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# MIDNIGHT HAMMER

US Stealth Strike Rocks Iran Nuke Sites

Biggest B-2 bomber op in US history leaves 3 Iranian nuclear sites in ruins



## Post-Strike Images At Fordow Nuclear Site Show Damage After US Bombed Iran

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In a bold and highly secretive overnight operation named 'Midnight Hammer', the United States military launched its largest-ever B-2 stealth bomber strike targeting Iranian nuclear facilities, causing severe destruction across three key sites — Fordow, Natanz, and Isfahan. The mission involved 125+ aircraft and 75 precision-guided munitions, marking the first operational use of the GBU-57 Massive Ordnance Penetrator (MOP), a weapon specifically designed to destroy fortified underground facilities. At a press briefing, General Dan Caine, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, described the strike as a "complex and high-risk mission carried out with exceptional skill and discipline." Remarkably, only a handful of top officials in Washington were aware of the timing and scale of the operation. The operation began at midnight, Friday into Saturday, as seven B-2 Spirit bombers launched from the US. To preserve tactical surprise, a portion of the bomber fleet flew west toward the Pacific as a decoy — a deception tactic known only to a select group of planners. Meanwhile, the main strike package quietly headed east toward Iranian airspace, undergoing multiple in-flight refuelings over the 18-hour journey. As the B-2s neared Iranian territory,

they coordinated with escort fighters and support aircraft in a complex aerial maneuver conducted with minimal radio communication. To protect the incoming bombers, US submarines launched over two dozen Tomahawk cruise missiles at surface infrastructure targets, while advanced fighter jets swept ahead to neutralize potential threats from enemy aircraft or missile batteries. At exactly 2:10 am local time in Iran (6:40 pm EST), the lead B-2 dropped two GBU-57 bunker busters on Fordow, followed by 12 more MOPs across two other nuclear locations. Between 6:40 pm and 7:05 pm EST, all three targeted nuclear facilities were hit. General Caine confirmed there were no shots fired at the incoming or outgoing US aircraft and stated, "Iran's surface-to-air systems did not even detect us." The final stage saw Tomahawk missiles striking Isfahan to ensure continued surprise. Initial battle damage assessments indicate all three sites suffered extensive destruction. The mission not only demonstrated US airpower precision but also its ability to carry out long-range, coordinated stealth operations with complete surprise. The B-2s have now returned home safely, concluding the second-longest B-2 mission ever flown. This strike is expected to have far-reaching geopolitical and security implications as the world waits for Iran's official response.

## Poker Den Thrives in Polavaram...

- ₹10 Crores a Day, MLA Allegedly Involved
- Locals allege poker den runs under MLA's protection
- ₹10 crore turnover reported daily in forest hideout
- Claims of cross-border participation from Telangana, Chhattisgarh, and Bengaluru

TPN Correspondent | West Godavari

Do you have a lot of money? Do you play poker? Locals say they'll tell you where it's safe to play — even if the police arrive, there's no reason to worry. In fact, they claim the local MLA himself is guarding the place. This isn't your usual poker club, town hall, or building. The den is reportedly set up in a serene forest area, where nature offers a beautiful backdrop and no disturbances. Once you enter, it's a complete feast. No doubt — not even a fly can sneak in without notice. The MLA is said to have secured the area entirely. With such a setup, naturally, the stakes are high. Payment? Proportionate to the luxury. It doesn't matter whether you're from Telangana, Andhra, Chhattisgarh, or even Bengaluru — if distance isn't an issue, this poker den welcomes all. This is what locals living in the region are saying. Whether it is true or not needs verification. The location in question is Barrinkalapadu, under Jeelugumilli Mandal in West Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh. It falls under the Polavaram constituency. The MLA's name is Balaraju. Locals further claim that MLA Balaraju has a close aide, Kumarababu, who is allegedly managing the operations. Balaraju is said to be the "Director", while Kumarababu plays the role of "Executive Director" of the entire setup.



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## Singayya Crushed Under Jagan's Car, Video Sparks Outrage

- Video confirms Jagan's vehicle ran over Singayya
- No condolences from Jagan sparks criticism
- Police collect key evidence, probe underway

TPN Correspondent | Palnadu

A disturbing video has emerged showing that YSR Congress chief Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy was in the very car that fatally ran over a man named Singayya during a political tour in Rentapalla, Palnadu district. The visuals, now widely shared on social media, have triggered massive outrage and demands for immediate action. Initially believed to be an unfortunate accident involving a vehicle from Jagan's convoy, the narrative has shifted dramatically with the release of video evidence. The footage shows Jagan standing atop a moving car, waving to supporters, as a man — identified as Singayya — falls and is crushed under the same vehicle's wheels. Eyewitnesses can also be heard shouting that a man has fallen, but the vehicle continued moving without stopping. Following the uproar, the police rushed to the scene and reviewed CCTV footage, also collecting accounts from bystanders. Investigators confirmed that the vehicle involved in the fatal accident was the one in which Jagan himself was travelling. Based on this evidence, the police are now treating the case as a serious incident involving negligence.

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## He Won't Move; He Won't Leave...

Clerk-Turned-Superintendent Sparks Controversy at Draksharamam Temple



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East Godavari: "He won't move... he won't leave..." — a phrase echoing through the corridors of the historic Draksharamam temple, as a small-time temple worker finds himself at the center of a controversy. Even though his deputation has ended, he refuses to leave. Even if it defies all logic, locals say, "he is beautiful to those in power." A clerk from the Ainavilli temple was posted to the Draksharamam temple on deputation. But even after the approved period ended, he did not return to his original post. More recently, he created chaos by declaring himself the new superintendent,

Further allegations include:

- Implementation of PRC (Pay Revision Commission) orders without approval, drawing lakhs directly from the EO's account instead of using the Free Audit System.
- Employment and salary payments made to YSRCP supporters who were earlier removed by the Election Commission.
- A ₹30 lakh donation intended for Annadanam allegedly forced into the temple hundi, later withdrawn and misused.
- Irregularities during Dussehra where the goddess was not fully decorated, allegedly to save funds.
- Priests not being paid ₹25 lakhs for Maha Nivedana performed over five months.
- Permanent pay scales awarded without permission, and arrears withdrawn in lakhs.
- Names of donors missing from the Annadanam Bhavan, while temple names are displayed on structures.

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even though he originally came as a sanitation worker. Unable to bear his behavior, devotees submitted complaints to the Endowments Department's senior officials and Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu.

Acting on these complaints, officials from the Dwaraka Tirumala temple in West Godavari were deputed to investigate both the temple's Executive Officer and the employee in question. However, allegations suggest the employee managed to influence the inquiry officials too — making it a common perception that no one can move him, no matter what.

Locals claim that the said employee, Venkanna Babu, enjoys the support of a minister from the Konaseema district — Dr. B.R. Ambedkar — and that his influence is deeply rooted. The temple in question, Draksharamam Bhimeshwara Swamy Temple, is famously known as Dakshina Kashi and houses the 12th Shakti Peetha, Manikyamba Devi. Built by the Chalukyas in the 7th century, it is revered as both a Shaiva and Shakti Kshetra, making these allegations even more serious.

Devotees are raising strong objections to mismanagement and administrative apathy. They allege that the daily 20 liters of daddi (curd made from cow's milk), once offered to the deity as per Kanchi Peetha guidelines, has stopped. Akula Siva, a local devotee, demanded an inquiry into the cow milk's disappearance. Other complaints include the non-performance of sacred offerings such as Pulihora, Perugannam, Gudannam, and Pancha Bhaksha Paramannam during Sri Chakra Archana.

The man at the center of the controversy, Surapureddy Venkanna Babu, reportedly began his career as a daily-wage NMR worker earning ₹50 per day on the recommendation of then-MP Pilli Subhash Chandra Bose. Between 2006 and 2008, he worked as a sanitary mason. His salary increased gradually from ₹2,000 to ₹7,000 over a few years.

# Murugan Raised Me, Gave Me Courage...

- Vetrivel Murugan Veeravel Murugan...
- Deputy CM addresses massive crowd at Muruga Bhakthargal Manadu in Madurai

TPN Correspondent | Madurai

Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan delivered a stirring address at the Muruga Bhakthargal Manadu in Madurai, declaring that it was Lord Murugan who gave him strength and courage, and highlighting his deep-rooted faith in Hinduism.

“In 2014, I founded my party in Hyderabad. But I grew up in Tamil Nadu, understood its culture, and developed deep respect for it. I never imagined that I would one day speak in front of lakhs of people and revered Hindu saints in the ancient city of Madurai — a city older than Athens,” he said.

He shared personal memories from his spiritual journey, saying, “I went to Sabarimala when I was sixteen, witnessed the devotion during Thaipusam in Tiruttani, and went to school wearing vibhuti on my forehead.”

Pawan Kalyan emphasized his unwavering identity and rights as a Hindu. “I was born a Hindu, I live as a Hindu. I respect my religion, and I respect all religions. This is my right. No one should insult my belief — just as we do not insult others' beliefs.”

Responding to criticism, he



questioned the selective standards of secularism: “A Christian or a Muslim can respect their faith. But is there a problem when a Hindu respects his religion? This is fake secularism.”

He invoked divine symbolism with a powerful metaphor: “No matter how many rats there are, when a cobra hisses, they run away. Similarly, Murugan's father — Lord Shiva — bears the cobra. Enemies will flee before divine power.”

Ending on an emotional note, he said, “Murugan called me to Madurai. Murugan raised me. Murugan gave me courage. Vetrivel Murugan veeravel Murugan – is he not healthy, is he not powerful? Change will come. Definitely.”

The speech resonated with lakhs in attendance, marking a significant spiritual and cultural moment for the Deputy CM, who was warmly received in the heartland of Tamil Nadu's Murugan worship.



## Lokesh Applauds Narayana for Reviving Nellore VR High School

- Historic school gets modern digital upgrade
- Two-and-a-half-century-old school fully renovated

TPN Correspondent | Nellore

Education Minister Nara Lokesh has extended his congratulations to State Minister Ponguri Narayana for the complete renovation and digital transformation of the historic Venkatagiri Raja Vari (VR) High School in Nellore. The school, which holds a legacy of over 250 years, was revived with modern infrastructure and reopened for admissions after being shut down during the previous administration.

Taking to social media, Lokesh praised Narayana — popularly known as 'Narayana Master' — for restoring the institution where he himself once studied. He noted that the newly upgraded VR High School now stands as a model for 21st-century education, with digital classrooms and contemporary facilities that align with the state government's vision for educational reform.

Lokesh highlighted that the school's reopening marks a significant moment, given that it had once been forced to shut down due to management lapses. He credited the revival to Narayana's relentless efforts and the government's commitment to educational development.

He further added that Minister Narayana's ongoing contribution to the sector over the past year has helped in setting a foundation for a robust and model education system in Andhra Pradesh. Lokesh expressed confidence that Narayana's experience will continue to guide the state's educational future in the right direction.

## VR School Development A Minimum Responsibility: Minister Narayana

TPN Correspondent | Nellore

State Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister Ponguru Narayana stated that developing the VRC School—his alma mater—was his minimum responsibility, as it played a pivotal role in shaping his life. He said this during a review of the ongoing modernization work at the school on Sunday, accompanied by State Waqf Board Chairman Abdul Aziz and NUDA Chairman Kotamreddy Srinivasulu Reddy. The Minister emphasized that he is working toward the upliftment of the underprivileged by following the P-4 approach introduced by Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, which stands for Public-Private-People-Partnership. He announced that his daughters too have contributed to the school's modernization, which aims to provide high-quality education to the poorest students.

Narayana added that while admissions were prioritized for poor and needy students, the demand far exceeded expectations. “From Class 1 to 9, we are starting three sections instead of two due to the overwhelming response,” he said, adding that the most underprivileged children were carefully identified and selected. He assured that the remaining construction work would be completed quickly and academic sessions would commence soon. In addition to the standard uniform provided by the government, Narayana Educational Institutions will offer four extra pairs, free bicycles for nearby students, free bus transportation for those farther away, and necessary faculty and books.

# First step towards Good Governance...

## Coalition Government to Hold Review Meeting on One Year in Office

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

To mark one year in office, the state government will organize a special meeting titled “First Step towards Good Governance” on Monday at 4 PM in Amaravati. The event will be held on a specially arranged dais behind the Velagapudi Secretariat.

Originally scheduled for June 12, the meeting was postponed due to the tragic plane crash near Ahmedabad. In tomorrow's session, the government will review administrative reforms introduced over the past year, changes implemented, welfare measures delivered, and efforts made towards the state's development. A key focus will be on how to realize people's aspirations and meet developmental targets over the next four years.

Collectors, SPs, HODs, Secretaries, MLAs, Ministers, and MPs from all 26 districts will participate in the event being held in Amaravati.

Focus on Swarna Andhra 2047 Goals

Having completed one year in office, the coalition government steps into its second year, steering the state towards reconstruction after the financial and administrative chaos left by the previous regime. Alongside short-term development goals, the coalition has



also drafted and begun implementing long-term strategies like the Swarna Andhra @2047 vision for a developed Andhra Pradesh. The government is making rapid progress on key fronts such as the Polavaram project, Amaravati capital development, attracting industries and investments, and creating employment opportunities for 20 lakh people.

To assess the good governance delivered over the past year and outline the roadmap for the future, this special meeting is being held under the banner “First Step towards Good Governance.”

Discussions will also cover the objectives for the current year and the targets to be achieved. The meeting will present a report on last year's progress and deliberate on initiatives to be undertaken in the coming year.

After the meeting concludes with officials from all 26 districts, the Chief Minister and ministers will join the attendees for dinner at the same venue.

## Rain Alert for Andhra Pradesh Today and Tomorrow



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The Amaravati Meteorological Department has issued a rain forecast for Andhra Pradesh, predicting light to moderate rainfall today and tomorrow across several parts of the state. The weather office also warned of strong surface winds blowing at speeds of 40 to 50 kilometers per hour. According to officials, thundershowers are likely in parts of north coastal Andhra and the Yanam region over the next 48 hours. Meanwhile, areas in south coastal Andhra and Rayalaseema are expected to receive light rainfall.

In the last 24 hours, Srisailem received the highest recorded rainfall at 40 mm, followed by Rajahmundry with 30 mm. Other rainfall totals include Chittoor (19 mm), Amalapuram (18 mm), Kambham and Kakinada (13 mm each), Yanam and Nellore (6.6 mm), Tanuku (4.8 mm), Bapatla (4.3 mm), and Kaveli (4 mm).

The Meteorological Department has advised the public to remain alert, particularly in regions prone to heavy winds, and take necessary precautions. Fishermen and coastal residents are also urged to stay updated with official warnings.

# Singayya Crushed Under Jagan's Car, Video Sparks Outrage

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The lack of any statement or condolence from Jagan since the death has further angered the public and political opponents alike. Social media has been flooded with calls

for accountability, with users demanding that criminal action be initiated against those responsible — including Jagan. Public outcry has intensified with many questioning how a party worker could be so tragically killed during a political

rally, and yet receive no public acknowledgment from the leader himself. Political observers say the incident has severely dented the image of the YSRCP chief and may have wider implications. As investigations continue, the demand for justice for Singayya

is gaining momentum. Civil society groups and opposition leaders have also demanded that the state government ensure a fair and independent probe and take swift legal action against all those responsible for the fatal lapse in safety.

# Poker Den...

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Incidentally, Barrinkalapadu is also Balaraju's native village. A new office and residence have reportedly come up there recently.

Earlier, the gambling operations were said to be happening near Garapati Makam. But after a warning from the SP, a new and “creative” plan was made. According to the locals, all vehicles now park near the MLA's newly built office. From there, participants move to the nearby old house of the MLA — where all the poker arrangements have been made.

Poker games are said to be running day and night. Locals say ₹10 crore games are happening in a single day — indicating the massive scale. They claim the setup has been functioning like this for the past 15 days. Cars from Chhattisgarh are also reportedly arriving. The entire affair is said to be managed by Kumarababu. The MLA is alleged to be visiting the spot every morning and evening for attendance, and spending the rest of his time outside attending to other duties. Whether the local police know about this, or whether they are unable or unwilling to stop it — or if the MLA has “purchased” their silence — is unclear. However, the people of the region are now demanding an investigation. If the MLA is innocent, then the real culprits should be brought to light to protect his image, they say.

Yesterday, Bhimavaram witnessed a similar incident. Today, it's Polavaram. Poker dens seem to be thriving in multiple places. Is this what the government means by creating a “Healthy, Wealthy, and Happy” state? Are investments flowing in this form? What are the administrative and police systems doing? It's time for experienced leaders like Chandrababu Naidu to comment on such developments. Jana Sena chief Pawan Kalyan too is expected to examine what's going on — especially since several of his party MLAs are now part of the Assembly.



# Sharmila Slams Jagan Over Singhaiah's Death

Sharmila calls the convoy incident a "horrifying tragedy"

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Andhra Pradesh Congress President Y S Sharmila has launched a scathing attack on YSR Congress chief Jagan Mohan Reddy, holding him responsible for the tragic death of Singhaiah, who was crushed under a convoy vehicle during a recent political event. Taking to social media, Sharmila called the incident "horrifying" and demanded answers from both Jagan and the ruling coalition government.

"Who gave you the right to take people's lives?" she asked, referring to the disturbing visuals of Singhaiah falling under Jagan's vehicle. Sharmila questioned how the convoy could continue moving despite the fatal accident and accused Jagan of showing a complete lack of responsibility as a leader. Sharmila also pointed out the contradictions in the event's



permissions, noting that although permission was granted for only 100 people, thousands turned up, some even clinging to the convoy vehicle. "Will you sacrifice lives just to unveil a statue of someone who lost a

bet and committed suicide? Is this politics or bloodshed?" she asked in outrage.

She further questioned the police's inaction. "How did the police allow this crowd despite restrictions? Why did they be-

come silent spectators? Where was the intelligence network?" Sharmila accused the state police of cooperating with YSRC while cracking down on Congress activities. "When Congress protests for people's issues, house arrests and disruption follow. But for YSRC, all rules are conveniently ignored," she alleged. Sharmila also targeted the alliance government of Chandrababu Naidu and Pawan Kalyan, asking what action is being taken in response to such a grave incident. "What reply will Jagan give to this cruelty? What answer will the Chandrababu-Pawan coalition give to the state?" she asked, reiterating that public life should never be risked for political optics. In support of her claims, Sharmila also shared a video clip showing the moment of the accident, calling for urgent accountability and justice for the victim.

## Coalition Govt Violating Constitution Again: Jagan

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Former Chief Minister and YSR Congress Party chief Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy has accused the TDP-led NDA coalition government in Andhra Pradesh of once again violating the Constitution by attempting to raise funds through non-convertible debentures (NCDs) issued by the Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation (APMDC).

In a scathing attack, Jagan said that the government is preparing to issue these bonds on June 24, despite the matter being sub judice in the Andhra Pradesh High Court, which has already issued notices in the case. He described this move as a blatant abuse of power and a direct threat to the state's future and financial autonomy.

Jagan alleged that the state's Consolidated Fund is being accessed by private entities without the approval of the legislature, violating Articles 203 and 204 of the Constitution of India. He also asserted that using the Consolidated Fund as collateral to raise loans through APMDC contravenes Article 293(1).

Furthermore, the YSRC chief raised serious concerns that the bondholders have been granted exclusive rights over the entire future revenues of APMDC, and that the state's mineral wealth—



worth nearly ₹1.91 lakh crore—is being pledged as security. "This is nothing short of mortgaging the future of Andhra Pradesh," Jagan said.

He emphasized that no government has ever allowed such direct access to state funds by private players, bypassing legislative procedures. "This is not just administrative recklessness; it is constitutional impropriety of the highest order," he said.

Jagan questioned the timing of the bond issuance, pointing out that since the case is currently being heard by the High Court, proceeding with the NCDs before the court's verdict amounts to disrespecting judicial authority.

In his statement, Jagan remarked: "It is extremely regrettable that the government is acting in complete disregard of the Constitution and the state's future.

## Man dies after being run over by Jagan's convoy

MP Srikrishna Devaraya says lives shouldn't be lost for politics

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Narasaraopet

Narasaraopet MP and TDP leader Lavu Srikrishna Devaraya has strongly reacted to the tragic death of a man named Singayya, who was run over by a vehicle from YSR Congress chief Jagan Mohan Reddy's convoy during a political rally. Taking to social media, the MP said that political campaigns should never come at the cost of human lives.

Expressing deep concern over the incident, Devaraya stressed that rallies and public meetings should be conducted with utmost care and responsibility. "These events are meant to inspire hope, not cause tragedy," he remarked, adding that safety, respect, and basic human dignity must be non-negotiable in public life.

He criticized what he called a "cruel and irresponsible" attitude among those treating such fatal accidents as minor mishaps. "It is inhuman to brush aside these deaths without accountability," the MP said, urging an end to such careless political practices.

Srikrishna Devaraya demand-



ed a thorough investigation by the Andhra Pradesh Police and called for criminal cases to be registered against those responsible, including convoy drivers and event organizers. He emphasized the importance of an independent probe to ensure justice for the victim and prevent similar tragedies in the future.

Calling the death of Singayya a result of gross negligence, the MP urged Chief Minister Jagan to ensure accountability within his own political events. He also shared a video of the fatal incident, reinforcing the need for transparency and immediate action by law enforcement.

## BJP SC Morcha focuses on SC welfare and grassroots mobilization



Former MLA Murali Krishna joined BJP in the presence of BJP state president Daggubati Purandeshwari

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada

The BJP State SC Morcha held its State Executive Committee meeting at the party's state office in Vijayawada, bringing together key national and state leaders to strengthen outreach and reaffirm the party's commitment to Scheduled Caste welfare. The meeting was presided over by SC Morcha State President Gudise Devanand.

SC Morcha National General Secretary and Member of Parliament Bhola Singh attended the meeting as the chief guest. Addressing the gathering, he called upon Morcha workers to take the welfare and development initiatives of the Modi government to every corner of the state. "It is our responsibility to inform people about the transformative programs launched by Prime Minister Modi. SC communities must know how the BJP is working for their upliftment," he said.

Bhola Singh aimed at the Congress, saying, "Congress kept talking about poverty for decades, but failed to reduce it. From Nehru to Rajiv, they only made promises. In contrast, Modi has brought real change through education, healthcare, and women empowerment." He emphasized that the number of medical colleges has significantly increased in the last 11 years, and that SCs have been given greater representation in governance, from governors to central ministers.

He also praised the BJP's efforts to honour Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, noting that the party awarded him the Bharat Ratna and developed Pancha Tirthas to commemorate key milestones of his life.

BJP State President Daggubati Purandeshwari said that the BJP will conduct Dalit outreach programs across bastis in Andhra Pradesh. She criticised Congress for ignoring Ambedkar's legacy and claimed only the BJP had truly respected and implemented his ideals.

Former Kurnool Congress MLA Parigala Murali Krishna joined the BJP during the event, along with several sarpanches and senior leaders from Krishna and Vizianagaram districts.

Purandeshwari also noted Andhra Pradesh's recent achievement of two Guinness World Records on International Yoga Day and announced upcoming programs to mark Syama Prasad Mukherjee's martyrdom and Emergency Day. She said that under the "double engine" model, development is now reaching the grassroots and benefiting SC communities directly.

## Criminal Case Against YCP Leader Sajjala

Complaint by SC Corporation Director over remarks on Amaravati women

TPN Correspondent | Tadepalli

A criminal case has been registered against YCP senior leader and party state coordinator Sajjala Ramakrishna Reddy at the Tadepalli police station. The case was filed following a complaint by Kambhampati Sirisha, the Director of the Andhra Pradesh State Scheduled Castes Corporation. According to the police, Sajjala is accused of making inappropriate and objectionable comments about women residing in the Amaravati capital region. The complaint, filed by Sirisha, stated that his remarks were deeply insulting and damaging to the self-respect of women in the area.

Following the receipt of the complaint, the Tadepalli police conducted a preliminary inquiry and booked a criminal case against Sajjala Ramakrishna Reddy under relevant sections of the IPC. Police sources confirmed that a detailed investigation is underway, and further action will depend on the outcome of the probe. The issue has sparked political tension, especially given Sajjala's key position within the YSR Congress Party. More reactions are expected from various women's groups and political parties in the coming days.



## Fresh FIRs Filed Against Ambati Rambabu

YSRCP leader faces charges for violating prohibitory orders

TPN Correspondent | Guntur

YSR Congress Party senior leader and former minister Ambati Rambabu is facing fresh legal trouble with multiple cases registered against him for violations during party chief Jagan Mohan Reddy's recent visit to Rentapalla in Palnadu district.

According to police sources, FIRs were lodged against Ambati and several other YSRC leaders at Nallapadu and Old Guntur police stations for violating prohibitory orders issued in the area during Jagan's visit. The leaders allegedly disregarded Section 144 restrictions and gathered at the location in defiance of police instructions. In a more serious development, the Sattenapalli Rural Police registered an addi-



tional FIR against Ambati following an incident at Korrapadu. Ambati, accompanied by his brother Murali, reportedly removed

police barricades, argued with officers on duty, and pushed personnel who attempted to prevent their movement. The situation escalated, leading to charges of obstruction and assault.

Based on the complaint filed by the police, the Sattenapalli Rural Police invoked IPC Sections 188 (disobedience to an order duly promulgated by a public servant), 332 (voluntarily causing hurt to deter public servant from duty), 353 (assault or criminal force to deter public servant from discharge of duty), and 427 (mischief causing damage).

These developments have further intensified the legal challenges faced by the YSRC leader in the wake of the party's recent activities in Palnadu.



# Corruption Allegations Mount Against Patamata Sub-Registrar Nalmala Revanth

**TPN | V.V.S Madhu Babu**  
**Vijayawada:** Serious allegations of corruption have surfaced against Patamata Sub-Registrar Nalmala Revanth, with multiple reports indicating his deep involvement in illegal registrations, bribery, and abuse of power. Revanth, who is already under scrutiny for several questionable land registrations, is now being accused of turning the Patamata Sub-Registrar office into a hub of corruption. In one of the most glaring instances, the land of Kathi Sirisha (W/o B.V.V. Prasad Reddy), a 55-year-old woman from Tirupati, was fraudulently registered using a fake identity under the same name (K. Sirisha)

at the Patamata office. The registration was completed under document number 23998/2024. Following the discovery of the fraud, a complaint was filed at Tiruchanur Police Station in Tirupati, leading to FIR No. 63/2024 being registered. Ten people have been named in the case, and so far, five—including a man named Nagaraju from Vijayawada—have been arrested. According to sources, Revanth is allegedly involved in converting land value from yards to acres and reducing the government valuation to evade proper stamp duty, directly impacting state revenue. For every registration, he is said to be collecting a 1% bribe openly, with the

help of two private aides—Sunny and Tammareddy Kiran—who reportedly manage the bribe collection process at the registration office. It is also alleged that if any discrepancies or “loopholes” exist in documents, Revanth demands between 2% to 5% as a bribe. Failure to comply reportedly results in denial of registration or delayed processing. In a shocking instance of disrespect, an 85-year-old retired IAS officer, who had previously served as Commissioner in the Vijayawada Municipal Corporation, was not even offered a chair while waiting at the office. “See the color of your hair before you question me,” Revanth allegedly told him, high-

lighting a pattern of arrogance and high-handedness. Further allegations claim that the registered documents are kept in a private locker under Revanth’s control and only released after payment is made to Sunny. Even after government challans are paid, documents reportedly remain locked until the bribe is received. Even for basic services, such as obtaining market value certificates, which officially cost ₹10, Revanth’s office allegedly charges ₹300. Similarly, exorbitant amounts are being extracted for marriage certificates, encumbrance certificates (ECs), and stamp papers. Revanth, who formerly worked in the IG office, is now accused



of misusing his access to statewide registrar data, including lands under Section 22A and church properties. In an audacious remark reportedly made to staff, he claimed: “I have details of corrupt registrars and IGs across the state. I only registered Christian lands—others did worse. If ACB touches me, I’ll expose the bribes I’ve paid them monthly.” These revelations have sent shockwaves across the registration and law enforcement communities. With references to bribe payments to ACB officials, the situation is not only a matter of departmental misconduct but possibly a larger systemic failure. Calls are now growing louder for an independent inquiry, possibly by the CBI or Vigilance and Enforcement, to investigate the full extent of corruption and hold all complicit officials accountable.

## Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai prema pravahini ratha yatra enters NTR District



**TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada**  
The Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Prema Pravahini Ratha Yatra, launched to mark the centenary celebrations of Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba, entered NTR District on Sunday amidst devotion and spiritual enthusiasm. Organised by the Sathya Sai Seva Samithi, the nationwide yatra features seven decorated Rathams (chariots) travelling across the country to spread the message of love, service, and unity. The Ratha Yatra completed its four-day journey through Krishna District from June 18 to 21 under the auspices of President of Krishna District Satya Sai

Seva Samsthalu Komaragiri Chandra Shekar, receiving an overwhelming response from devotees and the local community, who welcomed the yatra into the Krishna district with special rituals. The yatra was coordinated by Krishna District Coordinator of Prema Vahini Ratha Yatra and Chairman of Pragathi Educational Institutions, Sri Sanaka Purna Chandra Rao, who ensured its smooth and spiritually uplifting conduct. To mark the occasion, a grand procession was held with traditional fervour. Students from Bhagvan’s Sri Sathya

Sai Vidyalayam in Bommuluru participated in a spiritual rally dressed in white traditional attire with saffron scarves. The possession featured cultural and devotional activities such as Karra Samu, Chekka Bhajana, Nagara Sankeerthana, Chaddi Karralu, Kolatam etc and the grand display of Swami’s portrait carried in flower-adorned chariots. The yatra entered Krishna district from Avanidda and covered all the villages and towns in the district. Devotees in every place welcomed the yatra with flowers, coconuts, and heartfelt reverence. About 888 students took part in the procession, covering a 15 km route through Bommuluru village covering Kankipadu, Poranki, Gannavaram, Tadigadapa and other places around Vijayawada city. The streets resonated with bhajans and chants, creating a spiritually charged atmosphere. Villagers joined hands with the students and devotees of Bhagavan Satya Sai to ensure the success of the program. The event concluded at Yanamalakuduru and handed over the yatra to the team of NTR District with bhakti geetalu and a closing harathi.

## Potina Mahesh Slams Police Over Cases on Ambati, Appireddy

**TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada**  
YSR Congress Party’s Vijayawada West leader and Guntur Parliament Observer Potina Venkata Mahesh has come down heavily on the police and the ruling coalition, accusing them of misusing power to suppress opposition leaders. His sharp criticism comes in response to FIRs filed against YSRCP senior leader Ambati Rambabu and Appireddy in connection with recent incidents during party chief Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy’s visit. Mahesh questioned the legitimacy of the cases, particularly the FIR filed against Ambati Rambabu for allegedly obstructing Jagan’s tour by breaching barricades. “Are we in a democracy or under police rule?” he asked, adding, “Is raising a strong voice in the capital region a crime now?” He further alleged that the cases were politically motivated and aimed at silencing YSRCP leaders who have been actively questioning the coalition government’s failures. “Is it a crime to protest or confront the administration’s inefficiency? These are not illegal acts, but democratic rights,” Mahesh stated. Warning that such cases will not hold up in court, Mahesh added, “We will file private cases against those officials responsible for these baseless FIRs. You cannot intimidate us with false charges.” The comments signal growing friction between the YSRCP and the coalition government, with the opposition alleging systematic targeting of its leaders under the guise of law enforcement.



## BJP SC Morcha Holds State Executive Meeting in Vijayawada

**TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada**  
The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) SC Morcha convened its Andhra Pradesh state executive meeting in Vijayawada, chaired by SC Morcha state president Gudise Devanand. The event was attended by BJP state president and Rajahmundry MP Daggubati Purandeswari, national secretaries S. Kumar and P. Sha Ashok, state general secretary Bitrasivannarayana, and leaders Pathuri Nagabhushanam, Dara Sambayya, Boddu Nagalakshmi, Bairi Srinivas, and Rajasekhara. Purandeswari announced state-wide Dalit conventions to engage communities and highlighted the BJP’s commitment to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar’s legacy, noting the party’s efforts to honor him, including developing sites like his London residence as pilgrimage centers. She criticized Congress for exploiting Ambedkar’s name while

disrespecting him historically, asserting, “Congress has no right to speak about the Constitution.” She emphasized PM Modi’s vision for a developed India by 2047, focusing on welfare for farmers, youth, and women through schemes like PM Kisan, Fasal Bima Yojana, and subsidized loans for self-help groups and drone purchases. The meeting also planned tributes for Syama Prasad Mookerjee’s martyrdom day and a tree-planting program on Emergency Day.



## Guntur’s Sankar Vilas Flyover: A Dream Takes Shape

**TPN | Sumanth Jangam**  
**Guntur:** The long-awaited Sankar Vilas Road Over Bridge (ROB) is set to transform Guntur’s traffic landscape as construction begins on June 23 from the AC College side. This four-lane flyover, a vital link to the Vijayawada highway, addresses years of congestion at Sankar Vilas Centre. The ₹98 crore project, funded by the Central Road and Infrastructure Fund (CRIF), owes its progress to Union Minister of State for Rural Development and Guntur MP Dr. Pemmasani Chandra Sekhar. Dr. Pemmasani secured the funds eight months ago and has driven progress through relentless coordination. On June 13, he chaired a review

meeting to streamline efforts among Traffic, Electricity, and Guntur Municipal Corporation (GMC) officials. Despite early delays from land acquisition disputes and incomplete designs, the project is now advancing swiftly. On June 20, Guntur District Collector S. Nagalakshmi reviewed preparations at the Collector’s chamber, directing officials to implement traffic diversions from June 23. Attended by the Roads and Buildings Department, GMC, traffic police, and contractor engineers, the meeting focused on minimizing congestion. Collector Nagalakshmi instructed Traffic Circle Inspector Ashok Kumar to ensure smooth

## Young Kuchipudi talent Dhanvi Utukuri shines in debut performance



**TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada**  
Fifteen-year-old Dhanvi Utukuri, a student of Sharada Nritya Niketan, captivated audiences with her maiden Kuchipudi performance (arangetram) held at the Sailaja Prasad Natya Sushikshan on Saturday evening at Tummalapalli Kalakshetram. A Class 10 student, Dhanvi impressed both connoisseurs and the general audience with her grace, precision, and deep understanding of the classical art form. Her recital featured a carefully curated repertoire including Ranga Pooja, Gajavadana Beduve, Muddugare Yashoda, Bhama Kalapam, Khuthamemi Naam, Govardhana Giridhara, Kanjadalayadakshi, Thillana, and concluded with Mangalam, each piece executed with finesse and maturity beyond her years. Her performance was accompanied by a seasoned live orchestra. M. Srinivas lent his vocal support, while Sridharacharya (mridangam), Anil Kumar (violin), Ramana (flute), and R. Sudhakar (veena) provided rich instrumental layers. Pawan Kumar offered narrative support, enhancing the storytelling element of the recital. The evening was graced by respected classical dance gurus, cultural dignitaries, and public representatives. Esteemed gurus Bhagavatula Venkata Ramasharma and Joshyula Sriramachandramurthy commended Dhanvi’s devotion and command over technique, offering blessings for her continued journey in Kuchipudi. Adding to the significance of the occasion, Dhanvi’s mentor and eminent dance exponent Sailaja Prasad was honoured with a ceremonial Guru Puja. The tribute recognized her unwavering commitment to preserving and promoting classical dance while nurturing young talent like Dhanvi.

execution of the diversion plan and urged GMC officials to level roads near the three existing bridges for seamless vehicle flow. She also emphasized public awareness, directing officials to publicize alternate routes via press releases and social media. Traffic diversions will route heavy vehicles through Chillies Point, Inner Ring Road, and Autonagar, while light vehicles can use Arundelpet or Kankaragunta Flyover. Challenges persist, including incomplete diversion roads and a four-month closure of Three-Bridges Junction for railway work. Nonetheless, with Dr. Pemmasani’s oversight and GMC’s infrastructure upgrades, the flyover promises smoother commutes and economic growth for Guntur.



## Minister Subhash Launches ₹20.73 Lakh Village Development Works

₹20.73 lakh allocated for roads, drains, and market shed  
Swachh Bharat-funded tractor flagged off for sanitation  
Ramachandrapuram saw ₹125 crore spent in one year



**TPN | Kukkala Govinda Raju Ramachandrapuram:** State Labour Minister Vasamsetty Subhash has reaffirmed the government’s commitment to strengthening rural infrastructure, calling villages the “backbone of the country.” On Sunday, he launched multiple development works worth ₹20.73 lakh in Aryavatam village of Kajuluru mandal. The sanctioned works include ₹5 lakh from the 15th Finance Commission for the construction of a market shed, ₹12.80 lakh for four new cement roads, ₹2.53 lakh for CC drains, and ₹1.2 lakh for underground PVC pipe drainage. In addition, a new tractor funded by the Swachh Bharat scheme for panchayat sanitation was also flagged off. Speaking at the event, Minister Subhash emphasized that within a year of the coalition government assuming office, equal priority has been given to both development and welfare. He highlighted that development activities are being taken up in phases across the state and noted that ₹125 crore has already been invested in the development of Ramachandrapuram constituency over the past year. Jana Sena in-charge Polishetty Chandrasekhar, village sarpanch Suryavathi, ZPTC Venkata Subbarao, MPTC Rayudu Eswari, Panchayat Secretary Kudipudi Suribabu, local leaders, secretariat staff, and other officials participated in the program.

## Mentally challenged students shine on Yoga Day at Asha Jyoti Welfare Society

**TPN | Hanuman Junction**  
Over 70 mentally challenged individuals at the Asha Jyoti Handicapped Welfare Society joined millions across the country to celebrate International Yoga Day. While the world marked the day with mass gatherings and record-breaking participation, these special individuals made a quiet yet powerful statement—they, too, are part of India’s collective journey toward wellness and unity. Under the guidance of their caretaker, Maridu Madhavi, and the organisation’s head, the students enthusiastically performed yoga asanas in unison. The participants, many of whom are orphans or children of single parents, followed Madhavi’s lead with dedication and joy. Although they may not compete in the conventional race of life, their participation stands as a testament to resilience and inclusivity. “These students are mentally and physically challenged, but we provide them with daily physiotherapy, thanks to our two full-time physiother-



apists. This has strengthened their bodies, enabling them to perform yoga with ease,” said Madhavi Latha, addressing those gathered. The students, ranging from six-year-old children to adults over 30, took part in the yoga celebrations with infectious enthusiasm. Some who were unable to perform the asanas due to mobility issues watched the session from their wheelchairs, clapping along in support and joy. Their participation reflected the true spirit of Yoga Day, inclusiveness, health, and harmony for all. The Asha Jyoti Yoga session may not have made headlines with numbers, but it touched hearts and served as a reminder of the transformative power of compassion, care, and community. “Yoga significantly improves flexibility, strength, and balance, particularly in individuals with physical and cognitive challenges. More than just a physical activity, it fosters emotional stability and nurtures self-esteem. For our students, yoga is a journey toward self-reliance and dignity,” said Gaddam Veera Swami, Special Educator at Asha Jyoti Handicapped Welfare Society. The entire staff actively took part in the yoga session, which was meticulously organized and overseen by the society’s President, Venkata Swami Mareedu.

## Villagers Felicitate Teacher Aruna Jyoti on Transfer



**TPN | G. Hari Babu Razole:** The villagers of Appanapalle Badava in Mamidikuduru mandal bid an emotional farewell to teacher Kudipudi Aruna Jyoti, who served at the Mandala Praja Parishad Primary School for the past eight years. She was felicitated by the Uchulavari Peta Ambedkar Yuvajana Sangam on Sunday in recognition of her outstanding service and commitment to education. Speaking at the event, Sangam President Geddamm Venkateswara Rao said, “If you work with dedication in your duties, you will always remain in people’s hearts.” He lauded Aruna Jyoti’s efforts in providing quality education and maintaining harmony in the village during her long tenure. The villagers appreciated how Aruna Jyoti worked tirelessly for the development of the school, ensuring academic progress and fostering discipline without any disputes or issues. Her selfless work earned her immense respect from both locals and colleagues. Sangha Vice President Yannabattula Rajesh, Secretary Karupalli Satyanarayana, School Chairman Chittabattula Nagaraju, Teachers Vipparthi Mohan Rao and Karupalli Kalyan Babu, Anganwadi Teacher Geddamm Palalamma, and many locals including Bathula Janardhan, Neetipudi Mahesh, Isukupatla Ramu, Paidi Ganesh, Bathula Poorna Chandra Rao, Neetipudi Nagaraju, Nagabattula Suresh, Chittabattula Venkatesh, Matta Venkatesh, Bathula Nageswara Rao and Midday Meal Workers participated in the felicitation ceremony.

## Install Solar Rooftops, Cut Power Bills: E.E. Srinivasulu

**TPN | C Shekar Naidupeta:** Executive Engineer Y. Srinivasulu of the Electricity Department urged residents to turn their homes into self-reliant power centers by installing solar rooftop systems. He addressed a consumer awareness conference held at the ALCM Sports Ground in Naidupeta on June 22, as part of the Pradhan Mantri Suryagar Yojana initiative. The program aimed to inform the public about the financial

and environmental benefits of using solar energy. “By installing a solar rooftop setup with government subsidy, households can significantly reduce their monthly electricity bills,” Srinivasulu explained. Supporting the cause, G. Venkateswarlu, Director of Kaiser Products and Exports, highlighted that, in addition to subsidies, bank loan facilities are also available to make the transition easier for consumers. Officials emphasized that so-

lar power is not only an economical solution but also an environmentally responsible choice. Many locals and department officials attended the event, gaining insights into the registration process and benefits of adopting solar power at home. Organizers encouraged the public to take full advantage of the central government’s scheme to promote clean energy and lower power consumption expenses across the state.



## NDA Govt Extends Support to Needy Families: Anam Ramanarayana Reddy

*CM Relief Fund cheques worth ₹31.5 lakh distributed to 32 families*



**TPN Correspondent | Nellore**  
State Minister Anam Ramanarayana Reddy reiterated that the NDA coalition government under Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu is committed to standing by the poor and needy. He made these remarks while distributing CM Relief Fund cheques worth ₹31.50 lakh to 32 beneficiary families at Perumallapadu agricultural field in Chaserla mandal of Atmakur constituency. The Minister said that the CM Relief Fund is being extended with compassion to help families burdened by medical expenses, especially in cases involving critical illnesses that require costly treatments. He emphasized that Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu is ensuring that no family suffers due to lack of money

for treatment, and has instructed officials to ensure swift and fair distribution of assistance. “Only in Atmakur constituency this year, ₹3.40 crore has been distributed to 322 families through the CM Relief Fund,” Anam noted. He added that the Chief Minister is acting like a “head of the household” in providing financial aid even in the absence of the NTR medical scheme, ensuring people have access to life-saving medical care. Local leaders and officials were present at the event and appreciated the government’s timely help to the poor. The Minister concluded by assuring that the CM Relief Fund will continue to reach all those in genuine need across the 175 constituencies of the state.

## Mr. Simhapuri Steelman Championship in Kavali

**TPN Correspondent | Kavali**  
The prestigious Mr. Simhapuri Steelman Bodybuilding Championship 2025 will be held this evening at Brindavanam Kalyana Mandapam in Kavali, under the auspices of the Nellore District Bodybuilding Association. This state-level competition is set to bring together over 150 bodybuilders from across Andhra Pradesh, competing across 10 different categories. Indian Bodybuilder Federation President Swami Ramesh Kumar, Andhra Bodybuilder Association Secretary Srinivasa Raju, and Nellore District Bodybuilding Secretary B. Jagan shared the details of the event. They highlighted that a special focus this year will be on women’s physique modeling, showcasing the growing participation of women in competitive fitness. The event will feature Uttar Pradesh’s



Asian Gold Medalist in Women’s Model Fitness, Sanjana, who is associated with the Income Tax Department, as well as Arjun Awardee National Bhaskaran, both of whom will grace the competition. Each of the 10 categories will award five top prizes, recognizing excellence across various body types and age groups.

ing standards of bodybuilding in the state and will be a platform for emerging talent,” he said. The organizers are expecting a large turnout and are preparing for a grand evening of athletic excellence, discipline, and inspiration.

The event will be graced by Rajya Sabha MP Beeda Mastan Rao, Kavali MLA Dagumati Venkata Krishna Reddy, and Kavali RTO Vamsi Krishna, who will attend as chief guests. Speaking ahead of the event, Organization Secretary B. Jagan urged all fitness and bodybuilding enthusiasts in the region to attend and support the competitors. “This competition reflects the rising standards of bodybuilding in the state and will be a platform for emerging talent,” he said.



# Iron Dome Under Fire: Can Israel’s Air Defences Withstand Prolonged Conflict?

Israel’s renowned Iron Dome air defence system is facing its toughest test yet amid an unprecedented barrage of Iranian missile and drone attacks. As the conflict stretches into its eighth day, questions are mounting about whether the system can hold the line in a prolonged confrontation.

On June 19, Iran confirmed a new wave of coordinated strikes targeting military sites in Haifa and Tel Aviv, escalating tensions sharply. Among the sites hit was Soroka Hospital in southern Israel, prompting a forceful Israeli counter-attack. Reports suggest Israel struck Iranian-linked nuclear sites in response, with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu warning he would not rule out targeting Iran’s Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. Defence Minister Israel Katz directly blamed Khamenei for the hospital attack. While videos have surfaced showing some missiles slipping past Israel’s air defences, retired Brigadier General Amir Avivi, chairman of the Israel Defense and Security Forum,



says the system remains largely effective. he explained that the Iron Dome is just one layer of a broader defence strategy. “Ballistic missiles — especially long-range ones — are mostly intercepted by Arrow 3,” a space-based

system he says boasts over 90% success.

However, he acknowledged that no system is perfect. “It’s hard to reach 100%,” Avivi said, advising civilians to seek shelter when alerts sound. He emphasized that the defence network includes multiple systems working in tandem, not just the Iron Dome.

Avivi also claimed that Israeli strikes have significantly degraded Iran’s offensive capability. According to him, Israel has destroyed more than 40% of Iran’s missile launchers, preventing Tehran from sustaining its attacks.

While under intense strain, Israel’s layered air defence strategy—spearheaded by Iron Dome, David’s Sling, and Arrow systems—appears to be holding. For now, Avivi insists the Iron Dome remains dependable. But as attacks continue and footage reveals occasional breaches, the long-term resilience of Israel’s defences is increasingly under the spotlight.

## Beyond the Mat: Rediscovering the True Essence of Yoga

What is Yoga really? Beyond the curated images of perfect poses and serene faces, beyond routines and rituals, lies something deeper—something far more transformative.

The Bhagavad Gita, through the words of Shri Krishna, offers a vision of Yoga that goes far beyond physicality. Yoga is not about flexibility or strength; it’s about inner freedom. Krishna calls it equanimity in action—the ability to act without attachment to results. It is not about winning or losing, but about being undisturbed by either.

Yoga is clarity without ego, action without compulsion, and stillness even in motion. As Krishna puts it, a true yogi sees “inaction in action and action in inaction.” In other words, most of our busyness is just noise, while real change can arise in deep stillness.

True Yoga, then, is not suppression of desire, but transcendence. When the ego no



longer drives our actions, the heart finds peace. It’s not about becoming someone else; it’s about shedding everything false and returning to what we truly are.

This is not a practice confined to the mat or a 30-minute morning session. Yoga must permeate every aspect of life—relationships, decisions, thoughts. Otherwise, it becomes yet another performance, a polished version of ego.

Even the ego can hijack Yoga, turning it into a spiritual project to chase perfection or admiration. But Yoga isn’t here to refine the ego—it’s here to dissolve it.

So this Yoga Day, go beyond the display. Ask yourself: “Is this freeing me or feeding my self-image?”

If you’re moving even slightly closer to stillness and honesty, that’s Yoga. Not in form, but in essence.

## Carlos Alcaraz and the Dawn of a New Tennis Era

Carlos Alcaraz’s rise is no longer just a promise—it’s history in the making. On June 8, 2025, at just 22, the Spaniard pulled off one of the greatest comebacks in Grand Slam history, cementing his place among tennis royalty. In the French Open final, he clawed back from two sets down and saved three Championship points against Jannik Sinner to defend his Roland Garros crown. Only two men in the Open Era had ever done that in a Slam final—Gaston Gaudio in 2004 and Novak Djokovic in 2019. Alcaraz became the third.

His fifth Grand Slam title makes him the third youngest man to achieve that milestone, after Bjorn Borg and Rafael Nadal. But what truly sets Alcaraz apart is not just his age or number of trophies—it’s how well-rounded and versatile his game already is. He’s won majors on hard courts (US Open), grass (Wimbledon), and now twice on clay (French Open), a feat that even some of the sport’s greats took years to accomplish.

Alcaraz’s game is a rare hybrid. He brings the defensive grit and speed of Djokovic, the creativity and touch of Federer, and the explosive topspin of Nadal. Former champions like Andre Agassi have already begun comparing him to all three. And it’s not just talk—statistically and stylistically, Alcaraz is showing traits that resemble the Big 3, all rolled into one. Much of this success is rooted in his early start and sol-



id team. Born into a tennis family, Alcaraz was handed a racquet at four by his father, a coach in Murcia. His raw talent was soon discovered by Albert Molina, who later brought him under the wing of former world No. 1 Juan Carlos Ferrero. Since 2019, Ferrero has been instrumental in shaping Alcaraz’s mental and tactical development, guiding him through each breakthrough with the discipline of a seasoned pro.

Alcaraz’s comeback at Roland Garros this year wasn’t just about tennis. It was a mental battle. Down love-40 at 3-5 in the fourth set against Sinner, with three Championship points against him, most would’ve crumbled. But Alcaraz held firm, turned the match around, and outlasted Sinner in a fifth-set tie-break to win the longest final ever played at the venue—5 hours and 29 minutes.

The rivalry with Jannik Sinner is now shaping up as the defining battle of this generation.

## The Long Undoing: Why the Muslim World Is in Crisis

From the rubble of Aleppo to the ravaged neighborhoods of Gaza and the scarred plains of Iraq, a grim portrait of the modern Muslim world emerges—one marked by endless conflict, external manipulation, and internal decay. The devastation is not due to fate or faith but the result of a complex interplay of colonial legacies, geopolitical opportunism, and authoritarian governance.

Critics often reduce the Muslim world’s plight to cultural backwardness or religious extremism. Others blame the West for its relentless interventions and double standards. Both narratives contain truths, yet neither fully captures the depth of the crisis. The truth lies in the long arc of history, where Western imperial ambitions, Cold War alignments, and modern proxy wars have repeatedly undermined sovereign governance, leaving fractured states and broken societies in their wake.

After the Ottoman Empire’s fall, colonial powers carved up the Middle East to suit their interests, not the aspirations of its people. The Sykes-Picot



Agreement divided lands arbitrarily, birthing states like Iraq, Syria, and Lebanon, not through organic nation-building but through strategic calculus. These fault lines, inherited

without reconciliation, have since fueled coups, civil wars, and sectarian strife. The U.S.-led invasions of Iraq and Afghanistan, NATO’s toppling of

Gaddafi in Libya, and decades of regime-change policies have brought more harm than hope. Iraq’s collapse post-2003 invited ISIS. Syria became a global battleground. Afghanistan re-

mains under Taliban control despite two decades of foreign intervention. Iran now faces a similar threat—isolated, sanctioned, and painted as the next domino.

Meanwhile, U.S. allies like Saudi Arabia and the UAE, despite autocratic rule and rights abuses, face little scrutiny, revealing Western hypocrisy. This selective morality breeds resentment and radicalism, turning grievance into ideology.

The Muslim world doesn’t need more warplanes or foreign blueprints. It needs space to rebuild—economically, socially, and politically. The global order must abandon the myth that democracy can be delivered through drones. Instead, it must invest in civil societies, education, and local leadership.

Until the world acknowledges the shared responsibility for this ruin—and chooses justice over expedience—the cycle will continue. And the ruins will not remain contained to West Asia; they will echo far beyond. The time for principled action is now.



# PM Modi speaks to Iranian President, reiterates call for de-escalation

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi conveyed India’s “deep concern” over the escalating conflict between Iran and Israel, urging immediate de-escalation through “dialogue and diplomacy.” Modi’s phone call to Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian came just hours after the US launched airstrikes on three major Iranian nuclear facilities—Fordow, Natanz, and Isfahan—marking America’s direct entry into the Israel-Iran confrontation.

In a social media post, Modi expressed worry over the recent escalation and emphasized that peaceful dialogue remains the only path to restoring regional peace, security, and stability. “We discussed in detail about the current situation. Expressed deep concern at the recent escalations,” Modi said. He reiterated India’s call for immediate de-escalation and diplomatic engagement to prevent further deterioration.

The US strikes, carried out by B-2 bombers, effectively destroyed key Iranian nuclear sites, with President Donald Trump declaring the facilities “completely and totally obliterated.” This aggressive move has raised fears of a broader regional conflict, prompting calls for restraint from global powers.



Iran’s Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi condemned the US action as a “grave violation” of the UN Charter, international law, and the nuclear non-proliferation treaty. He described the attack on Iran’s “peaceful nuclear installations” as “outrageous” and warned that Iran reserves all options to defend its sovereignty.

The European Union, representing 27 nations, urged all parties to step back and return to ne-

gotiations. EU High Representative Kaja Kallas called for calm and announced that EU foreign ministers would discuss the crisis further on Monday.

The UK and many other countries also appealed for restraint, while China and Russia have yet to issue official statements regarding the unfolding situation triggered by the US bombing campaign.



## Jaishankar on Neighbourhood Ties: “No Smooth Sailing, But Collective Stability Is Key”

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External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar has acknowledged that India should not expect “smooth sailing” all the time in its relationships with neighbouring countries. Speaking during an interactive session, he stressed that New Delhi has focused on building a “collective interest” to ensure inherent stability in the region, regardless of which regime is in power.

Jaishankar pointed out that while most neighbours eventually see the benefits of cooperating with India, Pakistan remains an exception due to its “in-built hostility” shaped by its military. “If you put Pakistan aside, the logic will apply everywhere else,” he said.

On evolving global dynamics, the minister highlighted the unpredictability of the U.S. but emphasized India’s strategy of strengthening multiple linkages to stabilize relations. Regarding China, he noted that India had to “prepare capabilities” and improve border infrastructure—a previously neglected area—to defend national interests, especially after the 2020 Galwan clash. Jaishankar also underscored the progress made under Prime Minister Narendra Modi in deepening ties with the neighbourhood, Gulf countries, ASEAN, and the Indo-Pacific. He described Modi as a “leader of his times” who has provided clear goals and pathways for India’s foreign policy.

Addressing regional volatility, Jaishankar cited examples from Sri Lanka, Maldives, and Nepal to illustrate how India manages changes in regimes without losing bilateral momentum. He emphasized creating systems and shared interests to maintain stability despite political shifts.

On counter-terrorism, Jaishankar called the 2008 Mumbai attacks a turning point that ended decades of a conciliatory approach towards Pakistan. The Modi government’s military responses, including the Uri and Balakot strikes, established a “new normal” of proactive measures against terror threats. Jaishankar concluded that counter-terrorism and Jammu & Kashmir policy reforms reflect “holistic thinking,” aiming for long-term national security and regional stability.

## As US Bombs Iran, Asaduddin Owaisi Questions Pakistan’s Nobel Prize Nomination for Trump

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As the US joined Israel in bombing Iranian nuclear facilities, AIMIM chief and Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi took a sharp dig at Pakistan, questioning their move to recommend US President Donald Trump for the Nobel Peace Prize.



Pakistan announced it would nominate Trump for the Nobel Prize, praising his intervention during the recent India-Pakistan conflict triggered by the Pahalgam terror attack. Islamabad described Trump’s role as that of a “genuine peacemaker.” However, just after the US airstrikes on Iran’s Fordow, Natanz, and Esfahan nuclear sites, Pakistan expressed “grave concern” over the escalation in the Middle East. It condemned the strikes as violations of international law and affirmed Iran’s right to self-defense under the UN Charter.

Reacting to these developments, Owaisi challenged Pakistan, sarcastically asking if they really want Trump to receive the Nobel Prize for his military actions. “Did their General (Pakistan Field Marshal Asim Munir) have dinner with Trump for this?” he questioned, pointing to Pakistan’s complex ties with the US.

Owaisi also criticized the narrative around

Iran’s alleged nuclear weapons program, calling it a repeated “bogey” used to justify attacks. He referenced similar claims used against Iraq and Libya that ultimately proved unfounded.

The US President called Iran the “bully of the Middle East” and warned that if Iran did not seek peace, future attacks would be even more devastating. Meanwhile, Iran condemned the US strikes as “brutal military aggression” and a serious breach of the UN Charter. The Iranian Foreign Ministry accused the US of acting in collusion with Israel and expressed outrage over what it described as American hostility toward Iran’s sovereignty and peace efforts.

This latest escalation marks a dangerous intensification of tensions in the region, drawing sharp international criticism and raising fears of wider conflict.

## Egyptian Foreign Minister Cancels India Visit Again Amid Middle East Tensions

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Egyptian Foreign Minister Badr Abdelatty has postponed his planned visit to India for the second time, with no official reason provided. The trip, scheduled for this week, was set to include a meeting with India’s External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar in New Delhi. However, officials confirmed that the previous advisory about the visit should now be disregarded.

Abdelatty’s earlier visit, initially planned for February 2025, was also cancelled. While no formal explanation has been given, sources suggest the cancellation is linked to the rising tensions in the Middle East, especially following the United States’ decision to join Israel’s military offensive against Iran.

India and Egypt have strengthened ties in recent years, upgrading their relationship to a Strategic Partnership during Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s 2023 visit to Cairo. That same year, Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi was the chief guest at India’s Republic Day celebrations, marking a high point in bilateral relations.

Amid the ongoing Israel-Iran conflict, triggered by Israel’s “Operation Rising Lion” launched on June 13, Egypt has gained strategic importance as a potential evacuation corridor for Indian nationals stranded in Israel.

Defence cooperation between India and Egypt has also deepened since Defence Minister Rajnath Singh’s visit to Cairo in 2022. Following



that, both countries signed a memorandum of understanding to boost military collaboration. They have since held ten meetings of the Joint Defence Committee (JDC), the key platform for coordinating defence efforts, with the latest session conducted in New Delhi last year.

As regional instability grows, Egypt’s role in India’s diplomatic and strategic plans in the Middle East remains critical, even as Abdelatty’s visit faces postponement once again.

## India’s Power Sector Sees Rapid Growth, Renewable Energy Surges



India’s power sector has witnessed remarkable expansion over the past decade, fueled by rising demand, infrastructure development, and strong government policies supporting both conventional and renewable energy. The country’s total installed power capacity jumped over 56%, from 305 gigawatts (GW) in 2015–16 to 476 GW as of June 2025.

Electricity generation also rose significantly, from 1,168 billion units (BU) in 2015–16 to an estimated 1,824 BU in 2024–25. Meanwhile, power shortages have dramatically reduced, dropping from 4.2% in 2013–14 to just 0.1% in 2024–25. Over 28 million households were electrified during this period, with per capita electricity consumption increasing by nearly 46%.

Thermal power leads India’s energy mix with 240 GW, but renewable energy is rapidly growing, with solar at 110.9 GW and wind power at 51.3 GW. India’s transition toward cleaner energy is evident, as nearly half (49%) of the total installed capacity is now from non-fossil fuel sources—including 226.9 GW renewable and 8.8

GW nuclear power.

India is the world’s fastest-growing major economy and is projected to double its share in global primary energy consumption by 2035. The country has set an ambitious goal of achieving 500 GW of installed electricity capacity from non-fossil fuel sources by 2030, aligning with its COP26 commitments.

Renewable energy capacity has nearly tripled since 2014, growing from 76.37 GW to 226.79 GW. Solar capacity skyrocketed more than 39 times—from 2.82 GW in 2014 to 110.9 GW in 2025—with 23.83 GW added in the last year alone. Manufacturing capacity has also surged, with solar PV module production increasing 38-fold and solar cell capacity 21-fold.

India is also a global leader in wind energy, ranking 4th worldwide in installed capacity. The country is advancing in offshore wind development and strengthening its manufacturing ecosystem, further supporting its energy transition and sustainability goals.





## Zelenskyy Accuses Russia of Returning Dead Soldiers in Prisoner Exchanges

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has publicly condemned Russia for sending back the bodies of at least 20 deceased Russian soldiers during recent exchanges involving prisoners of war and fallen troops. Speaking to The Guardian, Zelenskyy described the act as a grim and disrespectful gesture, stating, “They threw the corpses of their citizens at us.”

According to Zelenskyy, the returned remains were part of the ongoing prisoner swaps and exchanges of war dead between the two countries amid the prolonged conflict. The Ukrainian leader highlighted the disturbing nature of these returns, emphasizing the toll the war is exacting on both sides. Among the bodies returned was reportedly an individual identified as an “Israeli mercenary” fighting alongside Russian forces, reflecting the complex and multinational composition of troops involved in the conflict. Zelenskyy did not provide further details on this mercenary but suggested that the identities of many of the deceased have been difficult to confirm.

The Ukrainian president also revealed that some of the returned bodies were found to still carry Russian passports, raising questions about the authenticity of Russia’s military casualties and the circumstances surrounding the deaths. This detail hinted at possible irregularities or attempts by Moscow to obscure the full extent of its losses.

While the exchange of prisoners and bodies is a grim but necessary aspect of warfare, Zelenskyy’s remarks underscored the strained relations and deep mistrust between Kyiv and Moscow. The handling of war dead remains a sensitive and poignant issue as the conflict continues to devastate lives and escalate tensions. Zelenskyy’s accusation sheds light on the harsh realities of the Ukraine-Russia war, emphasizing the human cost and the ongoing challenges in managing the aftermath of battlefield casualties.

## "Devastated Iran's Nuclear Programme": Pentagon Chief On Op Midnight Hammer



TPN Correspondent | Iran

US Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth confirmed that American military strikes have “devastated the Iranian nuclear programme” following a co-ordinated attack on Iran’s key nuclear facilities. Speaking at a Pentagon briefing, Hegseth revealed the operation, named Operation Midnight Hammer, was executed under direct orders from President Donald Trump after months of secret planning and strategic deception.

The campaign targeted Iran’s primary enrichment sites at Natanz, Isfahan, and Fordow, involving over 125 aircraft, including stealthy B-2 bombers, 14 GBU-57 bunker-buster bombs, and more than 30 Tomahawk missiles launched from submarines in the Persian Gulf and Arabian Sea. The attacks, carried out between 2:00 and 3:30 AM local time, were designed for maximum surprise, disabling Iran’s air defenses through simultaneous air and sea strikes.

General Dan Caine, who oversaw the operation, stated the strikes caused severe structural damage to all three sites, though assessments of Iran’s remaining nuclear capacity continue. He emphasized the precision and speed of the attack, noting no civilian areas or troop formations were targeted. President Trump called the mission a “spectacular military success” in a late-night White House address, warning Iran of peace or “tragedy.” The strikes followed a failed round of nuclear talks in Rome and came after Iran rejected a US ultimatum demanding new disarmament conditions.

# US Bears "Full Responsibility" For Consequences Of Strikes On N-Facilities: Iran

TPN Correspondent | Washington

Iran’s Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi declared that diplomacy is no longer enough following US airstrikes targeting three Iranian nuclear installations in Fordow, Natanz, and Esfahan. Speaking hours after the missile strikes, Araghchi emphasized that Iran now prioritizes self-defense over diplomatic efforts.

“The situation has fundamentally changed. My country has come under direct attack,” Araghchi stated. “The most dangerous escalation occurred last night. A red line was crossed with the attack on our nuclear facilities. This was not merely provocation but a direct assault on our national sovereignty and a violation of global norms.” He criticized the international



community, particularly the United Nations, for failing to uphold respect for Iran’s sovereignty and the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT). “Despite being a non-nuclear state, Iran has honored the NPT, but the treaty has failed to protect us. Why should Iran continue

to trust a framework that offers no real security guarantees?” he questioned, highlighting what he called “double standards” and “aggression cloaked in diplomacy.”

Iran’s Foreign Ministry also condemned the US as “aggressive and

lawless,” holding it “fully responsible” for the “extremely dangerous consequences” of the airstrikes. The statement accused the US of betraying diplomatic processes and supporting the “genocidal Israeli regime,” thereby initiating a “dangerous war against Iran.”

In response, US President Donald Trump justified the strikes, calling Iran “the bully of the Middle East” and warning that “future attacks will be far greater and a lot easier” if Iran does not pursue peace. Trump cited Iran’s history of hostility toward the US and Israel, referencing attacks on American personnel over the past decades.

The escalating tensions mark a critical turning point in US-Iran relations, casting doubt on any near-term prospects for diplomatic resolution.

## China's New Military Weapon: Tiny Mosquito Drone Could Change Warfare Forever

TPN Correspondent | Iran

China has introduced a groundbreaking military innovation—a tiny drone the size of a mosquito that could revolutionize covert operations and battlefield reconnaissance. Developed by a robotics lab at the National University of Defence Technology (NUDT) in Hunan province, this micro drone is designed for stealthy information gathering in hostile environments, according to a report by the South China Morning Post.

Micro drones like this mosquito-sized robot represent the future of surveillance technology due to their extremely small size and agility. These drones are not only valuable for military use but also hold potential to transform various industries with their unique



capabilities.

The prototype was recently showcased on China Central Television’s military channel CCTV 7, where researchers demonstrated the drone’s capabilities. Liang Hexiang, a student involved in the

project, highlighted the drone’s suitability for “information reconnaissance and special missions on the battlefield.” He presented the miniature robot, roughly 1.3 centimeters long, resembling the size and appearance of a mosquito. The drone features two tiny wings

with delicate, leaf-like structures on each side and three hair-thin legs, enabling it to maneuver discreetly in complex environments. Remarkably, it can be controlled via a smartphone, allowing for flexible and precise operations.

Such micro drones could prove crucial for espionage and surveillance missions where larger devices might be easily detected. Their ability to operate covertly offers a strategic advantage in modern warfare, where information dominance is vital. As China pushes forward with this cutting-edge technology, the military landscape may soon witness a significant shift, with miniature drones playing a pivotal role in future conflicts. The tiny mosquito drone could indeed change warfare forever.

## US Bombs 3 Nuclear Sites In Iran, Tehran And Israel Trade New Strikes



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The United States launched a major military strike on Sunday, targeting three key Iranian nuclear facilities at Fordow, Natanz, and Esfahan. The air and submarine assault marked the first US attack inside Iran since the 1979 revolution, signaling a dramatic escalation in the ongoing conflict involving Israel and Iran. Speaking from the Oval Office, US President Donald Trump declared the mission a “spectacular military success,” announcing that Iran’s nuclear enrichment sites were

“completely and totally obliterated.” He warned Tehran that further strikes would be swift and more devastating if they refused to seek peace. “Iran, the bully of the Middle East, must now make peace. If they do not, future attacks will be far greater and a lot easier,” Trump said.

Shortly after the US strikes, Iran retaliated with a missile barrage targeting Israeli cities including Haifa and Tel Aviv, injuring at least 11 civilians and reportedly hitting Ben Gurion Airport near Tel Aviv. The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps

(IRGC) claimed responsibility for firing over 20 missiles in this counterattack.

In response, the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) launched a series of precision strikes on military targets in western Iran, including missile launchers used against Israeli territory. The intensifying exchange began last Friday when Israel initiated “Operation Rising Lion,” aiming to halt Iran’s nuclear ambitions by targeting scientists and military infrastructure. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu praised Trump’s decision, saying, “Your

bold decision to target Iran’s nuclear facilities with the awesome and righteous might of the United States will change history.” He reiterated the mantra “Peace through strength,” emphasizing that military power precedes diplomatic resolution.

The conflict has already caused significant casualties, with over 600 deaths reported in Iran and dozens in Israel, as missile and drone attacks escalate across the region. The situation remains volatile as both nations prepare for potential further confrontations.





# Market Volatility Amid War Tensions: Key Stock Recommendations for the Week

Investors need to tread cautiously this week, as heightened geopolitical tensions could shake global markets. The ongoing conflict between Israel and Iran is drawing international attention, with the potential involvement of the U.S. and Iran's allies creating fears of wider escalation. This could trigger significant volatility in global indices.

Last week, sectors such as Consumption, Infrastructure, Private Banking, Auto, IT, and Finance performed strongly. On the other hand, Media, Pharma, PSU Banks, Metal, and Energy stocks lagged. As the 90-day tariff reprieve announced by Donald Trump nears its end, markets may experience added uncertainty.

Here are five key stock recommendations for investors to consider:

#### 1. Bharat Electronics (BEL)

BEL is trading near its all-time high,



supported by strong momentum and rising volumes. The company is securing new orders, boosting investor confidence. After closing at ₹408 with a 2.4% gain last Friday, investors are



advised to enter around ₹400 with a target of ₹445-₹480. A stop loss at ₹385 is recommended.

#### 2. Indus Towers

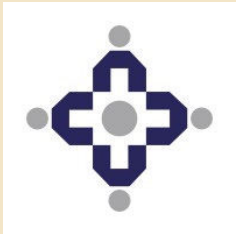
This stock has consistently outperformed the Nifty across weekly,

monthly, quarterly, and yearly time-frames. With a favorable risk-reward ratio, it closed at ₹404 last Friday with a 3.76% gain. Investors can consider buying in the ₹380-₹390 range, targeting ₹470. A strict stop loss should be maintained at ₹360.



#### 3. Central Depository Services (CDSL)

Following a recent breakout, CDSL has entered a consolidation phase, with volumes declining. Despite this, the stock remains stronger than the broader index. After closing at ₹1685, it is a good candidate for entry around ₹1650, aiming for a target of ₹1900. A stop loss at ₹1620 is advisable.



#### 4. Reliance Industries

Trading steadily around the ₹1450 mark, Reliance has broken past last month's highs and is showing relative strength compared to the Nifty. With limited volatility, it closed at ₹1466 last Friday. Investors can initiate positions at ₹1430-₹1450, targeting ₹1560. A stop loss at ₹1400 is crucial.



#### 5. Power Grid Corporation



After a prolonged downtrend, Power Grid reversed its trend in March and gained nearly 30%. However, some profit-taking has emerged recently. The stock closed at ₹293 with a 2.2% gain, supported by high volumes. Investors can consider buying above ₹280 with a target of ₹355. A stop loss at ₹270 is necessary.

## World's Largest Banks Boost Fossil Fuel Financing by \$162 Billion in 2024

SBI Among Top Increase



In a worrying development for global climate efforts, the world's 65 biggest banks increased their financing for fossil fuel companies by \$162 billion in 2024, reaching a total of \$869 billion compared to \$707 billion in 2023. This marks a significant reversal from the previous trend of declining investments in fossil fuels, according to the Fossil Fuel Finance Report 2025 published by the Banking on Climate Chaos Coalition—a group of eight environmental organizations.

Among nearly 50 major banks that ramped up their fossil fuel funding last year is India's State Bank of India (SBI), which increased its financing by \$65 million. This rise in fossil fuel support is particularly troubling at a time when global climate goals require urgent cuts in emissions and a shift toward renewable energy.

The report highlights the critical concern that expanding fossil fuel infrastructure now will "lock in" decades of dependence on oil, gas, and coal. The International Energy Agency's 2024 Energy Investment Outlook underlines that to achieve net zero emissions globally by 2050, investments in

fossil fuels must be reduced by more than half by 2030. However, the surge in bank financing runs counter to this necessary reduction, potentially jeopardizing global climate targets.

"This growth in fossil fuel finance is troubling," the report states, stressing that continued bank lending to fossil fuel companies undermines efforts to combat climate change. The increased capital flow into oil, gas, and coal sectors delays the energy transition and encourages further exploration and extraction activities.

Environmental advocates urge banks worldwide to redirect their investments toward sustainable and renewable energy projects to align financial flows with the goals of the Paris Agreement and the broader fight against climate change.

The increase in fossil fuel financing by major banks in 2024 serves as a stark reminder that financial institutions play a pivotal role in shaping the global energy landscape—and their current trajectory threatens to lock the world into decades of harmful carbon emissions.

## India Increases Oil Imports from Russia and the U.S. Amid Middle East Turmoil

India has significantly boosted its crude oil imports from Russia and the United States in June, surpassing combined supplies from traditional Middle Eastern suppliers like Saudi Arabia and Iraq. This shift comes amid heightened market volatility following Israel's recent military strikes on Iranian nuclear sites and the U.S. military's subsequent attack on Iran's nuclear facilities early Sunday.

According to preliminary data from global trade analytics firm Kpler, Indian refiners are expected to import between 2 to 2.2 million barrels per day (bpd) of Russian crude oil this month—the highest in two years. This volume exceeds the total crude India is projected to import from Iraq, Saudi Arabia, the UAE, and Kuwait combined. In May, Indian imports from Russia stood at 1.96 million bpd.



Imports from the U.S. have also jumped sharply, rising to 439,000 bpd in June from 280,000 bpd in the previous month. Meanwhile, oil imports from the Middle East are expected to dip to around 2 million bpd this month, down from May's levels, as regional tensions impact shipping activity.

India, the world's third-largest oil importer and consumer, relies on foreign crude

oil to meet its domestic fuel needs. Traditionally dependent on Middle Eastern suppliers, India began increasing its Russian oil imports significantly after Russia's invasion of Ukraine in early 2022. Russian crude has been attractive due to its steep discounts caused by Western sanctions and reduced European demand. As a result, Russia's share in India's oil imports surged from less than 1% to roughly 40-44% in a short span.

Despite the ongoing conflict in the Middle East, oil supply chains remain intact for now. However, experts warn that tanker activity suggests a future decline in crude loadings from the Gulf region. Shipowners are reportedly reluctant to send empty tankers back to the Gulf amid instability, with the number of such vessels dropping drastically. This could tighten supplies from the Middle East, potentially forcing India to further adjust its sourcing strategy.

The Strait of Hormuz remains a critical chokepoint for oil exports from Saudi Arabia, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, and the UAE, as well as for liquefied natural gas shipments from Qatar. Any disruption here could have wide-reaching effects on global energy markets.

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

Net 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.





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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

Some biblical stories also tie Fridays to misfortune — including the expulsion of Adam

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

In a statement, Ferrero described the new spread as “a combination of the



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

However, there's a catch. This new flavour will only be available in North

America, and not until Spring 2026. Details about the price and exact launch date have yet to be revealed.

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

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



# England Fight Back After Bumrah Strikes, India Collapse Despite Pant’s Century

India’s hopes of posting a massive first-innings total in the opening Test against England at Headingley were dashed on Day Two, despite a brilliant century from Rishabh Pant and a fiery spell from Jasprit Bumrah. After resuming at a commanding 359 for three, the visitors managed to add just 112 runs, folding for 471—losing their last seven wickets for a mere 41 runs.

Pant was the star of the innings with a stunning 134 off 178 balls, hitting 12 fours and 6 sixes. He reached his seventh Test century with a flamboyant one-handed six over cow corner and followed it up with a gymnast-like celebration that showcased both his athleticism and emotion. Shubman Gill, who had looked untroubled on Day One, was dismissed for 147 after falling into a trap set by Shoaib Bashir, caught at deep backward square-leg.



collapse with a fiery spell (4/66), including a sensational diving catch by Ollie Pope to dismiss Nair.

England’s response was steady, ending the day at 209 for three, trailing by 262. Bumrah gave India early breakthroughs, removing Zak Crawley in the first over, Ben Duckett for 62, and Joe Root for 28. He nearly dismissed Harry Brook too, but a no-ball denied him. Poor catching let India down—Jadeja dropped Duckett early, and Jaiswal shelled a crucial catch off Pope, who went on to score a fluent unbeaten 100.

The pitch remained good for batting, and Pope’s elegant strokeplay, especially post-tea, helped England rebuild. With the match finely balanced and momentum shifting, Day Three promises to be pivotal in determining the course of this enthralling Test.

However, India’s middle and lower order crumbled. Karun Nair’s much-anticipated return lasted only four balls, and Stokes triggered a

## Tough Day for Indian Hockey: Senior and Junior Teams Suffer Heavy Defeats in Europe

It was a disappointing outing for Indian hockey on all fronts as the senior women’s, men’s, and junior men’s teams faced heavy defeats in their respective matches in the FIH Pro League and the Four-Nation Tournament on Saturday, June 21, 2025.



In Antwerp, the Indian women’s team suffered its fifth consecutive defeat in the FIH Pro League, going down 1-5 to hosts Belgium. Despite a promising start with Deepika scoring in the sixth minute to give India an early lead, the momentum quickly shifted in Belgium’s favor. The hosts responded with a relentless attack, scoring five goals through Helene Brasseur (37’, 55’), Lucie Breynne (41’), Ambre Ballenghien (54’), and Charlotte Englebert (58’), showcasing their dominance and exposing the defensive lapses in the Indian backline.

The men’s team didn’t fare any better, losing 3-6 to Belgium in what marked their seventh straight defeat in the league. The Belgians started strong with Arthur van Doren scoring in the first minute. Alexander Hendrickx (28’, 54’), Duvekot (49’), Stockbroekx (53’), and Tom Boon (59’) added to the tally, leaving India with

little room to recover. Though India showed brief signs of resistance with goals from Dilpreet Singh (36’), Mandeep Singh (38’), and Amit Rohidas (56’), it wasn’t enough to challenge Belgium’s clinical performance.

Meanwhile, the Indian junior men’s team endured a tough start to their Four-Nation Tournament campaign in Berlin, suffering a crushing 1-7 defeat at the hands of Germany. The young side struggled to match the pace and precision of the hosts.

With these back-to-back losses, Indian hockey teams face a critical juncture and will need to regroup quickly as they aim to salvage their campaigns in Europe.

## India U-23, Kyrgyz Republic Play Out Stalemate in International Friendly

The India U-23 football team held the Kyrgyz Republic to a goalless draw in their second international friendly held in Hisor, Tajikistan, as part of their build-up to the AFC U-23 Asian Cup qualifiers and the 2026 Asian Games.



Coming off a narrow 2-3 defeat against hosts Tajikistan in their previous outing, the Blue Colts made eight changes to their starting lineup. Only defenders Pramveer, Bikash Yumnam, and Abhishek Singh Tekcham retained their places, as head coach Naushad Moosa looked to rotate and test his squad.

In the opening 30 minutes, Kyrgyz Republic looked the sharper side, dominating possession and pushing India back into their own half. India’s midfield took time to settle, with the team largely relying on quick bursts down the wings to break through the opposition lines.

Gradually, the Indian side found their rhythm as the first half progressed. With more composure on the ball, they began to generate meaningful chances. Parthib Sundar Gogoi was at the center of India’s attacking efforts, forcing a save from Kyrgyz keeper Chomoev Sultan in the 38th minute with a powerful shot. Just six minutes later, Gogoi delivered a threatening low free-kick at the near post, again drawing a fine diving stop from Sultan.

India came close again just before the break when Vibin Mohanan delivered a pinpoint cross to Pramveer at the far post, but the defender’s header sailed over the crossbar.

The second half saw both teams push for a breakthrough, but neither side managed to find the finishing touch. India showed improved organization and resilience in defense, closing out the match without conceding.

The draw concludes India’s short friendly series in Tajikistan, offering valuable match experience as the young squad continues its preparation for upcoming continental tournaments.

## ‘Game will go away’: Ganguly weighs in on Kohli, Rohit’s 2027 WC chances

As Indian cricket begins to look toward the future, former captain Sourav Ganguly has weighed in on the chances of senior players Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma featuring in the 2027 ICC ODI World Cup. With the tournament set to be held in South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Namibia, Ganguly acknowledged that age and fitness will play a critical role in determining their availability.



Speaking candidly in an interview with PTI, Ganguly reflected on the reality of time catching up with even the greatest cricketers. “All of us must understand, just like everyone, the game will go away from them and they will go away from the game,” he said.

By the time the next World Cup arrives, Kohli will be 38, and Rohit Sharma will be nearing 40. While both have had illustrious careers and remain icons of Indian cricket, Ganguly pointed out that sustaining form and fitness at that stage won’t be easy, especially with limited ODI exposure.

Between now and the 2027 World Cup, India is scheduled to play just 27 ODIs across nine bilateral series — averaging about 15 games a year. According to Ganguly, this sparse calendar makes it more challenging for veterans like

Kohli and Rohit to maintain rhythm and secure their places in the squad.

“It won’t be easy,” Ganguly remarked, emphasizing the physical demands of the game and the fierce competition from younger players. While he didn’t rule out their participation entirely, his comments highlight the shifting dynamics in Indian cricket as the team gradually moves toward a younger core.

With the 2025 Champions Trophy recently concluded and preparations for the next World Cup cycle beginning, the focus is now on building a squad for the future — one that may or may not include two of India’s most celebrated modern-day greats.

## Flamengo Stun Chelsea 3-1 at Club World Cup as Bayern Prepare for Boca Clash

Flamengo produced a thrilling second-half comeback to defeat Chelsea 3-1 at the FIFA Club World Cup on Friday, securing their spot in the knockout stage and continuing a strong run for South American clubs at the tournament.



Playing in front of a raucous crowd of 54,019 in Philadelphia, largely dominated by Flamengo fans, the Brazilian champions were underterred after going behind to a first-half goal from Pedro Neto. The second half, however, belonged entirely to Flamengo. Super-sub Bruno Henrique came off the bench in the 56th minute and quickly made an impact, netting the equaliser shortly after the hour mark. He then turned provider, setting up Danilo for a powerful finish to make it 2-1.

Chelsea’s hopes were dashed when substitute Nicolas Jackson received a straight red card for a reckless tackle on Ayrton Lucas in the 68th minute. Flamengo sealed the win through Wallace Yan, another substitute, who scored late to put the result beyond doubt.

“It was a special day for me and our club,” said Flamengo head coach Filipe Luis, a former Chelsea player. “We have a clear identity, and we stuck to it. But now, we must focus on the next game. The group isn’t easy.”

Flamengo confirmed qualification from Group D after Tunisia’s Esperance defeated Los Angeles FC 1-0 in Nashville, thanks to a 70th-minute goal from Youcef Belaili. LAFC, late entrants to the tournament after Club León’s disqualification, are now out of contention.

Chelsea and Esperance, both on three points, will face off on Tuesday to determine who joins Flamengo in the last 16.

Elsewhere, Bayern Munich prepare for a high-profile clash with Boca Juniors in Group C, while Benfica crushed Auckland City 6-0 in Orlando despite a two-hour weather delay.





## Basil Joseph Clears Air on Allu Arjun Replacing Ranveer Singh in Shaktimaan

Acclaimed South Indian director Basil Joseph has officially addressed the swirling rumors surrounding the much-anticipated pan-India superhero film Shaktimaan. Over the past few weeks, speculations have been rife that Telugu superstar Allu Arjun might be replacing Bollywood actor Ranveer Singh in the lead role. However, Basil has now set the record straight.

In a recent interview, Basil Joseph clarified that Shaktimaan is very much on track with Ranveer Singh as the titular hero. “There is no truth in the rumors about Allu Arjun replacing Ranveer. Ranveer is still very much our Shaktimaan, and nothing has changed in that regard,” the director confirmed. This statement effectively quashes the widespread speculation and confirms that the original casting remains intact.

The rumors began after reports surfaced that Allu Arjun was in talks for a project with Basil Joseph, especially after the cancellation of his film with director Trivikram Srinivas. Allu Arjun’s PR team added fuel to the fire by teasing a possible collaboration with Basil, leading many to assume it was for Shaktimaan. However, Basil’s recent statement suggests that while a collaboration between him and Allu Arjun may still be possible in the future, it will not be Shaktimaan.



Meanwhile, Allu Arjun’s next confirmed project is with director Atlee, known for helming mass entertainers. This pairing has already generated a lot of excitement, especially following Allu Arjun’s National Award win and Atlee’s box office success with Jawan.

In summary, Shaktimaan continues with Ranveer Singh in the lead, and while a Basil-Allu Arjun collaboration isn’t off the table, it’s certainly not what fans had assumed.

## Thammudu Gears Up for Second Single ‘Jai Bagalaamukhi’ – Release Details Revealed

The excitement around Nithiin’s upcoming action drama Thammudu continues to build as the makers officially announce the release of the film’s second single. Titled Jai Bagalaamukhi, the song is scheduled to drop on June 24, 2025, at 5 PM. The announcement has created a buzz among fans who are eagerly looking forward to the film’s soundtrack after the success of its first single.

Directed by Sriram Venu, Thammudu is slated for a grand theatrical release on July 4, 2025. The film stars Nithiin in the lead role, with rising star Sapthami Gowda playing the female lead. This marks her second major Telugu project, and fans are eager to see the on-screen chemistry between the lead pair.

The film also features a strong supporting cast including Laya, Swasika, Varsha Bollamma, and Saurabh Sachdeva, each playing pivotal roles that are expected to add depth and intrigue to the narrative. With a mix of action, emotion, and drama, Thammudu is shaping up to be one of the most awaited Telugu releases of the year.

Produced by the renowned duo Dil Raju and Shirish under the prestigious Sri Venkateswara Creations banner, the film promises a rich cinematic experience. Music for the film is composed by Ajaneesh Loknath, known for his work in Kantara and other successful films. His

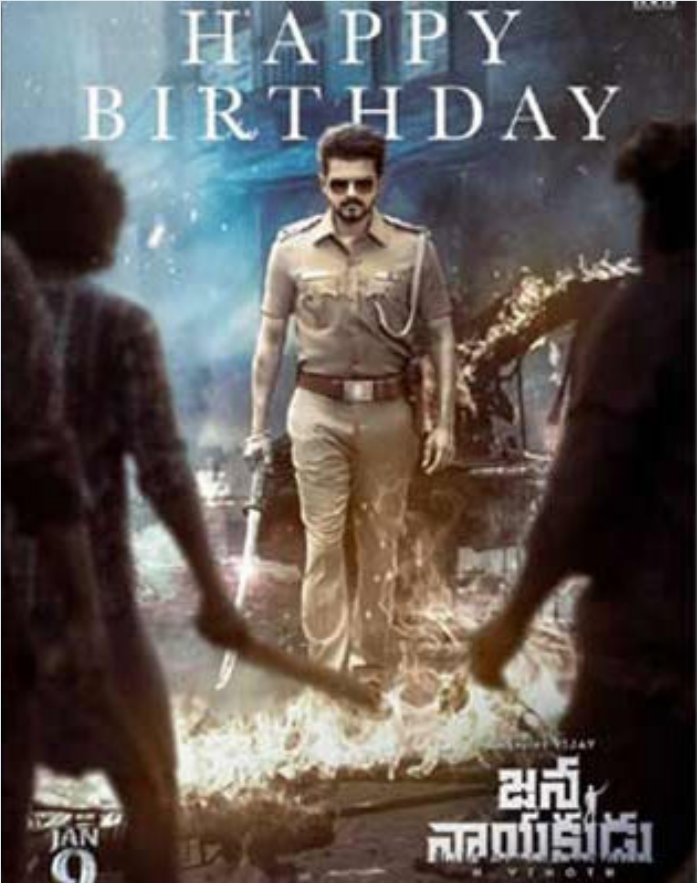


unique musical style is expected to add a powerful edge to Jai Bagalaamukhi, which is rumored to be a high-energy devotional number with intense visuals.

With the film’s release just around the corner, the upcoming single is likely to amplify the hype even further. Fans can mark their calendars for June 24 and prepare for an exciting musical treat.

## Vijay Stuns as Fierce Cop in Jana Nayagan – Poster & Teaser Win the Internet

Kollywood superstar Vijay has taken the internet by storm with the teaser of his final film, Jana Nayagan, which was released at midnight as a special treat for his birthday. Fans were thrilled to witness the actor in an intense and commanding police officer role, a powerful transformation that has already created waves across social media.



Adding to the excitement, the makers unveiled a brand-new poster showcasing Vijay in a rugged and fierce cop look. This marks his much-anticipated return to playing a police officer after a long hiatus, and the response from fans has been nothing short of electrifying. The look, combined with the impactful teaser, has further raised expectations for what could be one of the biggest films in Vijay’s career.

Directed with a pan-Indian vision, Jana Nayagan is also set for a simultaneous Telugu release under the title Jana Nayakudu, ensuring a massive reach across Southern India. The film is scheduled to hit theatres in grand fashion on January 9, 2026, targeting the Sankranti holiday season for maximum impact.

The movie boasts a stellar ensemble

cast, featuring Pooja Hegde as the female lead, alongside Bobby Deol, Gautham Vasudev Menon, Prakash Raj, and Priyamani in pivotal roles. Each actor is expected to bring something unique to this high-octane action drama.

Backed by KVN Productions, Jana Nayagan is being mounted on a lavish scale and promises a rich cinematic experience. Adding to the anticipation is the musical genius of Anirudh Ravichander, whose powerful background score in the teaser has already impressed fans and critics alike.

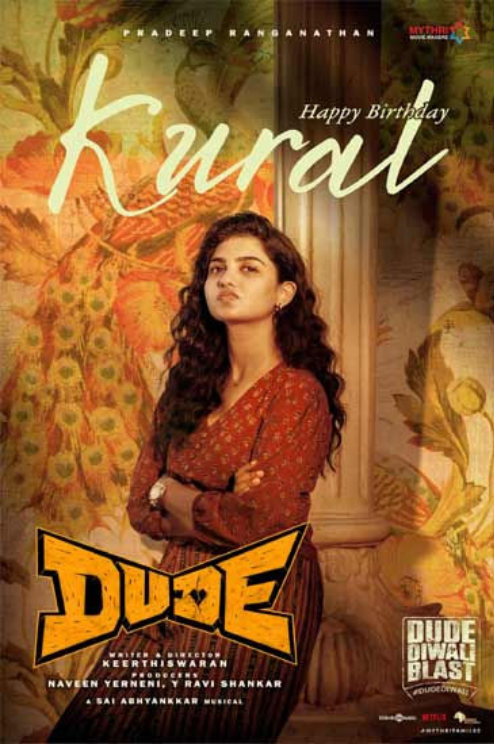
With its gripping teaser, powerful visuals, and Vijay’s return in a cop avatar, Jana Nayagan is shaping up to be a landmark film in his illustrious career.

## Birthday Treat: Mamitha Baiju Shines in Stylish First Look from Dude

Rising star Mamitha Baiju is celebrating her 24th birthday with a special surprise for fans! The actress, who became a nationwide sensation after her breakout performance in Premalu, is currently on a career high with multiple high-profile projects in the pipeline. Among them is the much-anticipated Tamil film Dude, where she stars opposite Pradeep Ranganathan.

To mark her birthday, the makers of Dude released a stunning new poster featuring Mamitha in a chic and stylish avatar. The poster introduces her character as “Kural – the Heartthrob,” and shows the actress exuding elegance with a confident, subtle pout. The look has already started trending across social media, with fans praising her transformation and presence.

Mamitha, widely admired for her bubbly screen persona and effortless charm, seems to be stepping into a



more glamorous, poised role in Dude. Her pairing with Pradeep Ranganathan

has generated strong buzz, especially given his own popularity following Love Today. Fans are eagerly waiting to see the fresh chemistry between the two.

Directed by Keerthiswaran and produced under the prestigious Mythri Movie Makers banner, Dude is being positioned as a youthful romantic entertainer. With a mix of humor, romance, and vibrant storytelling, the film aims to appeal to the Gen Z and millennial audience alike. The music is composed by Sai Abhyankkar, who is expected to bring a trendy, contemporary sound to the film.

Slated for a festive Diwali 2025 release, Dude is shaping up to be a must-watch this season. With Mamitha Baiju’s stylish look and the film’s vibrant tone, it promises to deliver a fresh take on young love. Fans can expect more updates and glimpses in the weeks to come.

## Kannappa Making Video Unveiled: A Visual Feast Ahead of Grand Release

With just days to go before its theatrical release, the makers of Kannappa, one of the most ambitious projects from the Manchu family, have unveiled a breathtaking making video that’s now going viral. Starring Manchu Vishnu in the lead role, the film is being produced on a massive scale with a staggering budget of Rs. 100 crores by veteran actor and producer Manchu Mohan Babu. Slated for a worldwide release on June 27, Kannappa has been generating immense buzz, and the newly released making video only adds to the hype. Clocking in at nearly three minutes, the video offers an exciting behind-the-scenes glimpse



into the scale and dedication involved in crafting this mythological epic. From colossal sets and intricate production design to high-octane action choreography and stunning VFX, the footage highlights the extraordinary effort poured into every frame. The video

showcases the crew’s relentless hard work in creating a visual spectacle, reinforcing the film’s status as one of the most lavishly mounted productions in Telugu cinema. The making video also features appearances by the star-studded ensemble

cast, including glimpses of Prabhas, Mohanlal, Akshay Kumar, Sarath Kumar, and Kajal Aggarwal. Their transformations and involvement in the shoot have added to the anticipation. Manchu Vishnu is seen performing intense action scenes, while the visuals hint at a rich blend of mythology and drama. Fresh off the grand pre-release event and trailer launch, this behind-the-scenes look is part of a strong promotional push by the Kannappa team. With its epic scale, star power, and powerful visuals, Kannappa is gearing up to be a landmark film and a proud milestone for the Manchu family.