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# Chandrababu Reviews Yoga Day Success, **Congratulates Officials**

- · CM hails public participation behind record-setting event
- Over 3 lakh performed yoga in Visakhapatnam
- QR code tech ensured accurate attendance count

### TPN Correspondent | Visakhapatnam

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu held a detailed review meeting at the Visakhapatnam Collectorate on Saturday, appreciating the grand success of the International Yoga Day celebrations across Andhra Pradesh, particularly in Visakhapatnam. He congratulated ministers, officials, and staff for their coordinated efforts that led to multiple world records being set under the 'Yoga Andhra-2025' initiative.

Speaking at the meeting, Chandrababu said the large-scale success of the program was possible due to the enthusiastic participation of the public and the flawless coordination between government departments. He remarked, "This achievement belongs to the people. Their support has turned this into a historic moment for Andhra Pradesh."

More than three lakh people participated in the main event in Visakhapatnam, making it one of the largest yoga gatherings in the world. Officials briefed the Chief Minister on how people had begun arriving at the venue as early as 2 a.m., showing overwhelming enthusiasm for the event.

The CM extended special appreciation to the ministers, MLAs, and government employees who played an active role in ensuring the event's success. He acknowledged their dedication and said their leadership was vital in making the program smooth and effective.

Ministers also explained the technological innovations used during the event. They highlighted the use of QR code scanning systems, which ensured a precise count of attendees. Chandrababu praised the innovation and said it reflected the government's commitment to transparency and

The review ended on a high note with the Chief Minister calling this achievement a proud milestone for the state and a symbol of what can be achieved through collective effort and civic spirit.

# Yoga is the Thread that Weaves **Humanity Together: PM Modi**

- Yoga for One Earth, One Health is this year's theme
- PM praises Chandrababu, Pawan Kalyan, and Lokesh for Yogandhra Abhiyan

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TPN Correspondent | Visakhapatnam Prime Minister Narendra Modi led the 11th International Day of Yoga (IDY) celebrations from Visakhapatnam on Saturday morning, calling on people worldwide to embrace yoga as a collective journey from "Me to We." Addressing a massive gathering on the beach with nearly five lakh participants, the PM said, "Yoga has united the world. It is not just a practice but a global movement of wellness, peace, and harmony." In a powerful and reflective speech, Shri Modi emphasized that yoga is universal—transcending boundaries, backgrounds, and ages. "Yoga leads us to the realization that we are not isolated individuals but integral parts of nature," he said. "Yoga is the pause button humanity needs—to breathe, to

able living. He called on nations to integrate yoga into public policy and education, transforming it into a jan andolan (people's movement).

Modi praised Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan, and Nara Lokesh for their leadership and successful rollout of the Yogandhra Abhiyan. "More than two crore people have joined this campaign," Modi noted, adding that Lokesh's efforts have made yoga a true social celebration. He called this spirit of public participation "the foundation of a Viksit Bharat."

### **Global and Scientific Relevance**

The Prime Minister underscored India's work in scientific research on yoga, pointing to studies from AIIMS that show yoga's effectiveness in treatbalance, and to become whole again." ing cardiac, neurological, and women's key pillars to personal and planetary The Prime Minister also announced the health issues. He added that more than well-being. beginning of 'Yoga for Humanity 2.0', 6.5 lakh yoga volunteers have been urging that "inner peace should become trained, and over 130 institutions recglobal policy" and that yoga must be a ognized through the Yoga Certification

Board. A 10-day yoga module has also been introduced in medical colleges across India.

Highlighting India's emergence as a global wellness destination, he introduced the e-Ayush visa, aimed at attracting international wellness seekers. "Me to We": Yoga as Social Harmony

PM Modi invoked Indian culture's message of "Sarve Bhavantu Sukhinah" (May all be happy), and said that yoga embodies that spirit. "It is through yoga that an individual's concern for self transforms into concern for society and the planet," he said.

Modi reiterated his appeal made during Mann Ki Baat on reducing oil consumption by 10% and making healthier dietary choices. He stressed yoga, mindful eating, and a balanced life as the



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#### TPN Correspondent | **Amaravati**

"Even the plough won't remain if the farmer calculates his losses"—this popular saying holds 100% true for Totapuri mango growers. Despite a good harvest, there are no buyers, and mangoes are rotting in the orchards. This variety is predominantly cultivated in the erstwhile Chittoor district. Of the 80,000 hectares under mango cultivation across

Chittoor, Tirupati, and Annamayya districts, 60,000 hectares are dedicated to Totapuri. There are 41 pulp factories in the combined Chittoor region, with 35 of them located in Chittoor district.

The Totapuri mango, popular for salads and direct consumption in southern India, is known for its high pulp content. It is largely procured by food processing industries and exported. This year's har-

# Who Sets the Price for Totapuri?

Growers vs. Pulp Companies | Crops Rotting in Orchards Due to Lack of Buyers

Farmers are being forced to sell the crop at just ₹3 per kg It would be better if GST on mango pulp is completely abolished The demand for a Rayalaseema Mango Board comes to the forefront

vest in Rayalaseema and the industry owners are refusing ri mangoes from Tamil Nadu adjoining districts has exceeded expectations, but prices are plummeting.

Farmers are not even able to recover their harvesting costs. They say it costs around ₹10,000 to harvest and transport the mangoes to market. However, the mangoes are being purchased at a meager ₹3 per kg at the procurement ramps. Although the government has fixed a support price of ₹8 per kg for Totapuri and announced a ₹4/kg subsidy under the AP NDA government,

ing home in despair.

Some factories have introduced sold in local factories. a token system for crop profactory gates from midnight. This has led to stampedes and arguments in the mornings.

**Conflict with Neighboring** States

tories prefer sourcing Totapu-

to buy at this rate. Traders are and Karnataka, where they reluctant to offer even ₹6,000 are available at lower prices. per tonne. Unable to sell their Adding to their woes, nearly produce, farmers are return- 40,000 tonnes of pulp extracted in 2023 and 2024 remain un-

Over 70% of the processed curement. As a result, farmers pulp is usually exported to Euhave been gathering outside ropean countries, especially Ukraine. However, due to the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war, demand has dropped, leaving the stock unsold.

Farmers in AP depend heavily Farmers allege that pulp fac- on the markets in neighboring states like Tamil Nadu, Karna-

taka, and Telangana. The government must acknowledge this fact. Imposing restrictions on farmers from other states could backfire if those states reciprocate. This raises critical concerns about interstate trade policy. The government needs to address this issue while considering the concerns of both farmers and pulp industries.





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## Who Sets the Price for Totapuri?

#### **Suggestions from Farmers' Associations and Horticulture Experts:**

- 1. Waive agricultural loans for Totapuri mango farmers.
- 2. Provide cultivation machinery and tractors at subsidized
- 3. Facilitate storage infrastructure by acting as a guarantor for loans from banks.

#### **Key Proposals for Government Action:**

1. Form a committee chaired by the Agriculture or Horticulture Minister, including officials and farmers, to hold discussions with pulp industry owners for crop procurement.

2. Improve storage facilities for food processing units. Obtain necessary permissions from the Centre to expedite exports. Abolish GST on pulp completely.

3. Offer subsidies on electricity for mango-processing indus-

tries. Provide relaxations for license renewals and local tax payments.

4. Establish a dedicated Mango Board in Rayalaseema. Create a Price Stabilization Fund and allocate substantial resources for it in the state budget.

The plight of Totapuri mango farmers highlights the urgent need for coordinated intervention from the government. Without immediate measures such as enforcing the support price, facilitating exports, waiving loans, and establishing a dedicated Mango Board, thousands of farmers in Rayalaseema will continue to suffer losses despite a bountiful harvest. Addressing the concerns of both growers and industries with a long-term vision is essential to safeguard livelihoods and restore confidence in mango cultivation.

# Together: PM Modi

#### **Massive Participation**

More than 3.5 lakh yoga events Prataprao Ganpatrao, Bhupathi were held across India on IDY. Raju Srinivasa Varma, and other New initiatives like Yoga with Family and Yoga Unplugged Naidu Kinjarapu, Dr. Chandra come a global resolution."

Sekhar Pemmasani, Jadhav dignitaries.

As the waves of Visakhapatnam aimed at youth were launched lapped gently behind him, the through MyGov and MyBharat Prime Minister concluded: "Let portals.Present at the event this Yoga Day remind us that were Governor Syed Abdul Na- Yoga is the thread that weaves zeer, CM Chandrababu Naidu, humanity together. Yoga for One Union Ministers Rammohan Earth, One Health should be-

## 'Yogandhra' a Guinness Gift to PM Modi: Lokesh

Says people's awareness made event a grand success

### Plans to turn Vizag into South India's IT powerhouse

#### TPN Correspondent | Visakhapatnam

Andhra Pradesh Education and IT Minister Nara Lokesh expressed pride and satisfaction over the grand success of the 'Yogandhra' program held in Visakhapatnam on the occasion of the 11th International Yoga symbolic gift to Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the form of a Guinness World Record."More people participated than we expected. It was the public's aware ness and enthusiasm that made Yogandhra a massive success," Lokesh said. He credited the people of Andhra Pradesh for responding to PM Modi's call for yoga and embracing it as a celebration of health and unity.

Lokesh added that the peaceful execution of the event was possible due to meticulous planning and effective coordination by officials. He said, "The praise hand.

I received from Prime Minister Modi for this success has increased my responsibility. Yogandhra is not just an event it is a collective victory for all Andhras."

The minister also shared his broader vision for the development of Andhra Pradesh. Day. Addressing the media, Reaffirming Amaravati as the Lokesh described the event as a administrative capital, Lokesh emphasized that the government is committed to decentralized growth across all regions of the state. "Visakhapatnam will be developed as the premier IT hub of South India. Our target is to create five lakh IT jobs here. We want to transform Vizag into a center of innovation, investment, and global tech presence," Lokesh stated.He concluded by reiterating that events like Yogandhra symbolize a new era of unity, development, and pride for Andhra Pradesh, where tradition and progress go hand in

## **Assembly Employees Join Statewide Yoga Celebrations**

#### TPN Correspondent | **Amaravati**

Marking the 11th International Yoga Day, the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly premises witnessed enthusiastic participation of hundreds of employees in a mass yoga session held early Saturday morning. The event was organized under the guidance of Legislative Assembly Secretary General Prasanna Kumar Suryadevara, with employees from both the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council taking part in large numbers.As part of the state's grand observance of Yoga Day, the employees gathered at the Assembly grounds at 6:30 AM and performed various yoga asanas for over an hour, guided by professional yoga instructors. The participants practiced poses aimed at physical, mental, and spiritual well-being,

standing in solidarity with the

was part of the Andhra Pradesh Government's larger initiative, where International Yoga Day was celebrated across more than one lakh locations, with a goal of mobilizing 2 crore citizens. The Legislative Assembly's participation reflected the deep institutional commitment to health and wellness through yoga. Deputy Secretaries K. Rajakumar, Easwar Rao, R. Srinivasa Rao, Chief Marshals V. Ganesh and A. Murali, and other senior officers from both houses took part in the yoga session, setting an example for public servants across the state.

The collective energy and discipline displayed by the legislative staff mirrored the larger "YogaForAll" spirit championed by the state, contributing to Andhra Pradesh's landmark campaign—YogAndhra—which has already drawn international attention for its scale and instate-wide movement. The event clusivity.

# AP Sets Guinness Record With 'Yoga Andhra-2025'

- Over 3 lakh people joined in Visakhapatnam
- Yoga performed from RK Beach to Bhimili stretch
- Broke Surat's previous record of 1.47 lakh participants

#### TPN Correspondent | Visakhapatnam

Andhra Pradesh has etched its name in history with a remarkable Guinness World Record through the 'Yoga Andhra-2025' program held on the occasion of the 11th International Yoga Day. The grand event, organized by the state government in Visakhapatnam on Saturday, saw a staggering participation of more than three lakh people performing yoga in unison.

The mass yoga demonstra- 1,47,952 people had performed tion spanned the scenic coastal stretch from Ramakrishna Beach to Bhimili, where lakhs of participants performed asanas in perfect synchronization. The event not only symbolized unity and discipline but also projected Andhra Pradesh's commitment to promoting health and well-being among its citizens. This feat has officially surpassed the previous record set in Surat, Gujarat, where

yoga together. With over double the number, Andhra Pradesh has now secured a prominent place in the Guinness Book of World Records for hosting the largest yoga session at a single venue.

The state government treated the event with high importance, reflecting its vision to make Andhra Pradesh a leader in wellness and holistic living. Officials and volunteers ensured flawless coordination,

while enthusiastic citizens from all walks of life made the program a massive success. The Yoga Day celebrations on Visakhapatnam's coastline became a visual spectacle, highlighting the cultural and spiritual roots of yoga and its modern global reach. The success of 'Yoga Andhra-2025' has elevated the state's reputation on the world stage and affirmed the people's support for health-focused initiatives led by the government.

## Yoga Day Is India's Pride: Pawan Kalyan

- · Pawan hails Modi for taking Yoga to the world stage
- Praises Chandrababu's efforts in making it a record event
- Calls for spreading the spirit of "One Earth, One Health"

#### TPN Correspondent | Visakhapatnam

Deputy Chief Minister and Jana Sena chief Pawan Kalyan described International Yoga Day as a prestigious moment for India and praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for making yoga a global movement. Speaking at the 11th International Yoga Day celebrations held on the beach coast of Visakhapatnam on Saturday, Pawan said the ancient Indian tradition has now become a global identity. Beginning his speech with a tribute to Lord Surya, Adiyogi Paramashiva, and Patanjali Maharshi, Pawan highlighted how the Rig Veda had already proclaimed the significance of yoga. He stated that Modi had brought that wisdom to the world stage with his vision and effort.

Pawan lauded PM Modi as a powerful example of how yoga enables one to overcome stress and achieve goals with disci-

pline and determination. "International Yoga Day is not just a day—it is a recognition of India's timeless spiritual contribution to the world," he remarked.

The Deputy CM recalled how in 2014, Modi's proposal at the United Nations received support from 177 countries, leading to the official start of Yoga Day celebrations in 2015. Expressing happiness over Visakhapatnam hosting this year's edition, he said the event turned historic with the presence of the Prime Minister and the determined efforts of Andhra Pradesh CM Chandrababu Naidu. He emphasized that the event achieved world record-level participation as lakhs of people joined on the oceanfront.

He also appreciated the message of this year's Yoga Day theme, "One Earth, One Health," urging people to adopt it in daily life. Pawan thanked Governor Abdul



Nazeer, CM Chandrababu Naidu, Union Ministers Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu and Pratap Rao Jadhav, and all the dignitaries who made the event a success.

He concluded by reiterating his gratitude to Prime Minister Modi for spreading India's yogic wisdom across continents, turning yoga into a symbol of Indian heritage and global unity.

## Cocoa Farmers Demand International Market Price and Cocoa Board Formation

Resolutions Passed in the Conference:

A pricing formula should be developed in line with international market rates and strictly implemented. A Cocoa Board should be established in Andhra Pradesh.

A Cocoa Research Center should be established in Venkataramannagudem.

Cocoa beans must be purchased in full from farmers.

The syndicate system and company fraud must be dismantled.

Imports of foreign cocoa beans should be completely stopped. The central and state governments must extend their full support to cocoa farmers.

#### TPN Correspondent | Nidadavolu

The cocoa farmers' conference held under the aegis of the Andhra Pradesh Cocoa Farmers' Association demanded that the government formulate a pricing mechanism in line with international market rates and ensure justice for cocoa farmers.

The meeting was held on Saturday at Geetha Mandir in Korumamidi, Nidadavolu mandal, presided over by the Association's State Vice President Uppala Kashi. The conference addressed the problems faced by cocoa farmers, and several resolutions were passed.

State President B. Ramakrishna and State General Secretary K. Srinivas of the Andhra Pradesh Cocoa Farmers' Association criticized that, while the international market price for cocoa beans stands at ₹870 per kg, local companies are cheating farmers by offering only ₹450 per kg. They added that even after the state government's subsidy of ₹50 per kg, the effective price remains at ₹500, which is still unprofitable for farmers.

They explained that the association is working to organize cocoa farmers across the state and form Farmer Producer Or-



ganizations (FPOs), enabling farmers to market their cocoa directly. They urged all cocoa farmers to unite and organize, stating that the companies have formed a syndicate and are exploiting the disunity among farmers.

They demanded that cocoa beans be procured in full from farmers at the government-fixed price. It is unfair, they said, for farmers to be troubled just because companies claim they have already met procurement targets. Even after submitting applications to the horticulture department, company representatives did not arrive to purchase the beans, causing

unnecessary worry among farmers. They insisted that cocoa beans from poor farmers be procured immediately. They also warned that if companies reduce prices arbitrarily, the farmers would launch a protest. They demanded the establishment of a Cocoa Board and a Cocoa Research Center in Venkataramannagudem, along with a complete ban on the import of foreign cocoa beans.

State Vice President Bolla Venkata Subbarao, leaders Koneru Satish Babu, Rayala Kali Babu, Andhra Pradesh Rythu Sangam District Co-Convenor Subhash Chandra Bose, and others expressed concern that cocoa farmers have lost hundreds of crores this season due to the non-implementation of international market prices. They called for the dismantling of the syndicate system among companies and urged both the central and state governments to support cocoa farmers.

Participants in the conference included Mattaparthi Chandra Rao, Pasolla Srinu, Simhadri Ramakrishna, Gannamani Prasad, Kaja Raja Rao, Marina Srinivasa Rao, Pattipati Pedda Veerraju, Mullapudi Rama Rao, Kuchipudi Satyanarayana, Yelamati Bhaskara Rao, and female farmer Dommeti





# TDP-YCP Tensions Escalate in Kadapa Municipal Corporation

## Mayor issues show-cause notices to Commissioner and staff for non-cooperation

TPN Correspondent | Kadapa

The political conflict between the TDP and YSRCP in the Kadapa Municipal Corporation is intensifying. In the wake of dramatic developments during the general body meeting held on Friday, Mayor Suresh Babu court and secured relief. issued show-cause notices to seven employees, including the Commissioner, alleging dereliction of duty. The Mayor stated that they failed to attend the meeting conducted under his chairmanship and asserted that ings. he was issuing the notices under his official authority. The notices demand a written explanation within one Despite the court's directive, week.

#### How the dispute began in the Corporation:

Babu and YSRCP MLA Mad-Babu refused. This led to Commissioner requesting

ings. Subsequently, the TDP highlighted the issue of awarding contract work to a company allegedly linked to the Mayor's family. The government responded by disqualifying the Mayor, who then approached the

After these events, the date for the Municipal Corporation's general body meeting was finalized. The Mayor approached the High Court, which instructed officials to cooperate with the proceed-

#### Meeting held amid court orders - but without officials:

fresh controversy erupted on Friday. The Mayor, YSRCP corporators, MLA Madhavi Following the formation of Reddy, and officials arrived the coalition government at the corporation office for in Kadapa Municipal Cor- the general meeting. Offiporation, tensions flared cials had made arrangebetween Mayor Suresh ments in the council hall, setting up chairs for the havi Reddy. The TDP insist- Mayor, Commissioner, and ed that the MLA be seated MLAs from Kadapa and Kaon the dais alongside the malapuram. However, May-Mayor, but Mayor Suresh or Suresh Babu wrote to the

three contentious meet- that the meeting be held in notice issued on the 13th of the conference hall instead, this month. They declared as per his earlier communication and court orders. YCP corporators assembled in the Mayor's chamber instead of proceeding to the the forefront — by the 22nd council hall. Mayor Suresh of this month, six months Babu expressed anger at the officials for making arrangements in the council hall without his knowledge. He reiterated that he had informed the Commissioner in advance and the court their positions. Although a had directed the meeting be held in the conference hall. Friday, its validity is now in Eventually, the officials locked the conference hall. Despite the absence of officials, the Mayor went ahead and announced that the meeting was held, claiming there was a quorum. He stated that agenda items were approved or rejected accordingly.

#### Officials declare meeting postponed due to lack of quorum:

Later in the afternoon, officials pasted a notice on the Mayor's chamber door stating that the meeting council hall based on the chairmanship. He reiterat-

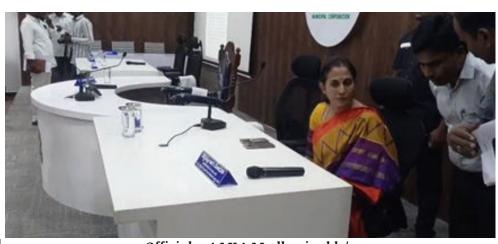
that, due to the lack of quorum, the meeting should be considered postponed. This brought a technical issue to would have passed since the last general meeting. As per municipal rules, if a meeting is not held within six months, the Mayor and corporators risk losing meeting was arranged on question due to quorum issues, leading to uncertainty over the tenure of the Kadapa Corporation. The TDP is now actively claiming that the corporation's future is shrouded in suspense.

#### Show-cause notices for non-cooperation:

In response to these dramatic developments, Mayor Suresh Babu issued showcause notices to the Commissioner and seven other employees for failing to perform their duties. He stated that they did not attend had been arranged in the the meeting held under his



General meeting was held outside the conference hall under the chairmanship of the Mayor



Officials at MLA Madhavireddy's residence in the conference hall

ed that he was exercising his powers ruling party leaders respond to these as Mayor in issuing these notices and demanded written explanations within a week. Now, how the officials and

notices has become a major topic of discussion in local political circles.

# **Rowdyism Disguised** as Politics Won't **Be Tolerated: Minister Subhash**



### TPN | Kukkala Govinda Raju

East Godavari: In a scathing attack on former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, Andhra Pradesh Labour Minister Vasamsetty Subhash lashed out at what he called the YSRCP chief's dangerous and disruptive political behavior. Speaking to the media on Saturday evening from his camp office in Ramachandrapuram, Minister Subhash said "rowdyism in the name of politics will not be tolerated" under the coalition government.

Referring to Jagan's recent controversial remarks, Subhash criticized the former CM for promoting violent slogans such as "rappa rappa narakatam" and openly supporting aggressive postures in public meetings. "It is shocking to see a leader who once held the position of Chief Minister use film-like dialogues to justify violence. What message is he sending to the youth of this state?" Subhash asked.

He sarcastically suggested that "yoga might help improve Jagan's mental condition", especially since "the London medicines he took seem to have failed." Subhash added that Jagan and his followers could benefit immensely from the YogaAndhra movement, which saw participation from over two crore people across the state.

Highlighting the scale of the 'YogaAndhra' initiative, the Minister proudly stated that Andhra Pradesh had made its mark on the world stage by organizing yoga sessions with more than 3 lakh participants, a record-setting effort led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu. "Today, the entire world is looking towards Andhra Pradesh for how we are promoting peace, health and discipline through yoga," he said. Criticizing the YSRCP's promotion of what he called 'anti-social culture', Subhash expressed outrage over posters celebrating drug abuse, betting gangs and rowdies, allegedly erected by the opposition. "No party in this country has normalized such criminal culture the way YSRCP is doing. These are dangerous trends," he

Subhash urged the public to remain vigilant and resist the politics of violence, while stating that the coalition government is committed to restoring law and order in the state. "Jagan is still living under the illusion that he is the Chief Minister. He needs to wake up. People have already shown him his place by giving a fitting conclusion to his political film," he quipped.

The Minister concluded by appealing to the youth to embrace yoga and constructive politics, instead of falling for what he called the "divisive and destructive path promoted by the previous regime."

# **YCP Worker** Remanded Over ' Narukutham' Placard

• Sattenapalli court sends him to 14-day judicial remand

TPN Correspondent | Palnadu

A controversial incident during YSRCP chief Jagan Mohan Reddy's visit to Rentapalla in Palnadu district has taken a legal turn, with a party worker now remanded to judicial custody. The issue stems from provocative placards displayed by YCP supporters during Jagan's recent public appearance.

One such placard, held by a YCP worker identified as Ravi Teja, read "Rappa Rappa Narukutham," drawing comparisons to a traditional ritual of beheading during the Gangamma Thalli fair in 2029. The slogan, perceived as aggressive and inflammatory, sparked public and political debate.

Following the incident, local police took swift action, registering a case against Ravi Teja and producing him before the Sattenapalli court. The court has since remanded him to 14 days in judicial custody. He was later shifted to the Sattenapalli sub-jail.

The arrest has drawn attention across political circles, with questions being raised about the message and its implications. Authorities are continuing their

investigation into the incident, while the case adds yet another layer of tension to the already heated political climate in Andhra Pradesh.



## **PM Modi Lauds** Vizag Yoga Event, Hails Lokesh's Efforts

TPN Correspondent | Visakhapatnam

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has expressed deep appreciation for the grand success of the International Yoga Day celebrations held in Visakhapatnam, applauding the Andhra Pradesh government's efforts—especially those of State Minister Nara Lokesh. Modi

conveyed special congratulations to Lokesh

for his initiative, coordination, and personal

involvement in the event's arrangements.

The Prime Minister noted that Lokesh had overseen the preparations for several weeks, ensuring that the celebrations became more than just a physical exercise event. "He has turned yoga into a social celebration," Modi observed, commending Lokesh for making the event inclusive and vibrant.

Highlighting the broader significance of the 'Yogandhra' initiative, Modi praised Lokesh for uniting people from various backgrounds and communities in a single platform through yoga. He said that the program not only emphasized physical and mental well-being but also stood as a beacon of social harmony.

Calling the event an example for the rest of the country, Modi noted that the scale, discipline, and participation witnessed in Visakhapatnam has set a new benchmark. He said the celebrations are proof that yoga, when rooted in strong leadership and vision, can bring about unity and national pride.

# Gummanur Jayaram's Remarks Stir Row in Anantapur

TPN Correspondent | **Anantapur** 

ter Gummanur Jayaram has

once again sparked controversy with provocative remarks aimed at YSRCP leaders during a party review meeting held in Guthi, Anantapur district. The Guntakallu legislator, who previously served as a minister in the YSRCP government before switching to the TDP, issued strong warnings ahead of the upcoming local body elections. Speaking at the meeting, Jayaram declared, "If YCP leaders don't give a thumbs up to the TDP, a day will come when will be applied." The comment,

TDP MLA and former minis-

seen as a veiled threat, has triggered strong reactions and is now circulating widely on social media.

He urged his party cadre to ensure that no YCP leader files a nomination for the upcoming elections and called for a complete sweep in local bodies, including Sarpanch and MPTC posts, by his loyalists. "In the last election, I was branded a rowdy, a thug, and even a murderer, but I love people, and I will never forget those who stood by my family," Jayaram added, reaffirming loyalty to his supporters.

Taking a dig at TDP General Sectheir tails will be cut and lime retary Nara Lokesh, Jayaram stated, "Even if Lokesh closes



after the local elections," suggesting that pending issues or internal matters will be addressed after securing electoral wins. Jayaram's speech has intensified the political heat in the region, with his comments

the Red Book, I will reopen it likely to escalate tensions between rival party workers on the ground. His statements have drawn criticism from opposition leaders and raised concerns about the nature of political discourse in the state.





## Yoga Day Celebrated Grandly at State Police HQ in Mangalagiri

- AP Police mark International Yoga Day with mass participation
- IGP Ravi Krishna, Security Secretary Hari Kumar among attendees

#### TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

The 11th International Yoga Day was celebrated in an impressive and disciplined manner at the Andhra Pradesh State Police Headquarters in Mangalagiri on Saturday. The event, organized by the State Government as part of the nationwide celebrations, saw enthusiastic participation from police officers and personnel.

Starting at 6:30 am, the event featured a one-hour yoga session led by expe-

from across various departments of the police force actively participated, performing multiple asanas to promote physical fitness and mental well-being.

Prominent attendees included IGP (Eagle) A.K. Ravi Krishna, Security Secretary IGP (Retd) Hari Kumar, CEO Rajan, and other senior police officials. They joined ranks with personnel to mark the importance of yoga in daily

rienced yoga gurus. Officers and staff life, especially for those in high-stress roles like law enforcement.

> Similar yoga programs were held at police headquarters across all districts in the state, with thousands of officers and constables participating. The AP Police Department's strong turnout reflects its commitment to promoting holistic health among its force and supporting the state's broader mission to make yoga a part of everyday life.



## Raj Bhavan Hosts **International Yoga Day Celebrations**

#### TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada

The 11th International Yoga Day was observed with enthusiasm at the Raj Bhavan premises in Vijayawada on Saturday. The celebrations were conducted under the guidance of Dr. M. Hari Jawaharlal, Secretary to the Governor, as part of the largescale Yoga Day programs being organized across Andhra Pradesh.

The event began early in the morning, with Raj Bhavan officials and staff arriving at the venue by 6:30 am. Under the supervision of yoga masters Dr. Ramananda and Dr. Kavyashree, participants practiced various yoga asanas for nearly an hour, aligning with the global spirit of promoting health and wellness through yoga.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Hari Jawaharlal emphasized the importance of incorporating yoga into daily life to improve both physical and mental health. He urged all employees to maintain high health standards and inspire others by leading through example. He also remarked that such practices enhance the dignity and image of institutions like Raj Bhavan.

Dr. Hari Jawaharlal extended his gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Andhra Pradesh Governor Shri Abdul Nazeer, and Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu for their leadership and participation in the grand Yoga Day event held in Visakhapat-

Senior officials including Joint Secretary to the Governor Shri P. S. Suryaprakash, Deputy Secretary Shri K. Raghu, and ADC to the Governor Shri K. Ramanjaneyu, along with other staff members, actively participated in the yoga session, marking their support and enthusiasm for the international celebration.

# Yogandhra Celebrated in Over 61,000 Schools Across AP

## Samagra Shiksha's initiative marks historic scale on International Yoga Day

#### TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

In a spectacular display of collective wellness and educational outreach, the Government of Andhra Pradesh's School Education Department celebrated International Yoga Day 2025 by organising Yogandhra in 61,266 government, private and aided schools across the state on Saturday. The initiative witnessed the active participation of nearly 60 lakh students, teachers, school staff, parents and School Management Committee (SMC) members, making it one of the largest state-level yoga initia-

occasion, B. Srinivasa Rao, IAS, State Project Director (SPD), Samagra Shiksha, said the scale of participation reflected the deep-rooted commitment to holistic education and student well-being in Andhra Pradesh's school ecosystem.

He noted that this historic feat would remain a benchmark for integrating physical wellness with education.

A flagship event was held at GITAM University Grounds in Visakhapatnam, attended by several top education officials, including B. Srinivasa

tives ever conducted. Speaking on the Rao, IAS (SPD, Samagra Shiksha), Dr. K.V. Srinivasulu Reddy (Director, Government Examinations), N. Prem Kumar (District Educational Officer, Visakhapatnam), B. Chandrasekhar (Additional Project Coordinator, Samagra Shiksha) At this gathering, large groups of students performed yoga asanas, representing the dedication of youth across Andhra Pradesh to fitness, mindfulness, and balance.

Vijay Ramraju V., IAS, Director of School Education, expressed heartfelt gratitude to all stakeholders for their month-long efforts in organising Yogandhra.

He commended the contributions of nodal officers, HODs, RJDs, DEOs, APCs, MEOs, headmasters, teachers, physical education trainers, NGOs, SMC and PTA members, and parents for enabling the state to achieve such a massive coordinated movement. This grand celebration of Yogandhra not only marks Andhra Pradesh's commitment to "Yoga for One Earth, One Health", but also establishes a strong foundation for integrating physical, mental, and emotional health into everyday schooling.

## International Yoga Day Celebrated with Yoga and Drawing Competitions in Vijayawada

### TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada

In celebration of the 11th International Yoga Day, Sarvodaya Trust, the Freedom Fighters Association, and the Krishna NTR District Yogasana Sports Association jointly organized a series of events at the Freedom Fighters Association premises in Vijayawada.

From 6:00 AM to 8:00 AM, a yoga session and Yogasana competitions were held, with over 150 participants including children, youth and elders. NTR District Collector Dr G Lakshmisha graced the event as the chief guest. Sarvodaya Trust President G Mohan Prasad, Secretary M Venkateswara Rao and Yogasana Sports Association Secretary L Muralikrishna also attended.

Collector Lakshmisha actively participated in the yoga session and addressed the gathering, highlighting the importance and health benefits of yoga. He congratulated all participants for their enthusiastic involvement.

In a parallel event from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, Sarvodaya Trust and Dream Young & Children Arts Academy conducted drawing competitions on the theme "Benefits of Practicing Yoga." Around 500 students from 40 schools enthusiastically took part in the contest.

Vijayawada Central MLA Bonda Uma Maheswara Rao was the chief guest for the drawing competition. He stressed the significance and advantages of yoga for physical and mental well-being. Oth-



and Academy President P Ramesh.

## **EO of Satyamma** Thalli Temple Suspended

### TPN Correspondent | Nandigama

Executive Officer (EO) Gelli Hari Gopinath, currently residing in Amberpet village and serving at the Swayambhu Village Goddess Sri Satyamma Thalli Devasthanam, has been suspended from his duties by the Endowments Department. The action was taken following a detailed investigation into financial irregularities during his previous posting.

Endowments Commissioner K. Ramachandra Mohan issued the suspension orders today. The inquiry revealed that Hari Gopinath Babu had misused temple funds while serving as the EO of Sri Madana Gopalaswamy Devasthanam in Ballipadu village, Attili mandal, West Godavari district. The department conducted a thorough probe and concluded that there was clear evidence of fund misuse, prompting immediate disciplinary action. The suspension is part of the department's broader efforts to ensure transparency and accountability in temple administration across the state.



# **Smart Meters Spark Protest** in Gudivada Autonagar



### TPN | Adam Smith

Gudivada: A major uproar erupted in Gudivada Autonagar after 37 residents received unusually high electricity bills, allegedly following the installation of smart meters. Consumers who previously paid monthly bills of around ₹3,000 were shocked to receive bills of up to ₹16,000, while others saw charges rising to ₹22,000 and beyond. The Gudivada Industrial and Automobile Workers Union, under the banner of the Labor Rights Struggle Association, organized a bike rally on June 21, protesting against the increased charges and the smart meters responsible for them. Over a hundred workers participated in the rally, which culminated in the submission of a detailed memorandum to the electricity officer on Eluru Road. The protesters raised strong slogans such as "No smart meters, no additional electricity bills" and "Withdraw the increased electricity charges", calling for immediate action from the power authorities. The protest was led by R. Raghu, along with

Gudivada Industrial and Automobile Workers Union Honorary President T. Lakshmana Rao, President Abdul Hamid, General Secretary Abdul Quddus, and leaders Bobbarupalli Anjaneyulu, Sheikh Mohiddin Bhasha, Kalvakunta Nagaraju, MD Rashid Beg, Gedela Trinath, Sheikh Kaja Mohiddin, Mahadeva, Adinarayana, Annamanedu Venkataramana, SK Rahman, R. Joji Raju, and Meda Parameswara Rao, among others.

The memorandum submitted included specific billing data for all 37 affected individuals, and the leaders urged the Electricity Department to review and rectify the bills. They demanded that the government halt the use of smart meters until a transparent and accountable billing mechanism is established. The protest highlights growing public concern over the accuracy and fairness of smart meter readings, with similar issues being reported in other parts of the state as well. The response of the electricity department is now awaited.

## FICCI to Organize B2B Meetings in Vijayawada on **Expanding Business Globally** through UAE

### TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada

The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), in collaboration with the Sharjah Airport International Free Zone (SAIF Zone), Government of Sharjah, UAE, is organizing a special series of B2B meetings in Vijayawada under the theme "Expand Your Business in International Markets through UAE."

The meetings will be held on 23rd and 24th June 2025 at Novotel Vijayawada Varun. This initiative aims to create awareness among businesses in Andhra Pradesh about the strategic benefits of expanding operations to the UAE, especially through SAIF Zone, one of the region's most dynamic and investor-friendly free zones.

The meetings will focus on key sectors such as engineering goods, auto components, food processing, renewable energy, ceramics, agro-equipment, and more. Representatives from SAIF Zone will engage directly with Indian businesses to discuss investment opportunities, operational support, and the ease of setting up in the UAE.

Participants will also learn how to leverage the India-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), which enables duty-free access and regulatory facilitation for Indian exports to the UAE.

Speaking about the initiative, Mr. M Prabhakar Rao, Chairman, FICCI Andhra Pradesh State Council & Group Chairman, NSL Group, noted: This is a valuable opportunity for regional industries to explore global markets and scale internationally through the UAE. The B2B meetings offer practical insights and a direct platform to connect with UAE authorities.

Participation is free, but prior registration is mandatory due to limited slots.

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# IDPS Tadepalligudem Student Wins District Yoga Title

## Class 8 student Kumari Katyayini bags 1st place



#### TPN Correspondent | West Godavari

In a proud moment for International Delhi Public School (IDPS), Tadepalligudem, Grade 8 student Kumari Katyayini has secured first place in the West Godavari district-level yoga competition. The event was conducted on June 21, 2025, as part of International Yoga Day celebrations.

Katyayini impressed the judges with her skill, balance, and discipline, standing out among participants from across the district. Her performance not only brought pride to her school but also highlighted the growing enthusiasm

for yoga among young students.

The management, staff, and fellow students of IDPS Tadepalligudem extended their heartfelt congratulations to Katyayini for her outstanding achievement. They praised her dedication and spirit, expressing confidence that she would continue to shine in future competitions at the state and national lev-

Her success stands as a testament to the importance of yoga in school education and the commitment of institutions like IDPS in nurturing holistic development in students.

# Yoga With 3,000 People Marks International Yoga Day in Eluru

#### TPN | Kishore

Eluru: A mass yoga session was successfully conducted with over 3,000 participants at the Eluru Indoor Stadium on Saturday as part of the 11th International Yoga Day celebrations. The program was organized by the AYUSH department, with live telecasts of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, and Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan's speeches and yoga demonstrations from Visakhapatnam shown on large LED screens at the venue.

AYUSH Medical Officer R. Durga Bhavani, speaking on the occasion, said that yoga is one of India's greatest

contributions to the world, emphasizing that it is suitable for all age groups. She explained that yoga includes a wide variety of asanas tailored to different physical capabilities, and even those with physical limitations can benefit through chair yoga techniques.

The session featured 20 different yoga asanas, demonstrated by professional yoga trainers. Participants included students, city dignitaries, AYUSH staff, and general public. The trainers encouraged everyone to dedicate at least a few minutes daily to yoga to maintain physical and mental well-being. "Age is not a barrier for yoga.



Yoga enhances flexibility. strengthens the body and calms the mind. Each person can adapt it based on their capacity," said Dr. Durga Bhavani, highlighting that special programs like chair yoga are available for those with disabilities or limited mobility. The trainers who led the session included R.G.

Chandrasekhar, C.H. Kesava Rao, Y. Devi, P. Sudharani, and B. Madhavi, who collectively guided the crowd through various postures and breathing exercises.

The event reflected strong public enthusiasm for wellness and marked another successful chapter in India's growing yoga movement.

Minister Narendra Modi for

# Yoga Should Be a Lifestyle for All.

## • 11th Yoga Day held in 6,200 places across Tirupati district

### TPN Correspondent |

The 11th International Yoga Day was celebrated with great fervor across Tirupati district on Saturday, with the main event held at SV University's Tarakaram Stadium. District Collector Dr. S. Venkateswar inaugurated the celebrations alongside District SP V. Harshavardhan Raju, Joint Collector Shubham Bansal, SV and Vedic University Vice Chancellors Acharya Appa Rao and Sadashiva Murthy, former MLA Sugunamma, and other dignitaries.

Addressing the gathering, the Collector emphasized that yoga must become a permanent part of everyone's lifestyle. He revealed that over 10 lakh people registered for the YogaAndhra-2025 campaign in the district and nearly the same number participated across 6,200 locations on June 21. He praised the efforts of all public representatives, officials, and the people for making the month-long campaign a success, which he said was



Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu.

"Yoga brings physical, mental, and spiritual well-being. It is our cultural treasure and a guiding force in today's fast-paced world. Let it be part of everyone's daily life," the Collector said. He also proposed introducing yoga also warned against increasing drug abuse among youth SV University Vice Chanceland urged students to avoid lor Appa Rao credited Prime

initiated on the directions of ragging and create a positive, inclusive environment for juniors. "Youth should stay away from bad habits and become role models," he said.District SP V. Harshavardhan Raju echoed similar sentiments, stating that yoga fosters mental stability and social awareness. He added that, "Following the as a compulsory subject in call of the Prime Minister all schools, stressing its role and directions of CM Chanin reducing academic stress drababu Naidu, the monthand improving student long Yoga Andhra movewell-being. Dr. Venkateswar ment has left an indelible mark on the district."

bringing global recognition to yoga and noted that the Chief Minister's vision in running the campaign for a full month helped deepen public awareness and participation.Former MLA Sugunamma called yoga a "priceless gift from our ancestors" and emphasized the need to preserve and pass on this tradition. She praised the CM for his foresight and thanked him for involving every section of society in the program.Following the speeches, Art of Living master Kranthi led a collective yoga session for all attendees. The event concluded with a symbolic moment as the District Collector took a selfie at the Yoga Andhra Selfie Point with participants. Officials from various institutions, including registrars and NSS coordinators from Sri Padmavati Mahila University, SV University, and SV Agriculture and Veterinary Colleges, also took part enthusiastically in the pro-

## Yoga Day in Vizag Central Jail

**Inmates Form Indian Map with Asanas** 1,000 prisoners perform yoga in shape of Indian map



#### TPN Correspondent | Visakhapatnam

In a unique and inspiring celebration of the 11th International Yoga Day, inmates of Visakhapatnam Central Jail participated in yoga sessions as part of the statewide YogaAndhra campaign. What made the event stand out was the formation of the Indian map using yogasanas by over 1,000 prisoners, captivating the audience with its symbolic message of unity and wellness.Supervising Officer Mahesh Babu, Deputy Supervising Officers, Jailers, Deputy Jailers, and about 100 guarding staff actively took part in the program, joining hands with the inmates to perform a series of yoga postures. The visually stunning display of yoga in the

shape of the Indian map was the highlight of the day and received enthusiastic applause.Addressing the participants, the jail authorities emphasized the importance of practicing yoga in daily life. They stated that yoga helps instill discipline, calmness, and good health, which is particularly valuable in correctional facilities. The program also aimed to create a positive and rehabilitative atmosphere within the jail premises.

As part of the YogaAndhra-2025 initiative led by the Andhra Pradesh government, this creative observance inside the Central Jail stands as a testament to how yoga is being promoted across all sections of society, including reformative institutions.

## Case Should Be Filed Against Jana Sena Leader **Tathamsetty Nagendra**



### TPN Correspondent | Kadapa

The YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) leaders in Kadapa district have demanded stern action against Jana Sena State Secretary Tathamsetty Nagendra, accusing him of making derogatory comments that insulted the Reddy community and denigrated women. In a press conference held on Saturday at the YSRCP camp office, party leaders strongly condemned Nagendra's statements and called for his immediate arrest and public apology. YSRCP district spokesperson Jayachandra Reddy, joined by former Deputy CM Amjad Bhasha, District Secretary Munisekhar Reddy, RTI Department District President V. Ramakrishna Reddy, State Municipal Department Joint Secretary Sriranjan Reddy, and 23rd Division In-charge Ice Cream Ravi, alleged that Tathamsetty Nagendra's remarks were not only vulgar but also aimed at inciting caste and communal tensions.

"Let Nagendra show his words to his own mother, wife, sisters, and daughters—would they approve of such vile language?" questioned the leaders. They said that insulting women through political speeches reflects the degraded culture of certain leaders in Jana Sena Party and demanded party president Pawan Kalyan clarify his stance.

The YSRCP representatives emphasized that introducing caste into political dialogue and using obscene language is not only unacceptable but dangerous for the social fabric. "Pawan Kalyan calls himself a champion of Sanatana Dharma—will he act against a person from his party who made such shameful comments?" they asked. The leaders formally filed a complaint at One Town Police Station in Kadapa against Tathamsetty Nagendra, urging police to register a case immediately and take strict legal action. They also insisted that Nagendra issue a public apology to the Reddy community.

Those present at the press meet and complaint filing included YS-RCP Zone President P. Rammohan Reddy, Ramesh Reddy, Munisekhar Reddy, and other senior party leaders. The incident has stirred strong reactions within the district, with YSRCP cadre alleging it as yet another example of Jana Sena's double standards on women's respect and caste harmony.

## Kone Seetharama Rao Elected Eluru Bar Association President

### TPN Correspondent | Eluru

In a significant win that has created a buzz within the legal fraternity, Public Prosecutor Kone Seetharama Rao has been elected as the new President of the Eluru Bar Association, defeating his rival Abbineni Vijay Kumar in the highly competitive elections.

The voting process, which began on Friday morning, concluded with the final counting of votes extending into the early hours of Saturday.

With a majority of 170 votes, Kone

Seetharama Rao's panel achieved a • Joint Secretary: Ibrahim Sharif – 90 resounding victory, drawing wide attention and support, especially from the Kone community.

The elections were held under strict police security to

ensure smooth proceedings. The results for key positions in the

- Bar Association are as follows: • Vice President: Nissankara Krishna Rao – 225 votes
- General Secretary: Nomula Ramudu
- Treasurer: Gandikota Seetharama
- Raju 159 votes · Sports & Cultural Secretary: G. Vijay-
- abhaskar 32 votes • Library Secretary: K. Krishna Kishore – 50 votes
- · Lady Representative: Kanakadurga Bhavani – won by a margin of 8 votes Addressing the media at the Seetharama Rao Bar Association Hall on Saturday afternoon, President Kone Seetha-

rama Rao expressed gratitude for the overwhelming support and vowed to address the key concerns of lawyers

practicing in the district court. He stated, "My primary focus will be on solving the issues

faced by lawyers, especially ensuring basic facilities like clean toilets and food arrangements for those coming from distant areas."

He also promised special attention to the grievances of junior lawyers, assuring that he will be accessible to them at all times and will work with the guidance of senior advocates to protect their interests.

"Justice will be done to all junior lawyers within the framework of the Bar Association," he added.

Many lawyers and supporters congratulated the

newly elected panel, expressing hope that the new leadership would bring positive changes to the legal ecosystem in Eluru.



# MY PARTY IS READY FOR ALLIANCE...

"My focus is entirely on welfare and empowering the marginalized. I'm not in politics for power, I want the weaker sections to have a real say in shaping their future," said former IAS officer Gujju Suwarnaratna Karunakara Rajendra Vijay Kumar, known as Vijay Kumar. Sharing his views as the founder of the Liberation Congress Party in an exclusive interview with True Point News reporter Sumanth Jangam, he stated that the Liberation Congress Party is committed to amplifying the voices of the poor and empowering them to participate actively in politics.

You have joined the list of IAS officers entering politics. What makes you different from others like Jayaprakash Narayan or JD Lakshminarayana?

My ideology is purely focused on welfare and uplifting the marginalized. The Liberation Congress Party is committed to elevating the voices of the poor and ensuring their active participation in politics. Unlike others,

I am not here to chase power ing needs of the people. The shape their future. That commitment, to empowerment over electoral ambition, sets me apart.

What is the core philosophy of the Liberation Congress Party?

At the heart of our party is the belief that power must not be ornamental. It should translate into meaningful, real-life impact for those who have been historically sidelined. We aim to give the poor, the marginalized, the voiceless, the real decision-making power. We want governance to begin at the grassroots, not at the top.

What is your take on the current TDP government under Chandrababu Naidu?

The Telugu Desam Parthe promises it made during the elections. Instead of focusing on development and people-centric governance, it has taken the path of vengeance politics. This betrays the trust of the voters and diverts attention from the press-

but to ensure that the weaker state needs healing and develsections gain real authority to opment, not a government settling scores.

> What is your opinion on the YSR Congress Party and its leader, Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy?

The YSRCP's governance model is deeply flawed. It thrives on dynastic politics and personal agendas, rather than public interest. I completely condemn this approach. Family-based politics and revenge-driven governance are dangerous for democracy and do not reflect the aspirations of the people.

You have also been critical of Pawan Kalyan and his political journey. Why?

Pawan Kalyan lacks a clear ideological direction. His political stance appears to be more about populism than policy. ty has failed to honour Jana Sena Party doesn't present a concrete plan for societal transformation. Moreover, the BJP's alliance with Pawan Kalyan seems more like an experiment in celebrity politics, which failed to connect with the public meaningfully.

strategy in the state?

figure like Pawan Kalyan, they could win the hearts of Andhra voters. But it backfired. People want sincerity and substance, not gimmicks. The public is politically mature and knows when it is being manipulated.

Running a political party is financially demanding. How are you managing?

Running a party with a principled and ideology-driven agenda is costly, especially without access to large financial backing. But we are managing through the support of like-minded individuals who believe in our cause. There have been rumours that I'm backed by YSRCP, but I want to make it clear, if I wanted to support them, I wouldn't have formed my own party. I would have simply joined them.

Are you open to alliances with other parties in the future?

**Speaking of the BJP**, es, but only if they align with how do you view their our core principles. Any party we work with must respect our ideology and allow us the The BJP thought that by freedom to operate without aligning with a popular compromising on our commitment to the poor and the marginalized. We will not be a silent partner or a rubber stamp. Any alliance must give voice to the voiceless.

> What are the key focus areas of the Liberation Congress Party going forward?

Our priorities are clear, improving livelihoods for the poor, ensuring It's certainly a struggle. social justice, making quality healthcare and education accessible, and ending the ornamental nature of political power. We want to build a governance model that actually works for the last person in the queue. We will work on grassroots empowerment, and develop local leadership from among the communities we aim to uplift.

> What message would you like to give to the people of the state?

Don't give up hope. Real change is possible. Politics doesn't have to be Yes, I'm open to allianc- about dynasties, power games,

- Vijay Kumar **Former IAS Officer** 

or personal agendas. It can be about people, justice, and progress. The Liberation Congress Party is not here to win power for its own sake, we are here to empower you. Join us in shaping a new political culture for Andhra Pradesh, one rooted in integrity, service, and true representation.

# **Suman TV Honours 500 Finest Doctors of** Telangana

Dr. S P Vivek Chandra Rao expresses heartfelt gratitude for recognition at prestigious awards event

The Suman TV Doctors Awards 2025, held at HICC Novotel, Hyderabad, stood out as a grand celebration of medical excellence, honouring Telangana's 500 finest doctors who have made outstanding contributions to patient care, medical research, and healthcare innovation. Among the distinguished awardees was Dr. S P Vivek Chandra Rao, a veteran Pulmonologist and Occupational Health Specialist, with 45 years of dedicated service in the Birla Group's industrial health sector.

Occupational Health, also known as Industrial Medicine, is a crucial yet often overlooked specialty that focuses not only on preventing occupational diseases but also on promoting overall well-being among working populations. Dr. Vivek Chandra Rao, currently Vice President of Occupational Health at BirlaNu Ltd., emphasized that health education—especially around the prevention of lifestyle diseases—is vital to building a healthy and productive nation.

Following the event, Dr. Rao extended his heartfelt appreciation to Suman TV Chairman Sri Suman Garu, acknowledging the platform's vision in organizing an initiative of such scale. "Recognizing and honouring 500 medical professionals across Telangana is a truly noble initiative. A digital media organization with a daily viewership of 8 crores organizing such an impactful program speaks volumes about its commitment to social responsibility and its mission to highlight excellence in the medical field," he said.

Dr. Rao also appreciated the jury, advisers, event organizers, and on-ground teams for



orchestrating a seamless and memorable ceremony. "From the elegant ambience and professional anchoring to the thoughtful hospitality and multi-angle videography, every aspect of the event was meticulously executed. It made each awardee feel like a true celebrity," he shared.

He particularly noted the exceptional care provided by the Suman TV team—from the moment of arrival, through the registration and seating process, to lunch coordination and departure. "Each of us felt honored and respected," Dr. Rao added, calling it a moment that will be cherished for a lifetime by every recipient.

The event has set a new benchmark in recognizing the selfless service of medical professionals and has reinforced the importance of honoring those who work tirelessly behind the scenes to improve community health.





# F-35 in Kerala: Emergency Landing or Strategic Litmus Test?

India's radar caught it, social media roasted it, and global observers are watching it.

TPN | G Avinash

Hyderabad: When a UK Royal Navy F-35B Lightning II stealth fighter made an emergency landing at Thiruvananthapuram Airport on June 14, the official story was simple: low fuel. But as the aircraft sits grounded in India for over a week, that story is losing altitude. A routine emergency landing has snowballed into a diplomatic curiosity, a technological embarrassment, and possibly, a geopolitical litmus test.

The jet, part of the UK's HMS Prince of Wales Carrier Strike Group, was returning after joint exercises with the Indian Navy. While it reportedly ran critically low on fuel, India's Integrated Air Command and Control System (IACCS) tracked it in real-time—no small feat for a fifth-generation stealth aircraft. For a machine designed to evade detection, being spotted so precisely isn't just a technical miss—it's a symbolic one.

Accident or Angle? Stealth fighters like the F-35 are typically equipped with Luneburg lenses—radar reflectors added during peacetime to make them visible to civilian and friendly radar. But speculation is rife that the F-35B may have shed its Luneburg lens mid-air, either due to a malfunction or by design, allowing Indian systems to register the aircraft's true radar signature. Coincidence? Perhaps. But timing is everything.

Just days before, Donald Trump

reportedly met with Pakistan tently lengthens the aircraft's Army Chief Gen. Asim Munir, sparking chatter about U.S. interest in accessing Pakistani airspace for future operations possibly targeting Iran. India has stayed neutral in Middle East tensions, but with radar systems shining in recent operations like Operation Sindoor which took down over 600 drones in live conflict—India's defensive capabilities are under quiet scrutiny.

So, was the F-35's "low fuel" diversion a mere technical glitch? Or was it a subtle probe into how fast, how well, and how accurately India can detect and respond to stealth threats?

A Week and Counting: UK's High-Tech Hiccup The jet hasn't left. In fact, it

hasn't even moved. Despite immediate refueling,

the F-35B developed a major technical fault soon after landing. A Royal Navy helicopter later airlifted a British engineering team and a replacement pilot, but even after multiple attempts, the jet remained unresponsive to take-off commands. A 30-member British team is now en route to inspect the fighter, carrying spares and tools. They'll decide whether the aircraft should be moved to a hangar. Curiously, Air India had offered hangar space, but the Royal Navy declined—likely due to concerns about classified technology exposure. Western allies are understandably cautious, but this decision inadverstay on Indian soil, compounding its strategic and symbolic embarrassment.

Public Humour, Geopolitical Iro-

Back home, Indians are treating the incident with a blend of national pride and cheeky humour. Some users mock-listed the F-35 on OLX for ₹4 crore, while memes poke fun at the so-called "invincible" western stealth jet grounded and "overstaying" like old colonial times. What was once marketed as the crown jewel of NATO airpower is now a grounded bird in Kerala, caught by the very radars it was supposed to outsmart.

For the U.S., which sells it, and the UK, which uses it, this week-long pause on Indian soil is more than just a mechanical delay—it's a dented reputation. And for India, this has become an unexpected PR win for its homegrown surveillance and radar capabilities.

The Bigger Picture

While it's tempting to dismiss this as an isolated technical failure, the timing, detection, and aftermath raise bigger questions. In a region simmering with tension—from Iran-Israel dynamics to Indo-Pacific power shifts—the presence (and failure) of a top-tier stealth platform on Indian soil is anything but trivial.

If this was a test, India passed it. If it was an accident, it's a costly one. And if it was a geopolitical probe, it backfired.





# PM Modi Champions International Yoga Day Since Its Inception in 2015

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Since India proposed the idea in 2014, June 21 has been globally celebrated as International Yoga Day, a recognition of yoga's universal appeal and its power to unite people worldwide. The United Nations officially adopted this day on December 11, 2014, with resolution 69/131, following a proposal by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Yoga, derived from the Sanskrit word "yuj," meaning "to join" or "to yoke," is seen as a holistic practice promoting physical and mental wellbeing.

Prime Minister Modi has been at the forefront of these celebrations since the first International Yoga Day in 2015, leading the annual event and



inspiring millions. The inaugural event was held at Rajpath, New Delhi, where thousands gathered for a massive yoga demonstration dubbed "Yogpath." Modi emphasized yoga's role in fostering "Harmony and Peace," the slogan for that year.

In 2016, over 30,000 participants performed yoga in Chandigarh, with Modi highlighting yoga as an affordable health solution for countries with limited resources. The following years saw celebrations across India, including Lucknow in 2017 and Dehradun in 2018, where Modi praised yoga as a "powerful unifying force" spanning continents—from Dublin to Johannesburg.

The 2019 event in Ranchi drew thousands, continuing the momentum. However, the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020 forced a shift to virtual celebrations under the theme "Yoga at Home and Yoga with Family." Modi spoke about yoga's importance in boosting immunity and mental health during the crisis.

In 2021, Modi called yoga a "ray of hope" amid the pandemic and introduced the M-Yoga app in partnership with the WHO, making yoga accessible in multiple languages. Over the past decade, International Yoga Day has grown into a global phenomenon, with PM Modi's vision bringing millions closer to the ancient Indian practice that promotes wellbeing and unity across the world.

# Rajnath Singh: "New India Assertive, Resolute and Will No Longer Be Victim of Terrorism" TPN Correspondent | New Del-

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on June 20, 2025, addressed jawans at the Barakhana event held at the Army's Northern Command in Udhampur, highlighting India's strong stance against terrorism. Speaking on the eve of International Day of Yoga, he declared that Operation Sindoor symbolizes the emergence of a "New India" one that is assertive, resolute, and unwilling to remain a victim of terrorism.

Operation Sindoor, Mr. Singh explained, was much more

than a military mission; it served as a clear warning to terrorists across the border and those who support them. Praising the Armed Forces and intelligence agencies for their precision, coordination, and courage, he noted how the operation successfully dismantled terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. This shift in India's policy towards terrorism reflects the unmatched valour and dedication of its forces.

"The forces have hit the roots of terror with the operation is not yet over but currently on pause. Rajnath Singh warned that India will no longer tolerate acts that threaten its unity and integrity and will respond with strength and strategy.



The Defence Minister also highlighted the vital role of physical and mental fitness for soldiers, urging personnel to maintain their wellness. "If you are strong, our borders will be strong. When the borders are strong, India will be strong," he said, underlining the link between a soldier's strength and national se-

Chief of the Army Staff General Upendra Dwivedi and other senior officials were present at the event. Notably, on May 10, the Udgreat precision," he said, emphasizing that hampur base successfully intercepted and neutralised Pakistani drones, showcasing the army's robust air defence capabilities. Rajnath Singh concluded by reaffirming India's unwavering commitment to protecting the nation and ensuring peace through strength.

## 'Surrender Of Values': Sonia Gandhi Criticises India's Silence On Israel Offensive In Iran, Gaza

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Congress Parliamentary Party Chairperson Sonia Gandhi has strongly criticised the Indian government's silence on the escalating Iran-Israel conflict, calling it "not just a loss of its voice, but also a surrender of values." In an article titled "It is still not too late for India's voice to be heard" published in The Hindu, Gandhi condemned New Delhi's failure to take a clear stand amid rising violence in West Asia.

Gandhi described India's silence on the devastation in Gaza and the recent Israeli strikes against Iran as a "disturbing departure from our moral and diplomatic

traditions." She urged the government to "speak" ing." clearly, act responsibly, and use every diplomatic channel available to defuse tensions and promote dialogue." The Congress leader accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi's administration of abandoning India's long-standing commitment to a peaceful two-state solution, envisioning an independent Palestine alongside Israel.

She also criticised Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu for consistently "undermining peace and nurturing extremism," noting his preference for escalation over dialogue. Further, Gandhi condemned US President Donald Trump's "destructive path" in the region, especially his dismissal of intelligence assessments about Iran's nuclear ambitions as "deeply disappoint-



While the Congress party condemned the October 2023 Hamas attacks on Israel, Gandhi insisted India cannot remain silent over Israel's "catastrophic and disproportionate response," which risks deepening regional instability.

Highlighting India's historical ties with Iran, Gandhi noted Tehran's support on key issues like Jammu and Kashmir and called for India to use its unique position to act as a bridge for peace. She emphasised that with millions of Indians living in West Asia, peace in the region is vital to India's national interest. Gandhi's article appeals for urgent diplomatic efforts to prevent further escalation and promote stability.

## **Iran Opens Airspace for India; First Batch of Evacuated Students to Arrive in Delhi Tonight**

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Iran has temporarily opened its otherwise closed airspace exclusively for Indian evacuation flights amid escalating conflict in the region. As part of India's emergency evacuation operation named "Operation Sindhu," the first batch of around 1,000 Indian students stranded in conflict-hit Iranian cities is scheduled to land in Delhi tonight at 11:00 PM IST. Two more flights are planned for Saturday—one in the morning and another in the evening.

Iran's airspace has remained largely closed to international flights due to ongoing missile exchanges and drone attacks between Israeli and Iranian forces. However, India has been granted a special corridor to facilitate the safe evacuation of its nationals, especially students.

India launched Operation Sindhu in response to the escalating hostilities between Iran and Israel, which have endangered thousands of Indian nationals living in Iran. According to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), over 4,000 Indians reside in Iran, with half of them being students.

Earlier this week, 110 Indian students from Urmia Medical University in Iran's West Azerbaijan province—close to the Turkey border and a hotspot for recent missile activity were evacuated by road to Yerevan, Armenia. From there, they boarded a special flight that



landed in Delhi on June 19. The majority of these evacuees hail from Jammu and Kash-

The Indian government expressed gratitude to Iran and Armenia for facilitating safe passage and emphasized its highest priority on the safety and security of Indian nationals abroad.

The current conflict was triggered by Israel's "Operation Rising Lion" targeting Iran's nuclear infrastructure, provoking retaliatory missile and drone strikes by Tehran. Recent attacks have resulted in civilian casualties and significant military escalations, including Israeli airstrikes near Tehran and Iran's launch of hypersonic missiles against Israeli military targets.

India's swift evacuation efforts underscore its commitment to protecting its citizens amid growing tensions in the Persian Gulf region.

## **Indian Evacuees Chant** "Hindustan Zindabad" As 2nd **Batch Returns From Iran**

flight carrying the second Abatch of Indian evacuees from Iran landed at Delhi Airport late Friday night, greeted by chants of "Hindustan Zindabad" and "Modi Zindabad" as hundreds of returning students and citizens waved Indian flags with pride. The flight brought home 290 Indians, mostly medical students pursuing MBBS degrees at Iranian universities, with a large number hailing from Jammu and Kashmir.

The evacuees expressed deep gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra

Modi and the Indian government for their swift efforts in orchestrating the evacuation under 'Operation Sindhu.' One emotional evacuee tearfully told reporters, "If there is anything that can be called a solace in life, it is in India." Others confirmed a relatively smooth journey despite the tense environment back in Tehran, where they had endured the sounds of nearby bombings.

This operation gained momentum after Iran lifted airspace restrictions for India, enabling Iranian airline Mahan to operate the flights. The first batch of 110 students had already returned on Thursday night after traveling via Armenia and Doha. A third flight from Turkmenistan's capital, Ashgabat, is expected to arrive in Delhi shortly.



According to the Iranian embassy's deputy chief of mission, Mohammad Javad Hosseini, approximately 10,000 Indians reside in Iran, many stranded due to the ongoing conflict. India's evacuation efforts intensified following the outbreak of an air war between Iran and Israel on June 13, triggered by Israeli attacks aimed at curbing Iran's alleged nuclear ambitions—a claim Tehran denies.

With regional tensions escalating, Operation Sindhu highlights India's commitment to safeguarding its citizens abroad. The successful evacuation underscores coordinated diplomatic efforts amid a complex geopolitical crisis, ensuring the safe return of vulnerable students and pilgrims caught in the crossfire.

# **GLOBAL**

## "Won't Get Nobel Prize For **Stopping India-Pak War":** Trump Claims Credit Again



#### TPN Correspondent | Washington

US President Donald Trump has once again asserted that he was responsible for halting a potential war between India and Pakistan, saying he won't be recognised with a Nobel Peace Prize for his role in averting the crisis.

Speaking on his platform, Truth Social, Trump listed several global conflicts where he claimed to have made key peace interventions — including Serbia-Kosovo, Egypt-Ethiopia, the Abraham Accords, and most recently, tensions between the Democratic Republic of Congo and Rwanda. "No matter what I do... I won't get a Nobel Peace Prize. But the people know, and that's all that matters to me," he posted.

India, however, has strongly refuted any US mediation in the ceasefire that followed the Pahalgam terror attack and India's launch of Operation Sindoor. Indian officials have consistently stated that the de-escalation came through direct military channels, without

any foreign intervention.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi reportedly reiterated this position during a recent phone call with Trump, clarifying that no trade or peace-brokering efforts were discussed.

Despite this, Trump maintained he was instrumental in preventing conflict. "I stopped the war between India and Pakistan. Modi is fantastic, and Pakistan's military leadership played a role too. They're nuclear countries, and I got it stopped," he said earlier this week.

Pakistan has since announced plans to formally recommend Trump for the 2026 Nobel Peace Prize, crediting his "decisive diplomatic intervention."

This latest statement adds to a string of Trump's self-congratulatory claims on foreign policy achievements, many of which remain unacknowledged by the countries involved or the international community.

# **New Zealand PM Christopher Luxon Emphasizes Trade Amidst Geopolitical Challenges**

In Meeting with China's Xi Jinping

TPN Correspondent Iran

New Zealand Prime Minister Christopher Luxon underscored the importance of maintaining strong trade relations with China during his meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping on June 20, 2025, in Beijing. This marks Luxon's first visit to China since taking office in late 2023.

Following two days of discussions with officials and business leaders in Shanghai, Luxon traveled to Beijing to further engage with Chinese leadership. De-

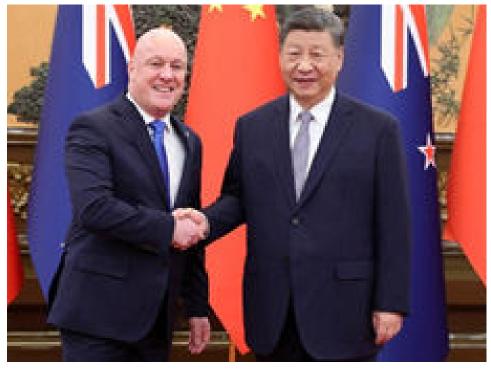
spite ongoing differences over regional security issues and China's increasingly tense relations with the United States, Luxon stressed the value of the economic ties between the two countries.

"Our trade and economic links are complementary and contribute to prosperity in both countries," Luxon said in a statement after the meeting. China remains a crucial market for New Zealand exports, accounting for over 20% of its goods and services trade.

The Prime Minister also highlighted the importance of reducing tensions in the Indo-Pacific region, emphasizing China's potential role in addressing global challenges such as the war in Ukraine. "In a complex world, open dialogue is more important than ever," he added in a post on X, signaling a willingness to engage despite geopolitical headwinds.

Luxon's visit comes shortly after New Zealand suspended millions of dollars in aid to the Cook Islands over concerns regarding the Pacific nation's expanding ties with China, reflecting Wellington's cautious approach amid growing regional competition for influence.

The meeting between Luxon and Xi signals New Zealand's effort to balance its economic interests with China while navigating the broader security dynamics shaped by the US-China rivalry. As tensions rise globally, New Zealand appears determined to keep its trade channels open and productive, advocating diplomacy and dialogue in an increasingly complex geopolitical landscape.



# "Woman Is Like A Flower": **Iran Supreme Leader's Old Posts Are Viral** TPN Correspondent | Iran

Amid the ongoing Israel-Iran tensions, social media users have unearthed a series of surprising and unusual posts by Iran's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, dating back over a decade. These posts reveal a much different side of the 86-year-old cleric—showing his reflections on women's

rights, appreciation for poetry, support for the Black Lives Matter movement, and even his childhood memories.

In several posts, Khamenei advocates for women's emotional well-being and offers advice on love, which contrasts sharply with the harsh image often associated with him. One notable tweet stated, "Man has a responsibility to understand #woman's needs and feelings and must not be neglectful toward her #emotional state." This prompted social media reactions, with some users apologizing for having judged him harshly. One user remarked humorously, "Born to be a lover, forced to be the supreme leader."

In a rare glimpse into his childhood, Khamenei described his awkward school days: "I went 2school w/a cloak since 1st days; it was uncomfortable 2wear it in front of other kids, but I tried 2make up 4 it by being naughty & playful." This candid admission surprised many followers and humanized the leader in unexpected

Additionally, Khamenei shared his insights after reading Glimpses of World History by India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, admitting, "Before studying the book, I didn't know #India before colonization had undergone so many important #advances." This post reflects his interest in global history and a nuanced understanding of India's past.

These unusual posts have sparked fresh debates on social media, revealing a side of Ayatollah Khamenei rarely seen in the media narrative one that mixes intellectual curiosity, empathy, and personal reflections.

## Indian, US, and Chinese Deposits in Swiss Banks Decline Over Past Decade

 $\mathbf{D}^{\text{eposits}}$  by Indian nationals in Swiss banks have decreased by nearly 18% over the last ten years, according to data released by the Swiss National Bank (SNB). Indian deposits fell from about 425 million Swiss francs in 2015 to 346 million Swiss francs in 2024. Although deposits peaked at a 10-year high of around 602 million Swiss francs during the COVID-19 pandemic, they began declining afterward. In 2023, deposits stood at 309 million Swiss francs before rising slightly to 346 million Swiss francs in 2024.

This downward trend is not unique to India. Many other major economies have also recorded significant reductions in Swiss bank deposits. For example, deposits by UK nation-



Swiss francs in 2015 to 31 billion Swiss francs in 2024. Chinese deposits dropped from 5.01 billion to 4.3 billion Swiss francs during the same period.

Neighboring countries Pakistan and Bangladesh experi-

als declined from 44 billion enced even sharper declines. Pakistani nationals' deposits fell dramatically from 947 million Swiss francs in 2015 to 241 million Swiss francs in 2024 — a drop of nearly 75%. Bangladeshi deposits decreased by over 73%, from 48 million Swiss francs to just 12.6 mil-

lion Swiss francs.

Saudi Arabian deposits nearly halved over the decade, falling from 8.3 billion to 4.8 billion Swiss francs. The steepest decline was seen among American nationals, whose deposits plunged from 64.2 billion Swiss francs in 2015 to 24.4 billion in 2024 — a 62% drop.

The data reflects a broader global trend of declining foreign deposits in Swiss banks, likely driven by tighter regulations, enhanced financial transparency, and changing international norms. The pandemic caused a temporary surge in deposits, but the overall movement points toward reduced reliance on Swiss banking for foreign nationals, including Indians.

# "Yoga's Popularity Rising Across UK": King Charles On International Yoga Day TPN Correspondent | London The celebration was held in partnership

Hundreds gathered at the iconic Strand Square in London to celebrate the 10th International Day of Yoga (IDY), organized by the High Commission of India. The event, held on a bright Friday evening, featured expert-led yoga asanas and breathing exercises, marking a decade since the United Nations adopted the Yoga Day resolution initiated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2014.

Indian High Commissioner to the UK, Vikram Doraiswami, officially opened the event by reading a special message from King Charles III. The 76-year-old monarch, an advocate of yoga, emphasized the significance of this annual celebration in promoting "unity, compassion, and wellbeing" globally. The theme for 2025, Yoga for One Earth, One Health, highlights the urgent need for collective action to secure a healthy future for generations to come.



King Charles praised yoga's growing popularity across the UK, noting its benefits in improving physical and mental health while fostering community spirit. Doraiswami echoed this sentiment, highlighting yoga's universal appeal as a language of healing that transcends cultural and geographical boundaries.

with King's College London, whose campus neighbors India House. Graham Lord, Senior Vice-President for Health and Life Sciences at King's College, expressed pride in the collaboration and the strengthening ties between the UK and India, particularly following their recent Free Trade Agreement.

The event opened with a vibrant 'Drums of India' performance by Bhavan UK, followed by Surya Namaskar and an introduction to Iyengar Yoga. Experts from Heartfulness UK, Art of Living, and Isha Foundation guided participants through mindful breathing techniques. The evening concluded with a captivating 'Samagam'—a fusion of yoga and dance celebrating harmony and wellness.

International Day of Yoga is celebrated worldwide every June 21, with the Indian High Commission in London hosting one of the most prominent public events in



# **ECONOMY**

## **PORTFOLIO**

# **Accretion Pharmaceuticals: A Promising SME** Pharma Bet with Rerating Potential

This week we are discussing ACCRETIONAL ■ PHARMACEUTICALS which is an SME group company with a tradable lot of 1200. Many investors stay away from SME Group because of high investment required compared to the Main Board where the lot is just one share and the amount to be invested is well within the reach of small investors. The SME Group has also its share of problems or drawbacks. Transparency is very poor and coverage of analysts is rare. There is also laxity on the part of watch-dogs which has given room for many unscrupulous elements to misuse the SME Platform to get away with hefty premiums in case of initial public offerings. But in spite of all the drawbacks, investment in SME Group of shares holds great potential in view of the scope for hefty profits. The following aspects have to be scrupulously observed before buying any share from the SME Group.

- a) The Company should have its own Factory.
- b) At least 25% of the assets ( assets side of the Now back to the Company namely ACCRETION Balance Sheet) should be invested in Factory, Plant and Machinery.
- c) There should not be any fictitious assets on **DETAILS OF PUBLIC ISSUE**: the assets side of the Balance Sheet. Sometimes the companies divert the
  - precious money of investors into group firms c)Size of IPO Rs.30 Crores. in the guise of Other Current Assets. This is a d)Activity - Pharma blatant misuse of shareholders' money.



## **EMPOWERING HEALTHCARE**

d) Compare the Balance Sheets of before IPO BASIC DATA: and after IPO to confirm that IPO funds stood invested in the Company and not diverted. e) Prefer companies which invest a major por-

tion of IPO funds in CAPEX.

a)Date of IPO 14-05-25 b)IPO Price Rs.101

PHARMACEUTICALS.

Face Value Rs.10 Capital Rs.11.12 Crores Market CAP - Rs.80 Crores. 52 Week High - Rs.82..95 Price as on 20-06-25 - Rs.72.15

#### LATEST FINANCIAL RESULTS:

Now this is the most interesting part of analysis. The Company declared financial results for the year ended 31-03-2025 on 11-06-25.A comparison between the performance of 2025 compared to 2024.

2025 Growth (Rupees in Crores) 13.35 57.37 329% Net Profit 4.00 6.79 70% 6.10

But this comparison is between two years which are both dated prior to IPO. A real and meaningful comparison can be had after September, 2026 when company will be declaring its half-yearly performance. Performance for 30-09-2026 will be definitely better as the Company will reap the fruits of expansion by that time. Out of IPO funds, Rs.2.70 Crores were ear-

for purchase of machinery and Rs.4.66 were earmarked for upgradation of existing manufacturing facility.

Now the Company is available at a PE of just 12. In view of improved results, the company meits rerating. At a multiple of 20, the company is worth Rs.120. The IPO price itself is 101. Come out at Rs.100. We can have a fresh look at the Company after next half yearly perfor-

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# Sitharaman Calls for **Faster Investigations** and Streamlined **GST** Registration



Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday emphasised the urgent need for speeding up investigations, curbing tax evasion, and making the Goods and Services Tax (GST) registration process easier and more transparent for taxpayers. Speaking at a conclave with senior field officers from Customs, GST, and the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), she called for zone-specific action plans to enhance various aspects such as GST registration, refund processing, and addressing taxpayer grievances.

The meeting focused on tackling widespread GST evasion and bridging the gap between detection and recovery during investigations. Sitharaman stressed adopting more technology-driven, risk-based compliance measures to improve enforcement By focusing on technological and transparency.

Officials highlighted that GST audit coverage increased significantly to 88.74% in the financial year 2024-25, reflecting greater scrutiny of tax filings. The detected GST evasion for FY25 stood at Rs 2.23 lakh crore, while voluntary payments amounted to Rs 28,909 crore, indicating improved compliance efforts.

The Finance Minister urged officers to prioritise faster closure of investigations to avoid prolonged delays and ensure timely resolution. She also emphasised strengthening the GST registration process to make it seamless and hassle-free for taxpayers, reducing bureaucratic hurdles and increasing transparency.

Furthermore, the conclave underscored the importance of efficiently processing refunds and effectively handling grievances to improve taxpayer satisfaction. Sitharaman's call for zone-specific action plans aims to address regional challenges uniquely and enhance the overall functioning of GST administration.

innovation, risk-based assessments, and proactive enforcement, the government seeks to curb tax evasion and improve compliance while making the tax system more user-friendly. The conclave reflects the administration's commitment to strengthening the GST framework and supporting ease of doing business in India.

# Steel Sector Hit Hard by Abrupt Quality **Compliance Deadline**

The steel industry is bracing for significant challenges following a sudden notification by the Ministry of Steel that extends quality certification requirements to the inputs used in steel production, including imported raw materials. Released on June 13, 2025, the notification mandates compliance with the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) for all steel inputs, effective immediately for imports with a bill of lading dated June 16 or later—leaving industry players less than one business day to adjust.

This extension of the Quality Control Order (QCO) means not only finished steel products but also the raw materials and semi-finished goods entering India must meet stringent quality standards. For example, steel slabs supplied by a Malaysian firm to a Vietnamese company, which processes them into sheets and exports to India, must now ensure BIS certification at every stage.

Industry leaders warn this will severely disrupt the supply chain and escalate costs, particularly impacting Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MS-MEs). Pankaj N. Umrania, Executive Director at KND Steel, highlighted the difficulties importers will face, noting the

increased compliance burden and poten- The key concern is the extremely short tial production delays. "Manufacturers" notice. With the order dated June 13 and will struggle to import now, production will be hampered, customers affected, and delays inevitable," he said. He added that the absence of government support

Pankaj Chaddha, Chairman of the Engineering Exports Promotion Council of India, emphasized that MSME importers dealing in semi-finished goods would bear the brunt of this sudden change.

and the need to navigate complex paper-

work will further strain businesses.

effective for shipments from June 16, importers were given no working days to ensure compliance. Ajay Srivastava, former Director General of Foreign Trade, called the timeline "unrealistic," stating that even a month's notice would have been insufficient due to the long lead times typical in the steel industry.

Industry experts urge the government to reconsider the timeline to avoid severe disruption across the steel manufacturing ecosystem.

# **Net Direct Tax Collection Declines 1.39%** to ₹4.59 Lakh Crore in April-June

 $\mathbf{N}^{ ext{et}}$  direct tax collections for the April-June period of the current fiscal stood at ₹4.59 lakh crore, marking a 1.39% decline compared to the same period last year, government data released on June 21, 2025, revealed. The slowdown is mainly attributed to sluggish advance tax collections and a dip in corporate tax revenues.

Advance tax collection for April 1 to June 19, 2025, grew marginally by 3.87% to ₹1.56 lakh crore, a significant slowdown from the robust 27% growth recorded in the same period last year. Corporate tax collections fell over 5% year-on-year, amounting to about ₹1.73 lakh crore during this period.

On the other hand, non-corporate tax collections, primarily comprising personal income tax, showed a slight increase of 0.7%, reaching ₹2.73 lakh crore. Securities Transaction Tax (STT) also saw a healthy 12% rise, totaling ₹13,013 crore.



The overall gross direct tax collection for the fiscal so far stood at ₹5.45 lakh crore, reflecting a growth of 4.86% compared to last year. However, the increase in refund issuances, which surged 58% to ₹86,385 crore, affected the net collections.

Breaking down advance tax figures further, corporate tax advance collections grew by 5.86% to ₹1.22 lakh crore, while

non-corporate advance tax dropped 2.68% to ₹33,928 crore. The total advance tax collected across sectors stood at ₹1.55 lakh crore during April to June 19.

This mixed performance highlights challenges in maintaining steady growth in direct tax revenues, amid evolving economic conditions and taxpayer behavior.



# **OFF BEAT**

# Will Al Lead to Humanity's **Decline? Indian-Origin Expert Issues Stark Warning**

As artificial intelligence rapidly integrates into everyday life, concerns about its long-term impact on humanity are mounting. Indian-origin computer science professor Subhash Kak, based at Oklahoma State University, has issued a dire warning about the future, predicting that AI could eventually "replace everything" — from jobs to decision-making roles potentially leading to societal collapse.

In an interview with The

Sun, Professor Kak predicted a dystopian future where AI renders much of human labor obsolete. He warned that as machines become capable of doing nearly everything humans currently do, birth rates could plummet. "Raising children will seem impractical in a world where jobs are scarce," he said. If current trends continue, Kak forecasts that by the year 2300 or 2380, the global population could shrink to just 100 million — down from today's 8 billion — turning once-bustling cities like London and New York into ghost

Kak emphasized that while AI will not become conscious, it will still be able to perform most tasks currently done by humans, including complex office work and decision-making. This transformation, he believes, will be socially devastating and could lead to widespread unemployment and a sense of purposelessness.



This projection aligns with earlier warnings from tech figures like Elon Musk, who has expressed concern over declining birth rates and humanity's reliance on AI. Musk has even suggested that establishing colonies beyond Earth could serve as a safeguard against global catastrophe.

Professor Kak's conclusions draw from his recent book The Age of Artificial Intelligence, in which he analyzes how emerging AI tools are already reshaping industries and personal lives. While some, like Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the recent AI Action Summit in Paris, remain optimistic — arguing that technology creates new jobs even as it eliminates old ones — Kak's perspective offers a sobering counterpoint.

As the world grapples with AI's rise, voices like Kak's raise critical questions about whether society is prepared for the profound changes ahead.

## Chinese Paraglider's 8,000-Meter **Ascent Video Likely AI-Generated: Investigation Reveals**

Aviral video that claimed to show a Chinese paraglider accidentally soaring to over 8,000 meters has come under scrutiny, with evidence now suggesting the footage was at least partially generated using artificial intelligence. The incident, initially believed to be an extraordinary real-life survival story, is now being questioned after digital forensics indicated synthetic manipulation.

The video in question features Peng Yujiang, a

55-year-old paraglider, allegedly being lifted from 3,000 to nearly 8,000 meters due to unusual wind conditions. According to initial reports, Peng braved freezing temperatures of -40°C and dangerously low oxygen levels, fighting off hypoxia and frostbite to land safely. The remarkable feat quickly captured global attention, with many applauding his resilience and composure under extreme circumstances.

However, a deeper investigation by NBC News and AI-verification firm GetReal Labs revealed inconsistencies. A version of the video uploaded to Facebook on May 25 contained a watermark from Doubao AI — a content generation tool owned by ByteDance — raising suspicions about its authenticity. The first five seconds of the video, showing Peng gliding at high altitude with his legs dangling, were identified as likely AI-generated.

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synthetic," said GetReal Labs, noting that the first few seconds differed significantly in quality and content from the rest of the footage. While the authenticity of the remaining por-

tion of the video is still unclear, several news agencies have taken action. Reuters, which had distributed the clip without the AI watermark, has since removed it. Other outlets followed suit, with some stating they are working to eliminate the footage from circulation due to AI

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## **PhD Required for Canteen Manager Job** at Top Chinese University Sparks Debate

Aleading Chinese has stirred online buzz after listing a job opening for a canteen office manager — with an unusual requireapplicants must hold a PhD.

Southeast University, a top-tier institution based in Nanjing, Jiangsu province, posted the vacancy on its official website on

May 22. While the position itself seems typical — managing food services, overseeing contractors, ensuring food safety, and handling administrative duties — the qualifications listed go far beyond expectations for such a role.

Applicants are required to possess a doctoral degree, be proficient in English and office software, and ideally have relevant experience. Preference will also be given to candidates who are members of the Communist Party of China.

This hiring choice has spotlighted a growing issue in China's job market — credential inflation. In recent years, job postings across



the country increasingly demand higher academic qualifications for positions that previously required only undergraduate degrees. What was once a bachelor-level job now often requires a master's or even a

Southeast University is part of China's elite "985" and "211" projects — a group of the nation's top 39 universities, which includes institutions like Tsinghua and Peking. These universities are seen as breeding grounds for China's academic elite and offer prestigious, secure career paths often referred to as the "golden rice bowl."

A study in Humanities and Social Sciences Communications noted that Chinese universities have raised the bar for new faculty hires, demanding more advanced degrees and academic achievements. Similarly, research in Nature highlighted a marked rise in educaqualifications, especially at elite institutions.

This surge in overqualified candidates is a symptom of a larger

issue: China produces millions of graduates annually, but the job market is failing to create enough high-skilled roles to accommodate them. As a result, many postgraduates are settling for positions well below their qualifications, leading to underemployment.

A BBC report described the resulting tension — young professionals stuck in a market mismatch, chasing job security in an economy that doesn't match their academic investment.

This PhD-for-canteen-manager requirement may be extreme, but it reflects a larger trend reshaping China's workforce.

# **Tinder's New Height Preference Filter** Sparks Controversy Among Users Tinder is testing a new feature that's Causing quite a stir—a height pref-

erence filter that allows users to set their desired height range for potential matches. While still in the testing phase, the feature is being rolled out to a limited group of Tinder Gold and Platinum subscribers, according to a report by TechCrunch.

user, who found the height option under the app's Discovery Settings. While the concept seems simple, it's already sparked debate across social media about the implications of filtering matches based on physical traits — particularly height.

Tinder's Vice President of Communications, Phil Price Fry, addressed the move, saying it was part of the app's broader goal to help users "connect more intentionally." He emphasized that the feature isn't designed to work as a "hard filter," meaning it won't completely exclude users outside of a person's set preference. Instead, it's intended to help surface matches that align more closely with a user's interests.

"We're always listening to what matters most to our Tinder users," Fry said. "Testing the paid height preference is a great example of how we're building with urgency, clarity, and focus."



The update was first spotted by a Reddit Despite Tinder's reassurances, the feature has received mixed reactions online. Critics argue that it encourages superficiality and could reinforce unrealistic dating standards, particularly for men, who often face pressure over their height in online dating scenarios. Others defend the update, saying preferences are a natural part of dating and that similar filters for age, distance, and lifestyle habits already exist.

> "This is part of a broader effort to enhance intentional dating," Fry added. "Not every test becomes a permanent feature, but each one teaches us how to deliver smarter, more personalized experiences."

> Tinder has not confirmed whether the height preference setting will roll out globally or remain exclusive to premium users. For now, the test reflects the app's ongoing effort to evolve based on user feedback even if that means courting a little controversy along the way.



# Neeraj Chopra Clinches Paris Diamond League Title, Beats Weber in High-Profile Javelin Clash three fouls and a final throw of only to Weber's 91.06m.

Tndia's Olympic champion Neer-**L**aj Chopra returned to winning ways in spectacular fashion, claiming his first Diamond League title in two years with a throw of 88.16 metres in Paris on Friday night. Facing a formidable lineup that included five athletes from the elite 90m club, Chopra's opening round effort proved enough to secure the top podium spot ahead of Germany's Julian Weber.

Weber, Chopra's long-time rival, finished second with a best of 87.88m, while Brazil's Luiz Mauricio da Silva secured third with 86.62m. Chopra's second attempt measured 85.10m, followed by 82.89m.

"I'm happy with the result and first position," said Chopra after the event. "My run-up was really fast today. I couldn't control my speed perfectly, but the throw was strong."

This victory marks Chopra's first Paris Diamond League title and his first win in the series since Lausanne in June 2023, where he registered 87.66m. In the six Diamond League meetings following that, he consistently finished second, including at the Doha leg earlier this year where he threw a personal best of 90.23m—falling short

Chopra, who began the 2025 season with a win at a minor meet in Potchefstroom, South Africa, said his focus now is on recovery and preparation for upcoming events including the Ostrava Golden Spike on June 24 and the inaugural Neeraj Chopra Classic in Bengaluru on

Looking ahead to the World Championships later this year, Chopra remains optimistic: "I believe I can throw 90m again. It depends on the weather, the body, and the conditions—but I feel a big throw is coming this season."



# **Belaili Strikes** as Esperance Stuns LAFC 1-0 in Club World **Cup Clash**



Youcef Belaili's 70th-minute strike proved decisive as Esperance de Tunis edged past Los Angeles FC 1-0 in a hard-fought Group D encounter at the 2025 FIFA Club World Cup on Friday night in Nashville.

The match, held at a steamy GEODIS Park in front of 13,651 fans—including celebrities Nicole Kidman and Keith Urban—was packed with tension and end-to-end action. But it was Belaili who broke the deadlock with a moment of brilliance. Cutting in from the left, the Algerian winger fired a precise right-footed shot that slipped between LAFC goalkeeper Hugo Lloris' legs and nestled in the bottom left corner.

Despite LAFC's efforts to equalize, including a dramatic penalty in the 99th minute taken by Dénis Bouanga, Esperance goalkeeper Béchir Ben Saïd delivered a match-winning save to preserve the clean sheet and secure three vital points for the Tunisian side.

The loss knocks LAFC out of the tournament, having failed to score in both of its matches. To add to their frustrations, LAFC had two goals ruled out for offsides in the first half. Head coach Steve Cherundolo admitted his side didn't do enough: "Overall, I didn't think we played well enough tonight to win."

For Esperance, the win keeps their hopes alive as they prepare to face Chelsea in their final group match on Tuesday. A second-place finish and a spot in the round of 16 is still within reach.

Coach Maher Kanzari was optimistic about his team's performance and future: "Gave us the feeling that we can keep playing."

With renewed confidence and momentum, Esperance will now look to carry this form into their crucial next fixture.

# Pope Nears Century As England Tighten Grip On Day 2

## India collapses from 430/3 to 471 all out

Test at Headingley, closing in helpful overhead conditions. on a century as India's bowl-England, two down, mountfirst-innings total of 471, ending their favour.

Pope, batting confidently alongcontinued England's fightback turning point. after the dismissal of Ben Duckett, who departed following a crucial 122-run partnership notched up a fluent half-century, bringing up the milestone with a boundary off Ravindra for a big one as the Indian bowl-

Ollie Pope stood tall for Ening attack struggled to make gland on Day 2 of the first inroads under fading light and Earlier in the day, it was India

ers failed to mount consistent who began on a high note. Repressure in the final session. suming at 359 for 3, they looked poised to post a massive total. ed a steady response to India's Shubman Gill continued his fine form, reaching 147 off 227 the day with control firmly in balls (19 fours, 1 six), before falling to Shoaib Bashir, mistiming a slog-sweep to deep square leg. side former captain Joe Root, That dismissal proved to be the

Karun Nair fell cheaply soon out. after, caught by Ollie Pope off Ben Stokes for a four-ball duck. with the vice-captain. Duckett Rishabh Pant, who had already completed a scintillating century, was trapped LBW by Josh Tongue for 134, opening the Jadeja in the 22nd over. Pope floodgates. Stokes and Tongue had brought up his own fifty dismantled the Indian lower right after Tea and looked set order, sharing eight wickets



Despite the momentum shift, India's bowlers failed to capitalize. Jasprit Bumrah got Zak Crawley early with a brilliant delivery, but Duckett and Pope counter-attacked effectively. Missed chances in the slip cordon — one by Jaiswal and another by Jadeja — proved costly. between them and triggering As the day wound down, Pope

a collapse from 430/3 to 471 all remained unbeaten in the 90s, with England reducing the first-innings deficit steadily. Root provided solid support, and the hosts now look well-positioned to take command of the match heading into Day 3. Rain briefly interrupted the second session, but England remained firmly on top, making full use of India's missed opportunities and indisciplined bowling.

## Olise Strike Sends Bayern Munich Into Club World **Cup Knockouts with 2-1 Win Over Boca Juniors**

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The match at Hard Rock Stadium saw Bayern open the scoring in the 18th minute through star striker Harry Kane, who clinically slotted home after a well-worked team move. Despite dominating large spells of the game and creating multiple scoring chances, Bayern were made to work for the win.

Boca Juniors equalized in the 66th minute with a brilliant solo



effort from Miguel Merentiel, who cut through the Bayern defense and finished with composure. For a while, it looked like the Argentine side might steal a crucial point, but Bayern's quality eventually prevailed.

The decisive moment came in the 84th minute when Michael Olise latched onto a smart layoff from Kane inside the box. The forward curled a low, first-time shot into the bottom corner to restore Bayern's lead and secure all

three points.

"We knew it wasn't going to be easy, especially in tough conditions and a competitive atmosphere," Kane said after the win. "But this is a massive tournament with the best clubs in the world, and we believe we can compete with anyone."

With Bayern sitting comfortably atop Group C, they now have the option to rotate their squad for their final group match against Benfica on Tuesday. Boca, meanwhile, must beat Auckland City and hope Bayern defeat Benfica to have a chance of progressing.

Bayern's victory underlines their status as one of the tournament favorites as the knockout stage approaches.

## Tendulkar-Ganguly Banter Lights Up Social Media After **India's Strong Start at Leeds**

ricketing legends Sachin Tendulkar and Sourav Ganguly sparked a wave of nostalgia on social media on Friday, revisiting memories of their iconic partnership at Leeds in 2002, following India's dominant start against England in the first Test of the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy.

India finished Day 1 at a commanding 359/3, thanks to stellar performances from the young brigade. Yashasvi Jaiswal struck a fluent 101, while Shubman Gill remained unbeaten on 127. Rishabh Pant added to England's woes with a brisk 65\*, helping the visitors end the day firmly in control despite missing senior stars like Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli.

The dominant batting display immediately reminded fans of India's famous 2002 Test at Headingley, where Tendulkar and Gan-



guly shared a mammoth 249-run stand for the fourth wicket. In that match, Tendulkar scored a masterful 193 off 303 balls, Ganguly added 128, and Rahul Dravid had earlier laid the foundation with a solid 148. Sanjay Bangar also chipped in with a gritty 68 at the top. Reacting to a nostalgic post on X (formerly Twitter) recalling the 2002 feat and drawing parallels with the present-day performance, Tendulkar replied with a fingers-crossed emoji, adding a subtle touch of humor and hope. Ganguly quickly jumped into the conversation, triggering lighthearted banter between the two former captains, much to the delight of their fans.

The exchange between two of India's greatest batters was a highlight on social media, celebrating both the past and the present. As the young Indian team shows promise on English soil once again, the echoes of 2002 continue to inspire.

With four days of cricket still to go, fans will be hoping the current lineup can replicate the heroics of their legendary predecessors.

## **SCREEN**

# Vijay Deverakonda's 'Kingdom' Gears Up for Release Date Announcement

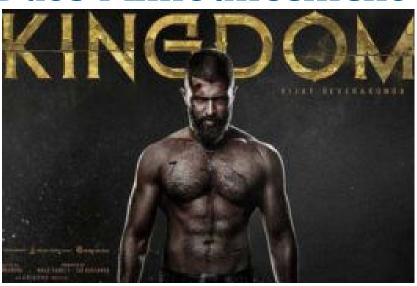
The wait is almost over for fans of Vijay Deverakonda, as industry insiders reveal that the highly anticipated release date of his upcoming film Kingdom is expected to be officially announced next week.

Directed by acclaimed filmmaker Gowtam Tinnanuri, Kingdom has already generated significant buzz due to its grand scale and action-packed premise. With Deverakonda in the lead and Bhagyashree Borse playing the female protagonist, the

film is touted to be a powerful blend of drama, action, and high emotional stakes.

The makers have been strategically planning their release schedule. With the team of Hari Hara Veera Mallu, starring Pawan Kalyan, confirming a July 24 release, the Kingdom team is expected to follow suit with a carefully timed announcement to avoid direct box office clashes while maximizing excitement.

Produced by Naga Vamsi, Kingdom has remained tightly under wraps, adding to the intrigue among fans and film circles. Promotional material, including teaser posters and potential glimpses from the film, are also rumored to drop soon after the release date is



made public.

Vijay Deverakonda, known for his intense performances and pan-India appeal, has a dedicated fanbase eagerly waiting for his next bigscreen appearance. With Gowtam Tinnanuri, the director of Jersey, at the helm, expectations are high that Kingdom will deliver both commercial entertainment and storytelling depth.

As the official announcement draws near, fans can expect a surge in promotions, social media chatter, and early insights into what promises to be one of the major releases of the year. All eyes are now on the upcoming week as Kingdom prepares to take center stage in the South Indian film calendar.

# Pawan Kalyan's 'Hari Hara Veera Mallu' Locks Release Date for July 24, 2025

 $T^{\text{he wait is finally over}}$  for fans of Tollywood superstar Pawan Kalyan. The much-anticipated pan-India period action drama Hari Hara Veera Mallu is officially slated to hit cinemas worldwide on July 24, 2025. The makers confirmed the release date today, bringing a wave of excitement across the Telugu film industry and beyond.

Directed jointly by Krish Jagarlamudi and AM Jyothi Krishna, this epic action saga has been in production for nearly four years. The film promises to showcase Pawan Kalyan in a never-before-seen avatar as a valiant Robin Hoodlike figure set against the grand backdrop of

screen presence and powerful performances, Pawan's return in a full-fledged historical action role has set massive expectations.

Adding to the star power is Bollywood actor Bob-



antagonist. The film also features actress Nidhhi Agerwal as the female lead, with a strong supporting cast. Produced by A Dayakar Rao and presented by veteran filmmaker AM Rathnam, Hari Hara Veera Mallu is a big-budget multilingual release aimed at audiences across India.

The film's musical score is composed by the Oscar-winning maestro MM Keeravani, further raising anticipation for the soundtrack and overall cinematic experience. The visuals, sets, and action choreography are expected to be on a grand scale, befitting the historical setting.

With its high production

Mughal-era India. Known for his charismatic value, star-studded cast, and a story rooted in history and heroism, Hari Hara Veera Mallu is shaping up to be one of the biggest releases of 2025. As the countdown begins, fans are eagerly awaiting trailers and songs in the weeks to

## Aamir Khan's 'Sitaare Zameen **Par' Stuns With Strong Day 1 Box** Office Collection

 $B^{\text{ollywood icon Aamir Khan}}_{\text{has made a powerful return}}$ to the silver screen with Sitaare Zameen Par, which hit cinemas worldwide on June 20, 2025. Touted as a spiritual successor to his 2007 classic Taare Zameen Par, the film opened to an impressive response, collecting ₹11.78 crore on its first day at the domestic box

The opening day figure has pleasantly surprised trade analysts, especially given the film's niche storyline centered on a sports

drama involving children with intellectual challenges. Industry insiders attribute the strong opening to Aamir Khan's intensive pre-release promotional campaign, which successfully drew attention to the film's emotional core and inspirational narrative.

Directed by RS Prasanna, Sitaare Zameen Par is the official Hindi remake of the critically acclaimed Spanish film Champions. It tells the heartwarming story of a basketball coach, played by Aamir, who takes on the challenge of mentoring a group of underprivileged children with intellectual disabilities. Despite initial resistance and obstacles, the team goes on to defy odds and compete in a national-level basketball championship.



Genelia Deshmukh stars opposite Aamir Khan, playing a pivotal role that supports the film's central message of inclusion, resilience, and empathy. The chemistry between the lead pair and the performances by the young cast have been praised in early audience reviews.

With such a promising start, Sitaare Zameen Par now heads into the weekend with positive word-of-mouth and growing momentum. Given Aamir Khan's track record of choosing meaningful and socially relevant cinema, expectations are high for the film to perform steadily in the coming days and possibly join the league of 2025's most successful films.

# Lavanya Tripathi's Comeback: First **Look of 'Sathi Leelavathi' Released**

Mega daughter-in-law Lavanya Tripathi is all set to make a grand return to the silver screen after a year-long break following her marriage to Varun Tej in 2023. The talented actress, who took some time off from films to focus on her personal life, is now ready to re-establish herself with her upcoming film Sathi Leelavathi. The makers recently unveiled the first look of the movie, giving fans a glimpse of Lavanya's intense avatar.

In the striking first look poster, Lavanya is seen shouting in anger, hinting at the emotional intensity the film promises. Directed by Tatineni Satya, known for his success with Bhimili Kabaddi Team, Sathi Leelavathi explores the complex dynamics of husband-wife relationships. The film is produced by Nagamohan Babu M. and Rajesh T. under the banners of Durgadevi Pictures and Trio Studios, ensuring a strong production backing for this project.

Malayalam actor Dev Mohan stars opposite Lavanya, adding pan-Indian appeal to the cast. The film's technical crew includes acclaimed names such as Mickey J. Meyer, who has composed the music, Binendra Menon as the cinematographer, and Sathish Surva

handling the editing. Their combined expertise is the excitement surrounding her return. expected to bring a fresh and engaging narrative to the screen.

Apart from her professional news, Lavanya and Varun Tej recently shared joyful personal news they are expecting their first child soon, adding to



With Sathi Leelavathi, Lavanya Tripathi is poised to mark a powerful comeback, balancing her new role as a mother-to-be while reigniting her film career. Fans eagerly await the film's release and the new chapter it promises for the actress.

# Sekhar Kammula's 'Kuberaa' Making Video Impresses Fans Following Film's Global Release

Tollywood veteran director Sekhar Kammula's latest film Kuberaa has been released worldwide, garnering positive responses from audiences and critics alike. The movie stars Dhanush in the lead role, with Rashmika Mandanna as the heroine, while Nagarjuna and Jim Sarbh appear in special roles. Since its premiere, Kuberaa has been praised as a much-needed quality Telugu film, with viewers appreciating its storytelling and performances.

Following the film's successful launch, the production team has shared an exclusive making-of video, giving fans a behind-the-scenes look at the creation of Kuberaa. The video



showcases some powerful moments, Kuberaa is being hailed as a reincluding Dhanush's immersive portrayal of a beggar amidst the slums of Mumbai. This glimpse into the hard work and dedication behind the scenes highlights the commitment of the cast and crew to bring authenticity to the film.

The making video has quickly captured attention on social media, with fans applauding Sekhar Kammula's direction and the actors' intense performances. Industry analysts credit the combination of Kammula's experienced direction and the stellar acting by the lead stars for the film's early success both in India and overseas markets.

freshing addition to Telugu cinema, marking a significant milestone for the regional film industry. The film's ability to connect with diverse audiences has generated buzz, and the makers' decision to release the making-of footage has only fueled excitement.

As Kuberaa continues its run in theaters worldwide, the film's positive reception signals promising prospects for Sekhar Kammula and the talented cast, particularly Dhanush and Rashmika Mandanna. Fans and critics alike await more such compelling storytelling from the director in the future.