



US Stealth Strike  
Rocks Iran Nuke Sites

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

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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 ae-

rial 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 out-

going 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.

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



## Hyderabad Metro Phase II-B Plans Sent To Centre

- Telangana pushes for major expansion of public transport
- Three new corridors covering 86.1 km proposed
- Estimated cost of ₹19,579 crore
- Project planned under Centre-State joint venture

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

The Telangana government has formally submitted the detailed proposals for Hyderabad Metro Rail Phase II-B to the Central government, aiming for a significant expansion of the city’s metro network. According to a statement from Hyderabad Airport Metro Limited (HAML), the proposal includes all necessary documents and detailed project reports (DPRs). The Phase II-B plan features three new corridors spanning a total of 86.1 km. These include a 39.6 km line from Rajiv Gandhi International Airport to Bharat Future City at a cost of ₹7,168 crore, a 24.5 km stretch from Jubilee Bus Station (JBS) to Medchal at ₹6,946 crore, and a 22 km route from JBS to Shamirpet at ₹5,465 crore. The total estimated cost

for Phase II-B stands at ₹19,579 crore. Similar to the Phase II-A proposal, this project is also intended to be executed as a joint venture between the Central and State governments. Telangana will bear 30% of the cost (₹5,874 crore), the Centre will cover 18% (₹3,524 crore), while the remaining 48% (₹9,398 crore) will be sourced through loans from international institutions. An additional 4% (₹783 crore) is proposed to be raised through the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode. Earlier, the state had submitted proposals for Phase II-A, which

## Kavitha Demands 42% BC Quota, Announces Rail Roko on July 17

Calls out Congress for delaying implementation; gets full support from MP Krishnaiah

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BRS MLC K. Kavitha on Sunday demanded 42% reservation for Backward Classes (BCs) in Telangana and issued a strong warning that she would lead a Rail Roko protest on July 17 if the demand is not met. She accused the Congress-led state government of deliberately stalling the implementation of the quota and trying to shift the blame onto the Centre. Addressing the media in Hyderabad, Kavitha said the Rail Roko protest would be jointly organized by Telangana Jagruti and various BC organisations, aimed at pressuring the Union government to grant Presidential assent to the BC reservation bill. Kavitha was accompanied by BC Welfare Associ-



ation national president and BJP Rajya Sabha MP R. Krishnaiah, who lent his full

## FIR Filed Against Vijay Deverakonda

- Actor faces atrocity case for comments at ‘Retro’ event
- FIR under SC/ST Atrocities Act filed at Raidurgam Police Station

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

Tollywood actor Vijay Deverakonda has landed in legal trouble following his controversial remarks during the pre-release event of the Tamil film Retro, starring Suriya. His comments



have triggered strong backlash from tribal communities across the state, with many accusing the actor of insulting and belittling tribal people. In response to widespread outrage and protests, the Raidurgam police have officially registered a case against Deverakonda under sections of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled



US Bears “Full Responsibility” For Consequences Of Strikes On N-Facilities: Iran

## BJP gave honest and corruption-free rule under Modi



- BJP has given transparent rule for 11 years
- India has moved from candle vigils to counter-attacks on terror
- Telangana betrayed by both BRS and Congress, says Kishan Reddy

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

Union Minister and Telangana BJP president G. Kishan Reddy strongly defended the governance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, highlighting 11 years of corruption-free administration and historic development across sectors. Addressing a public gathering, Kishan Reddy said the Modi-led BJP government is the first non-Congress regime to deliver ethical, transparent, and efficient governance in independent India. He remarked that during the UPA era, newspapers and TV channels were flooded with daily reports of corruption. In contrast, not a single scam has emerged under Modi’s leadership over the past decade. “Every rupee has been spent responsibly, without misuse. This is the Modi model of governance,” he stated. Kishan Reddy noted that Modi’s leadership transformed India from a helpless victim of terror to a nation capable of surgical and air strikes. “In the past, Pakistan used to plant bombs, and all we did was light candles. Now, we warn them that even a drone will be met with a BrahMos missile from Hyderabad,” he said, adding that India’s Operation Sindhur sent a clear message to

the world about its strength. He listed national development achievements under Modi’s leadership—construction of world-class national highways, modernisation of 1,300 railway stations, rural electrification, loans to women SHGs, and India’s global leadership in IT and defense exports. “From rural toilets under Swachh Bharat to hoisting the tricolor on the moon, our journey is unmatched,” he declared. In Telangana, Kishan Reddy said the Centre has sanctioned ₹1.5 lakh crore for road projects, connecting 32 of the 33 new districts to national highways. He slammed previous governments, saying, “Not one railway station was developed during Congress rule.” Lashing out at both BRS and Congress, he said Telangana was reduced to a debt-ridden state due to corruption and family politics. “People voted for Congress trusting Sonia Gandhi and the six guarantees. But within a year, those promises are shattered,” he said, adding that CM Revanth Reddy has admitted there are no lenders and no resources to fulfil commitments. Kishan Reddy claimed Congress has abandoned the state, just like BRS once betrayed people’s aspirations. “Some forces within and outside India cannot digest Modi’s rise and are throwing mud at him. But today, Modi stands tall at every global platform as the face of 140 crore Indians,” he concluded.



# Deputy CM reviews infrastructure & capital funding issues

- State implementing ₹33,600 crore welfare schemes
- Budget disparities across departments to be rectified

**TPN Correspondent | Telangana**  
Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, who heads the Cabinet's Infrastructure and Capital Sub-Committee, stressed the urgent need to enhance Telangana's non-tax revenues. Chairing a key review meeting at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Secretariat on Sunday, Bhatti was joined by Ministers Uttam Kumar Reddy and Komatireddy Venkata Reddy, along with senior government officials. Bhatti highlighted the state's financial strain due to revenue losses in the previous year, including those from the Outer Ring Road and excise earnings. Despite these challenges, he noted, the Congress-led government had not discontinued a single welfare scheme from the past regime and had instead launched fresh initiatives worth ₹33,600 crore. He listed flagship welfare schemes such as Rythu Bharosa, Indiramma Atmiya Kanuka, Mahalakshmi, Free Electricity, and Indiramma Housing, emphasizing the government's commitment to inclusive development.



The Deputy CM also pointed to imbalances in departmental budget allocations and directed officials to address them immediately. "Some departments are getting excessive funds while others are underfunded. We must ensure equal and logical distribution of funds across departments," he said. Bhatti stressed that expenditures should align strictly with the state's priorities and urged departments that generate revenue to be given special attention. He emphasized that spending must be rational, practical, and focused on essential needs. "All departments must work in alignment with the broader public welfare vision. Major pending projects should be taken up on a priority basis, and spillover works must be completed without delay," he stated. He set a ten-day deadline for officials to complete the rationalization process and submit a comprehensive development and expenditure plan. The meeting was attended by Chief Secretary Ramakrishna Rao, Finance Department Principal Secretary Sandeep Kumar Sultania, and senior officials from various departments.

# Indiramma houses to be sanctioned without political bias

**TPN Correspondent | Karimnagar**  
At a crucial review meeting for the erstwhile Karimnagar district, Minister Sridhar Babu laid out a clear roadmap to ensure equitable housing, enhanced agricultural productivity, and education reform. Speaking to district officials, the Minister reiterated the government's commitment to transparency, accountability, and development at the grassroots level. The Minister announced that in the next three and a half years, the government will sanction Indiramma houses to all eligible families, regardless of political affiliation. He emphasized that the process will be fair and non-partisan, stating that "Houses will be allotted to the poor, irrespective of party affiliations." To ensure this, Indiramma Committees at the village level will scrutinize applications thoroughly, eliminating any chances of irregularities. In the agriculture sector, Sridhar Babu urged farmers to move beyond paddy cultivation and take up more profitable crops such as oilseeds, fruits, and vegetables. The Minister warned that strict action will be taken against those found selling spurious seeds, directing officials to intensify field

inspections. Highlighting the government's focus on education, healthcare, and agriculture under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, Sridhar Babu said that collectors must play a proactive role in realizing this vision at the ground level. A significant push is being made to increase student enrollment in government schools, and the Minister commended the efforts of teachers and officials so far. He appealed to public representatives to actively engage in the Badi Bata campaign, which is aimed at strengthening the government school system. To further improve the quality of education, the Minister informed that special training sessions have already begun for government teachers, with more to follow. He also instructed collectors to hold regular review meetings with MLAs and local leaders to monitor progress in enrollment and infrastructure. As part of these efforts, the Karimnagar District Collector has been directed to visit Jyothiba Phule Gurukulam and submit a comprehensive report on the institution's current condition.

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support to the protest, calling it a much-needed agitation for long-overdue justice to the backward communities. "The state government is betraying BCs by using the excuse of pending assent from the President. It is deliberately avoiding responsibility," Kavitha said. She added, "If there is no action from either government, we will paralyze the railways with our protest on July 17. Rail Roko is the only way to compel both the state and central governments to respond." MP R. Krishnaiah, speaking at the event, alleged that the state government never intended to implement the 42% BC quota. "BCs have been suffering injustice for the last 75 years. If we don't raise our voice now, there's a real threat that even existing quotas could be

curtailed," he warned. Expressing solidarity with Kavitha, Krishnaiah said, "Whoever fights for BCs deserves full support. Our BC Welfare Association stands with Kavitha in this movement." Both leaders criticized the Congress regime for failing to act on its promises and reiterated that the fight for BC rights and political justice will intensify in the coming weeks. The announcement of the July 17 Rail Roko signals a significant escalation in the ongoing demand for BC reservation in the state, and political observers believe it could set the stage for heightened confrontation between the BRS and Congress governments in the coming days.

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includes five corridors covering 76.4 km at an estimated cost of ₹24,269 crore. During a meeting with Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs Manohar Lal Khattar on June 19, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy had requested swift approvals for the Phase II-A project. The Chief Minister emphasized the need for enhanced public transport in the rapidly growing city, noting that the completion of both Phase II-A and II-B would significantly ease traffic congestion

and support sustainable urban growth. He also highlighted that the projects would involve funding from institutions such as the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB). The existing Phase I of the Hyderabad Metro Rail, which includes three corridors totaling 69.2 km, has already been completed at a cost of around ₹22,000 crore and is recognized as the largest PPP-based metro project globally.

## FIR Filed Against Vijay Deverakonda

Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act. Authorities confirmed that an FIR has been filed and an investigation into the actor's speech is currently in progress. The controversy stems from a portion of his speech where Deverakonda, while condemning the Pahalgam terror attack, allegedly said, "If the situation in Pakistan continues like this, without electricity and water, they'll fight like tribals did 500 years ago — without any sense or work." The remark has been widely condemned by tribal activists as deeply offensive and demeaning. Protests erupted across multiple

locations, with members of tribal communities and legal associations demanding immediate action. Among the complainants is Kishanraj Chauhan Kishan, President of the Tribal Lawyers Association Bapunagar, who filed a formal complaint stating that the comments reinforced harmful stereotypes and disrespected the history and dignity of tribal people. The police have assured that the matter is being taken seriously, and further legal action will follow based on the outcome of the investigation.

# Bandi Sanjay Lays Foundation for New Satavahana University Building

Vice Chancellor thanks Union Minister for key support

**TPN Correspondent | Karimnagar**

Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar laid the foundation stone for a new academic building and boundary wall at Satavahana University this afternoon. The academic block, estimated to cost ₹7.28 crore, is being constructed with support from both the state and central governments under the PM Ushasri scheme. The ₹2.85 crore boundary wall will be constructed using the university's internal funds. As part of the ceremony, the Union Minister toured the university campus along with top officials and later interacted with students. Satavahana University Vice Chancellor Umesh Kumar expressed deep gratitude, stating that Bandi Sanjay's active role in securing funds and promoting development in the university is truly commendable and



will not be forgotten. On behalf of the students and faculty, Bandi Sanjay was formally felicitated. The event saw the participation of University Registrar Prof. J. Ravikumar, campus and affiliated college principals, and teaching and non-teaching staff.

# Indiramma Houses for All Poor in 3.5 Years: Ponguleti

Will resolve all Bhubharati land issues by August 15, says Revenue Minister

**TPN Correspondent | Nalgonda**

Revenue, Housing and I&PR Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy announced that the Telangana government will construct 20 lakh Indiramma houses across the state over the next three and a half years. Speaking at a public meeting and Indiramma House grant distribution event at Nakirekal mini-stadium in Nalgonda, the minister emphasized the government's commitment to both housing and land reforms. He said the government is already building 4.5 lakh houses in the first phase and will construct 3,500 houses per constituency to ensure no poor person is left behind. Beneficiaries are expected to build houses between 400–600 sq. ft. and begin construction within 30 days of receiving the grant. The government will release the funds in four installments, and price control committees have been formed at the mandal level to regulate the cost of mate-



rials like steel and cement. On the land front, the minister revealed that 8.6 lakh applications had been received during the revenue conferences under the Bhu Bharati initiative. He assured that all genuine issues would be resolved by August 15, ending land ownership uncertainty for thousands of farmers. He added that even Assamese settlers with land rights are covered under the Bhu Bharati Act. Minister Ponguleti further highlighted several welfare achievements of the government including the increase in Rajiv Arogyasri coverage to ₹10 lakhs, 200

units of free electricity, LPG cylinders at ₹500, and the distribution of Sanna Biyam rice. He proudly stated that ₹9,000 crores had been credited to farmers' accounts in just nine days, and Rythu Bharosa was increased by ₹12,000 per acre. Legislative Council Chairman Gutta Sukhender Reddy called Bhu Bharati a revolutionary replacement to the earlier Dharani system and urged public officials to ensure every deserving citizen receives an Indiramma house, even if rules have to be relaxed. Nakirekal MLA Veeresham requested sanction for new

Tahsildar offices in Nakirekal and Ramannapet and resolution of land issues in Kattangur. MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy pointed out that no houses had been constructed in the past ten years and praised the Congress-led government's focus on people's governance. Speaking emotionally, beneficiaries Pushpa and Bhadramma said the houses fulfilled lifelong dreams. "When MLA Veeresham visited our home, he was moved and ensured we received a house. I thought it would remain a dream forever," said Pushpa. Another beneficiary, Sunitha from Veliminedu, shared that she already received two installments and her house was under plastering. Public representatives including Whip Beerla Ilayya, MLCs Shankar Nayak, Nellikanti Satyam, MLAs Bathula Laxma Reddy, Mandula Samelu, and former Council Chairman Nethi Vidyasagar were present along with revenue officials.





## Panchayat Sangathan Crucial for Local Polls: Meenakshi Natarajan

**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**  
In a key meeting held at Gandhi Bhavan, AICC in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan emphasized the vital role of the Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Sangathan in the upcoming local body elections. The meeting, chaired by State Chairman Rachamalla Siddeshwar, brought together state leaders and district presidents to chart a plan of action. Addressing the gathering, Meenakshi Natarajan said that the Sangathan should shoulder major responsibilities in the electoral process and play a strategic role at the grassroots level. “Panchayat Sangathan has the strength and presence needed to influence local bodies. It is time for its leaders to step up and lead with clarity and commitment,” she noted. Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Sangathan National President Sunil Panwar also addressed the meeting and announced that the organization will soon undergo a statewide reorganization to improve its effectiveness. He stressed that restructuring would help in expanding reach and activating booth-level participation. The meeting marked the beginning of the Congress party’s preparations for the local body elections in Telangana, with a clear focus on empowering its cadre and aligning grassroots efforts under a strong, reorganized Panchayat Sangathan framework.

## Memorial Meeting of Late MLA Maganti Gopinath

**MLC Dr. Shravan Dasoju issues key directions at Shakepet Division gathering**

**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**  
A preparatory meeting was held in the Shakepet division of Jubilee Hills constituency ahead of the condolence meeting for former Jubilee Hills MLA and Hyderabad BRS President, Late Maganti Gopinath. The condolence event is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, June 25. The meeting was organized under the leadership of Shakepet Division President Shri Durgam Pradeep, bringing together key party functionaries and division-level workers. MLC Dr. Shravan Dasoju attended the meeting as chief guest and issued vital directions for organizing the upcoming memorial program. Dr. Dasoju emphasized that the memorial service should reflect the life, service, and legacy of Late Maganti Gopinath, and called for meticulous planning and execution. Discussions were held on logistics, crowd management, venue arrangements, and publicity efforts to ensure the smooth conduct of the program. He urged for maximum public participation and called upon local residents, BRS workers, and admirers of Gopinath to come together in large numbers to honor the late leader. An action plan was drawn up focusing on the necessary arrangements, including transport facilities and volunteer coordination. Party leaders reiterated that the condolence meeting is an opportunity for the people to pay their final tributes to a leader who played a significant role in the development of Jubilee Hills and the growth of the BRS party in Hyderabad. The meeting witnessed the presence of several local residents, party workers, and supporters who expressed their emotional connect with Maganti Gopinath and pledged to make the memorial event a grand success.



# We are not against projects; we are against corruption: Eatala

*MP Thanks BJP Cadre for Successful Vikasit Bharat Sabha*



**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**  
BJP MP Eatala Rajender received praise from several party leaders for successfully organising the Vikasita Bharat Sankalpa Sabha on the occasion of completing one year as an MP. The event, held on Sunday, June 22, saw the presence of district presidents, corporators, division leaders, and several supporters. Eatala thanked leaders like Narmada, Deepika, corporators,

and BJP functionaries for their strong support in making the program a success. Highlighting the party’s journey, he said the exhibition showcased the legacy of BJP leaders from Shyama Prasad Mukherjee to Narendra Modi. Recalling his tenure as Finance Minister, Eatala said he met Modi several times and even travelled to Australia to study GST implementation. “They asked how we would implement it when we didn’t have

high literacy, tax compliance, or political awareness. But Modi ji is a people-oriented leader, not power-hungry. He implemented GST where Congress couldn’t, increasing tax collections from ₹73,000 crore to ₹2.40 lakh crore,” he said. Eatala credited Modi for his leadership during the COVID-19 crisis, stating that while world leaders broke down, Modi gave courage to Indians by ensuring 5 kilos of rice were given to 81 crore people. He also praised Operation Sindhur and said Modi’s rule is a blueprint for development, taking India to the top in digital transactions and helping the nation emerge as a Vishwaguru. Attacking Congress, Eatala said it is a party rooted in scams, from the first jeep purchase scam to more recent corruption. “Some people rely on their family names, claiming their fathers and leaders drank with others. Let them look at what we’ve

achieved instead,” he said. He also hit out at Telangana CM Revanth Reddy, accusing him of damaging Telangana’s self-respect. “We are not against BJP projects, we are against the corruption carried out in their name,” he clarified. Eatala reminded people how KCR once questioned what face Modi would show in Telangana, but later praised him in the Assembly. He asserted that politics is not permanent but human relations and development are. “Every rupee spent in villages is from the Centre. Who brought Smart City and Amrit Nagara schemes? The Centre. All roads are built by the Centre. Yet, some remain blind to it,” he criticised. Eatala concluded by saying the BJP flag will fly high in Malkajgiri during the GHMC elections and reiterated, “We are not against projects, we are against corruption.”

## Mahesh Kumar Goud Attends Padmasali Executive Oath Ceremony

*Praises Telangana’s caste survey as national model*



**TPN Correspondent | Nizamabad**  
Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud participated in the swearing-in ceremony of the newly formed executive body of the Padmasali community in Nizamabad. Extending warm congratulations,

he urged the new committee to work with dedication and inclusiveness. Mahesh Kumar Goud said that while caste identity is not inherently wrong, caste-based divisions should not be allowed to create disunity. He called upon all backward communities (BCs) to come together,

rise above sub-caste lines, and work towards collective empowerment. He emphasized that the scientific caste survey conducted in Telangana under Chief Minister Revanth Reddy is a historic achievement that aligns with Rahul Gandhi’s vision post his Bharat Jodo Yatra. “Rahul Gandhi launched the caste survey movement to understand the true structure of Indian society. With CM Revanth Reddy’s leadership, Telangana became the first state to conduct this exercise scientifically,” he stated. Highlighting the results of the survey, Mahesh Kumar Goud said it revealed that BCs make up 56% of Telangana’s population. “This data will pave the way for fair policies and rightful representation for the backward classes,” he noted, wel-

coming the Centre’s decision to include caste data in the upcoming national census. Describing Telangana as a role model for the nation, he said, “We are implementing Rahul Gandhi’s slogan ‘Jiska hissa usko hisaab’ and ensuring justice for BCs.” He also recalled the sacrifices of Telangana stalwart Konda Laxman Babuji, who resigned as minister in support of the people’s aspirations. “The youth should draw inspiration from Babuji’s selfless leadership and strive to grow in politics through service,” he advised. Urging all community leaders to work beyond party lines for the development of the state, Mahesh Kumar Goud concluded by emphasizing the importance of inclusive growth, social harmony, and unity among all backward castes.

## Another Blow to Congress in Maheshwaram

*100 join BRS in Mansanpalli in presence of Sabita Indra Reddy*

**TPN Correspondent | Rangareddy**  
The Congress party suffered another setback in Maheshwaram constituency as around 100 activists from Mansanpalli village in Maheshwaram mandal joined the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) on Sunday. Former minister and Maheshwaram MLA Sabita Indra Reddy welcomed them into the party fold.

Led by youth leader Maryada Raghavendra Reddy, the group from the Congress joined BRS in a program held in the village. Sabita was received with a massive rally, drumbeats, and enthusiastic participation from women and locals. Raghavendra Reddy donned the BRS scarf in the presence of Sabita Indra Reddy, signaling his formal entry into the party. Speaking on the occasion, Sabita Indra Reddy said that more and more leaders and workers

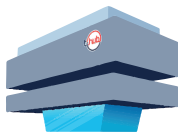


from the Congress are moving towards BRS under the leadership of KCR. She said that the people, especially farmers, youth, and women in Maheshwaram, want to see KCR as the Chief Minister again. Criticizing the Congress government, she said, “It is shameful to indulge in politics by threatening people with statements like ‘this is our government’ and promising Indiramma houses

only if they support them. The houses are being constructed with public money, not from Gandhi Bhavan.” She emphasized that she remains with the people of Maheshwaram regardless of which party forms the government, and that her commitment is to public service. Raghavendra Reddy expressed dissatisfaction with the Congress government’s gover-

nance, stating that many schemes promised over the past 16 months have not been implemented effectively. He said that Congress has failed to give space to its own grassroots workers, which is why many are now turning to BRS. With this latest development, BRS has strengthened its base further in Maheshwaram, posing a challenge to the ruling Congress in the region.





# Komatireddy Urges Faster Completion of Key Infrastructure Projects

Minister reviews IDOCs, ROBs and medical facilities  
Promises action on pending contractor dues

**TPN Correspondent | Telangana**  
Telangana Roads & Buildings Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy has directed officials to accelerate the completion of critical infrastructure projects, particularly those nearing completion. In a review meeting held at the Dr. BR Ambedkar State Secretariat on Sunday, the minister focused on expediting

the construction of pending Integrated District Office Complexes (IDOCs), Rail Over Bridges (ROBs), medical colleges, and hospitals across the state. Komatireddy specifically reviewed the status of five IDOCs still under construction in Adilabad, Warangal, Mulugu, Narayanpet, and Karimnagar. He instructed officials to immediately complete the

Warangal and Mulugu IDOCs, as they are in the final stages of construction. The minister also discussed the progress of several pending ROBs. He laid special emphasis on completing the Madhavnagar ROB in Nizamabad at the earliest, acknowledging the public's need for improved transportation infrastructure. When officials raised concerns about pending

ing bills related to contractors and work agencies, Minister Komatireddy assured that he would bring the issue to the attention of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka for swift resolution. He concluded the meeting by instructing officials to prioritize the completion of ROBs, new government medical colleges, and Telanga-



na Institute of Medical Sciences (TIMS) hospitals, especially those in the final stages of development.Minister Komatireddy emphasized that quick and efficient delivery of public infrastructure was crucial to the state's development agenda and improving citizen services across Telangana.

## ₹46 Lakh Theft Cracked in 6 Hours by Hyderabad Police

Ex-employee arrested at Maharashtra border, cash recovered

**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**

In a remarkable operation, Hyderabad City Police successfully solved a grave theft case within six hours and recovered ₹46.4 lakh in stolen cash. The incident occurred on the night of June 20–21 at Sun Steels Private Limited, located in Patigadda. According to a complaint filed by the company's Managing Director, an unknown offender broke open a Godrej locker inside the office cabin and stole the cash.

Acting swiftly on the complaint, police registered FIR No. 266/2025 under Sections 331(4) and 305 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). Preliminary investigation revealed that the accused was fleeing by bus from Secunderabad to Pureli in Madhya Pradesh. Alerts were immediately sent to bus stands and nearby police stations, along with the accused's photograph and details. CCTV footage from multiple locations and travel agencies was reviewed. A crucial lead came when the accused was identified using the mobile phone of a dhaba owner in Medchal. Based on that, CCTV footage at the dhaba and input from the bus driver helped track his movements. The accused, identified as Girdhari Singh, aged 28 and a native of Pureli, Sarai in Madhya Pradesh, was apprehended near the Maharashtra border with the assistance of Adilabad Police. Singh had previously worked at



Sun Steels for three years and was terminated six months ago due to inappropriate behavior. During his tenure, he became familiar with the routine of storing liquid cash in the office locker, which led him to plan the theft. On the night of the incident, he entered the premises through a gap in the roof and broke open the locker, escaping with the cash. The operation, which led to the complete recovery of ₹46.4 lakh, was carried out under the supervision of Ms. Rashmi Perumal, IPS, Deputy Commissioner of Police, North Zone. She was supported by Addl. DCP P. Ashok, ACP Gopala Krishna Murthy, SHO B. Prasada Rao, DI G. Srinivas, SI T. Sreedhar, and the North Zone Crime Teams. The police have appealed to business owners and the general public to conduct thorough background checks on employees and to install proper CCTV surveillance and physical security measures to prevent such crimes.

## Ganja Seized in Nampally, One Arrested

STF seizes 1.138 kg of ganja near Mangara Basti Dawakhana



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In a swift operation, the Special Task Force (STF) seized 1.138 kg of ganja during a raid near the Basti Dawakhana in Mangara Basti, Nampally. The raid was conducted following specific intelligence

that ganja was being illegally sold in the area. STF team leader Nandyala Anjireddy stated that a man identified as Kambli Arun was arrested at the scene. Additionally, two others, Saket Raju and Khalid, have been named as co-accused

in the case and are currently absconding. The seized ganja and the arrested individual were handed over to the Nampally Excise Police for further investigation and legal action. Efforts are underway to track down the remaining accused.

## 329 Drunk Drivers Caught in Cyberabad Weekend Crackdown

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In a major enforcement drive over the weekend, the Cyberabad Traffic Police apprehended 329 individuals for drunk driving. The drive was part of the department's intensified efforts to ensure road safety and curb accidents due to intoxicated driving. A vehicle-wise breakdown revealed that two-wheelers topped the list with 248 cases, followed by 54 four-wheelers, 23 three-wheelers, and 4 heavy vehicles. Of the total offenders: 283 were found with Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) between 35 mg and 200 mg/100 ml, 37 had BAC levels between 201 mg and 300 mg/100 ml and 9 were caught with dangerously high levels between 301 mg and 500 mg/100 ml. All the accused will be presented before the Hon'ble Court for further legal action. Cyberabad Police has once again reminded citizens that driving under the influence of alcohol is a serious criminal offence. Officials warned that any driver involved in a fatal accident while intox-



icated will now be booked under Section 105 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 — Culpable Homicide Not Amounting to Murder. This section carries a maximum punishment of 10 years of imprisonment and a fine. The Cyberabad Traffic Police urges all citizens to avoid drunk driving and act responsibly to ensure the safety of themselves and others on the road.

## Fire Breaks Out at MJ Market Dumping Ground, No Casualties Reported

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A minor fire broke out on Sunday morning at the dumping ground inside Moazzam Jahi (MJ) Market, prompting quick response from emergency services. Thankfully, no casualties or injuries were reported in the incident.The fire, which occurred around 9:00 am, is believed to have started in an old tin shed where discarded plaques and garbage were stored. Two fire tenders from Gowliguda and Yakutpura fire stations rushed to the scene upon receiving the alert.Speaking to the media, Sudhakar, Fire Station Officer from Gowliguda, confirmed that the situation was swiftly brought under control. "It was a small fire, and our teams were able to completely extinguish it within an hour," he said. Officials suspect that negligent

disposal of a cigarette or similar object may have triggered the fire. No significant damage was caused to property or surround-

ing structures. This incident follows a fire at an open compound in Pahadi Sharief a day earlier, where decorative materials were gutted,



ing structures. This incident follows a fire at an open compound in Pahadi Sharief a day earlier, where decorative materials were gutted,

urged the public to exercise caution while disposing of flammable items, especially during the summer season, to prevent such accidents.



## Kompally Robbery Case Solved...

Four Arrested for Threatening Shop Owner with Dummy Gun

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The Pet Basheerabad Police have arrested four men involved in a daring robbery in Kompally, where a grocery shop owner was threatened with a dummy gun and robbed of ₹4 lakh. The incident occurred on the night of June 11 at around 10:30 PM when the shop was being closed for the day. According to the police, the accused had observed that the shop owner, Saibaba, regularly carried large sums of money during closing hours. With an aim to make quick money, the gang planned the

robbery meticulously. Four accused arrived on two bikes and snatched the cash bag from the shop owner. When a worker at the shop tried to intervene, he was pushed away by the gang, who then fled the scene. Acting swiftly on the complaint filed by Saibaba, Pet Basheerabad Police formed special teams and began examining CCTV footage from the area. The footage helped identify the suspects, who were eventually traced to Rajasthan. The police arrested Mahender Khan, Rustum Khan, Rahul Khan, and Ashok

Power, all natives of Rajasthan. It was revealed during interrogation that the gang was working under a person supplying goods to grocery stores and had carefully sketched out the robbery plan in advance. They used a dummy gun to create fear and execute the robbery without actual firearms. Pet Basheerabad ACP Bala Gangi Reddy confirmed the arrests and stated that the accused have been remanded after registering a case. He appreciated the swift work of the crime team in solving the case in a short span.



# Modi’s Stand on Kaleshwaram Is BJP’s Policy: Bandi Sanjay

**Congress shielding KCR family despite, alleges Union Minister**  
**Kaleshwaram became ATM for KCR family**  
**Congress, BRS are two sides of the same coin**  
**BJP demands CBI inquiry as promised by Rahul Gandhi during elections**

**TPN Correspondent | Karimnagar**  
Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Bandi Sanjay Kumar, came down heavily on the Congress and BRS parties over the alleged corruption in the Kaleshwaram project. Addressing a press conference in Karimnagar, he made it clear that Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s remarks calling Kaleshwaram an ATM for the KCR family represent the official stance of the BJP. “The BJP is committed to exposing and

punishing corruption in the Kaleshwaram project. Our demand is a full-fledged CBI inquiry,” he asserted. He lashed out at those suggesting that BJP had softened its stance. “There is a malicious campaign being run to show that the BJP is colluding with BRS, which is totally false. Modi, Amit Shah, and JP Nadda have all openly stated the truth — that Kaleshwaram is a corrupt project looted by the KCR family,” he added. Bandi Sanjay also accused the

Revanth Reddy-led Congress government of acting as a protective shield for KCR and his family, stating that the Congress and BRS were essentially operating as allies. “What happened to Rahul Gandhi’s promise during the election that he would initiate a CBI probe? Why hasn’t he acted now?” he asked, questioning the silence of the Congress even after coming to power. “Inflating the project cost from ₹38,000 crore to ₹1.2 lakh crore was purely for commissions. If

even the engineers who worked on the project have amassed crores, one can imagine the level of looting by the KCR family,” he said, adding that the Congress government’s investigation is meaningless unless a central agency is involved. Further criticising the change in the original design of the project, Bandi Sanjay pointed to a CWC report stating 165 TMC water availability at Tummidihatti. “The change to Medigadda was not based on science but on greed. Had

they built it at Tummidihatti, the cost would have remained at ₹38,000 crore. But the KCR family wouldn’t get any cuts,” he alleged. He also questioned the credibility of KCR’s governance, saying the former CM took all decisions unilaterally and made ministers mere rubber stamps. “He claimed he taught rivers to flow and boasted of engineering skills. And yet, the project now stands as an example of corruption and failure,” he said. Dismissing the justification us-

ing NDSA’s report, Bandi Sanjay clarified that NDSA is a statutory authority established by Parliament, and not a body that can be manipulated like BRS claims. “Don’t insult national institutions just because they don’t suit your narrative,” he said. Finally, he said people are frustrated with both Congress and BRS and are now leaning toward the BJP. “People have tried Congress and BRS. Now they want to give BJP a chance — that’s the sentiment on the ground,” he concluded.



## Focus on Cultivation, Education, and Welfare: Ponnam



**TPN Correspondent | Karimnagar**  
Minister Ponnam Prabhakar, in a review meeting held in Karimnagar district, declared that the government will give top priority to agriculture, education, and welfare, emphasizing a comprehensive and coordinated approach to development. He urged officials to ensure that every inch of land in Karimnagar district is brought under cultivation without leaving any plot vacant. The Minister stressed the importance of creating awareness among farmers about adopting diverse crops suitable to present-day needs, such as maize, oilseeds, and dragon fruit. He emphasized that Karimnagar should lead by example in implementing innovative agricultural practices and highlighted the vision of Agriculture Minister and district in-charge Tummala Nageswara Rao in promoting diversified farming. With sufficient water resources available, he noted that the focus must not be limited to rice but should also extend to commercial crops. He pointed out the potential for developing horticulture, sericulture, and fisheries in the district and instructed department officials to work in close coordination to realize this goal. He also assured that the government would ensure uninterrupted supply of fertilizers and seeds.

Addressing the education sector, Prabhakar stressed the need to prevent private schools from setting up in villages where government schools are already functioning effectively. Citing his past efforts as an MP, he recalled bringing 29 model schools to 31 mandals, establishing central schools in Karimnagar and Sircilla, and facilitating the setting up of a university. With the addition of JNTU and a new engineering college, he said Karimnagar is well on its way to becoming an educational hub. He also pointed to the existence of two private medical colleges and one government medical college across the district. On the housing front, he said the selection process for Indiramma houses is being carried out smoothly and transparently. “We are ensuring homes for the poor and the poorest of the poor, with no political interference,” he said. To support construction, the government is offering 5 lakh worth of sand free of cost and ₹1 lakh financial assistance through women’s groups. He encouraged farmers to explore additional sources of income through oil palm cultivation, intercropping, and allied activities like fish, goat, poultry, and cattle rearing. “Officials must actively promote and guide farmers in these avenues to ensure rural prosperity,” the Minister added.

## Bikers Celebrate World Motorcycle Day

**TPN Correspondent | Rangareddy**  
Adrenaline, engines, and energy filled the air in Maheswaram Mandal of Rangareddy District as World Motorcycle Day was celebrated with grandeur by Deccan Motors and Mad Over Ladakh. Drawing bikers and spectators from across the region. Young men, women, and motorcycle lovers gathered for a day filled with bike racing, stunt riding, and an important message — ride with safety, not recklessness. Sporting full safety gear, bike riders performed thrilling stunts that captivated the crowd, proving that passion and safety can go hand in hand. Among them were women bikers who proudly shared their experiences of participating in the Kashmir to Kanyakumari

ride, symbolizing courage, endurance, and empowerment on two wheels. Organizers like Sridhar Reddy from Deccan Motors and Shravan from Mad Over Ladakh emphasized the importance of adhering to all safety measures while riding. “A motorcycle gives you an experience that even a luxury car cannot offer — freedom, connection with nature, and adventure. But that must never come at the cost of safety,” said Sridhar Reddy. He further urged all riders never to drive under the influence of alcohol and always prioritize the lives of themselves and their families. A female rider, who participated in the stunt show, said, “It’s not just about riding fast. It’s about riding with aware-

ness and discipline. I encourage more women to take up biking — it’s empowering.” The event saw enthusiastic participation from bike lovers and the general public, turning the day into a celebration of biking culture. With groups of bikers gathering in large cities, planning road trips to scenic destinations, and honoring the spirit of riding, World Motorcycle Day has become a symbolic occasion across the globe. India, with its varied landscapes — from the Himalayan ranges to the tea gardens of the South — has long been a paradise for motorcycle adventurers. The organizers noted that a motorcycle journey through such terrains leaves an imprint that few other experiences can match.



## Illegal drug transport busted by TGNAB and Excise Police in Nirmal

**TPN Correspondent | Nirmal**  
In a major crackdown, the Telangana Anti-Narcotics Bureau (TGNAB) along with the Prohibition & Excise Police of Nirmal district apprehended five persons for illegally transporting banned narcotic substances. The officials seized 425 kg of Chloral Hydrate, 1.115 kg of Alprazolam, two Ertiga cars, and five mobile phones, with the total value estimated at ₹52 lakh. The accused—Baspally Rama Goud, Burra Ramesh, Kottagiri Rajam, Ellandula Srinivas,

and Burra Rajashekar—were reportedly running an illegal manufacturing operation in an interior location near Nimbavali village in Thane district, Maharashtra. They transported the drugs to Telangana with the intent to sell them to toddy shop operators for preparing spurious liquor. According to officials, Chloral Hydrate and Alprazolam are highly dangerous substances when misused. Alprazolam, in particular, is a controlled substance with a commercial quantity limit of just 100

grams under the NDPS Act. Prolonged consumption of toddy laced with such chemicals can lead to severe addiction and fatal organ failure. The gang had previously come under the scanner in January 2024, when main accused Baspally Rama Goud was caught with 560 kg of Chloral Hydrate. Despite being jailed, he resumed illegal activity after release by recruiting others into the network. The group loaded 17 bags of Chloral Hydrate and Alprazol-

am into two Ertiga vehicles—bearing numbers MH47BB4666 and TS15EK9099—on June 19, 2025, and was intercepted on June 20 near Chityal village on National Highway 61 based on credible intelligence. Officials stressed that the chemicals used in these drugs—particularly Alprazolam—are hazardous and often manufactured in makeshift labs without safety protocols. Continued use of such substances can cause irreversible damage.





# 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

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

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.



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.

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

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

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 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

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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.

However, India’s middle and lower order crum-



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.

bled. 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 Breyne (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

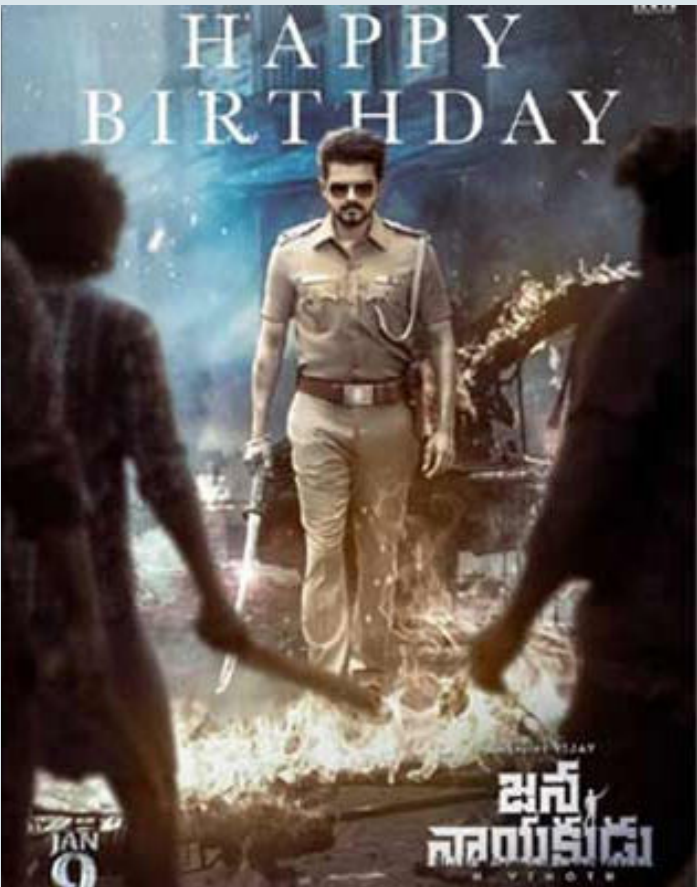


unique musical style is expected to add a powerful edge to Jai Bagalaamukhi, which is rumored to be a high-energy devotional number with intense visuals.

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.

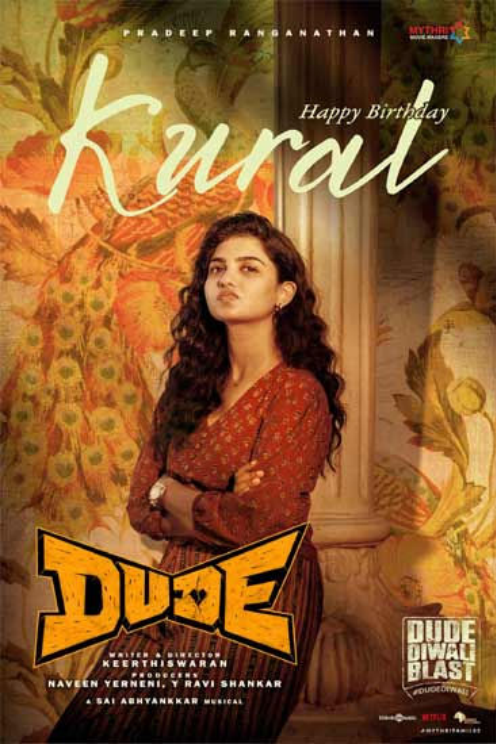
With its gripping teaser, powerful visuals, and Vijay’s return in a cop avatar, Jana Nayagan is shaping up to be a landmark film in his illustrious career.

## 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.