



Commercial Chaos in Cellars, But Not a Scratch from Hydra

Rampant violations in city, but Hydra silent on urban lawbreakers

Cellars turned into shops, causing traffic snarls
Town planning officials accused of ignoring violations
Hydra active in suburbs, but blind to city encroachments

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Hyderabad: Hydra's name has become synonymous with demolitions and swift action—but only in the suburbs. In the heart of the city, where commercial buildings are blatantly violating municipal rules, not even a single warning or scratch has come from Hydra. Across the city and its adjoining areas, builders have systematically converted cellar parking spaces into commercial shops and sheds, in clear violation of approved plans. The result: roads clogged with vehicles, regular traffic jams,

and residents in colonies left with no peace or space. The main stretch from Panama Godam to Vanasthalipuram has become a symbol of this unchecked lawlessness. Commercial buildings line both sides of the road, yet not one has retained a cellar for parking. The designated cellar spaces have been turned into businesses, forcing customers and owners to park on the roads, leading to chaos. These violations are clearly visible even to passersby—yet Hydra has not touched them. Frustrated locals are questioning the role of town planning

officials, who seem to conveniently ignore these issues. While there is a dedicated department meant to inspect such structures and ensure cellar usage norms are followed, allegations are rife that violations are overlooked for bribes. The old saying “Khaaya piya chal gaya” (ate, drank, and left) is how people describe the current state of the town planning department. “This isn't just about inconvenience to motorists,” said one colony resident. “It's about fairness.”

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₹9,000 Crores for Farmers in 9 Days: Bhatti Vikramarka

Deputy CM Hails Historic Implementation of Rythu Bharosa

- ₹12,000 per acre benefit under Rythu Bharosa, covering all eligible farmlands
- ₹9,000 crores disbursed in just 9 days from June 16–24
- Congress leaders urge mandal-level campaigns to highlight welfare push

disbursal process completed within these nine days, he said. The final day, June 24, will see special farmer meetings at all Rythu Vedikas, culminating in a statewide address by the Chief Minister and ministers from the Rajiv Gandhi statue near the Secretariat. Bhatti Vikramarka also highlighted other major welfare schemes being run by the Congress government, including Free bus travel for women, ₹2 lakh farm loan waiver, Free electricity for farmers, Subsidized LPG cylinders and Supply of rice at subsidized rates to the poor. He said the Congress party's commitment to farmer welfare and public service is being realized through these initiatives and called upon mandal-level Congress committees to organize celebrations and awareness campaigns showcasing the success of Rythu Bharosa. He termed this effort a reflection of the Congress party's grassroots vision and urged party cadres to popularize the achievement as a symbol of Congress governance. The meeting was also attended by PCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud, AICC Telangana in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan, AICC Secretary Challa Vamsichand Reddy, and other senior leaders.

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Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka hailed the Congress-led Indiramma Praja Government for implementing what he called a historic and record-breaking rollout of the Rythu Bharosa scheme, disbursing ₹9,000 crores to farmers in just nine days. Speaking at a meeting at Gandhi Bhavan, he emphasized that this was the first time in the state's history such a massive farmer support scheme had been executed with such speed and scale. The Deputy CM said the scheme now offers ₹12,000 per acre, an increase from the earlier ₹10,000. The benefit applies to 1,49,39,111 acres, with no upper limit on acreage, ensuring every eligible farmer receives support—a departure from the previous restrictions where only those with 5–10 acres were eligible. The scheme was executed from June 16 to June 24, with the entire

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Kavitha Ignored BCs for 10 Years, Now Suddenly Concerned

- BC Bill already passed, sent to Governor: Minister Ponnamm
- Advises Krishnaiah to seek PM's appointment instead of joining Kavitha

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State BC Welfare Minister Ponnamm Prabhakar has made it clear that the Congress government is not politicizing the BC Bill, but is sincerely working for the upliftment of Backward Classes. Addressing the media



at Gandhi Bhavan on Monday, he sharply criticized BRS MLC Kavitha and questioned her recent advocacy for BCs, stating that she never worked for them during her ten years in power.

“Kavitha showed no concern for BCs while in government, and now suddenly she wants to lead a movement. Why now? What changed?” the minister asked, expressing strong disapproval of her attempt to give a political colour to the issue. Ponnamm reminded the public that the Congress government had already passed the BC Bill in the state Assembly and sent it for

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Special Report: In a dramatic shift from underground to overground (UG to OG) tactics, the banned CPI (Maoist) is reportedly rethinking its entire operational and ideological strategy amid massive setbacks in its Dandakaranya stronghold, marking what internal sources call the “Maoist Party 2.0” phase. Faced with increased lockdown-like

conditions in forest zones, crippled communications, loss of senior leadership, and unsuccessful ceasefire overtures, the Central Committee of the party is now preparing for a northward ideological expansion and a democratic push in urban centers. Sources confirm that PLGA (People's Liberation

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UG TO OG! SOUTH TO NORTH – MAOIST PARTY'S BIG SHIFT IN STRATEGY

Party top brass explores modernization as PLGA faces setbacks in Forests

Key Developments:
550 Maoists killed in just the past 18 months. Top leaders eliminated include Nambala Keshav Rao (Basavaraj), Chalapati, Prayag Manjhi, Sudhakar, and Gazarla Ravi. Veteran ideologue Muppala Laxman Rao alias Ganapathi, despite old age and illness, is guiding party affairs in absence of a Central Committee meeting due to heavy surveillance in Forests.



Union Home Minister Amit Shah's in his latest statement stated that “India will be Naxal-free by March 31, 2026.” He further asserted, “Every year, Maoists take rest during the monsoon, but this monsoon, we gave them sleepless nights.”



HC Reserves Verdict on Telangana Panchayat Polls

- Govt seeks 30 days, EC asks for 60 days for preparations
- Arguments on Panchayat elections completed in High Court
- Petitioners urge immediate polls as terms have ended

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The Telangana High Court has reserved its verdict in the crucial case concerning the conduct of Gram Panchayat elections in the state. The court on Monday concluded hearings on petitions demanding immediate polls, following the expiration of existing Panchayat terms. A total of six petitions were filed seeking a direction to the state government

and the State Election Commission to conduct the elections without delay. The division bench heard arguments from all parties involved — the state government, the Election Commission, and the petitioners — and reserved its judgment. During the proceedings, the Telangana government submitted that it would require 30 days to make arrangements for the elections. Meanwhile, the State Election Commission (SEC) informed the bench that it needs at least 60 days to prepare and conduct free, fair, and transparent elections. Petitioners argued that any further delay in holding elections would amount to a violation of constitutional man-



dates and democratic principles, as the five-year term of most Gram Panchayats in the state has already expired. The High Court is expected to deliver its verdict soon, and the outcome will decide the timeline and process of the much-anticipated Panchayat elections in Telangana. Tension continues to build as political parties, administrative officials, and citizens await the court's final ruling.

CM Revanth Invited to Bonalu Festival

Ujjayini Mahankali Bonalu to be held on July 13 in Secunderabad

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E n d o w m e n t s
Minister Konda Surekha, Hyderabad In-charge Minister Ponnamm Prabhakar, and senior officials from the Endowment Department met Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and formally extended an invitation to attend the Sri Ujjayini Mahankali Bonala festival. The delegation handed over the official invitation letter during their meeting with the Chief Minister.



On this occasion, priests from the Ujjayini Mahankali temple also blessed Revanth Reddy and offered traditional honours. The Bonalu celebrations at the Ujjayini Mahankali Temple in Secunderabad are scheduled to take place on July 13. The event marks one of the most prominent traditional festivals in Telangana and draws massive participation from devotees across the state.

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When poor people build a house slightly off plan, bulldozers arrive the next day. But these massive buildings have been misused for years, and not even a notice is sent.” Adding to the frustration is the fact that Hydra has been proactive in the outskirts, razing illegal constructions, encroachments on lakes, FTL zones, and buffer areas. But in city zones where high-profile constructions openly flout norms, there hasn't been a

single action, warning, or demolition. People now want answers—not just from Hydra, but from the municipality and political leadership as well. “Is Hydra only for the poor and small encroachments?” they ask. “Or will it ever touch the well-connected violators in the city?” Until then, the roads remain jammed, the cellars remain rented out, and Hydra remains suspiciously silent.

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Guerrilla Army) units are scattered, with many platoons unable to communicate or regroup. The once-dependable human network that facilitated supplies and logistics has largely collapsed due to constant security operations. Security forces have not only tightened their grip on central Indian jungles but have also crippled Maoist recruitment, propaganda and mobility, prompting a rethink at the top. **New Strategy in Motion...** According to intelligence sources and party intercepts temporary deactivation of underground cadre is being explored to reduce heat from central and southern security operations. A major push to revive frontal organizations is planned in urban and northern Indian states — shifting the ideological and organizational base from South-Central India to North India. The formation of student and civil society groups in areas under the North Regional Bureau, where the party has limited presence, is expected to drive the revival effort. The focus is now on democratic methods of resistance — forming unions, publishing revolutionary literature, and digitally connecting with youth and marginalized communities.

Modernization Goals... The Maoist top brass is keenly following Mao Zedong's historical strategies to adapt to modern surveillance and warfare techniques. There is talk of building a modern armed cadre with digital literacy, drone-based surveillance, and smarter, agile urban operations rather than purely jungle warfare. Ganapathi's blueprint reportedly includes decreasing active operations in traditional strongholds (Middle and South India). Strengthening the North East Regional Bureau to extend ideological and tactical influence and bringing revolutionary content online in multiple regional languages to reach oppressed sections. The CPI Maoist appears to be in the middle of a critical survival reboot. While their traditional guerrilla strongholds are under severe threat, their attempt to transform into an urban-democratic revolutionary force may mark a new phase in their insurgency. Whether this ideological pivot leads to resurgence or total dismantling remains to be seen — but one thing is clear: UG to OG is not just a slogan. It's a strategic compulsion.

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the Governor's assent. He reiterated that the Congress is fully committed to ensuring justice for BC communities and urged all leaders to rise above politics for the benefit of marginalized groups. Reacting to BC leader and MP R. Krishnaiah's decision to share the stage with Kavitha, Ponnamm said, “Krishnaiah garu has fought for BCs from his student days and is respected across the state. But associating with someone who ignored BCs for a decade only tarnishes that reputation. Don't let your years of hard work be diluted.” Instead, Minister Ponnamm suggested that Krishnaiah focus efforts on the Centre. “The BC Bill is now with the central govern-

ment. Krishnaiah garu should seek an appointment with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and push for its approval. If needed, we are ready to go with him and meet the PM together,” he said. The minister also issued a warning to political rivals: “We will not tolerate any attempt to question our sincerity towards BC welfare. Our government has acted swiftly, transparently, and with complete commitment.” With increasing political activity around the BC Bill, Ponnamm Prabhakar's remarks make it clear that the Congress is positioning itself as the genuine representative of BC interests, while challenging the motives of the BRS and its leaders.

SIT Questions Ex-CS Shanthi Kumari in Phone Tapping Case

- Former Chief Secretary, GAD Secretary appear before SIT
- Allegations of 618 phone numbers tapped during polls
- SIT probing misuse of permissions under Telegraph Act

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The investigation into the sensational phone tapping case in Telangana has intensified, with the Special Investigation Team (SIT) recording the statements of two top former bureaucrats. Former Chief Secretary Shanthi Kumari and Principal Secretary (Political) of the General Administration Department, Raghunandan Rao, appeared before the SIT in recent days. According to sources, the SIT has obtained crucial information from both officials regarding the alleged misuse of surveillance protocols during the previous government's tenure. The case pertains to the tapping of phone calls, particularly during the last Assembly elections, allegedly by the state's Special Intelligence Bureau (SIB) under then-chief Prabhakar Rao. Under Section 5(2) of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885, phone tapping requires strict official clearances — either from the



State Home Secretary or the Director General of Police (DGP) — and also needs approval from the central government's Department of Telecommunications (DoT). A review committee is mandated to examine and clear the proposals before forwarding them to the Centre. As per the SIT's findings, around 618 phone numbers were recommended for tapping by the SIB during the election period. It has now emerged that Shanthi Kumari, in her capacity as Chief Secretary, reportedly forwarded the list to the DoT for necessary telecom permissions. The SIT is now probing whether the entire process adhered to legal norms or if due protocol was bypassed in the interest of political surveillance. Sources say more top officials could be summoned in the coming days as the investigation unfolds. The phone tapping scandal has triggered significant political backlash in the state, raising serious questions about privacy, misuse of intelligence systems, and political vendetta. Further developments are expected soon as SIT digs deeper into the high-profile case.

Death Threats To MP Raghunandan Rao

Caller claims to be Maoist from Madhya Pradesh

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BJP MP from Medak, Raghunandan Rao, received a chilling death threat on Monday, triggering concern among security agencies and political circles. An unidentified caller, claiming to be a Maoist from Madhya Pradesh, called Rao and threatened to kill him by the end of the day. The call came while Raghunandan Rao was attending a school program in Dammayiguda, Medchal district. The caller introduced himself as a Maoist and issued a direct threat, stating that the MP would not live past the evening. Shocked by the threat, Raghunandan



Rao immediately alerted senior officials and lodged formal complaints with the Director General of Police

(DGP), the Medak district Superintendent of Police (SP), and other authorities. The incident has since sparked a high-level security review. Sources say the intelligence and cyber-crime wings have begun tracing the origin of the call, verifying whether the threat is genuine or a hoax. Additional security is being provided to the MP as a precautionary measure. The incident has created a stir, with BJP leaders demanding a swift and thorough investigation. Raghunandan Rao has not made any public statement so far, but officials say he is cooperating fully with the investigation.

Resolve Prajavani Complaints Responsibly and Promptly: GHMC Commissioner

224 Receiving Grievance Centres set up across GHMC limits

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Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) Commissioner R.V. Karnan has directed officials to respond responsibly and swiftly to public complaints received through the Prajavani grievance redressal platform. During the Prajavani programme held at the GHMC headquarters on Monday, the Commissioner personally received petitions from citizens who had come from various parts of the city. He emphasized that every complaint must be thoroughly examined by the respective departments and resolved at the earliest. “There should be improved coordination among departments to avoid repeat complaints,” the Commissioner said. All complaints were forwarded to the respective wings for immediate action. During the programme at the GHMC head office, 78 complaints were received—45 by the Town Planning Department, 13 by the Tax Section, 4 by Sanitation, 3 by Engineering, 2 by HMWSSB, and one each by the Land Acquisition, Finance, AC Legal, and Vigilance Departments, with 7 more through phone-in. In addition, 146 complaints were received across GHMC's six zones: 57 in Kukatpally, 53 in Secunderabad, 17 in Serilingampally, 8 in Charminar, 6 in LB Nagar, and 5 in Khairatabad.



A total of 224 Receiving Grievance (RG) centres have been set up across GHMC limits to strengthen public interface and ensure that citizen issues are addressed effectively. Top GHMC officials present during the programme included CEs Ratnakar and Nityananda, Additional Commissioners Venugopal, Satyanarayana, Yadagiri Rao, Venugopal Reddy, Pankaja, and Nalini Padmavati, along with officers from Town Planning, Vigilance, Health, Veterinary, and Housing departments.

KTR Will Lose, Only Harish Rao Might Win: MP Arvind

Amit Shah to visit Nizamabad on June 29

- MP Arvind predicts BRS downfall in upcoming polls
- Alleges widespread corruption in KCR-led party
- Amit Shah to inaugurate Turmeric Board office



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Nizamabad MP Dharmapuri Arvind launched a scathing attack on the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) party, declaring that its working president K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) will certainly be defeated in the next elections and that no one else from the party, except possibly Harish Rao, stands a chance of winning. Speaking to the media on Monday, Arvind alleged that the BRS is deeply entangled

in corruption and demanded immediate action against its leaders. “They should be sent to jail without delay,” he said, claiming that the people are fed up with the misdeeds of the former ruling party. The BJP MP also criticized the current Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, stating, “If he threatens leaders in the morning and sits down for talks with them in the evening, Congress will have no future.” Arvind warned that leniency towards corrupt

leaders would send the wrong message to the public. In a significant announcement, Arvind revealed that Union Home Minister Amit Shah will visit Nizamabad on June 29. As part of the visit, Shah will inaugurate the long-awaited Turmeric Board office, a major demand of turmeric farmers in the region. Arvind expressed confidence that this initiative will usher in a new era for local agriculture. Along with the inauguration, Amit Shah will unveil a statue of senior Congress leader and former MP D. Srinivas, a prominent figure from the region. Later, Shah will participate in a large-scale ‘Rythu Sammelanam’ (farmers’ gathering) at the polytechnic college grounds in Nizamabad, where he is expected to address thousands of farmers and local residents. The visit is being seen as a major political event in Telangana, signaling BJP’s continued push to strengthen its presence in the state ahead of the next elections.

Tractors Without Diesel, Garbage Uncollected for 20 Days: Harish Rao

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“There is no diesel in the tractors, and garbage collection has come to a standstill for 20 days. Is this the change Congress promised?” asked former minister Harish Rao during his visit to Chippal Turthi in Narasapur constituency. Former Finance Minister Harish Rao launched a scathing attack on the Revanth Reddy-led Congress government over the deteriorating state of sanitation services in rural Telangana. Accompanied by local MLA Sunitha Lakshma Reddy, Harish Rao visited the village secretariat at Chippal Turthi and found that a tractor provided under the previous KCR government for garbage collection had not moved in 20 days due to the lack of diesel. “The tractor driver and the worker themselves confirmed that neither diesel was provided nor the tractor serviced. It has no insurance, no road tax, and even the funds handled over to the MPDO for diesel were apparently unused,” he alleged. Harish Rao reminded that former CM KCR had provided tractors, tankers, trolleys, garbage bins, and dump yards to all gram panchayats to make Gandhiji’s dream of village self-governance a reality. “But



this government cannot even afford diesel. Is this the Congress model of change?” he questioned. He added that with the arrival of the rainy season, lack of sanitation and garbage clearance can lead to the spread of diseases like malaria and diarrhea. “The Revanth Reddy government will be responsible for any outbreaks,” he warned. Sanitation workers too are reportedly struggling, having not received their salaries for the past three months. “They are unable to feed their families, and some have even been forced to spend from their own pockets to keep village affairs running,” said Harish Rao. He cited an instance where the village secretary claimed to have spent ₹80,000 of his own money on Gram Panchayat expenses without reimbursement. Highlighting the breakdown of

infrastructure, he pointed out that out of 110 street lights in the village, only 30 are functional. “There is no money for street lights, but the government has money to fuel helicopters. If you don’t give commissions, there’s no money—this is the current state of governance,” he said. He accused the government of releasing funds only after collecting 10% to 20% commission from contractors and asked if sanitation workers were being denied salaries just because they don’t pay bribes. Harish Rao also criticized Chief Minister Revanth Reddy’s lack of presence in the Secretariat. “The CM doesn’t visit the Secretariat even once a month. His priority is flying between Hyderabad and Delhi,” he said. “The Congress government has turned Telangana’s once model villages into garbage dumps.”

Mallu Ravi, Kasireddy Launch Housing and Road Projects in Kalwakurthy

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Congress MP Mallu Ravi and Kalwakurthy MLA Kasireddy Narayana Reddy laid the foundation stone for several development works across Kalwakurthy constituency on Monday, including Indiramma housing units, BT roads, and a bridge, besides launching village security infrastructure. In Kalakonda village of Madgula mandal, MLA Kasireddy Narayana Reddy personally funded and inaugurated new CCTV cameras to curb thefts and irregularities. On this occasion, MP Mallu Ravi announced that solar lights would also be installed in the



village through CSR funds. In Veldanda mandal, at Peddapur village, the duo performed Bhoomi Puja for Indi-

amma houses, fulfilling the long-standing dream of locals for owning a home. They also laid the foundation

stone for the construction of a new bridge between Peddapur and Kuppagandla at a cost of ₹25 lakh. Further, foundation stones were laid for major BT road projects Byrapuram to Ajalapuram road in Veldanda mandal at a cost of ₹114 crore and Byrapuram to Gokaram and Chandrayanpalli to Charakonda roads, with a combined cost of over ₹4 crore. Pollution Control Board Member Balaji Singh, Market Committee Chairman, Congress leaders, and several party activists participated in the programmes, marking a significant push for rural infrastructure and housing development in the constituency.

India's True Hero: Shyama Prasad Mukherjee

Bandi Sanjay pays tribute, calls Modi the fulfiller of Mukherjee’s dreams

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Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar on Sunday hailed Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee as India’s real hero, crediting him as a visionary leader who sacrificed everything for the dream of “One Nation, One Flag, One Constitution.” On the occasion of Mukherjee’s death anniversary, Bandi Sanjay, accompanied by BJP leaders, paid floral tributes to Mukherjee’s portrait at the MP office in Karimnagar and also took part in a sapling plantation drive. Bandi Sanjay recalled that Shyama Prasad Mukherjee gave up power and political comfort for the sake of national integrity, and fought for the abrogation of Article 370, which granted special status to Jammu and Kashmir. “He opposed the permit system to enter Kashmir and was imprisoned under inhumane conditions, ultimately dying under suspicious circumstances,” he said. Quoting Mukherjee’s famous words — “Ek desh me do Vidhan, do Pradhan, do Nishan – nahi chalega” — Bandi Sanjay said Mukherjee’s ideals were ultimately fulfilled by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who revoked Article 370 and established constitutional unity across the nation. Bandi Sanjay described Mukherjee as the only national party president and opposition leader to sacrifice his life for the country, and one who prioritized national interest over party politics. He reminded that Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar also supported Mukherjee’s vision in Parliament, acknowledging his sincerity and nationalist conviction. He also said that Prime Minister Modi is actively working towards realizing Mukherjee’s dream of economic self-reliance through initiatives like Make in India, helping India emerge as a powerful economic competitor globally. In his appeal, Bandi Sanjay urged citizens to support the Modi government in building a strong and unified India. BJP District President Gangadi Krishna Reddy, former Deputy Mayor Guggilla Ramesh, and former corporators Banda Ramana Reddy and Kolagani Srinivas were among those present at the commemorative event.



Kishan Reddy Calls out Congress govt for delays in ₹2 lakh farm loan waiver

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Union Minister and BJP Telangana President G. Kishan Reddy addressed the media following the Telangana State Level Bankers Committee (SLBC) meeting held on Monday. During the interaction, he emphasized the significant progress made in banking services under the Narendra Modi-led Central Government, while also raising serious concerns about the non-implementation of the farm loan waiver promised by the Congress government in Telangana. Kishan Reddy pointed out that banking infrastructure in Telangana has expanded significantly since 2014. While the number of bank branches in the state was around 6,000 then, nearly 600 new branches have been added in the last 10 years. He also noted the strengthening of the Banking Correspondent system, with 80,931 bank correspondents now delivering doorstep banking services in rural areas. He stated that SBI, Union Bank of India, and Canara Bank are

currently serving as lead banks in Telangana districts, playing a vital role in disbursing central government schemes and loans. Discussions during the SLBC meeting emphasized the need for awareness programs about various banking services, including education loans, housing loans, Kisan Credit Cards, and MSME sector loans. Awareness drives will also focus on Vishwakarma Yojana, Mudra Yojana, and street vendor loans, Kishan Reddy said. Every bank branch has now been directed to issue at least one loan annually to an SC/ST person and one to a woman borrower, as part of the central government’s inclusive approach. Highlighting the Central Government’s commitment to farmers, Kishan Reddy revealed that agricultural loans in Telangana rose from ₹27,676 crore in 2013–14 to ₹1,37,346 crore in 2024–25, marking nearly a five-fold increase in just over a decade. He said this data proves the Modi government’s consistent support for



Telangana’s farming community. However, Kishan Reddy took sharp aim at the Congress-led state government, accusing it of failing to implement the ₹2 lakh farm loan waiver. He cited that around 15,000 farmers in Telangana Gramin Bank are yet to receive the promised waiver amount due to lack of funds being deposited by the state government. “Even farmers with loans under

₹1 lakh have not received any waiver benefits yet,” he alleged, urging the state government to act swiftly, gather data from banks, and complete the waiver for all eligible farmers. The SLBC meeting concluded with a decision to coordinate with state officials to speed up the waiver process and conduct regular review meetings to monitor progress on financial inclusion and welfare program implementation.

Protest with Heard of Sheep at Gandhi Bhavan

- Yadav leaders bring sheep to Congress HQ in unique protest
- Demand cabinet berth, revival of sheep distribution scheme

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In a rare and striking protest, leaders of the Yadav and Kuruma communities demonstrated in front of the Congress party's state headquarters, Gandhi Bhavan, with a herd of sheep, demanding fulfillment of pre-election promises. The protest was aimed at highlighting the Congress government's failure to deliver on its commitment to distribute sheep within 100 days of assuming power. The protesters, affiliated with the Golla Kurumala Welfare Association, raised slogans demanding immediate implementation of the sheep distribution scheme and a cabinet post for a leader from the

Yadav community. They alleged that the community's representation in the PCC working committee had been sidelined after the elections. The protesters arrived with sheep loaded in a van and attempted to release them inside the Gandhi Bhavan premises. However, security forces intervened, leading to a minor scuffle between the police and the demonstrators. Subsequently, the protest continued outside the building. The protest video quickly went viral on social media, drawing wide attention. BRS senior leader and former minister T Harish Rao reacted strongly to the incident, sharing the video and criticizing the

Congress government for going back on its word. "Congress promised to distribute sheep within 100 days, but even the DD amounts collected haven't been returned. Fed up with hollow promises, the Yadav and Kuruma brothers brought the sheep to Gandhi Bhavan to show their frustration," Harish Rao posted. The protest has stirred political waters, with the Yadav community expressing growing resentment over being excluded from key welfare schemes and political representation, despite being a significant vote bank. The Congress party has yet to issue an official response to the protest.



ACB Arrests GHMC Engineer While Accepting ₹15,000 Bribe



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The Telangana Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Monday, June 23, arrested a Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) official while accepting a bribe of ₹15,000 for processing official work. The accused has been identified as T. Manisha, Assistant Engineer at GHMC Ward No. 2, Nehru Nagar, Golnaka in Amberpet. According to ACB officials, the accused demanded the bribe from a complainant for forwarding bills to her superiors. She had already received ₹5,000 as the first installment and was caught red-handed while taking the remaining ₹10,000. Following the bribe demand, the complainant approached the ACB and lodged a formal complaint. Acting on the complaint, the ACB laid a trap and apprehended the accused while she was accepting the bribe amount. Officials confirmed that a case has been registered, and further investigation is underway to determine the full extent of the misconduct. **ACB Urges Public To Report Corruption** The Telangana ACB has once again appealed to the public to actively discourage and report incidents of bribery and corruption. Citizens are encouraged to contact the ACB through its toll-free number 1064. Additionally, complaints can be lodged through ACB's official WhatsApp number 9440446106, Facebook page (Telangana ACB), or X (formerly Twitter) handle @TelanganaACB. The arrest comes as part of the ACB's ongoing efforts to clamp down on corruption in government offices and ensure transparency in public administration.

TGSRTC Warns of Legal Action Against Attackers of Staff

MD VC Sajjanar assures support to assaulted driver

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The Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) has issued a stern warning that strict legal action will be taken against anyone who attacks its staff. Managing Director VC Sajjanar said rowdy sheets will be opened against those involved in such incidents in coordination with the police department. On Monday, Sajjanar visited Bandlaguda depot driver Vidya Sagar at Tarnaka RTC Hospital, who is undergoing treatment after being assaulted by a mob. He inquired about the incident and assured the injured driver of complete support from the TGSRTC, urging him not to worry about the matter. The attack followed a tragic accident that occurred on June 19 at Pillar No. 198 in Attapur, when a

pregnant woman died after falling under a route number 300 bus. The accident reportedly happened when the door of a parked car opened suddenly, causing the woman's bike to lose balance and fall under the rear wheels of the RTC bus. Although driver Vidya Sagar was not at fault, he was abused and beaten by bystanders. Two RTC constables, Bhaskar and Mufkar Ali, who were passing by after duty, intervened and took the injured driver to the police station, from where he was shifted to Tarnaka RTC Hospital. VC Sajjanar condemned the attack, stating, "It is very sad that RTC staff performing their duties sincerely are facing physical assaults. The management will not tolerate such incidents that damage the morale and self-esteem of its employees."



A case has been registered at Attapur Police Station under the Cyberabad Commissionerate based on the complaint filed by RTC officials. The FIR includes sections 121(1), 126(2), 115(2), 352, and 351(2) of

the IPC. The RTC reiterated that any assault on its staff will be met with serious consequences, including legal proceedings and the opening of rowdy sheets against the culprits.

Man Held For Duping Realtor In Fake Gold Deal; ₹40 Lakh Seized

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A 50-year-old man was arrested by the Afzalgunj police for allegedly duping a real estate businessman in a fraudulent gold deal that led to a loss of ₹65 lakh. The accused has been identified as Jaya Kumar, a resident of Manvi in Karnataka's Raichur district. According to police, the accused, along with two other absconding associates, hatched a plan to lure victims by offering "original gold" at throwaway prices. The complainant, Munnukuntla Niranjan, a realtor from Choutuppal, was contacted in March by a man who identified himself as 'Reddy'. Over a series of phone conversations and meetings at Pedda Amberpet, Reddy convinced Niranjan and his associate Dharmender to agree to a gold deal. On May 12, as instructed by the suspects, Niranjan and Dharmender arrived in Dilsukhnagar with ₹65 lakh in cash. They were further directed to Putlibowli X Road in Afzalgunj, where the



cash was handed over near an Irani tea stall to a man identified as Raghu. In exchange, they were given a bag supposedly containing gold. However, moments after the handover, the accused fled the scene on motorcycles without number plates. Upon checking the contents of the bag, the victims discovered

it was filled with sarees and stones instead of gold. With no initial leads, the police formed a special team under the supervision of senior officers. Through technical surveillance, CCTV footage analysis, and field-level investigation, the police were able to track down and apprehend Jaya Kumar on June 22. The police seized ₹40 lakh in cash and a Hyundai Creta used in the crime from his possession. A case has been registered, and efforts are on to trace the two remaining accused. The Afzalgunj police are continuing the investigation to recover the remaining amount and apprehend the other suspects involved in the fake gold racket. Authorities have advised the public to remain cautious and not fall prey to too-good-to-be-true gold offers.

Hyderabad Police Bust ₹30 Lakh International Drug Racket

Three arrested including Nigerian student; Goa-Hyderabad link exposed

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In a major breakthrough, Hyderabad police have busted an international drug racket operating out of a flat in Manikonda, seizing cocaine and ecstasy pills worth ₹30 lakh and arresting three individuals. The arrested include a Nigerian student and two Indian nationals with previous drug-related cases registered at the Raidurgam police station. The key accused is Chukwumeka Wisdom Onyeka (22), a Nigerian national and student at Gokul Global University in Gujarat. Also arrested were Gopishetty Rajesh

(40), a wedding planner from the same apartment complex, and Bommadevara Veera Raju (32), a car and real estate dealer from Rajahmundry, Andhra Pradesh. Based on intelligence inputs about a Goa-Hyderabad narcotics supply chain, police raided the Manikonda apartment on June 22. They recovered 107 grams of cocaine and 25 grams of ecstasy pills, allegedly during a drug deal in progress. Investigations revealed that Chukwumeka entered India using a Sudanese passport under a fake identity. He later acquired a Nigerian passport from a handler



named Max in Goa, returned to Nigeria in 2024, destroyed the passport, and re-entered India using new documents

under his real name. According to police, the drug syndicate is operated by Max, a Nigeria-based kingpin who uses

multiple aliases—Princewel, Buchi, and Gabriel—to manage international narcotics routes. He reportedly recruits African students in India using fake or multiple passports to handle distribution networks. Meanwhile, Rajesh and Veera Raju, initially consumers, became part of the supply chain after building connections with elite clients, including celebrities. They regularly travelled to Goa to procure drugs and delivered them in Hyderabad and parts of Andhra Pradesh. One such delivery reportedly took place on May 29 for a rave party at a farmhouse in Aziz Nagar, al-

legedly organized by a regular customer named Phani Raj. Another delivery was made in Mangalagiri on May 31. Along with the drugs, police seized six mobile phones used in coordination and delivery. Two major suppliers have been identified: Max from Nigeria and Hanumant Babuso Divkar alias Baba from Goa. Officials have also identified several high-profile consumers, including individuals named Phani Raj, Pavithra Reddy, Satish, Sada Shiva, Sudhir, and Bhanu. Further arrests and a wider crackdown are expected as the investigation progresses.

Wife, Her Lover, and Mother Behind Brutal Murder

Husband killed just a month after marriage over illicit affair
Wife spoke to lover 2,000 times after marriage
Bank employee had affair with both mother and daughter

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A shocking murder case has come to light in Telangana's Jogulamba Gadwal district, where a private surveyor named Tejeshwar (32) was brutally killed just a month after his marriage. Police investigations have revealed that his wife Aishwarya, her mother Sujatha, and her alleged lover — a bank employee — were involved in plotting the murder for personal and financial motives.

Tejeshwar was engaged to Aishwarya from Kurnool on February 13. However, just five days before the wedding, Aishwarya disappeared, raising suspicions. At the time, rumours spread that she had eloped with a bank employee with whom she was allegedly having an affair. But she returned on February 16 and emotionally convinced Tejeshwar that there was no affair. Trusting her, and despite his family's concerns, Tejeshwar went ahead with the marriage on May 18.

But from the second day of marriage, tensions emerged. Aishwarya frequently stayed on her phone, neglecting her husband, and the couple reportedly argued often. On June 17, Tejeshwar went missing. After his brother filed a missing complaint, police found Tejeshwar's body at Sugalimettu near Panyam in Andhra Pradesh. Under suspicion, police detained Aishwarya and her mother Sujatha, which led to explosive revelations. It was discovered that Sujatha, a

sweeper in a well-known Kurnool bank, was involved in an extramarital affair with a bank employee. That same employee later entered into a relationship with Aishwarya as well. Even after marriage, Aishwarya reportedly maintained her affair — speaking to the bank employee 2,000 times on the phone within just one month. Investigators believe the trio plotted to eliminate Tejeshwar, hoping to continue the relationship and gain access to his property.



The murder was executed on June 17, when hired men — including the bank employee's driver — lured Tejeshwar into a car under the pretext of buying land. On the way, they attacked him with knives and slit his throat. His body was dumped near Panyam and the culprits fled the scene. Aishwarya and her mother have been arrested. The bank

employee, who is suspected to be the mastermind and financier of the murder, is currently absconding. Police are now hunting for him and investigating if others are linked to the conspiracy. The shocking details of this case — involving deceit, illicit relationships, and cold-blooded murder — have left locals in disbelief.

Hydra Demolishes Illegal Fence in Pocharam

Action taken after complaints from plot owners in Ekashila Nagar

TPN Correspondent | Medchal
The enforcement wing of Hydra has intensified its operations against land encroachments, this time entering Pocharam Municipality and demolishing an illegally constructed fence in Ekashila Nagar, Korremula. The structure, which surrounded over seven acres of land, was removed by Hydra officials following a formal complaint from the Ekashila Plot Owners Association. According to the association, a person named Noone Venkata Narayana had erected the fence around land bearing survey numbers 740, 741, and 742, allegedly using forged documents. The association stated that they had purchased their plots after verifying all legal records and claimed that the encroacher had fraudulently registered the land as agricultural in revenue documents. In response to their complaint, Hydra Commissioner ordered action and the demolition was carried out early this morning. This follows a similar operation recently conducted in Divyanagar, where another large encroachment was removed. The move was welcomed by the members of the Ekashila venture, who hailed Hydra's swift response



and efforts to protect their rights. However, Noone Venkata Narayana expressed dismay, claiming that the demolition was carried out without verifying original records and that the land in question belonged to him as agricultural property. The issue has sparked debate over land ownership and the need for stricter scrutiny of land registration processes. Hydra officials, however, remain firm in their stance, reiterating that action will continue against all illegal encroachments, whether on government or private lands.

Ganja Worth ₹50 Lakh Seized at ORR, One Held

Accused was transporting drugs from Visakhapatnam to Haryana; 4 others absconding

TPN Correspondent | Medchal
The Medchal Special Operations Team (SOT) and Dundigal Police on Sunday evening intercepted a major drug transportation attempt and seized 120 kilograms of ganja, valued at ₹50 lakh, during a vehicle check at Exit 5 of the Hyderabad Outer Ring Road (ORR). During a press conference held at the Dundigal Police Station, Medchal DCP Kotireddy revealed that the arrested individual was caught while transporting the contraband from Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh to Haryana. The accused was travelling in a car when he was stopped and searched by the police as part of routine checks. Upon inspection, 120 kg of ganja was found hidden inside the vehicle, which was immediately seized along with the car. DCP Kotireddy stated that the arrested person is part of a five-member drug traffick-



ing network, and that four key accused are currently absconding. Efforts are underway to apprehend the remaining members of the gang. The Medchal police reiterated their commitment to cracking down on narcotics and urged the public to report any suspicious activity related to drug trafficking.

POCSO Case Filed Against 8 in Minor Girl's Nude Video



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A 16-year-old boy from Gudihatnur mandal, Adilabad district, along with seven others, faces charges under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act after allegedly recording and sharing nude videos of a minor girl. The accused, identified through a complaint by the girl's parents, include Vamsi Krishna Reddy (20), Power Tarun (18), Gundalwar Varun (18), Karad Sudhir (28), Murkute Vitthal (23), Sable Balawant (25), and Balwant Singh (18), in addition to the minor boy. The boy reportedly befriended the 16-year-old girl via social media, coercing her into making a nude video call by threatening to expose their chats to her parents. He recorded the call and shared it with his friends, leading to the girl's physical and mental harassment. Following the parents' complaint, police registered the case and sent the accused to remand. The investigation is ongoing.

MLA Anil Kumar Reddy Lays Foundation for ₹23 Cr Development Works in Bhuvanagiri

TPN Correspondent | Yadadri-Bhuvanagiri
MLA Kumbham Anil Kumar Reddy laid the foundation stone for a series of development projects sanctioned under HMDA funds, totaling ₹13.60 crore for Bhuvanagiri Municipality and ₹9.50 crore for villages in the mandal, during a program held at Ganji Market Yard. Speaking at the public meeting organized on the occasion, MLA Anil Kumar Reddy said he is fully committed to the comprehensive development of Bhuvanagiri constituency. He emphasized that the current government is focused on both infrastructure and welfare, with new schemes being introduced to uplift the poor. He highlighted that while only ₹75 crore in HMDA funds were received over the past ten years, the present government has successfully secured ₹56 crore in just one year—a

clear sign of developmental intent. He also criticized the previous KCR-led government, alleging that it pushed the state into debt and failed to provide even a single house to the poor in a decade. In contrast, he noted that under the current administration, 3,500 houses have been sanctioned for the poor in each constituency, reflecting a major shift in welfare delivery. He also mentioned that the government has started distributing premium quality "small rice" to the poor—a unique initiative not available in any other part of the country. MLA Anil Kumar Reddy concluded by saying that Bhuvanagiri has reached a new phase of growth, and he is determined to ensure the constituency develops on all fronts—urban infrastructure, rural outreach, and social welfare.

Collector Reviews Development Works in CM's Native Village

Officials directed to maintain quality and meet deadlines

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Nagarkurnool: District Collector Badawat Santosh has instructed officials to expedite the development works in Kondareddypalli village of Achampet constituency, the native village of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, while ensuring quality and timely completion. A review meeting was held on Monday with officials from various departments at Kondareddypalli in Vanguru mandal to assess the status of ongoing projects. Speaking on the occasion, the Collector emphasized that all

development works sanctioned under different government departments must be completed within the stipulated time frame and without compromising quality. He also warned that strict action would be taken against any official found negligent in executing the tasks. The Collector reviewed several key infrastructure projects during the meeting. He directed the Panchayat Raj Engineering Department to speed up construction works being carried out at a cost of ₹25.12 crore. He also ordered the four-lane road project, stretching 4 kilo-

meters within Kondareddypalli limits and costing ₹21 crore, to be completed swiftly. Inquiring about the Mission Bhagiratha drinking water project being implemented at a cost of ₹3 crore, the Collector asked officials to ensure consistent progress. Additionally, he directed the Electricity Department to fast-track modernization works worth ₹2.85 crore. Regarding the solar power initiative, the Collector stated that solar installations had been completed in 407 out of 515 houses, and the remaining homes must be covered at

the earliest to achieve 100% solar electrification. He stressed the importance of completing the solar project without further delay and ensuring every household receives the facility. To improve oversight, the Collector suggested to Additional Collector Deva Saawan that a district-level officer be appointed as a special officer to monitor and coordinate the development works in Kondareddypalli. Additional Collector Deva Saawan, PD DRDA Chinna Obulesu, PRE Vijay, and other key officials participated in the review meeting.



Has Trump Just Ignited Another 'Forever War' in the Middle East?

For a president elected on promises to end America's long-standing wars, Donald Trump's recent decision to strike key Iranian nuclear sites marks a dramatic shift, pushing the Middle East closer to a new major conflict. On Sunday, US forces targeted Iran's Fordow, Natanz, and Isfahan nuclear facilities, deploying the powerful 30,000-pound "bunker buster" bomb—the Massive Ordnance Penetrator (MOP)—to destroy deeply buried sites. This move follows a brief two-week ultimatum Trump gave Iran to enter serious negotiations, which was cut short to just two days before the strikes. In his White House address, Trump declared the facilities "totally obliterated," warning of further strikes if Iran does not pursue peace. Tehran



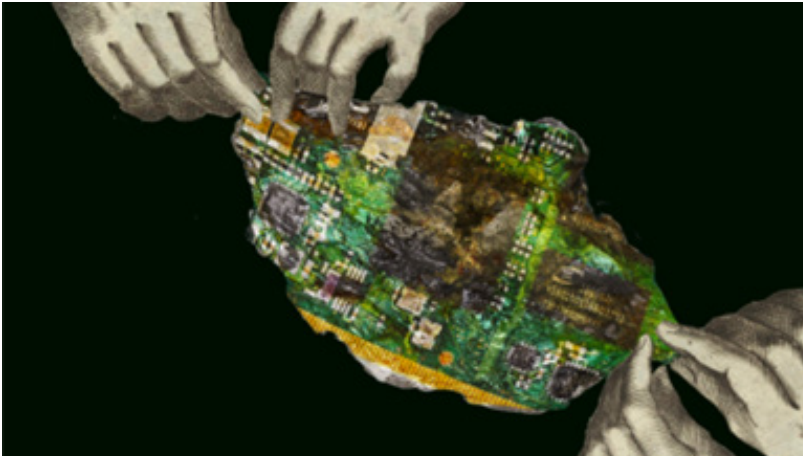
condemned the attacks as "outrageous" and vowed "everlasting consequences," reserving "all options" to defend its sovereignty. While the US hinted the operation might be a singular show of

strength without aiming to topple the regime, Trump contradicted this by suggesting on Truth Social that regime change could still be on the table if Iran fails to "Make Iran Great Again." Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi admitted the strikes crossed a "very big red line," leaving uncertain how much room for diplomacy remains. Meanwhile, Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khomeini warned that any US military intervention would bring "irreparable damage," signaling a likely forceful response. Iran's allies, including Yemen's Houthis, have threatened to target US ships in the Red Sea, and Tehran has approved plans to close the strategic Strait of Hormuz, escalating tensions further.

Trump appears to be betting on weakening Iran to force negotiations, but Iran's history of defiance under pressure suggests otherwise. Continued Iranian resistance may compel Trump to launch further strikes, potentially drawing the US deeper into conflict if American personnel become targets. Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu hailed the strikes as "history-changing," but the ultimate outcome remains uncertain. Should the attacks succeed in dismantling Iran's nuclear program and rebalancing power, they could represent a peak of US influence in the region. However, failure risks igniting a prolonged, costly war with Iran's retaliation and diminishing American credibility — a new "forever war" in the making.

Big Tech's Dark New Frontier: From AI Innovation to Military Power

This is part two of a series exploring Big Tech's expanding ambitions. While the first part focused on how these giants are weaving themselves into the global financial system, now we turn to a far more alarming development: the fusion of AI technology with military power. Generative AI like ChatGPT and Grok, which write emails or assist with coding, represent only a small slice of AI's vast capabilities. Beyond these, AI is rapidly advancing in predictive analytics, robotics, and medical applications. But the most troubling evolution is Big Tech's growing alliance with military and arms manufacturers. Google's partnership with Lockheed Martin integrates AI and cloud computing into sophisticated weapons systems. Amazon and Google's involvement in Project Nimbus—a \$1.2 billion deal with Israel—has raised ethical alarms, especially as these AI tools help Israel conduct targeted strikes and mass surveillance in Gaza. Investigations reveal Amazon's cloud infrastructure is critical to Israel's monitoring of civilians, supported by secretive data centers inside Israel.



Employees at these companies have protested, concerned their work fuels ongoing violence. The troubling reality is that government military R&D increasingly relies on Big Tech's civilian AI infrastructure, built on public data often collected without consent. Silicon Valley is now deeply embedded in military programs, like the US military's collaboration with Microsoft and Scale AI on autonomous battlefield decision-making, signaling a future with AI-driven weaponry. AI's impact on modern warfare is profound—from missile strikes in Iran to conflict zones like Gaza and India-Pakistan tensions. AI also shapes social media narratives, spreading misinformation and manipu-

lating public perception during war, often favoring certain powers. For Big Tech, the military AI market—valued at nearly \$10 billion in 2024 and projected to grow exponentially—offers immense profit. But beyond money, tech billionaires gain unprecedented political power, blurring lines between Silicon Valley and government. Figures like Musk and Zuckerberg illustrate this convergence of tech influence and political ambition. The future may not be a Hollywood AI apocalypse but a subtle dystopia where tech elites control finance, surveillance, and military might—turning humanity into digital serfs under their unchecked dominion.

US Enters War with Iran: The Game-Changing Airstrike and Its Ripple Effects

In a dramatic escalation, the United States has formally entered the war against Iran with a powerful airstrike targeting Iran's most fortified nuclear sites, including the deeply buried Fordow facility. President Donald Trump, who had previously hinted at restraint, surprised many by authorizing the first-ever combat use of the GBU-57 "Massive Ordnance Penetrator" bunker-buster bombs, delivered by B-2 stealth bombers on a 37-hour mission. This marks a significant shift from Trump's earlier campaign promises to avoid foreign military entanglements. Fordow, protected beneath a mountain and enriching uranium close to weapons-grade levels, was the primary target. Despite the precision strike, early assessments suggest Iran had likely moved enriched uranium stocks underground in advance, limiting the strike's impact. The operation highlights America's unmatched airpower and marks a new phase of direct US involvement in the volatile Middle East conflict. Iran has responded cautiously so far but declared "all op-



tions are open." Potential retaliatory moves range from missile strikes on Israel and activating proxy groups in the region, to closing the strategic Strait of Hormuz, which could disrupt global oil supplies. More aggressive options, such as attacks on US bases in Iraq or Bahrain, risk major escalation, while striking the US Central Command in Qatar would likely trigger full-scale war—scenarios Tehran is unlikely to pursue given the risks. Trump's gamble is that a decisive military blow combined with tough rhetoric will force Iran to negotiate. Yet, history

warns that military might alone rarely ensures strategic success in such complex conflicts. Iran currently faces isolation, with limited support from Russia and China, and muted backing from regional allies. Meanwhile, this renewed US focus on the Middle East diverts attention and resources from the Indo-Pacific, complicating relations with India and other regional partners, and impacting global geopolitical balances. The consequences of this strike will resonate far beyond Tehran, reshaping regional stability and international alliances.

How Fringe Groups and a Crucial Bypoll Have Shaken Kerala's Political Landscape

Kerala's Nilambur by-election has unexpectedly turned into a battleground where fringe political elements and communal undertones dominate, unsettling the state's long-standing secular politics. The bypoll, held just months ahead of the 2026 assembly elections, has seen traditional parties reaching out to radical groups, despite Kerala's reputation for political maturity and communal harmony. The Communist Party of India-Marxist (CPI-M), leading the Left Democratic Front (LDF), has openly courted support from Abdul Nasar Madani's People's Democratic Party (PDP), a controversial figure known for extremist views. The Left even extended a 'secular certificate' to the PDP, signaling a strategic alliance. Meanwhile, social media still shows CPI-M members accusing the PDP of violence, highlighting the uneasy, transactional nature of this partnership. On the other side, the Congress-led United Democratic Front (UDF) has accepted backing from the Welfare Party



of India, linked to the Jamaat-e-Islami, an Islamist group with a contentious history and banned in other countries. Kerala's opposition leader

VD Satheesan defended the Jamaat as having embraced democracy, contrasting sharply with the party's founder's theocratic ideals. The

Congress candidate, Aryadan Muhammed's son Shoukath, who contests the seat, has publicly opposed such fundamentalism, but faces pres-

sure from his party's alliance strategy. Adding complexity, PV Anvar, whose resignation triggered the by-election, has positioned himself as an independent with alleged ties to the Jamaat and the Social Democratic Party of India (SDPI), further fragmenting the vote. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), though historically weak in Kerala, has gained ground and fielded a candidate to attract Christian voters. Oddly, the Hindu Mahasabha has backed the CPI-M candidate to oppose the BJP's 'outsider', illustrating the strange alliances shaping this contest. Even international issues seeped into the campaign, with the Left condemning Israel's attacks on Iran, evoking memories of past election tactics. Meanwhile, essential local concerns, such as human-wildlife conflict in Nilambur, remain sidelined. This bypoll exposes how Kerala's politics is increasingly influenced by fringe and communal forces, threatening the secular ethos that has defined the state for decades.

India wary about Iran's nuclear project: Voted against in 2005, abstained in 2024

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Nearly two decades after India cast its first vote against Iran's nuclear programme, New Delhi once again finds itself navigating a complex diplomatic balancing act — this time amid heightened geopolitical tensions involving Israel, the United States, and Iran.

Back on September 24, 2005, India took a significant step by voting in favour of an International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) resolution (GOV/2005/77) that found Iran in non-compliance with its nuclear safeguards obligations. That vote, aligned with the U.S. and other Western powers, marked a notable shift in India's foreign policy, reflecting its concerns about nuclear proliferation, especially in its ex-



tended neighbourhood.

The decision drew attention because it appeared to distance India from a country with which it shared deep historical, cultural, and civilisational ties. Iran, a long-

time regional partner, had traditionally enjoyed a favourable position in India's strategic calculus, particularly due to energy ties and connectivity projects like Chabahar Port. However, India's vote highlight-

ed its growing unease over the prospect of a nuclear-armed Iran, which could further destabilise an already volatile region. At the same time, it reflected India's broader ambition of integrating more deeply with the global non-proliferation order and strengthening ties with the U.S., especially in the context of the then-emerging India-U.S. civil nuclear agreement.

Today, as tensions again rise over Iran's nuclear ambitions, India's balancing act has resurfaced — with closer ties to both Israel and the U.S., and enduring interests in Iran. The challenge lies in safeguarding strategic partnerships on both sides, while ensuring regional stability and energy security in an increasingly polarised global order.



NIA Secures 5-Day Custody of Two Accused in Pahalgam Terror Attack Case

A local court on Monday granted the National Investigation Agency (NIA) five-day custody of two individuals arrested in connection with the Pahalgam terror attack that took place in April this year. The accused, identified as Parvaiz Ahmad Jothar from Batkote and Bashir Ahmad Jothar of Hill Park — both residents of Pahalgam — were apprehended on Sunday in a significant breakthrough in the case.

The duo is accused of sheltering three Pakistani terrorists affiliated with the banned Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), who carried out the deadly assault on April 22. The attack claimed the lives of 26 people, most of them tourists, and left 16 others seriously injured.

According to the NIA, during preliminary interrogation, the arrested men revealed the identities of the three gunmen and confirmed their Pakistani nationality and LeT affiliation. Investigators said that Parvaiz and Bashir had provided food, shelter, and other logistical support to the militants, who had taken refuge in a seasonal dhok (hut) at Hill Park before launching the strike. The two accused were presented before Additional District and Sessions Judge Ritesh Kumar Dubey in Jammu, who remanded them to NIA custody till June 27. Officials described the arrests as the first major development in the high-profile probe.

The NIA has alleged that the attack was carried out with a clear motive, as the terrorists selectively targeted victims based on religious identity, making the incident one of the most brutal terror strikes in recent memory. Meanwhile, the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) has strongly condemned the Pahalgam attack and is expected to issue a report addressing state-sponsored terrorism for the first time.

AAP Defeats BJP In Big Gujarat Bypoll, Congress Scores Kerala Seat

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The recent Assembly by-elections held on June 19 witnessed mixed results across several states, with the BJP and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) each winning one seat in Gujarat, while the Congress-led United Democratic Front (UDF) secured a victory in Kerala's Nilambur constituency.

Vote counting for the bypolls, conducted for two seats in Gujarat's Visavadar and Kadi, as well as one each in Nilambur (Kerala), Ludhiana West (Punjab), and Kaliganj (West Bengal), commenced on Monday morning.

In Gujarat, AAP's Gopal Italia emerged victorious in the Visavadar seat, marking a notable gain for the Arvind Kejriwal-led party. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) candidate Rajendra Chavda won the Kadi seat, maintaining the party's hold there. Additionally, AAP also won the Ludhiana West bypoll in Punjab, reinforcing its expanding footprint outside Delhi.



In West Bengal, Mamata Banerjee's Trinamool Congress is currently leading in Kaliganj, according to the latest trends reported by the Election Commission of India.

These by-elections were necessitated due to various reasons: the

deaths of incumbent legislators in constituencies across Gujarat, West Bengal, and Punjab, and the resignation of two MLAs in Kerala and Gujarat. The results reflect the evolving political landscape in these states, with regional parties like AAP making inroads beyond their traditional strongholds,

while established parties like BJP and Congress retain influence in key areas. The outcomes of these bypolls offer insights into voter sentiment ahead of future elections, as parties aim to consolidate their positions and expand their reach across different regions.

Prime asset for India: Shashi Tharoor's big praise for PM on Op Sindoor outreach

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Congress MP Shashi Tharoor has publicly lauded Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, describing him as a "prime asset for India" thanks to his "energy, dynamism and willingness" to engage on the global stage. Writing in The Hindu, Tharoor highlighted Modi's role during India's recent Operation Sindoor outreach mission to five countries, aimed at strengthening international support against Pakistan's cross-border terrorism.

Tharoor, who was part of the multi-party delegation, emphasized that the mission showcased India's unity and strategic clarity. He wrote that the outreach reinforced the importance of "the power of unity, the efficacy of clear communication, the strategic value of soft power, and the imperative of sustained public diplomacy" in navigating today's complex international landscape. He also noted that India's future global strategy should be driven by the "three T's"—tech, trade, and tradition—to build a "more just, secure and prosperous world."

Addressing criticism from within his own party over his praise for the Modi government's handling of Operation Sindoor, Tharoor defended his stance, saying the delegation clearly explained that India's actions were a legitimate exercise of



self-defense against persistent terrorism. He shared a key moment during the outreach when Colombia initially expressed condolences for casualties in Pakistan but retracted the statement after Tharoor's intervention, underlining the importance of factual diplomacy.

Tharoor also pointed out the continued global acknowledgment of Pakistan's links to terrorism. He revealed that while a Pakistani delegation was present in Washington DC, US officials echoed India's concerns about terror groups like Lashkar-e-Taiba and Jaish-e-Mohammed, validating India's narrative with "verifiable facts and consistent advocacy."

Despite facing backlash from Congress colleagues, Tharoor dismissed critics as distorters of his views and reaffirmed his commitment to constructive dialogue. He recently met PM Modi on June 11, alongside other delegation members, following the conclusion of the outreach mission.

India Poised to Outpace G7 Economies in Growth, Says Equirus Report

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

India is set to significantly outpace major G7 economies in economic growth, driven by robust structural advantages and policy momentum, according to a new report by wealth management firm Equirus, released on June 23, 2025.

Highlighting India's rising global economic influence, the report projects the country will contribute over 15% to global GDP growth between 2025 and 2030—far surpassing Japan (under 1%) and Germany (just over 1.3%).

"India is no longer just the fastest-growing economy on paper—it's structurally better positioned than most G7 nations. That's a seismic shift," said Mitesh Shah, CEO of Equirus Credence Family Office.

Key drivers of this growth include strong macroeconomic fundamentals, government-led capital expenditure, a revival in ru-



ral consumption, and structural shifts in global manufacturing. The report emphasizes a notable rise in rural fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) demand, which grew 6% compared to just 2.8% in urban areas. Over the past decade, the spending gap between rural and urban households has narrowed from 84% to 70%.

A 17.4% surge in capital expenditure, backed by both central and state governments, is also a major growth engine. The report notes this is supported by a ₹2.5 lakh crore liquidity boost from phased CRR (Cash Reserve Ratio) cuts.

Global tailwinds are also reinforcing India's position. A 6% decline in the US Dollar Index from its peak and stable crude oil prices at \$70 per barrel are easing inflation and import pressures.

The report critiques the traditional 60/40 investment portfolio model, calling it outdated in today's volatile global landscape. Instead, it urges investors to adopt a dynamic, diversified strategy across geographies and sectors, with India at the center of long-term alpha generation and capital preservation.



Putin Meets Iranian Foreign Minister, Slams US Strikes as ‘Unprovoked Aggression’

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Russian President Vladimir Putin met with Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi at the Kremlin on Monday, June 23, 2025, in a strong show of support for Tehran amid escalating tensions in the Middle East. The meeting comes just days after the United States launched major airstrikes on Iranian nuclear facilities, including the underground Fordo site.

Putin condemned the US attacks as “absolutely unprovoked aggression,” saying they had no legal or moral justification. “This is an absolutely unprovoked aggression against Iran; it has no basis or justification,” Putin told reporters during the meeting. He emphasized Russia’s commitment to aiding Iran and reaffirmed the “long-standing, good, reliable relations” between the two countries.

Iranian Foreign Minister Araghchi, in turn, thanked Russia for standing by Tehran and for condemning the military actions of both the United States and Israel. He described the strikes as illegitimate and in violation of international law. “These aggressive actions by Israel and the US are completely illegitimate and violate international rules and norms. We are defending our sovereignty and our country, and our defence is legitimate,” Araghchi stated.

He also acknowledged Russia’s continued cooperation in Iran’s peaceful nuclear programme, highlighting Moscow’s role in constructing the Bushehr nuclear power plant and acting as a mediator during previous nuclear negotiations.

The Kremlin meeting comes at a time of mounting global concern over the escalating conflict in the region. Russia’s backing adds a new layer of complexity to the unfolding crisis, as world powers align behind opposing sides. The meeting not only signals strengthened strategic ties between Moscow and Tehran but also positions Russia as a vocal critic of Western military interventions in the Middle East, particularly those led by the United States and Israel.

South Korea Appoints First Civilian Defence Minister in 64 Years Amid Cabinet Overhaul

TPN Correspondent | Seoul

South Korean President Lee Jae Myung has named veteran lawmaker Ahn Gyu-back as the country’s first civilian Defence Minister in 64 years, fulfilling a key campaign promise following last December’s martial law controversy. The announcement was made on June 23, 2025, as part of a broader cabinet reshuffle aimed at restoring public trust and stabilizing governance.

Lee, who assumed office on June 4 after winning a snap election triggered by the impeachment of former President Yoon Suk Yeol, also nominated ten other Cabinet Ministers. These include former U.N. ambassador Cho Hyun as Foreign Minister and Chung Dong-young, a North Korea diplomacy advocate, as Unification Minister. Lee’s administration is working quickly to form a new government and



staff key offices amid ongoing political challenges.

The appointment of a civilian Defence Minister is especially significant given South Korea’s military

has long been led by uniformed officers. This change comes in the wake of Yoon’s controversial martial law declaration last December, which was later overturned by Parliament. Yoon’s Defence

Minister Kim Yong-hyun, who was implicated in planning the martial law, is currently in jail facing insurrection charges.

Lee has been navigating a complex political landscape since taking office without a transition period. He initially worked with an acting Prime Minister and a carryover cabinet from the previous administration while seeking to unite a deeply divided nation. Earlier this month, Lee nominated Kim Min-seok, a longtime ally and member of parliament, as Prime Minister—a role requiring parliamentary approval. Along with Defence, the President named new ministers for Agriculture, Environment, Labour, and Maritime Affairs, signaling his intent to build a team focused on pragmatic diplomacy and economic support for South Korea’s key industries such as automobiles, semiconductors, and steel.

Pakistan Faces Backlash for Nominating Donald Trump for Nobel Peace Prize

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The Pakistan government and its military establishment are under fire from citizens and commentators alike after Deputy Prime Minister Ishaq Dar formally nominated U.S. President Donald Trump for the Nobel Peace Prize. The announcement, which came in the form of an official letter sent to the Nobel Committee in Norway, sparked a wave of outrage across social media platforms, especially X (formerly Twitter).

Critics accused the Pakistani leadership of pandering to Washington, particularly amid heightened tensions in the region following recent U.S. airstrikes on Iranian nuclear facilities. Many ques-



tioned the rationale behind nominating a leader widely criticized for warmongering and alleged war crimes.

Political analyst Raheeq Abbasi condemned the move with biting

sarcasm, pointing out the irony of Pakistan — an Islamic republic — recommending Trump, who has faced mass protests in the West over his military actions, for one of the world’s highest peace honors.

Retired military officer Major Asim voiced frustration with the military’s involvement in civilian decision-making, accusing Pakistan’s powerful establishment of acting unilaterally and betraying national interests. “The uncrowned kings of this country are ready to sell out the nation,” he remarked.

Ordinary users joined the chorus of criticism. Aamir Khan, a social media user, expressed his outrage by stating, “They have nominated Trump — a terrorist responsible for the massacre of Muslims — for a Nobel. What greater betrayal could there be to Muslims?”

The nomination has also reignited longstanding concerns about Pakistan’s foreign policy alignment, with many viewing it as an attempt to curry favor with the U.S. administration. As regional conflicts intensify and public sentiment sours, the decision to back Trump for a peace prize appears to have backfired, drawing accusations of hypocrisy and disloyalty from across the political spectrum.

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.

Israel Strikes Iran’s Fordo Nuclear Site Again Amid Escalating Tensions

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Israel launched another airstrike on Iran’s heavily fortified Fordo underground nuclear facility on Monday, June 23, marking a sharp escalation in the ongoing conflict. Iranian state media confirmed the attack but did not provide details on the extent of the damage or the parties responsible. However, Israeli airstrikes throughout the day strongly suggest its involvement.

This latest strike follows the United States’ significant military action on Sunday, targeting three major Iranian nuclear sites, including Fordo, using advanced bunker-buster bombs. The Biden administration, while distancing itself from calls for regime change, emphasized the attacks were strictly aimed at Iran’s nuclear capabilities. Nevertheless, former U.S. President Donald Trump reignited speculation with a provocative social media post questioning Iran’s leadership and hinting at the need for regime change.

Iran responded swiftly and forcefully. On Monday, it launched a barrage of missiles and drones at Israel, targeting cities like Haifa and Tel Aviv as part of “Operation True Promise 3.” Israel activated its missile defense systems and urged citizens to seek shelter in response.

Meanwhile, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) confirmed “very heavy damage” at the Fordo site. Iran’s parliament is now considering a bill to suspend cooperation with the



IAEA, accusing the body of bias and political manipulation.

In related developments, an Israeli drone was downed in Iranian territory, and Israel’s military reported multiple airstrikes on missile facilities across western Iran. Iran also executed a man accused of collaborating with Israeli intelligence, underscoring rising internal tensions.

Commercial airlines are re-evaluating routes across the Middle East, with major carriers like Singapore Airlines and British Airways cautiously resuming flights to hubs such as Dubai and Doha.

As the region edges closer to open conflict, both Washington and Tehran are navigating a precarious balance between strategic deterrence and uncontrollable escalation.

Geopolitical Tensions Rattle Markets: Sensex Falls 511 pts, Nifty Drops 140 pts Amid West Asia Conflict

Domestic stock markets were volatile on Monday amid tensions in West Asia. Benchmark indices suffered heavy losses. The indices started the morning with a huge gap-down as the US dropped bombs on Iranian nuclear facilities, Iran is preparing for retaliation, and is looking to close the Strait of Hormuz. Rising crude oil prices also contributed to this. After that, investor confidence increased and the indices covered half of the losses as they bought attractive stocks. However, they could not overcome key resistance levels. Overall, the Nifty fell by 140 points and the Sensex by 511 points.



The BSE Sensex, which closed at 82,408 in the previous session, opened at 81,704 on Monday. It touched an intraday low of 81,476. It reached an intraday high of 82,169. It ended at 81,896, down 511 points. The NSE Nifty, which opened at 24,939, touched a low of 24,824 and a high of 25,057. It closed at 24,971, down 140 points. The Nifty Bank fell 193 points to settle at 56,059.

In the Nifty50, 15 companies gained while 35 lost. Trent, BEL, Hindalco, Tata Consumer, Bajaj Finance were the top gainers. Infi, HCL Tech, LT, Hero Moto, M&M were the biggest losers. Media, Finance, Consumer Durables, Metals, and Oil indices rose today. IT, auto, FMCG, healthcare, private bank and realty indices rose.

Market breadth favored sellers on NSE today. A total of 2995 stocks were traded. 1364 gained and 1545 lost. 41 stocks touched their 52-week highs and 38 hit their 52-week lows. 79 stocks reached the upper circuit and 101 stocks reached the lower circuit.

Vikrangi has entered into a strategic distribution partnership with Aegis Federal Life Insurance Company. Wari Renewables has signed a tech understanding agreement for a 100MW solar project in Vietnam. Jefferies has given a buy rating to Polycab India with a target price of Rs. 7150. Caffeine Technologies maintained a buy rating with a target price of Rs. 1460. The rupee weakened by 16 paise to settle at 86.75 against the dollar. 12 lakh shares changed hands in Ola Electric. Gen Tech shares touched the upper circuit by 5% today as it entered the UAV sector with Tisa Aerospace. HDB Finance, Kalpataru IPO GMP rose by 7%. Jefferies maintained a buy rating on Cholamandalam shares with a target price of Rs. 1800.



Hindalco Industries Ltd.
Hindalco delivered an all-time high performance in FY25, with consolidated PAT up 58% to ₹16,002 crore and revenue rising 10% to ₹2,38,496 crore. For Q4 FY25, consolidated net profit surged by 66% to ₹5,284 crore on a 16% rise in revenue to ₹64,890 crore. The company recommended a dividend of ₹5 per share. Hindalco's management is optimistic, citing strong operational resilience, cost discipline, and momentum across all businesses. The company is poised for accelerated growth backed by robust resource security in bauxite and coal, and strategic investments in Aluminium and Copper.



Polycab India Ltd.
Polycab India achieved record revenue of ₹224 billion in FY25, a 24% increase YoY, beating its FY26 target early. Net Profit for FY25 rose 13% YoY to ₹20.45 billion. In Q4 FY25, revenue was up 25% YoY to ₹69.85 billion, and PAT increased 33% to ₹7.34 billion. Jefferies, a global brokerage, recently reiterated a "Buy" rating with a target price of ₹7,150, citing Polycab's growing market share in the organized cables market (27% in FY25) and the profitability turnaround in FMEG. The company's leadership in wires and cables and its strategic initiatives position it for sustained growth.



Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd (GRSE)
GRSE delivered an exceptional Q4 FY25, with net profit more than doubling (up 118.9% YoY) to ₹244.25 crore and revenue from operations surging by 61.7% to ₹1,642.04 crore. EBITDA also saw a substantial increase of 141.8%.



While the stock saw a slight dip after this news, it has rallied significantly in the past month. Being a defense PSU, GRSE benefits from the government's "Make in India" initiatives and increased defense spending, securing long-term revenue visibility. Analysts are largely positive on its future prospects due to its strong order book and consistent performance.

Multi Commodity Exchange of India Ltd (MCX)
MCX reported a significant surge in profitability for Q4 FY25, with consolidated net profit rising 54% YoY to ₹135 crore and revenue increasing by 61% to ₹291 crore. For the full FY25, The company declared a final dividend of ₹30 per share for FY25. MCX's robust performance reflects its strong operational capabilities and strategic initiatives to enhance market participation. In the last three months, reaching fresh highs in June 2025. MCX aims to continue leveraging technology and innovation to expand its offerings and maintain its leadership position in the commodity derivatives space.



Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL)
While HAL's Q4 FY25 saw a marginal decline in revenue (down 7% YoY to ₹13,700 crore) and net profit (down 8% YoY to ₹3,977 crore), its full FY25 results were strong. For FY25, the company's net profit rose 9.75% YoY to ₹8,364.13 crore, and revenue increased by a 3-year CAGR of nearly 8%. HAL continues to be a key beneficiary of India's defense modernization efforts. As of FY25, HAL reported an impressive order book of ₹1,89,300 crore, more than double that of FY24, providing substantial revenue visibility. HAL's strong order book and strategic partnerships cement its position as a leading defense player.



India's Coffee Exports Surge 125% Over 11 Years, Europe Leads Demand

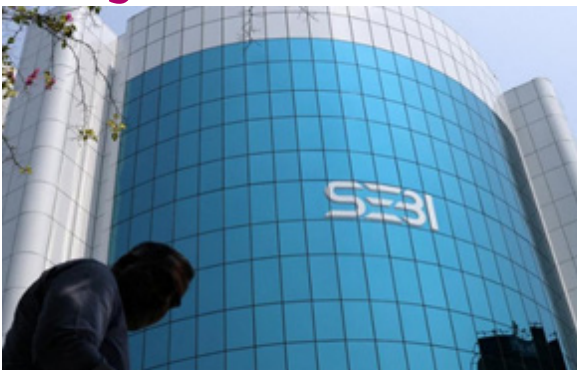


India's coffee exports have soared by approximately 125 percent over the past 11 years, reaching USD 1.8 billion, driven by several proactive measures from the Coffee Board of India, according to recent data released by the central government. In 2014-15, India's coffee exports were valued at just over USD 800 million. The figure climbed steadily to USD 1.14 billion in 2022-23, followed by USD 1.28 billion in 2023-24, culminating in the current surge to USD 1.8 billion. This significant growth highlights India's expanding footprint in the global coffee market.

Europe remains the largest importer of Indian coffee, with countries such as Italy, Germany, and Belgium leading demand. Other key markets include Middle Eastern nations, South Korea, and Japan, underscoring India's diversified export portfolio. Several initiatives by the Coffee Board of India have been instrumental in boosting these exports. These include streamlining processes through the online issuance of critical documents such as registration-cum-membership certificates (RCMCs), export permits, and certificates of origin, all digitally signed for faster turnaround. The Board also maintains regular engagement with exporters to identify and resolve bottlenecks, ensuring smoother trade operations. Additionally, the Coffee Board provides exporters with timely global market insights and intelligence to help them make informed decisions and stay competitive. Transit and freight assistance schemes have been implemented to increase export earnings, especially by enhancing the market share of value-added coffee products. These efforts collectively aim to strengthen India's position as a prominent coffee exporter in the global market, capitalizing on the rising international demand for high-quality coffee. As the Coffee Board continues to support exporters through digital tools and strategic assistance, India's coffee industry looks set to sustain its impressive growth trajectory in the coming years.

SEBI to Simplify Mutual Fund Regulations for Investors and Industry

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) is undertaking a major review of mutual fund regulations aimed at making them more investor-friendly and easier for the industry to navigate, a senior official announced on June 21, 2025. Speaking at the 17th Mutual Fund Summit in Kolkata, SEBI Executive Director Manoj Kumar said the regulator is revisiting the entire regulatory framework to enhance the ease of doing business for all stakeholders, including itself. Kumar acknowledged that existing rules are among the most complex and lengthy, necessitating simplification to keep pace with changing investor demands and industry innovation. Though no exact timeline was provided, Kumar stated that a draft of the revised regulations will soon be shared for public feedback and consultation before finalization. Alongside this, SEBI is preparing a consultation paper on advisory regulations within the mutual fund sector. Highlighting mutual funds as a key pillar for inclusive financial growth and investor protection, Kumar noted that while India's mutual fund assets under management (AUM) have crossed Rs 72 lakh crore, with monthly SIPs reaching Rs 28,000 crore, the investor base remains limited to about five crore people in a population of 140 crore. SEBI is also working on simplifying scheme categorization to make it more intuitive and prevent mis-selling. The regulator has recently approved a new product category called SIF,



targeting investors with ticket sizes between Rs 10 lakh and Rs 50 lakh, managed by mutual funds for their governance standards. Additionally, registration for Portfolio Management Services (PMS) and Alternative Investment Funds (AIF) has been accelerated. Addressing concerns about disclosure requirements, particularly stress tests for mid- and small-cap funds, Kumar emphasized SEBI's commitment to transparency while remaining open to streamlining procedures. He encouraged the industry to proactively avoid regulatory issues, reinforcing that SEBI's aim is to support business growth, not disrupt it. Kumar also identified eastern India, including West Bengal and the Northeast, as strategic regions for expanding mutual fund penetration. Echoing this vision, AMFI CEO V N Chalasani emphasized the need to improve financial literacy and deepen mutual fund adoption beyond urban centers through education and new product innovation, aiming to transform every Indian into a wealth creator.

India's Crude Oil Imports Hit Record High in May Amid Rising Demand and Global Tensions

India's crude oil imports soared to a record 23.32 million metric tons in May 2025, marking a nearly 10% increase month-on-month, government data revealed on Monday. This surge reflects robust economic and industrial activity in the country, which is the world's third-largest importer and consumer of crude oil. The Oil Ministry's data also showed that fuel demand in India rose to 21.32 million metric tons in May — the highest level in over a year. This uptick comes amid heightened geopolitical tensions following U.S. airstrikes on Iran's nuclear facilities, raising concerns about potential disruptions to oil and gas supplies from the Middle East. Consequently, global oil prices surged to their highest point since January. Addressing the situation, India's Oil Minister Hardeep Singh Puri assured that the government will take necessary steps to safeguard domestic fuel supplies in response to these risks. While overall crude oil imports climbed 5.9% compared to May 2024's 22.03 million metric tons, the share of Russian oil in India's imports dipped slightly. Refineries reduced their purchases from Russia by 15.7% to 1.7 million barrels per day, reflecting shifts in sourcing amid global sanctions and market dynamics. In contrast to rising crude imports, India's imports of refined petroleum products fell about



3.9% year-on-year to 4.20 million metric tons in May. Meanwhile, exports of petroleum products increased over 7% to 5.63 million metric tons, highlighting India's growing role as a regional fuel supplier. This data underscores India's expanding energy needs driven by sustained industrial growth and rising fuel consumption. It also highlights the country's efforts to diversify oil sources and balance imports amid volatile global markets. With ongoing geopolitical uncertainties and energy prices remaining high, India's strategic focus remains on securing stable and affordable fuel supplies to support its economic growth trajectory.

‘I Can’t Stay Silent Anymore’: Former Zepto Employee Exposes Food Safety Violations



Quick-commerce startup Zepto is under fire after a former employee exposed alarming food safety violations and poor working conditions, prompting public outrage and regulatory action. The revelations come as the Maharashtra Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has already suspended Zepto’s food business license in Mumbai’s Dharavi for breaching hygiene and safety standards. The whistleblower, who claims to have worked at Zepto for three years, detailed disturbing practices in a now-viral Reddit post. “I can’t stay silent anymore,” the post begins. One specific instance describes expired Greek yogurt being knowingly delivered to a customer after management allegedly said, “Give it anyway.” The employee paints a grim picture of daily operations, including packing groceries in monsoon-flooded warehouses in Pune, often filled with gutter water. “We worked more than 9 hours in that dirty water without shoes. Many of us fell sick, but no medical compensation was

given,” the post reads. Damaged fruits, rotting vegetables, and expired products, the employee claims, were routinely packed and sent to customers. Public reaction has been swift. Several social media users shared their own experiences with delayed deliveries, spoiled groceries, and lack of customer support. “These apps were supposed to make life easier—now they’re just unreliable,” one user commented. Others pointed to competitors like Blinkit and BigBasket as better alternatives. Earlier this month, a raid by the Maharashtra FDA on a Zepto facility found fungal contamination on food, poor cold storage, and generally unsanitary conditions—leading to the license suspension. The incident raises serious concerns about food safety in India’s booming quick-commerce sector. While Zepto has yet to issue a detailed public response, calls for greater regulation and consumer transparency are growing louder in light of the controversy.

In Lucknow, King-Size ‘Lauki’ on Cooker Grabs Eyeballs: Is Binod Watching?

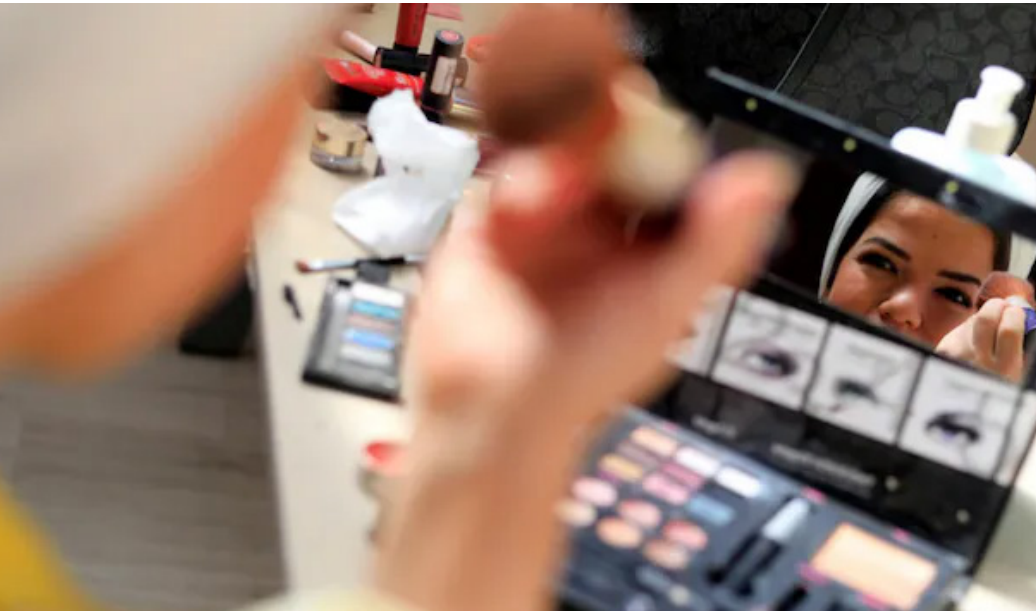


Lucknow residents got quite the surprise when an enormous bottle gourd (lauki) appeared at the busy 1090 Chauraha, instantly grabbing the attention of passersby. The unusual sight of this giant vegetable, perched atop a cooker, left many curious and amused, prompting several to stop and take photos. A video capturing the massive lauki quickly went viral on social media. The person filming encouraged viewers to guess why such an enormous vegetable was placed in such a public spot, sparking intrigue and fun speculation among online audiences. As it turns out, this giant lauki was a creative promotional stunt for the upcoming release of Panchayat Season 4, set to premiere on Prime Video on June 24. While it remains unclear if the show’s cast or crew will make an appearance at the location, this quirky marketing move has successfully caught

public attention, sparking conversations and excitement ahead of the series launch. The use of the lauki, a common vegetable in Indian households, adds a playful, relatable touch to the campaign, making it stand out among typical advertisements. The stunt also taps into the growing trend of unusual and eye-catching promotions designed to engage audiences in real-world spaces. Whether or not this giant vegetable has anything to do with the character Binod, who has become a viral meme figure, viewers are left entertained and curious. The fun and unusual spectacle reflects the vibrant spirit of Lucknow and its knack for blending tradition with modern creativity. With Panchayat Season 4 just around the corner, this giant lauki is sure to remain a talking point for many, proving once again that sometimes, the simplest ideas make the biggest impact.

Woman Wears Makeup Daily for 22 Years, Suffers Severe Skin Damage

A Chinese woman’s shocking skin-care journey has gone viral after she revealed the devastating effects of wearing makeup every single day for 22 years—without ever properly removing it. Known online as Niuyoumian, the 37-year-old from China’s Jilin province shared her painful story, drawing attention to the long-term risks of poor skincare and heavy cosmetic use. In a video widely circulated on social media, Niuyoumian appears with visibly inflamed, red, and swollen skin—symptoms of what she refers to as “hormone face,” a chronic skin condition caused by prolonged exposure to cosmetic chemicals and inadequate cleansing routines. According to South China Morning Post, her skin problems began as early as age 14 after using an unsuitable acne cream. By 15, she was wearing makeup daily and continued the habit for over two decades. Working in the beauty and hair industry, she was also regularly exposed to strong salon chemicals. Using inexpensive, low-quality foundations only worsened her condition. Despite suffering early signs like redness and itching, she ignored them. “I thought it could be fixed with some



ointment,” she admitted. “But after 25, everything changed.” Niuyoumian eventually turned to facial injections in 2011, hoping to improve her skin. However, these treatments backfired, further damaging her complexion. She has since been diagnosed with rosacea and Demodex mite infestations. “At its worst, it felt like ants crawling on my face,” she said. Reflecting on her journey, she acknowl-

edged that her impatience and constant switching of skincare products only made things worse. Now, with nearly 30,000 followers, she urges others: “Don’t blindly trust beauty products just because someone else says they work.” Her experience has sparked widespread discussion online about responsible makeup use, the importance of proper skincare, and the hidden costs of beauty standards.

Ramen Lovers Stunned as Cancer Warning Found on Instant Noodle Packet

A viral video has sparked widespread concern among ramen lovers after revealing a shocking warning label printed on an instant noodle packet. The label read: “Warning: Cancer and Reproductive Harm,” leaving many stunned and questioning the safety of their favorite go-to snack. The video, posted on Instagram by a concerned user, shows him flipping over the back of the ramen packet and pointing to the printed warning. “I eat this all the time,” he said, clearly in disbelief. The clip quickly gained traction online, with viewers flooding the comments section with reactions ranging from confusion to alarm. Ramen noodles have long been a staple for students, busy professionals, and anyone looking for a quick, affordable meal. But this video is making people take a hard look at the ingredients and manufacturing standards behind these convenient packets. Nutrition expert Cara Harbstreet weighed in on the matter, explaining that most packaged instant noodles rely heavily on sodium, preservatives, and artificial flavor enhancers for taste. “Many instant noodle products



contain chemicals that, in large quantities or over time, may pose health risks. Labels like these are mandated under specific regional laws to inform consumers,” she said. In the United States, such warnings often appear due to California’s Proposition 65, which requires products containing certain chemicals to carry notices about potential cancer or reproductive risks. This doesn’t necessarily mean the product is unsafe in standard consumption levels, but it

does highlight the presence of certain flagged substances. While the warning may be routine in some regions due to regulatory policies, the video has ignited debates over food transparency, health risks, and the need for clearer consumer education on packaged foods. As the discussion continues, health experts urge consumers to enjoy instant noodles occasionally and balance them with a nutritious, whole-food-based diet.

Brain’s Built-In Signal Threshold Helps Distinguish Imagination from Reality

New research reveals that the brain uses a built-in “signal threshold” to differentiate between real visual experiences and imagined ones. This discovery sheds light on how our minds distinguish reality from imagination and has important implications for understanding mental health conditions like schizophrenia, where this distinction often blurs. Scientists at University College London conducted a study using functional MRI scans on 26 volunteers. Participants were shown diagonal lines on a noisy screen—sometimes real, sometimes imagined. When participants imagined lines that matched the expected visual input, they were more likely to report seeing something even if nothing was actually shown. This suggested that strong internal signals from imagination can trick the



brain into perceiving something as real. Both real and imagined visuals activated the fusiform gyrus, a key brain region involved in visual processing. However, the brain only recognized the input as “real” when the activity in this region passed a certain intensity threshold. Alongside the fusiform gyrus, the anterior

insula—a region linked to decision-making—also became active, possibly acting as a “reader” that evaluates the strength of the visual signal. Lead researcher Nadine Dijkstra explained that although imagination stimulates the same brain area as real visuals, the signal generated by imagination is usually too

weak to convince the brain that it is perceiving actual external input. Understanding this threshold system offers new insights into hallucinations and other mental health disorders that affect perception. Experts say these findings represent a significant step forward in understanding how the brain monitors reality versus imagination. Future research will explore more complex visual stimuli and real-world perceptions, including faces and animals. There is also interest in whether brain stimulation techniques could enhance imagined perception or help address perception-related disorders. This study provides a crucial foundation for unraveling the neural mechanisms behind how we experience and interpret reality.

India Edge Past Belgium 4-3 in Thrilling FIH Pro League Clash, End Losing Streak



The Indian men's hockey team pulled off a dramatic 4-3 victory over Belgium on Sunday, clinching their first win in the European leg of the FIH Pro League and ending a string of seven consecutive defeats. The match, filled with twists and tense moments, saw India fight back multiple times before sealing the win in the dying minutes. With just two minutes left on the clock and the score tied at 3-3, India called for a video referral following a strong challenge inside the Belgian circle. The decision went in their favour, and captain Harmanpreet Singh made no mistake in converting the resulting penalty stroke, handing India a much-needed and morale-boosting victory. Belgium had taken the early lead in the eighth minute through Arthur de Sloover, whose powerful strike found the top corner. The hosts dominated the opening quarter and maintained their 1-0 advantage at the break.

India responded with determination in the second quarter, equalising through Sukhjeet Singh's thunderous strike off a penalty corner. However, Belgium struck again early in the third quarter via Nicolas Stockbroekx to go 2-1 up. Sukhjeet proved to be India's saviour once more, levelling the match just a minute later with a fine field goal, marking his second strike of the match. India then surged ahead when Amit Rohidas smashed home a goal from a penalty corner. Belgium, however, weren't done yet. Thibaut Labouchere scored his maiden international goal to draw the match level once again. But in a game of fine margins, it was Harmanpreet's late composure under pressure that ultimately gave India the win. Both teams began on an aggressive note, but it was India who held their nerve at the end to walk away with a memorable victory.

BCCI Issues Strict 10-Point Guidelines for IPL Celebrations Following RCB Tragedy

In the wake of the tragic incident during Royal Challengers Bengaluru's (RCB) IPL 2025 victory celebrations, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has issued a set of mandatory guidelines to ensure safety during future team festivities. The stampede near Bengaluru's M. Chinnaswamy Stadium led to the death of 11 people and left over 50 injured, prompting widespread concerns over crowd management and event planning. BCCI secretary Devajit Saikia confirmed that the incident is under serious investigation and that the newly issued protocols will be mandatory for all IPL franchises. "We are responsible for cricket in India, and it's our duty to ensure such tragedies do not occur again," Saikia stated.

As reported, the BCCI's new 10-point guideline for IPL celebrations includes:

1. No team is allowed to hold celebrations within 3-4 days of winning the title.
2. Rushed and poorly planned events with quick turnarounds will be strictly prohibited.
3. Formal permission from the BCCI is mandatory for any celebratory event.
4. No event can proceed without prior written clearance from the board.
5. A mandatory 4-5 tier security setup must be enforced.
6. Multi-layered security must be present at venues



and during team transit.

7. Security must cover movement from airport to event locations.
8. Full protection of players and support staff is essential throughout.
9. Teams must secure approvals from district police, state governments, and local authorities.
10. All events must receive clearance from civic and law enforcement bodies.

India head coach Gautam Gambhir weighed in, criticizing public roadshows. "Celebrations are important, but human life is more valuable. If we can't manage crowds, such roadshows shouldn't happen," he said. The BCCI has also formed a three-member committee to oversee the implementation of these safety measures.



Oklahoma City Thunder Defeat Injury-Hit Pacers in Game 7 to Win NBA Championship

The Oklahoma City Thunder completed a dream season by capturing the NBA title on Sunday, defeating the Indiana Pacers 103-91 in a thrilling Game 7 of the NBA Finals. Fueled by a dominant second-half performance and the brilliance of Shai Gilgeous-Alexander, the Thunder secured their first championship since relocating from Seattle in 2008. Gilgeous-Alexander delivered a masterful performance with 29 points and 12 assists, earning the Finals MVP award to go along with his regular-season MVP and scoring title. "It doesn't feel real," he said, emotional after the victory. "But this group worked for it. We deserved this." The Pacers, playing without their star guard Tyrese Haliburton for most of the game, battled bravely. Haliburton, who was already nursing a calf strain, went down just seven minutes into the contest after scoring nine points on three-pointers. His injury

shifted the momentum, and despite holding a 48-47 half-time lead, Indiana couldn't withstand Oklahoma City's second-half surge. The Thunder outscored the Pacers 34-20 in the third quarter, with key contributions from Jalen Williams, who scored 20 points (15 in the second half), and Chet Holmgren, who added 18 points, eight rebounds, and five blocks. Indiana struggled with ball control, committing 23 turnovers that led to 32 Thunder points. Though the Pacers shot well from beyond the arc in the first half, they cooled off significantly after the break. Benedict Mathurin led Indiana with 24 points off the bench, while Pascal Siakam and T.J. McConnell added 16 each. The Thunder's 68-win regular season now has the perfect ending. For a young team led by rising stars, this championship may just be the beginning of a new NBA dynasty.

Bumrah's Five-For Hands India Slim Lead as First Test Hangs in Balance

Jasprit Bumrah's five-wicket haul helped India take a slender 6-run first-innings lead over England on Day 3 of the first Test at Headingley. By stumps, India had stretched that advantage to 96, reaching 90 for two, with K.L. Rahul anchoring the innings with a fluent unbeaten 47 (75 balls, 7x4). Despite starting the day at 209 for three, England nearly matched India's imposing 471-run total, finishing their innings at 465. The day saw India under sustained pressure, with the hosts dominating for large stretches thanks to a fine counterattack led by Harry Brook and Jamie Smith. Brook dazzled with a brilliant 99 (112 balls, 11x4, 2x6) on his home ground before falling one run short of a deserved century, caught in the deep off a short ball from Prasidh Krishna. Smith contributed a valuable 40, and their aggressive approach exposed India's erratic bowling. Prasidh, despite picking up three wickets, was expensive, conceding 128 runs in just 20 overs. Mohammed Siraj had mixed returns, alternating between effective and wayward spells.



Bumrah, India's standout performer, finished with figures of 5 for 83. However, much of the damage was already done by the time he struck late in the innings. The lower-order resistance from Chris Woakes (38) and Brydon Carse (22) added a frustrating 55-run eighth-wicket stand for the visitors. India's fielding didn't help either—Brook was dropped twice, first by Pant on 46

and then by Jaiswal on 82. These lapses proved costly as England kept the pressure on. With two days left and overcast conditions forecast, the match remains finely poised. The first session on Day 4 could prove decisive as India look to build a defendable target and England aim to keep them in check.

Alexander Bublik Defeats Medvedev to Clinch Fifth ATP Title in Halle

Kazakhstan's Alexander Bublik secured his fifth ATP title on Saturday with a straight-sets victory over Daniil Medvedev in the final of the Halle Open, a key grass-court warm-up ahead of Wimbledon. The 28-year-old triumphed 6-3, 7-6(4) in just 82 minutes, marking his first-ever win over Medvedev in seven career meetings. Ranked 45th in the world going into the tournament, Bublik stunned world number one Jannik Sinner in the second round and carried that momentum all the way to the title. His impressive run culminated with a commanding performance against third-seeded Medvedev, who was appearing in his first final in 15 months. This win marks Bublik's second Halle title, having previously lifted the trophy in 2023. He also owns titles from Montpellier (2022, 2024) and Antwerp (2023), estab-



lishing himself as a formidable player on both hard and grass courts.

With the victory, Bublik is projected to climb to No. 30 in the ATP rankings—his highest in recent months. "This win means a lot," Bublik said after the match. "Beating Daniil and getting this title right before Wimbledon gives me great confidence." For Medvedev, the defeat was a bitter one. The former world No. 1, who last won a title at the Rome Masters in May 2023, has now lost six consecutive finals. Despite reaching the final, he couldn't find an answer to Bublik's powerful serve and unpredictable shot-making. Still, Medvedev's run in Halle will push him up to No. 9 in the ATP rankings, a much-needed boost heading into Wimbledon. As both players prepare for the year's third Grand Slam, Bublik's form on grass could make him a dark horse at the All England Club.



Kuberaa Surges Past 1 Million Tickets on BookMyShow, Becomes Box Office Sensation



Kuberaa, the latest socio-political drama from acclaimed director Sekhar Kammula, is taking the box office by storm. Starring Dhanush and Nagarjuna in lead roles, with Rashmika Mandanna delivering a striking performance, the film has surpassed all expectations, emerging as a major commercial and critical success. Despite a modest pre-release buzz, Kuberaa quickly gained momentum thanks to glowing word of mouth and strong audience engagement. In a major milestone, the film has crossed over 1 million ticket sales on BookMyShow—a feat that underlines its rapidly growing popularity among moviegoers. This surge in demand came swiftly after the film’s Friday release, cementing its status as a crowd-puller. The weekend box office numbers have been exceptional, signaling wide-

spread acceptance. Industry trackers suggest that Kuberaa is well on its way to becoming one of the standout hits of the year. Early indicators also suggest that the film will comfortably clear the “Monday test,” often seen as a benchmark for sustained success beyond initial hype. Internationally, Kuberaa is also holding its ground. In the U.S., the film is nearing the \$2 million mark in gross earnings, reflecting its appeal beyond Indian shores. With growing collections and an expanding viewer base, the coming weeks could see Kuberaa scale even greater heights. What began as an underdog release is now proving to be a triumphant moment for Indian cinema, blending powerful performances, an engaging storyline, and timely themes. If current trends continue, Kuberaa could well become one of the defining box office stories of 2025.

Megastar Chiranjeevi Ready for OTT Debut: “If the Content Excites Me, I’m In”

In a move that has thrilled fans and sparked industry-wide buzz, Megastar Chiranjeevi has officially expressed interest in exploring the world of OTT. Speaking at the Kuberaa success meet, the veteran actor revealed that he is now mentally prepared to take on roles in web series or digital films, provided the content is compelling. This marks a significant shift in Chiranjeevi’s career outlook. While fellow senior stars like Nagarjuna, Venkatesh, and Balakrishna have already ventured into the OTT space with successful projects, Chiranjeevi had so far stayed rooted in traditional cinema. However, he now seems eager to experiment, especially if the platform offers fresh and meaningful storytelling. “I’m open to OTT now,” Chiranjeevi said, confirming long-standing



speculation. “If a powerful, meaningful role comes my way, I’m ready to do it.” The actor also revealed that he had once been approached for a role in The Family Man series but declined at the time due to timing

and creative differences. However, he now believes the landscape has evolved—and so has he. Praising Nagarjuna’s bold role in Kuberaa, Chiranjeevi said it inspired him to think beyond conventional boundaries. In classic Chiru style, he didn’t forget to add a touch of humour. “Just because I said I’m ready, don’t show up at my house with scripts tomorrow morning,” he joked, drawing laughter from the audience. OTT platforms have become vital spaces for innovative storytelling, and a star of Chiranjeevi’s magnitude stepping into the digital realm signals a major moment for the medium. While no specific project has been announced yet, the industry is abuzz with speculation—and fans are eagerly awaiting the Megastar’s digital debut.

Censor Board Halts Release of Suresh Gopi’s Film Over ‘Janaki’ Title Controversy

The release of the Malayalam film Janaki vs State of Kerala, starring Union Minister and actor Suresh Gopi, has been stalled following the Central Board of Film Certification’s (CBFC) demand to change the film’s title. The censor board objected to the use of the name ‘Janaki’ because it is also a name of the Hindu goddess Sita, raising religious concerns. The film was originally scheduled for release on June 27, 2025. The movie narrates the story of a woman who faces sexual assault and pursues a legal battle against the state. According to the CBFC, the name of a revered goddess should not be associated with a character who endured such trauma. The film had been cleared by the CBFC’s regional office in Thiruvananthapuram with a U/A certificate, but the Mumbai headquarters later demanded the title change, which has delayed the release. Changing the title would also require



modifying numerous dialogues within the film where the name ‘Janaki’ is used, complicating the process further. The Film Employees Federation of Ker-

ala (FEFKA) has condemned the CBFC’s demand and warned of protests if the board does not retract its request. Director MB Padmakumar shared that his own film Token Number faced a similar issue, where he had to change the character’s name from Janaki to Jayanthi to secure certification. He expressed frustration at the inconsistency, explaining that while the Trivandrum office cleared the film, the Mumbai office later intervened with demands communicated unofficially through WhatsApp messages. Padmakumar suggested that this could be the result of personal biases among officials rather than a government directive, noting, “If there was such an agenda, the film would have been sent to the revising committee officially.” The controversy has sparked widespread criticism within the Malayalam film industry.

USA Theaters List : Kannappa

CINEMARK USA INTIAL LIST

STATE	CITY	THEATER NAME	STATE	CITY	THEATER NAME
AZ	MESA	CINEMARK 16	OK	OKLAHOMA CITY	CINEMARK TINSLETOWN 30 + XD
CA	POLSON	POLSON 14	OR	BEAVERTON	BEAVERTON CEDAR HILLS 16
CA	FREMONT	CENTURY AT PACIFIC COMMONS + XD	PA	PITTSBURGH	CINEMARK ROBINSON TOWNSHIP + XD
CA	MILPITAS	MILPITAS GREAT MALL 30 + XD	TX	ALLEN	CINEMARK 16 ALLEN + XD
CA	ORANGE	ORANGE STADIUM PROMENADE 30 + XD	TX	CEDAR PARK	CINEMARK CEDAR PARK 12
CA	UNION CITY	UNION CITY 30 + XD	TX	DALLAS	CINEMARK 17 + XD IMAX
CO	AURORA	CENTURY AURORA + XD	TX	DENTON	CINEMARK 14
CT	BRANCHESTER	BUCKLAND HILLS 16 IMAX	TX	FRISCO	CINEMARK PRISCO SQUARE + XD
CT	MILFORD	CONNECTICUT POST 14 + IMAX	TX	GRAPEVINE	CINEMARK TINSLETOWN 17 + XD
DE	NEWARK	CHRISTIANA + XD	TX	HOUSTON	TINSLETOWN 390 16 + XD
FL	DAVE	PARADISE 34 + XD	TX	HURST	NORTHEAST MALL 18 + XD
FL	JACKSONVILLE	TINSLETOWN 30 + XD	TX	KATY	CINEMARK 19 + XD
FL	ORLANDO	CINEMARK ORLANDO + XD	TX	LEWISVILLE	CINEMARK 14 + XD
IL	DEER PARK	16	TX	MCKINNEY	CINEMARK NORTH MCKINNEY AND XD
IL	NORTH AURORA	TINSLETOWN 17	TX	PLUGERSVILLE	TINSLETOWN 30 + XD
IL	WARRENVILLE	CINEMARK CANTERA WARRENVILLE AND XD	TX	PLANO	CINEMARK CENTRAL PLANO 10
IL	WOODBRIDGE	CINEMARK 16 + IMAX	TX	PLANO	CINEMARK WEST PLANO 30 + XD
KS	WICHITA	CINEMARK TINSLETOWN 30 + XD	TX	PLANO	LEGACY 34 + XD
KY	LOUISVILLE	CINEMARK TINSLETOWN + XD	TX	ROANOK	CINEMARK ROANOK AND XD
MD	HANDOVER	BOETTIAN 34 + XD	TX	ROUND ROCK	CINEMARK 14
MI	TYPSLANT	ANN ARBOR 30 IMAX	TX	SAN ANTONIO	CINEMARK SAN ANTONIO 16
NH	SALEM	CINEMARK ROCKINGHAM PARK + XD	UT	WEST JORDAN	CINEMARK 34 + XD
NJ	SOMERDALE	CINEMARK MOVIES 16 + XD	VA	CENTREVILLE	CENTREVILLE 12
OH	COLUMBUS	POLARIS 18 + XD	VA	FAIRFAX	FAIRFAX CORNER 14 + XD
OH	MILFORD	16	WA	BLISSVILLE	LINCOLN SQUARE CINEMA 6200 30 WITH IMAX
OH	VALLEY VIEW	VALLEY VIEW 34 + XD			
OH	WEST CARROLLTON	DAYTON SOUTH 16 + XD			



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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.