in maintaining law and order. The rally was led by Patancheru Circle Inspector Vinayaka Reddy in coordination with RAF personnel. The team covered multiple areas including Isnapur and Muthangi villages, engaging with the public directly and disseminating security-related information.

Speaking on the occasion, CI Vinayaka Reddy emphasized that organizing such peace rallies with the support of Central Armed Forces instills confidence among the public, especially in a rapidly industrializing zone like Patancheru. He urged citizens to remain alert and to cooperate with law enforcement agencies to ensure peaceful civic life. During the event, RAF jawans, local police officials, and public representatives participated actively, speaking to the people about their responsibilities in maintaining peace, the importance of public-police cooperation, and how to seek police assistance in emergencies. Special focus was laid on interactions with youth and women, with officials highlighting their role in promoting social stability. Pamphlets containing security tips and emergency contact information were distributed, and the team addressed public doubts on various issues, fostering a sense of trust between

the community and law enforcement agencies. The program received widespread appreciation from the local residents, who welcomed the presence of the central forces and requested that similar programs be organized frequently. Officials expressed optimism that such initiatives would strengthen community policing, especially in regions undergoing rapid economic and demographic changes. The Peace Message Rally marks a proactive step in community engagement, with the hope that sustained efforts will lead to enhanced public awareness and security in the Patancheru area.

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Blood Donation Camp at IBS Hyderabad Marks World Blood Donor Day



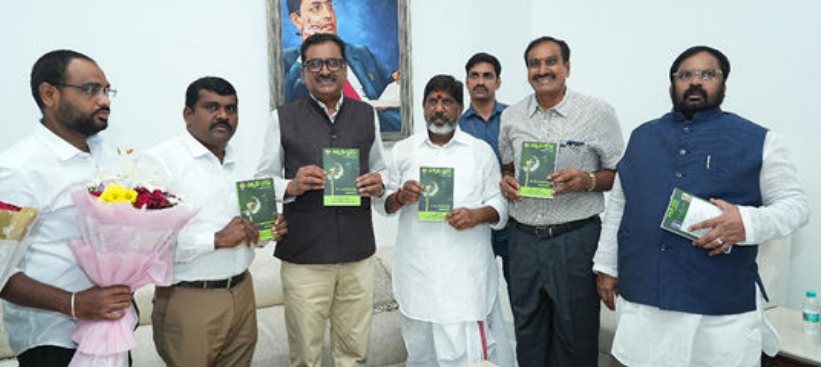
TPN Correspondent | Shankarpall
In observance of World Blood Donor Day, a blood donation camp was successfully organized at IBS Hyderabad on June 14, 2025, spearheaded by Prof. Madhavi Garikaparthi and Club Sankalp, in collaboration with Niloufer Government Hospital and the Indian Development Foundation (IDF). The initiative aimed not only to encourage voluntary blood donation but also to provide critical support to marginalized communities, especially pregnant women and infants. The collected blood units will be used exclusively for these vulnerable groups, reinforcing the day's global mission. The event received enthusiastic participation from students, faculty, and staff, who came forward in large numbers to support the noble cause. The medical team from Niloufer Hospital ensured all health and safety protocols were followed during the collection process, maintaining a seamless and hygienic environment. IDF provided logistical support and awareness material, while Club Sankalp, known for its impactful student-led social campaigns, coordinated volunteer mobilization and event execution. Educational sessions were also held to inform the IBS community about the significance of regular and voluntary blood donation. The camp not only addressed an immediate healthcare need but also highlighted IBS Hyderabad's commitment to community service and social responsibility. The success of this event showcased how institutional collaboration and student leadership can play a vital role in building a healthier society.

Bhatti Vikramarka Launches 'Happy Life' Book

Deputy CM says happiness is essential, not just wealth

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
“Parliament means happiness, and a life without happiness is incomplete—no matter how much wealth one has,” said Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, speaking at the book launch event of 'Happy Life.. Your Happiness. In Your Hands' held at Praja Bhavan. The book, co-authored by renowned personality development expert T. Venugopal Reddy and journalist-writer Vijayarke, was officially launched by the Deputy CM, who praised the authors for delivering a

timely message to society. “In today's fast-paced and stressful world, this book is a necessity. It will be extremely useful for those who seek genuine happiness in their lives,” Vikramarka remarked, highlighting the increasing importance of emotional well-being alongside material growth. The event saw the presence of several dignitaries including former MP Anjan Kumar Yadav and former TSPSC Chairman Ghanta Chakrapani, who lauded the authors for offering practical insights into cultivating happiness and emotional



resilience. Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka also emphasized that literature that focuses on personal growth and societal harmony must be encouraged, especially in the backdrop of modern-day

emotional challenges. The book "Happy Life" is expected to serve as a motivational guide for people from all walks of life, aiming to improve both individual satisfaction and social well-being.

Peace Message Rally by Central Forces Held in Patancheru

RAF and local police create awareness on law and order, security cooperation

TPN Correspondent | Sangareddy
In an effort to boost public confidence and promote community participation in maintaining law and order, a peace message rally was organized on June 15, 2025, in Patancheru by the Rapid Action Force (RAF) and local police under the leadership of Circle Inspector Vinayaka Reddy. As part of this initiative, RAF teams along with police personnel visited several colonies in Patancheru town, and extended their campaign to Isnapur and Muthangi villages, conducting a direct outreach to citizens. The aim was to explain the role of the public in strengthening security, how

to cooperate with law enforcement agencies during emergencies, and ensure that peace and safety remain a collective responsibility. Speaking on the occasion, CI Vinayaka Reddy emphasized that with the increasing pace of industrial development in the Patancheru region, ensuring law and order becomes paramount. He urged the public to stay alert and work with the police to maintain peace in their neighborhoods. During the rally, RAF jawans and local police interacted directly with residents, answering their queries and distributing pamphlets about personal and communi-

ty safety measures. Special attention was given to raising awareness among youth and women about their role in fostering a secure environment. The event received a warm response from the locals, who appreciated the efforts of the central forces and expressed their wish for such informative and reassuring programs to be conducted more frequently. Officials expressed optimism that such initiatives would go a long way in building trust and coordination between the police and the public, especially in sensitive and high-growth areas like Patancheru.

Foundation Stone Laid for Model Police Stations in Patancheru

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Efforts to modernize law and order infrastructure in Patancheru constituency took a significant step forward with the foundation stone laying ceremony for model police stations at Bollaram and Gummadidala. The new facilities are being constructed with the support of Hetro Laboratories, under their corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives. A model police station in Bollaram is being built on one acre of land at a cost of ₹3.50 crore, while the Gummadidala police station will be developed with an estimated cost of ₹2.50 crore. Both projects are aimed at improving policing standards and public service delivery in the region. Patancheru MLA Gudem Mahipal Reddy, who participated in the event along with Medak MP Raghunandan Rao, Graduate MLC Anji Reddy, IG Satyanarayana Goud, and District SP Paritosh Pankaj, said that Patancheru — known as “Mini India” due to



its diverse and rapidly growing population — requires upgraded policing infrastructure to meet rising demands. He stated that model police stations at Aminpur, Patancheru, and Kollur are also in the pipeline. He called on the police to provide quick justice and maintain order in areas where large numbers of workers, the poor, and the middle

class reside. He also extended his gratitude to Hetro Laboratories for their continuous support of development and welfare activities in the constituency. Sangareddy RDO Ravinder Reddy, Patancheru DSP Prabhakar, Hetro Laboratories Director G. Mohan Reddy, and several other officials and public representatives were present during the ceremony.

Vandalism and Anti-Social Activities Reported in Meerpet Govt Schools

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A series of anti-social incidents have come to light in government schools across Meerpet municipality, causing concern among teachers, parents, and education officials. Several institutions, including Challa Lingareddy Government High School in Jillelaguda, Government Primary School in Shirila Hills, and schools in Leninagar, have reported vandalism and theft on their premises. Teachers from these schools revealed that lights, fans, and switchboards were either destroyed or stolen, leaving classrooms in disrepair. The affected schools are now struggling to maintain normal functioning, with several classrooms rendered unusable due to lack of electricity and basic infrastructure. According to Mandal Education Officer Krishnaiah, the Education Department incurred a loss of nearly ₹3 lakh in damages at the Challa Lingareddy Government High School alone. More disturbingly, a police complaint has been filed at the Meerpet Police Station, alleging that ganja peddlers have been using the school premises after hours.

Despite the complaint, no action has been taken so far, Krishnaiah alleged. The lack of security measures in government schools



has made them vulnerable to repeated trespassing, theft, and alleged drug-related activities. With the new academic year approaching, education officials and staff are urging authorities to step up security arrangements and install surveillance systems to safeguard public school properties. They have also appealed for immediate intervention from the local administration and police to curb these unlawful activities and ensure a safe environment for students.

Dr. Markandeyu Donates Blood for 154th Time at Mega Camp



TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
On the occasion of World Blood Donor Day, a mega blood donation camp was held at Gleneagles Aware Hospitals in LB Nagar, Hyderabad, witnessing enthusiastic participation from medical staff and employees. Renowned doctor and social health advocate Dr. Markandeyu marked the occasion by donating blood for the 154th time, setting a strong example for his team and the public. Encouraged by Dr. Markandeyu's dedication, fellow doctors, hospital staff, and administrative members came forward to participate in the camp. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Markandeyu emphasized that blood donation is a life-saving act that not only

benefits recipients but also contributes to the physical and mental well-being of donors. He noted that this simple gesture can be a critical support system during emergencies, accidents, and surgeries. Dr. Markandeyu explained that individuals aged between 18 and 65 who weigh at least 45 kilograms and are free from infectious diseases are eligible to donate blood. He advised that donors should not have consumed alcohol the day before, and if they have received any vaccination, they should wait at least four weeks before donating. People with chronic health conditions such as high blood pressure, heart disease, kidney problems,

cancer, or diabetes are not recommended to donate. Additionally, those with tattoos or recent body piercings should wait for six months before donating, and women who have experienced a miscarriage should also refrain from donating for six months. Gleneagles Aware Hospitals COO Dr. Karunakar Reddy, along with doctors Dr. Sudhir Prasad, Dr. Muralishwar, Dr. Srinivasa Chari, and other staff members, actively participated and donated blood, making the event a success. The initiative was aimed at promoting awareness about the importance of voluntary blood donation and building a healthy habit among healthcare professionals and the public alike.

Saritha Becomes First Woman RTC Driver in Telangana



TPN Correspondent | Yadadri Bhuvanagiri
In a significant step towards women empowerment, Telangana RTC appointed its first female electric bus driver, V. Saritha, who hails from Sitya Thanda, Narayanapuram Mandal in Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district. Her appointment at the Miryalaguda depot marks a milestone in the state's public transport history. Saritha, who has over 10 years of driving experience in a private transport company in Delhi, had recently met Transport Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar seeking a job closer to home due to personal and family

constraints. Moved by her appeal, the Minister personally intervened, coordinated with RTC officials and representatives of JBM (electric bus partner), and ensured her appointment at the Telangana RTC Miryalaguda depot. She now drives the Hyderabad to Miryalaguda electric bus, proudly wearing the RTC badge. Saritha expressed her gratitude to Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar for supporting her ambition and giving her a chance to serve in her hometown. Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar, while congratulating Saritha, emphasized the government's commitment

to women's participation in all sectors. He highlighted the Maha Lakshmi scheme which offers free bus travel to women, and reiterated the administration's vision to make one crore women millionaires through targeted welfare schemes. He added that women would be given priority in driver recruitment in RTC going forward. "This government is committed to enabling women to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with men in all fields. I congratulate Saritha and hope she inspires many more women to come forward," said Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar.

Police Raid on Poker Den in Medchal

TPN Correspondent | Medchal

The Pet Basheerabad police in Medchal district raided a poker den operating at Sai Geetha Ashram in Devarayanjal and arrested 12 individuals who were found indulging in gambling activities. According to police, during the raid they seized 6 sets of playing cards, 16 mobile phones, and ₹1.78 lakh in cash from the accused. The crackdown was part of an ongoing effort to curb illegal gambling in the area. A case has been registered, and the Pet Basheer-



abad police are continuing their investigation into the source of the gambling operation and possible connections to other locations.

High Court Judge N Jayasurya Attends GST Awareness Meet in Nellore



TPN Correspondent | Nellore

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

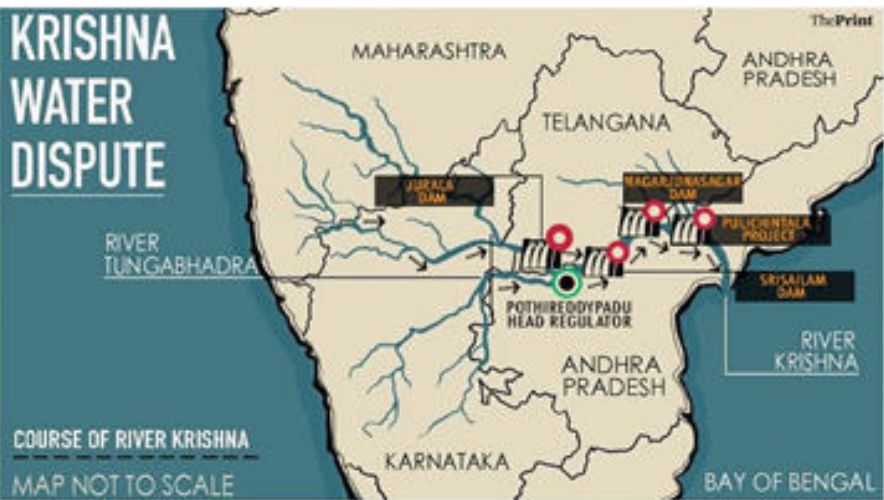
More than ten years after Telangana split from Andhra Pradesh, the state's struggle to secure its rightful share of Krishna river water remains unresolved, exposing deep political and administrative challenges.

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



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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 radicalized 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

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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

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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

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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

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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'ilot, 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'ilot 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'ilot, 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.