



CM Revanth criticizes BRS
leaders' sudden wealth amid
state's debt

Says farmers are top priority,
vows to make 1 crore women
crorepatis

Ready to debate 10 years of BRS
vs 18 months of Congress rule



How Come You Three Became Crorepatis while State Sank in Debt

Revanth Reddy sharply criticizes KCR, KTR, Harish Rao

On Whose Orders Phone Tapping Done?



- Eatala alleges phone tapping during Huzurabad, Gajwel, Munugode elections
- Questions Prabhakar Rao's appointment as SIB chief
- Demands release of Kaleshwaram and phone tapping inquiry reports

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The phone tapping case continues to stir political controversy in Telangana, with Malkajgiri MP and senior BJP leader Eatala Rajender making serious allegations and demanding accountability from those involved. After appearing before the SIT today, Eatala questioned the legal and administrative basis behind the tapping of his phone and others during crucial political events. Speaking to the media following his deposition, Eatala alleged that his phones were tapped multiple times, especially during key elections in Huzurabad, Gajwel (2023), and the Munugode by-poll. "My personal and political conversations were illegally monitored. The call data even included discussions among party leaders and strategic plans. These acts

were not only unlawful but also cowardly," he remarked. Eatala specifically demanded clarity on the role of former SIB (Special Intelligence Bureau) chief T. Prabhakar Rao, asking on whose instructions Rao acted. "He is not an IPS officer, yet was appointed SIB chief in violation of norms. A retired officer was given an extended role in a key intelligence position, completely ignoring service rules. This is a blatant violation of the system," he said. Calling phone tapping an attack on democracy, Eatala claimed the surveillance extended beyond politicians. "Even judges, ministers, and key party leaders were under watch. This is a dangerous misuse of power," he alleged, linking the intelligence misuse to the previous BRS government led by KCR.

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Chief Minister Revanth Reddy launched a sharp attack on former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao, his son K.T. Rama Rao, and nephew Harish Rao, questioning how they became crorepatis while Telangana was pushed into massive debt under BRS rule. Speaking at the conclusion of the prestigious 'Rythu Bharosa' fund distribution event at Rajiv Gandhi's statue near the Secretariat, Revanth made strong remarks against the previous administration. The Chief Minister revealed that ₹9,000 crore has been credited to farmers' accounts across Telangana in just nine days. "The farmers blessed me with the CM post at a young age, and I will work relentlessly for their welfare," he said, reiterating that farmers are the first priority in his "people's government," followed by women and youth. Taking direct aim at the BRS leadership, he said, "Telangana was left with ₹8 lakh crore in debt. Yet KCR, KTR, and Harish Rao now own farmhouses and unimaginable wealth. If the state is bankrupt, how did they become so rich?" He questioned the collapse of the ₹1 lakh crore Kaleshwaram

project and alleged that thousands of government schools were shut under KCR's regime. Revanth reminded that it was Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy who introduced free power for agriculture, calling farming a festival instead of a burden. He announced that over 25 lakh farmers had their loans waived off, as promised during the elections. "If farmers now grow small paddy, they will get bonuses. We deposited the money within 48 hours," he claimed, adding that Telangana is now India's top paddy-producing state. The Chief Minister also highlighted that 60,000 jobs have been created since Congress took power and that 'Amma Adarsh Schools' are being developed in rural areas. Revanth reiterated the goal of empowering one crore women to become crorepatis. "Interest-free loans worth ₹21,000 crore have already been given to women. We've tied up with the electricity department to help women produce 1,000 MW of solar power," he said. Plans are also underway to buy 1,000 buses and lease them to women through RTC. He added that 8,000 IKP centers and mid-day meal responsi-

bilities in schools have been entrusted to women's self-help groups, and 150 shops have been allocated to them in Shilparamam for selling their products. Revanth concluded by saying he is ready to debate the 10 years of BRS rule against the 18-month record of the Congress government, and urged all leaders to speak facts to the people of Telangana. **Ready to go village to village for party cause: CM**
At the PCC Political Affairs Committee meeting, Telangana Chief Minister and PCC President Revanth Reddy laid out a focused roadmap for strengthening the Congress party ahead of upcoming political challenges. He called for unity between the party and the government, urging leaders to work at the grassroots level with discipline and purpose. "I am ready to go to the villages if needed," Revanth said, adding that the next election battle can only be won if the party and government operate as a single, well-coordinated team. "Our 18 months in power have been a golden period."

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What Kind of Cheap Obscenity Is This?



Jubilee Hills industrialist
triggers outrage

Vulgar display placed outside
home shocks residents

Women's groups,
netizens demand
immediate police action

TPN | V. Krishna Kumar Hyderabad: A shocking and indecent act by a prominent industrialist in Jubilee Hills has sparked outrage across the city. The display of a vulgar image in front of his residence—located near the Peddamma Temple and opposite Diamond House—has not only disgusted passersby but has also provoked severe criticism from women's groups, netizens, and locals. The controversy centers around a large illuminated display of a semi-nude female figure placed at the main entrance of the industrialist's uncle's home. The offensive image, which appears to be custom-made and glamorously lit, has drawn widespread condemnation for its placement in a public and family-friendly locality. Locals who travel along the road daily were initially stunned. Many motorists stopped to stare in disbelief. As the display at-

tracted attention, voices of dissent grew louder, with people openly mocking the industrialist's insensitivity and dubbing him "Khar-mara Babu" in local slang. The situation took a serious turn when women living nearby approached the family, requesting them to remove the vulgar image. However, they were arrogantly told, "This is our house, we will do what we want." This response only intensified the anger. Women's organizations and civil society groups are furious, stating that such material has no place in a respectable colony. "If this were shown in a movie, the censor board would have chopped it out. But this man displays it on the street under bright lights and calls it art?" questioned a women's rights activist. Netizens took to social media with scathing remarks, tagging Hyderabad police and demanding immediate action.

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Corrupt Officials Under ACB Scanner

123 cases in 6 months, illegal assets worth ₹97.42
crore seized across key departments

TPN | Avinash Reddy Telangana: The embezzlement by corrupt officials in Telangana is spiraling out of control, with alarming levels of corruption surfacing across government departments. In just six months this year, the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has registered 123 cases, a steep rise compared to 152 cases filed in the entire previous year. This highlights the increasing brazenness of corrupt officials, many of whom are amassing disproportionate assets while neglecting their duties. According to the ACB, 223 individuals have been arrested so far, including 159 government employees. The total seizure of illegal assets has reached ₹97.42 crore, pointing to the deep-rooted nature of corruption in the system. The ACB's intensified crackdown has unearthed massive wealth hidden by officers in the revenue, police,



irrigation, municipal, civil supplies, and other public sectors. Among the most sensational discoveries is that of a TSSPDCL Assistant Engineer, S. Anil Kumar, who was found to own illegal assets exceeding ₹30 crore in Medchal-Malkajgiri district. Similarly, in the Irrigation Department, an officer

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We have fulfilled many promises and resolved major social issues. Now it's time to take these achievements to every household," he said. Revanth instructed the PCC to immediately prioritize party building, especially forming booth, village, and mandal-level committees. "Only if the party is strong at the booth level can we effectively deliver welfare schemes and communicate the government's work to the people," he explained. He reminded the cadre that those who worked during difficult times were given responsibilities and that future positions will also depend on grassroots work, not just recommendations. "Party leaders must stay active at the ground level with clear goals," he said.

Stressing the need for discipline within the party, Revanth emphasized, "Those holding nominated positions in temple committees, market boards, and other bodies must lead by example and maintain decorum." He also discussed key upcoming challenges and developments, including municipal elections, the women's reservation bill, and delimitation issues. Revanth asked party leaders to begin preparing for the Jubilee Hills by-election and to mobilize early. "The government is working tirelessly to implement welfare schemes, and the party must match that effort by staying close to the people. Our strength lies in teamwork," he concluded.

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He further slammed the current Congress-led government for not revealing the findings of the Kaleshwaram project and phone tapping inquiry commissions. "It's been almost 18 months since those committees were formed. Why hasn't the government made their findings public? If both BRS and Congress are clean, CM Revanth Reddy should come

forward and release those reports," Etala demanded. He concluded by asserting that the people of Telangana deserve the truth, and those involved in such grave violations must be held accountable. "This is not about one party or leader; this is about the future of democracy in the state," he said.

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Many questioned whether wealth gives people the liberty to publicly insult decency and community values. Others demanded to know if the man has any women in his family and how they could tolerate such tastelessness. Some residents even linked the image to the recent Miss World 2024 event held in Hyderabad, pointing out that the industrialist had hosted several international participants at his residence. "Whose statue is this?" they asked, sparking speculation and further embarrassment for the family.

Despite growing calls for accountability, the police have remained silent so far. Citizens, however, are united in their demand that the authorities act swiftly, remove the offensive display, and ensure such incidents are not repeated under the guise of personal freedom or artistic expression. The public now awaits a response from the Jubilee Hills police and GHMC officials to see whether decency and community standards will be upheld or ignored in the face of privilege.

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was found in possession of ₹17.73 crore in unaccounted assets. In another case, EWIDC Deputy Executive Engineer Jinnamwar Shankar was caught red-handed accepting a bribe of ₹50,000 in Adilabad. One of the more high-profile cases involved former HMDA Director Shiva Balakrishna, where the identification of more than 200 illegal properties sent shockwaves across the state. Sub-Registrar Taslima Mohammed from Warangal, and police personnel from Bhadradri Kothagudem, have also been booked for corruption. Complaints of irregularities are pouring in related to land registrations, property transfers, and ration card distribution, especially within the Revenue and Civil Supplies departments. Awareness among the public is rising, resulting in a growing number of complaints. Ac-

cording to ACB Director General Vijay Kumar, about 20 phone complaints are being registered daily. He urged the public to submit complaints with proper evidence and noted that although the conviction rate currently stands at 64%, efforts are underway to increase it to 70%. In a recent case, GHMC Golnaka Assistant Engineer Manisha was caught red-handed accepting a bribe. She demanded ₹20,000 to process a bill, but ACB officials arrested her during a trap while she was accepting the remaining ₹15,000 after taking ₹5,000 in advance. She was presented before the Nampally ACB Court on Monday. These incidents underline a pressing need for stricter supervision, faster trials, and systemic reforms to curb the growing menace of corruption in public service.

Telangana Aspires to Become a Global Sports Hub

- New Sports Policy Eyes 2036 Olympics Participation
- Young India Sports University to Launch by 2026

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Telangana has set its sights on becoming a Global Sports Hub, with an ambitious vision to feature prominently at the 2036 Olympics, according to IT and Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu. He made this announcement while inaugurating the SLV Pro Badminton Stadium at Samathanagar, Nizampet, on Tuesday. Speaking at the event, Sridhar Babu said, "This goal aligns with the people-first governance under Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. We are introducing a comprehensive new sports policy to take Telangana to the international stage." He highlighted the cultural shift in sports perception



across the state. "Once, cricket was the only game in town. Today, children are embracing a variety of sports and seeing them as viable careers. Hyderabad, once famous solely for biryani, is now recognized as the badminton capital of India," the Minister remarked. Sridhar Babu credited champions like Pullela Gopichand, Saina Nehwal, PV Sindhu, Chirag Shetty, and Satwik-sairaj for inspiring a generation of athletes. "Gopichand's

legacy laid the foundation, and now we are witnessing a steady stream of global talent emerging from Telangana," he said. As part of its larger strategy, the government will soon launch the Young India Sports University in 2026, introduce dedicated sports schools in each of the ten erstwhile districts, and develop sports grounds in every village panchayat and mandal headquarters. Additionally, a FIFA-certified girls' football

academy is being planned for Gachibowli, he announced. Sridhar Babu, who also serves as President of the Badminton Association of Telangana, said that efforts are being made to take badminton and other sports beyond Hyderabad into rural regions. "We want to identify, nurture, and elevate grassroots talent," he said. "Our focus is not only on creating infrastructure but also mentorship and career pathways for young athletes." The Minister urged parents to support their children in exploring any sport they are passionate about. "If the passion is there, the state will provide the platform," he affirmed. MLA Arikepudi Gandhi, MLC Deshapathi Srinivas, and other dignitaries also attended the inauguration, reinforcing the government's collective commitment to sports development.

Relief for IAS Officer Amrapali Reassigned to Telangana Cadre by CAT

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IAS officer Amrapali has received major relief from the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT), which on Tuesday directed her reassignment from the Andhra Pradesh cadre to the Telangana cadre. With this order, she is expected to soon take charge under the Telangana government. About four months ago, the Union Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) had issued orders allotting Am-



rapali to the Andhra Pradesh cadre. However, dissatisfied with the decision, she approached the CAT seeking her reassignment to Telangana. The tribunal, after hearing arguments from both sides, ruled in favour of Amrapali and passed orders accordingly. This development clears the way for Amrapali's return to Telangana service, where she previously served in key positions.

Katedan Sports Complex Works Should Be Completed Quickly

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Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) Commissioner R.V. Karnan has directed officials to expedite the completion of pending works at the Katedan Sports Complex and ensure the facility is made available to local athletes at the earliest. The directive was issued during his inspection of development projects in the Charminar zone on Tuesday. During the inspection, Commissioner Karnan summoned officials from the Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB) and instructed them to immediately ensure a



water connection for the swimming pool within the sports complex. He also emphasized the need to complete the shuttle badminton court and associated infrastructure swiftly. "The works should be completed without

any further delay and the complex must be handed over to the sports section for use by athletes," said the Commissioner, reiterating the importance of sports infrastructure for community development. GHMC Zonal Commissioner Venkanna, AC Sports Yadagiri Rao, Zonal SC Maheshwar Reddy, Chief Engineer Ratnakar, Project EE KL Srinivas, and other senior officials accompanied the Commissioner during the inspection.

The Commissioner's visit is part of a larger initiative to monitor and accelerate key infrastructure projects across Hyderabad, especially those intended for public welfare and youth development.

Silk Cloth Offerings to Temples Scheduled Across Twin Cities

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, Ministers to Participate in Festival Rituals

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The Telangana State Government has announced the official schedule for silk cloth offerings to various prominent temples in Hyderabad and Secunderabad as part of the Bonalu Festival 2025, a celebration deeply rooted in Telangana's cultural and religious traditions. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy will offer silk clothes at the Sri Ujjayini Mahankali Temple, Secunderabad on July 13, marking the beginning of ceremonial offerings by state dignitaries. Other ministers and constitutional heads will participate in offerings to key temples across the twin cities on various dates in July.

The full list of offerings is as follows:

1. Sri Ujjayini Mahankali Temple, Secunderabad – Chief Minister Revanth Reddy (July 13)
2. Sri Simhavahini Mahankali Temple, Lal Darwaja – Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka (July 20)
3. Sri Mahankali Sahitya Mahakaleshwar Swamy Temple, Nacharam Upal – Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy (July 20)
4. Sri Darbar Maisamma Temple, Caravan – Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha (July 20)
5. Sri Bhagyalakshmi Temple, Charminar – Minister Komatireddy Venkata Reddy (July 20)



6. Sri Akkanna Madanna Temple, Hari Bowli – Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu
7. Sri Kattamaismamma Temple, Chikalalguda – Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy (July 20)
8. Sri Yellamma Pochamma Temple, Balkampet – Ministers Konda Surekha and Ponnamp Prabhakar (July 1)
9. Sri Nallapochamma Temple, Sabjimandi – Minister Tummala Nag-eswara Rao (July 20)
10. Qila Maisamma Temple, NTR Nagar, SR Nagar – Minister Seethakka (July 20)
11. Sri Mahankali Temple, Meeralamandi – Minister Jupally Krishna Rao (July 20)
12. Sri Muthyalamma Temple, Bela – Minister Gaddam Vivek Venkatswamy (July 20)

13. Sri Mahankali Temple, Goulipura (Bharat Mata Kota Maisamma) – Minister Vakiti Srihari
14. Sri Jagadamba Temple, Sultan Shahi – Minister Adluri Laxman Kumar (July 20)
15. Sri Jagadamba Mahankali Temple, Golconda Fort – Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar, Ministers Konda Surekha and Ponnamp Prabhakar (June 26)
16. Sri Mahankali Temple, Uppuguda – Legislative Council Chairman Gutta Sukhender Reddy (July 20)
17. Sri Bangaru Maisamma Temple, Boiguda – Rajya Sabha MP Anil Kumar Yadav (July 20)
18. Sri Bangaru Maisamma Temple, Hari Bowli – GHMC Mayor Gadwala Vijaya Lakshmi (July 20)
19. Sri Mahankali Temple, Amberpet – Deputy Chairman of Legislative Council Banda Prakash (July 20)
20. Sri Darbar Maisamma Temple, Alibabad – Deputy Speaker Jatoth Ramachandra Nayak (July 20)

The Bonalu festivities, which symbolize gratitude to the Goddess Mahankali for fulfilling devotees' vows, are celebrated annually across Telangana with grandeur and spiritual fervor. The state government's active participation in the ritual silk offerings underscores the cultural significance of the festival.

Congress Is the True Ally of Farmers: Bhatti Vikramarka

₹9,000 crore credited to farmers in just 9 days under Rythu Bharosa
Only Congress waived ₹21,000 crore in farm loans in 3 months
TRS failed to provide full support to farmers, says Deputy CM

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Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu strongly asserted that no party other than Congress has truly supported India's farmers, calling the Congress synonymous with agriculture. Addressing a gathering near the Secretariat on Tuesday, he criticized the previous TRS government for failing to deliver meaningful support through its "Rythu Bandhu" scheme, accusing it of offering only partial aid while withdrawing key farmer welfare measures.

Bhatti proudly declared that the Congress government had deposited ₹9,000 crore into the accounts of 70 lakh farmers in just nine days through the "Rythu Bharosa" scheme. He hailed this as a historic achievement, unmatched by any previous government, and said the moment deserved to be written in golden letters in India's history. The Deputy CM emphasized the Congress party's long-standing contributions to agriculture, including Building massive irrigation projects, Providing free electricity to farmers,

Ensuring Minimum Support Price (MSP) for crops, Mandating agricultural loans through banks and Driving the Green Revolution "No other party has shown the love and commitment that Congress has for farmers. Agriculture means Congress," Bhatti reiterated. He also took the opportunity to slam the KCR-led TRS government, alleging that it stopped vital support systems such as interest-free loans, subsidies for drip and sprinkler systems, crop bonuses, MSP payments, and compensation for losses. He con-



trasted this with the Congress government's swift action since taking office, including ₹21,000 crore farm

loan waiver, ₹12,000 annual support for landless and poor farm laborers, Distribution of drip and sprinkler irrigation systems, Delivery of modern farm machinery and Compensation for crop losses Bhatti referred to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's announcement on June 16, which promised a major celebration on June 24 following the ₹9,000 crore transfer to farmers. "We kept our word," he said, describing it as a celebration of "Indiramma Rajyam" values and a tribute to Rajiv Gandhi's vision for modernizing India and empowering rural communities. He concluded by urging people to recognize the Congress government's genuine commitment to agriculture and support it wholeheartedly.

Grounding Begins for Over 1 Lakh Indiramma Houses: Minister Ponguleti

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Revenue, Housing, and Information Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy announced on Tuesday that the grounding process for Indiramma houses across Telangana is progressing at a rapid pace. Reviewing the scheme's implementation at the Secretariat, the Minister stated that out of 3 lakh sanctioned houses, 2.37 lakh beneficiaries have received official sanction documents, and 1.03 lakh houses have already been grounded, with construction in full swing. He affirmed the government's commitment to construct 4.5 lakh Indiramma houses this year at a budget of ₹22,500 crore, with 3,500 houses per constituency (excluding GHMC limits). The beneficiary selection process has been completed in 88 out of 95 constituencies, and the Minister has directed officials to closely monitor construction, especially the basement stage, to ensure swift progress before the onset of monsoon rains. To support construction, the government is providing 40 metric tonnes of sand free of cost for each house. Ponguleti stressed that field-level officials must ensure beneficiaries fully receive this entitlement. Despite fiscal constraints, the



Minister assured that payments are being released every Monday, based on construction progress, through direct bank transfers in four transparent instalments ₹1 lakh after completion of basement, ₹1.25 lakh after completion of walls, ₹1.75 lakh after slab casting and ₹1 lakh after completion of remaining works. He emphasized that no middlemen are involved and funds reach the beneficiaries directly. The Minister also pointed out districts that need to accelerate performance — including Suryapet, Peddapalli, Bhupalpalli, Hanumakonda,

Vikarabad, Siddipet, Narayanpet, Jogulamba, and Gadwal — and directed focused efforts there. Addressing the issue of unfinished 2BHK houses, Ponguleti instructed that eligible beneficiaries without house sites be allotted these units. If contractors fail to resume or complete works, the government will provide ₹5 lakh to the beneficiaries directly to finish the construction themselves. Special attention was urged for GHMC, Nizamabad, Karimnagar, Mahabubnagar, and Warangal districts, where most 2BHKs remain incomplete.

Vanamahotsavam Should Be a People's Movement: Konda Surekha

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Telangana Forests, Environment and Endowments Minister Smt Konda Surekha emphasized that Vanamahotsavam must be carried out with a well-coordinated and target-driven approach across the state. Speaking during a high-level video conference chaired by Chief Secretary K. Ramakrishna Rao with district collectors and top officials, the Minister said the focus should be on identifying vacant government and community lands to implement large-scale plantations effectively during the monsoon season. She stated that district-level monitoring committees must meet immediately to prepare clear action plans involving all line departments. Stressing the need for quality seedlings, she directed that special attention be given to fruit-bearing species which provide ecological and economic benefits to local communities. Konda Surekha also instructed collectors to monitor the sur-



vival rate of saplings and ensure post-plantation care, including regular watering and protection from damage. "This should not be treated as a one-time plantation event but as a green movement led by the people, supported by officials and institutions," she said. The video conference also reviewed progress on other key state initiatives including Indiramma Housing Scheme, Fertilizer availability, Oil Palm Expansion, Bhu Bharathi land digitization, Seasonal disease control, TB Mukh Bharat Mission and Medical college in-

frastructure development Key officials present at the meeting included Principal Secretary (EFS&T) Nadeem Ahmed, Health Secretary Christina Z Chongthu, Revenue Secretary Lokesh Kumar, PCCF, and representatives from the departments of Revenue, Health, Housing, Agriculture, and Forests. Minister Konda Surekha concluded by urging all departments and the public to join hands to build a greener Telangana, underlining the long-term ecological importance of Vanamahotsavam.

Don't Celebrate, Apologize to Farmers: Harish Rao Slams Govt



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BRS senior leader and former minister T. Harish Rao came down heavily on the Congress government, demanding an apology to farmers instead of holding "victory celebrations" ahead of local body elections. In a strongly worded statement released on Tuesday, Harish Rao accused Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's government of betraying the farming community by failing to deliver on its key poll promises. "Instead of celebrating, the Congress government should apologize for making farmers suffer for the past 19 months," Harish Rao said. "They claimed they would give ₹15,000 per acre under Rythu Bharosa, but now limited it to ₹12,000. They skipped farmer assistance during both the

monsoon (Kharif) and Yasangi (Rabi) seasons, and are now trying to cover up the failure with publicity stunts." **Rao listed several issues plaguing farmers under the Congress regime:** • Failure to provide crop insurance and financial protection to tenant farmers (Kaul ryots). • Non-payment of premium under Rythu Bima, while misleading people with claims of crop insurance implementation. • Discrimination in paying bonuses only to fine paddy farmers, while ignoring other crop cultivators. • Inadequate and delayed seed supply to farmers, and unjustified increase in seed prices. • Lack of new irrigation projects, pond filling, or check dam construction, leaving farmlands dry.

- Grain procurement mismanagement and criminal cases against farmers supplying paddy.
- Warangal Farmer Declaration not being acted upon.
- Loan waiver promises made to farmers before elections still unfulfilled.

He also accused the Congress of ignoring the suicides of 511 farmers since coming to power, saying, "What are you celebrating for, Revanth Reddy? Is it for these deaths, these betrayals, or the pain you've caused to the farming community?" Rao claimed that while the BRS government under KCR stood as a beacon of support for farmers, providing welfare with sincerity, the Congress regime is doing the opposite—pushing farmers into deeper crisis while engaging in political theatre ahead of polls. "BRS is a farmer welfare government, Congress is a farmer crisis government," he declared, urging the Revanth Reddy government to stop misleading campaigns and immediately implement the promises made to farmers. He concluded by saying, "Farmers don't need your celebrations. They need justice. Apologize to them, not insult them with these hollow functions."

Naidu Conspiring to Divert Godavari Waters, Warns Jagadish Reddy

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Former Minister and BRS MLA G. Jagadish Reddy lashed out at Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, accusing him of hatching a conspiracy to divert Godavari river waters, thereby endangering Telangana's future. Addressing a press conference at Telangana Bhavan on Tuesday, Jagadish Reddy criticized the Congress-led state government for its lack of seriousness on inter-state water disputes, especially concerning Godavari and Banakachera. "Chandrababu Naidu wants to turn Telangana into a desert. The Congress government, by inviting Naidu for talks, is committing a historic blunder. Instead of direct discussions, the government should demand the Centre to immediately convene the Apex Council to address these crucial issues," said Jagadish Reddy. He alleged that there has been no serious cabinet-level discussion on the pressing issues of Godavari water sharing or the Banakachera project, despite clear signs that Telangana's water rights are at risk. "There's already injustice in Krishna waters. Now they are trying to do the same with Godavari," he added. Jagadish Reddy warned that the Godavari-Cauvery river linking project, being pushed by Chandrababu Naidu, is a fraud. "Even the Chattisgarh government has objected to this. Yet Naidu is moving fast to claim 200 TMC of Godavari water before the tribunal is constituted. Telangana must not fall for this trap," he cautioned. He recalled how former CM KCR had proposed using surplus Godavari water via Krishna, and



how he had written to the Centre on sharing benefits between both Telugu states. "Now Naidu is preparing to spend ₹80,000 crore to take water out of Telangana without ensuring any benefit to us," he said. Jagadish Reddy also hit out at the Modi government, saying Naidu is acting like a lifeline to the BJP, and questioned, "Did the people of Telangana vote for the BJP?" The BRS leader accused a section of the media of trying to portray the Godavari issue as an internal Telangana political debate, while ignoring the larger threat posed by AP's actions.

High-Level Coordination Meeting Held for Muharram Arrangements

All departments and religious leaders review arrangements for Ashura procession
CV Anand IPS assures peaceful and secure procession
Elephant safety, traffic diversions, and medical aid discussed

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In preparation for the upcoming Muharram procession to be held on July 6 or 7, 2025 (depending on the crescent moon), Hyderabad Police Commissioner and DG C.V. Anand, IPS, convened a high-level coordination meeting with religious leaders of the Shia community and senior officials from various government departments at the Salarjung Museum. The meeting focused on ensuring a peaceful and well-coordi-

nated Bibi Ka Alam procession, which is observed annually on the day of Ashura (10th Muharram). This deeply significant mourning procession, commemorating the martyrdom of Imam Hussain, will travel through key city areas including Bibi-ka-Alam (Dabirpura), Ettebar Chowk, Kotla Aliza, Panjasha, Miralam Mandi, Charminar-Gulzar House, Purani Haveli, and Darushifa, before concluding at Masjid-e-Ilahi, Chaderghat.C.V. Anand emphasized that the

Hyderabad Police, in coordination with GHMC, R&B, Waterworks, Electricity, Medical & Health, Fire Services, Nehru Zoological Park, and Telangana Waqf Board, is committed to ensuring a safe and smooth procession. He assured participants that adequate parking, traffic diversions, and enhanced security arrangements would be implemented to avoid any inconvenience to the public. He stated that Rapid Action Force (RAF) teams, Hyderabad police platoons, She Teams,

and crime prevention units would be deployed throughout the route to handle crowd control and deter eve-teasing. CCTV surveillance via the Command Control Centre (TGICCCC), Banjara Hills will be maintained during the entire procession. Special instructions were issued regarding the elephant that traditionally carries the Alam. Anand directed that the elephant be brought to the city 2-3 days in advance to rest before the event and emphasized the need for safety perimeters,



a veterinarian, and a tranquilizer team to avoid any untoward incident. He called on the procession organizers to exercise vigilance and cooperation with officials. The Commissioner also pledged to address all concerns raised by community leaders by working closely with other departments. The meeting was attended by DCP South Zone Sneha Mehra, DCPs from Special Branch, South East Zone, Traffic and IT Cell, and

prominent public representatives including MLC Mirza Riaz Ul Hasan Effendi, MLAs Zafar Hussain (Yakutpura) and Mir Zulfikar Ali (Charminar). Religious leaders such as Dr. Maulana Nissar Hussain, Najab Ali Shaikh, Mustafaa from Markazi Anjuman, Syedmatullah Husain (Waqf Board Chairman), and GHMC Additional Commissioner Raghu Prasad also participated, along with other senior officials.

Monda Market Robbery Cracked: ₹43 Lakh Seized, 18 Accused Identified



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Secunderabad police have successfully cracked the sensational robbery case that took place recently in the bustling Monda Market. With smart investigation tactics and effective coordination, the police managed to trace and seize ₹43 lakh and arrest several key suspects involved in the case. In a major breakthrough, the Market police apprehended two individuals who had absconded with ₹72 lakh and were hiding in Goa. Simultaneously, other suspects linked to the case were arrested in Karnataka. In total, police have identified 18 accused and named all of them in the FIR. The case, which initially puzzled investigators, involved a gang that impersonated SOT (Special Operations Team) police officers to loot the money. One of the prime accused, Bhanu Prakash Rambabu, who escaped from the JBS area in a vehicle carrying ₹74 lakh after the market robbery, was also caught. Adding a disturbing twist to the story, it was revealed that the gang involved a serving constable from the 8th Battalion, Keshav, who played a part in the plot. Police said he was used by the gang to execute their plan more convincingly. CCTV footage, along with analysis of cellphone signals, played a crucial role in tracking down the suspects and unraveling the entire operation. The police have vowed to recover the remaining stolen amount and bring all culprits to justice.

Rachakonda Police Recover Lost Phones Worth ₹3.5 Crores

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In a significant move to aid citizens, Rachakonda Police Commissionerate has successfully recovered and returned 1,130 lost and stolen mobile phones to their rightful owners. The total value of the recovered devices is estimated at ₹3.5 crores, according to Rachakonda Commissioner of Police Sudheer Babu. The recovery operation covered complaints received across various police stations, including LB Nagar, Malkajgiri, and Bhuvanagiri. Utilizing the Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR) portal developed by the central government, police teams identified and traced the devices. Addressing the media, Commissioner Sudheer Babu stated that the initiative reflects the police department's commitment to public service through the use of modern technology. "We aim to use technology to serve people better. Anyone who loses their mobile phone should report it and make use of the CEIR portal to help trace it," he advised. Many beneficiaries expressed gratitude to the police for their swift and effective action. The recovered phones were handed over during a formal event organized by the Commissionerate, reaffirming public trust in police efforts to safeguard personal property.



Software Engineer Arrested Again for Drug Peddling



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In a disturbing case highlighting the growing drug menace among educated youth, a 25-year-old software employee from Prakasam district was caught for the second time peddling drugs. The accused, V. Venkata Jagadishwar Reddy, was arrested by the Shamshabad DTF team near Myfil Hotel in Mailar Devulapalli, Rajendranagar mandal, with 23.3 grams of MDMA in his possession. Reddy, a B.Tech graduate, had earlier worked for a software company named Cotton Well in Bangalore. However, while in Bangalore, he got addicted to MDMA and eventually began selling it. He purchased the synthetic drug from a man named Saif Sharif in Bangalore at ₹1,500 per gram, reselling it in Hyderabad for ₹5,000 to ₹8,000 per gram. Despite a previous arrest by Uppal Excise Police and being out on conditional bail, Reddy resumed drug peddling. He was nabbed again

on Tuesday by DTF CI Praveen Kumar Reddy, SI Srikanth Reddy, and their team. Police also seized his mobile phone and a bike used in the drug operation. Excise officials, including Shamshabad AS Aineni Srinivasa Reddy, presented the case details at the Shamshabad Prohibition and Excise Station. Officials lamented that instead of reforming after his first arrest and using his education for positive change, Reddy returned to drug dealing, leading to another stint in jail. Excise Enforcement Director Shana Vaz Qasim, Ranga Reddy Deputy Commissioner Dasharath, and Shamshabad Excise Superintendent Krishnapriya appreciated the efforts of CI Praveen Kumar and his team for cracking the case. Authorities reiterated their commitment to cracking down on drug peddling, especially among youth, and warned that anyone caught dealing in narcotics would face strict legal consequences.

The Growing Menace of Porn Addiction: A Silent Epidemic



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Pornography addiction has emerged as a pervasive issue affecting individuals across age groups and genders, posing a threat more insidious than many realize. Often starting as a casual curiosity or a means to cope with stress, this habit can spiral into a destructive force, wreaking havoc on personal lives, relationships, and mental health. In India, the statistics are alarming, re-

vealing the depth of this silent epidemic. **Disturbing Statistics** A survey in India reveals that 72% of men and 28% of women regularly consume pornography. Among South Indian students, a staggering 84.2% watch porn daily, averaging eight minutes per session, with 69% spending up to six hours weekly. Notably, 24% of female students believe porno-

graphy consumption is harmless. A separate survey of medical college students found 14% of male and 8% of female students admitted to addiction. These numbers underscore the widespread infiltration of this issue into society. **How It Begins** Psychologists identify several factors driving pornography addiction: **Stress Relief:** Many turn to pornography to escape stress, anxiety, or depression, seeking temporary relief from negative emotions. **Dopamine Rush:** Watching pornography triggers the release of dopamine, activating the brain's reward system and creating a cycle of seeking repeated gratification. **Vulnerability:** Individuals with low self-esteem, mental health challenges, or weak interpersonal relationships are more susceptible to addiction. **Sexual Stimulation:** The promise of instant gratification re-

inforces habitual viewing, forming neural pathways that make quitting difficult. **The Harmful Impact** Pornography addiction profoundly affects mental, emotional, and behavioral health: **Brain Function:** Frequent exposure impairs the prefrontal cortex, weakening impulse control and emotional regulation, as noted by neuro-psychologists. **Sexual Dysfunction:** Over time, addiction can lead to issues like premature ejaculation, reduced arousal during intimacy, or an inability to find satisfaction in real-life relationships. **Behavioral Changes:** It fosters unrealistic expectations about sex and intimacy, eroding emotional connections and straining relationships. **Recognizing Addiction** Not every instance of pornography consumption signals addiction. Key signs include: - Spending excessive time

(over 10 hours weekly) watching pornography. - Neglecting personal or professional responsibilities due to compulsive viewing. - Repeated failed attempts to quit, coupled with feelings of guilt or shame. - Difficulty finding satisfaction in real-life intimacy or forming emotional bonds. - Lying about viewing habits or isolating oneself to watch pornography, even during social or festive occasions. **Breaking Free** Overcoming pornography addiction is challenging and often requires professional intervention. Psychologists employ therapies like: **Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT):** Helps reframe distorted thought patterns and behaviors. **Motivational Interviewing:** Strengthens the resolve to overcome addiction. **Mindfulness and Stress Management:** Equips individuals

to manage triggers effectively. **Couples Counseling:** Supports partners in rebuilding intimacy and addressing underlying issues. Challenges in Recovery The road to recovery can be fraught with withdrawal symptoms, including irritability, insomnia, intense cravings, and stress. However, persistence is key. Continued psychological counseling, and in some cases, medication, can help individuals overcome these hurdles and reclaim control over their lives. **Conclusion** Pornography addiction is a growing public health concern that demands attention. Its far-reaching effects on mental health, relationships, and societal well-being cannot be ignored. With awareness, professional support, and determination, individuals can break free from this cycle and build healthier, more fulfilling lives.

16-Year-Old Girl Murders Mother Over Love Dispute

Teenage girl kills mother with help of boyfriend
Victim opposed daughter's relationship, advised focus on studies
Jeedimetla police register case, probe underway

TPN Correspondent | Medchal
A shocking incident unfolded in NLB Nagar under the Jeedimetla police limits, where a 16-year-old girl, enraged over her mother's opposition to her relationship, brutally murdered her. The victim, Satla Anjali (39), was allegedly killed by her daughter Tejashri with the help of her boyfriend. According to police sources, Tejashri, a tenth standard student, was reprimanded by her mother after she discovered her love affair. Anjali reportedly advised her daughter that it was not love but mere infatuation and urged her to concentrate on her studies. The advice, however, triggered a deadly reaction from the girl. Late at night, Tejashri, along with her boyfriend, attacked her mother. She slit her throat and hit her

on the head with an iron rod, leading to her death on the spot. Initial investigations suggest that Anjali's repeated efforts to steer her daughter away from the relationship led to rising tensions in the house. The Jeedimetla police have registered a case and are probing the circumstances and involvement of others in the incident. The brutality of the crime and the involvement of a minor has left the local community in shock. Police are also investigating the background of the boyfriend and his role in the murder. The accused are expected to be produced before a juvenile justice board. The incident serves as a grim reminder of how emotional turmoil and lack of communication can spiral into tragedy within families.



Everyone Should Join Hands for a Drug-Free Society: SP Rohit Raju IPS

TPN Correspondent | Bhadradri Kothagudem
District Superintendent of Police Rohit Raju IPS emphasized the need for collective responsibility in creating a drug-free society. As part of International Drug Prevention Awareness Week, the SP unveiled awareness posters at the District Police Office on Tuesday, urging youth and students to steer clear of harmful habits and pursue their goals with determination. In his address, SP Rohit Raju stated that the District Police Department will regularly conduct awareness programs to educate people about the health, economic, and social consequences of drug abuse. He warned that substances like ganja and synthetic drugs not only deteriorate one's physical and mental health but also cause significant financial loss and social alienation. "Young people must strive to reach great heights and not ruin their lives by falling into drug addiction," said the SP. "Addiction leads to a loss of family respect, recognition in society, and your own self-worth." He called on citizens to actively participate in eradicating the drug menace, describing the mission as a battle that requires every citizen to act like a soldier. As part of 'Mission Parivartan', specially designed posters were released



to raise awareness and motivate community participation. SP Rohit Raju appealed to the public to immediately report any information about the sale of ganja or other intoxicants anywhere in the district, assuring that strict action would follow. He also invited youth to register as Drug Eradication Soldiers through the official form and join the movement for a drug-free Bhadradri Kothagudem. **Register as a Drug Eradication Soldier:** https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfPTiKYR2_TpXK-GYY3tHodCgPCR1204vT30C63XI-YyAACs8Q/viewform?pli=1

Celebrity messages on Drug Eradication: <https://qr.me-qr.com/link-list/Q2AsYQqJ/show>
Police officials who participated in the program included DCRB DSP Mallaiah Swamy, CI Srinivas, SB Inspector Srinivas, 1st Town CI Karunakar, IT Cell Inspector Ramu, Julurupadu CI Indrasena Reddy, Ashwaraopet CI Nagaraju Reddy, and Ris Narasimha Rao and Krishna Rao, among others. SP Rohit Raju concluded with a powerful reminder: "Let us unite as a community and protect our future generations from the grip of drugs."

Govt committed to rural development, says Ponnam

Free bus travel worth ₹6,300 crore already given to women
Indiramma houses, fine rice, electricity and ration cards reaching the poor



TPN Correspondent | Kamareddy
Minister for Transport and BC Welfare Ponnam Prabhakar inaugurated the newly constructed RTC bus station in Yellareddy constituency on Tuesday. The event saw the participation of MLAs Madan Mohan Rao, Laxmikant Rao, District Collector Ashish Sangwan, and several local leaders and officials. Speaking on the occasion, Minister Ponnam lauded MLA Madan Mohan Rao's consistent efforts in getting a bus station sanctioned for Yellareddy. "Every time he met me or visited Hyderabad, his first request was always about a bus depot for Yellareddy," Ponnam said, noting the MLA's deep commitment to rural welfare. Highlighting the achievements of the Congress government under CM Revanth Reddy, the Minister reminded people that free bus travel for women was launched within 48 hours of forming the government. "So far, 190 crore free trips worth ₹6,300 crore have been availed by women across the state," he said. Ponnam also took a swipe at the previous TRS regime, saying: "Not a single new bus was purchased, not one job was given, and RTC was on the brink of collapse." He reiterated the government's commitment to expanding bus services, citing the provision of two new bus depots in Etu-

ru Nagaram and Peddapalli, and assured that a final decision on Yellareddy bus depot would be made soon after consultations with the Chief Minister. Enumerating key welfare programs, Ponnam said ₹9,000 crore in crop investment assistance was provided within 9 days, unlike the earlier 3-month wait. Fine rice distribution, 200 units of free electricity, 500 gas units, bonus for small paddy, loan waivers, and Indiramma houses are being delivered under the Congress government. "While TRS failed to deliver even a single ration card in 10 years, we are issuing new ration cards promptly now," he remarked. He announced that each constituency would receive 3,500 Indiramma houses in one year, and spoke of upcoming initiatives like Rajiv Yuva Vikasam to promote employment among youth. Ponnam recalled his own journey from NSUI president to MP and now minister, saying the government's goal is to work for the people, farmers, students, and laborers. "We should win the upcoming local body elections and raise the voice of the people in every forum," he urged. He congratulated Madan Mohan Rao for the successful establishment of the new bus station and assured the public that buses will also be arranged connecting Yellareddy with Jukkal.

Hydra Officials Act on Illegal Construction in Mallampet

TPN Correspondent | Medchal
After a decade-long struggle, justice was finally served for the residents of Mallampet in Dundigal Municipality, as Hydra officials responded promptly to their complaints regarding road encroachment and illegal constructions. On Tuesday, a wall built across a public road by a high-rise builder in KVR Venture was demolished by Hydra officials and municipal staff. Ten years ago, the builder constructed villas by occupying a public road in the area. Despite multiple complaints to municipal authorities, no action was taken at the time, leading to frustration among locals. Recently, when the issue was brought to the attention of Hydra officials, they took swift action by coordinating with the municipal department and demolishing the illegal structure. As the demolition drive began, a tense atmosphere emerged when some locals attempted to stop the officials. However, the operation continued smoothly, and the wall obstructing public access was re-



moved. Residents of Mallampet expressed their relief and happiness, stating that long-standing civic issues were finally being addressed. They thanked the Hydra officials for their intervention and expressed hope that further illegal encroachments would also be cleared in the future. Hydra officials and municipal staff participated in the operation, and officials assured that such encroachments would not be tolerated moving forward.

Congress Undermining Democracy by Delaying Local Polls: BJP

TPN Correspondent | Telangana
BJP State Secretary Dr. S. Prakash Reddy strongly criticized the Congress government in Telangana for its failure to announce a clear timeline for local body elections, alleging that the Revanth Reddy-led administration is weakening democratic institutions and violating constitutional mandates. Speaking at a press conference at the BJP state office on Tuesday, Dr. Reddy said, "After the six-hour cabinet meeting, people across the state expected a concrete decision on local elections. But sadly, the Congress government avoided the issue

entirely, once again exposing its incompetence and administrative failure." He pointed out that despite deadlines given by the High Court and the State Election Commission, the Congress government continues to evade its responsibility, eroding public trust. "Whether it's one month or two, people no longer believe that this government has any intention to conduct the elections," he said. Dr. Reddy noted that the terms of Sarpanchs ended in February 2024, and the terms of ZPTCs, MPPTCs, MPPs, and municipal bodies will expire by August. "Except for Hyderabad, Warangal, and Khammam, Telanga-

na currently has no governing bodies in over 150 municipalities, 12,000 gram panchayats, 580 mandals, and 32 zilla parishads. Nowhere else in India is local democracy in such a crisis," he said. He recalled that even Jammu and Kashmir conducted local elections under Article 370, but Telangana under Congress rule has failed to uphold constitutional values. "This is an insult to the 73rd Constitutional Amendment introduced by Rajiv Gandhi himself, which mandates elections to local bodies every five years without delay." On the issue of BC reservations, Dr. Reddy accused the Congress

of deceit and delay, saying the party is shifting blame to the Centre instead of using its own powers under Section 243(D)(6) to provide 42% reservation to BCs. "Stop making excuses and do justice to BCs," he demanded. Dr. Reddy also slammed the Congress for its failure to fully implement Rythu Bharosa. "You promised ₹15,000 per acre and are now giving ₹12,000 in three installments. Even that has been disbursed only once, yet you are celebrating it as if you've changed history," he said. "You're launching campaigns with milk and honey while farmers continue to suffer."

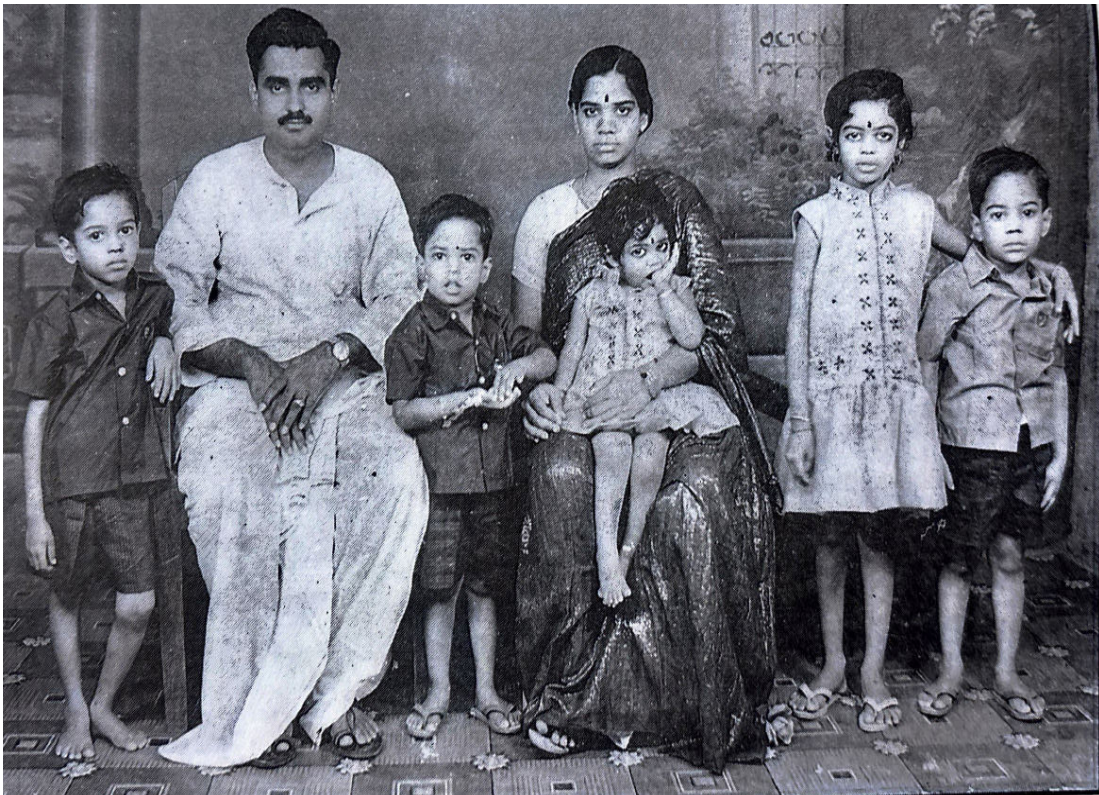
He accused the Congress of continuing the same land records and beneficiary list from the BRS government, despite earlier claims of irregularities. "You blamed the BRS for giving benefits to big landlords, yet you've not corrected a single record after coming to power." Calling the situation in Telangana a mockery of democracy, Dr. Reddy said that instead of postponing polls citing reservation or administrative hurdles, the government must respect constitutional responsibilities and conduct elections immediately. He warned, "The people of Telangana will not forgive this betrayal. The BJP will continue to



fight until local bodies are restored and constitutional governance is upheld."

Dark Age Completes Fifty Years

The day democracy was silenced.
The day when freedom was under bondage



They remain the darkest days in the history of Indian democracy, etched into the nation's conscience even fifty years later. It was on this day, half a century ago, that the Government of India crushed the spirit of the Constitution and gagged the voice of its people. The night of June 25, 1975, changed India forever. That chilling announcement by the President over All India Radio, stating, "Emergency has been declared in view of the prevailing situation in the country," sounded like the last note in the song of freedom. Those who resisted were taken into custody across the country. Civil liberties were stripped off. Thousands, including prominent political leaders, student activists, journalists, and common citizens, were arrested under the draconian MISA Act (Maintenance of Internal Security Act). The press was muzzled. For 21 months, from June 25, 1975, to March 21, 1977, India lived fear-stricken. The meaning of justice was lost. When husbands were taken away and imprisoned, the cries of wives and children echoed in silence, unanswered.

Mother India's Eclipse

A poetic cry for freedom. A lamentation of lost democracy. This is:

- The day democracy was in danger
- The day freedom was suppressed
- The Dhritarashtras who could not see with their eyes
- The Dronacharyas who could not hear with their ears
- The Bheeshmas who could not speak with their mouths
- The day MISAs were triumphant
- The day honesty was imprisoned
- The day those who stood up were chained
- The day the goddess of justice was blindfolded
- The day India was turned into Gandhari
- The day dictatorship eclipsed Bharat Mata



The Cry of Democracy from Rajahmundry Jail

A letter that questioned the Emergency. A voice that refused to be silenced. Among those who were unjustly imprisoned was Komaragiri Krishna Mohan Rao, a fearless voice from Andhra Pradesh. He was one of the first leaders arrested under the Emergency, detained for 19 months under the MISA Act. During a time when most lived in fear and silence, Krishnamohan Rao tried to send out his voice through a heartfelt letter to his wife, Jaya, from Rajahmundry Central Jail. The authorities, however, suppressed this letter fearing its impact. Now, True Point brings to light the essence of that banned letter—one of over a hundred he wrote to his wife, daughter-in-law, and son Chandrasekhar during his imprisonment. The first of the five banned letters clearly captured the pain of a man torn from his family and democracy, filled with clarity, reason, and an unshakable belief in justice. "In this independent India," he wrote, "thousands of helpless women like you have spent more than 14 months without their husbands or sons—carrying the burden of mental agony and struggle." He questioned the fairness of imprisoning those who had committed no crime. He exposed the authoritarian motives behind the arrests, arguing that the government's aim was to instill fear and destroy democratic values.

A Constitution Rewritten

Krishnamohan Rao's warning on the dangers to judiciary and federalism. Rao wrote that the 44th Constitutional Amendment, passed during the Emergency, was not a mere amendment—it was a rewrite of the Constitution. He explained how the amendment:

- Reduced the judiciary's power
- Prevented citizens from approaching courts
- Established tribunals that denied employees' basic justice
- Allowed the Centre to send armed forces into states at will

He called this an attempt to impose central dictatorship on states, causing awe still relevant in today's federal structure. His letter was not just a message to his wife—it was a scathing critique of tyranny. A plea to awaken the public. A call to action. A warning that every citizen must fight for the right to speak, or else democracy itself would perish. Thousands of such letters were written and suppressed by the government. They were feared not because they contained violence—but because they contained truth.

The Letter That Spoke for a Nation

From the prison walls to history's pages. A reminder of what we must never forget. Krishnamohan Rao strongly criticized the roles of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, Chief Minister Jagannatham Vengal Rao, and leaders like Brahmananda Reddy and Om Mehta. He was deeply disturbed by Om Mehta's claim that "most of the arrested are smugglers" and Brahmananda Reddy's statement that "only a few were detained under MISA." He wrote with conviction, "People have lost the right to even approach courts. A rule where you don't even need to say who gave the order for arrest has shattered lives." He reminded readers that Indira Gandhi's 'Twenty Point Program' was not revolutionary, as similar ideas had long been advocated by the opposition. Yet the press was silenced, critics gagged, and the government ruled in the name of democracy—while practicing dictatorship. His letter asked, "How can a democracy function without opposition?" He pointed out that true democracy lies not in demanding acceptance of one's views, but in respecting diverse opinions.

Democratic Warrior and Literary Crusader: Komaragiri Krishna Mohan Rao

AA life dedicated to democracy, literature, and public service. Born in 1936 in Ramanaidupeta, Machilipatnam, Komaragiri Krishna Mohan Rao left an indelible mark on Andhra Pradesh's political, literary, and social spheres. He:

- Was editor of *Srivani Patrika*
- Served as general secretary of *Andhra Pradesh Tutorials & Convents Association*
- Founded the *Center for the Study of Moral and Human Values*

He took part in several people's movements including the Bhu Satyagraha, Visakha Ukku Movement, Jai Andhra, Jayaprakash Narayan Movement, and Lok Satta Movement. He contested for the Jaggayyapet MLA seat in both 1974 and 1978. He spent two months in jail during the Jai Andhra Movement and 19 months during the Emergency. As a writer, his works include *Balavignana Kosamu*, *Ramayana Pataru*, *Prema Jyothi*, *Sri Sathya Sai Shatakamu*, *Sai Chamatkaravani*, *Komaragiri Jail Letters*, and *Moral Education Necessity*. His literary and activist legacy is a reminder of the enduring power of conscience and conviction.

The Voice of a Wife: Komaragiri Jayaprada Remembers

A day etched in memory. A voice choked by pain, still echoing with truth. Speaking to True Point, Jayaprada, wife of Krishnamohan Rao, tearfully recalled the day her husband was arrested. "On June 26, 1975, at 10:30 a.m., police in mufty came to Jyoti Bhavan-Vivekananda Vidyaniketan in Nehru Nagar, Nandigama, and surrounded the building," she said. "They took him away without answering any questions." She was away at her father's funeral when he came to see her one last time. He said he had some urgent work in the village and wasn't sure when he'd return. "My husband's brother Rama Mohan would tell you everything," he said before leaving—words she says she can never forget. Two days later, she was informed he was in Vijayawada Sub-Jail and was asked to bring clothes. Soon, he was shifted to Rajahmundry Central Jail and kept there as a political prisoner without parole until January 21, 1977. "He was among the first to be arrested in Andhra Pradesh," she said. "With him were lawyers like Gottipati Murali Mohan, M.V. Ramamurthy, Vijayawada Mayor Aita Sriramulu, Gannavaram Samiti member Alturi Srimannarayana, and Guntur MLC Jupudi Yagnanarayana." Their story, like that of so many others, is not just one of suffering—but of the will to resist, the courage to speak, and the refusal to bow to tyranny.



A Note: (This article is a brief account based on the recollections and writings of Komaragiri Krishna Mohan Rao, and the reflections of his wife Jayaprada—presented to mark 50 years since the Emergency, the darkest phase in Indian democracy.)



Rajnath Singh to Attend SCO Defence Meet in China

Bilateral Talks with Chinese, Russian Counterparts on Agenda

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is set to lead a high-level Indian delegation to the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Defence Ministers' Meeting scheduled to take place in Qingdao, China, on June 25–26, the Ministry of Defence announced on Tuesday.

The visit marks a significant diplomatic and strategic engagement for India, especially amid ongoing regional security concerns. The ministry stated that India attaches special importance to the SCO as a forum to promote multilateralism and enhance cooperation in political, security, economic, and people-to-people domains across the region.

During the summit, Singh will hold bilateral meetings with several of his counterparts from other SCO member nations, including China and Russia. His meeting with Chinese Defence Minister Admiral Dong Jun will be their second official engagement since October 2024, when India and China reached a disengagement agreement in eastern Ladakh following a prolonged military standoff that began in 2020.

Singh has previously engaged in three bilateral meetings with Chinese defence leaders. The first occurred in September 2020 in Moscow, the second in April 2023 in New Delhi—both held on the sidelines of earlier SCO Defence Ministers' Meetings. The third took place in November 2024 in Vientiane, Laos, during the 11th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus.

Singh's upcoming interaction with Admiral Dong comes at a critical time, as both nations seek to maintain the momentum of de-escalation and build on the disengagement process in eastern Ladakh. Talks are expected to include ongoing border management, regional stability, and the broader security architecture in Asia.

India's participation in the SCO platform underscores its commitment to regional peace and its strategic outreach in multilateral forums involving China, Russia, and Central Asian nations.

Operation Sindoor Asserts India's Stance Against Terrorism: PM Modi



TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday declared that Operation Sindoor has sent a strong message to the world about India's uncompromising stance against terrorism. Speaking at an event marking the centenary of the historic conversation between spiritual reformer Sree Narayana Guru and Mahatma Gandhi, the Prime Minister said that his government takes all necessary actions in the nation's interest without hesitation.

Without directly naming Pakistan, PM Modi referred to the recent precision strikes following the Pahalgam terrorist attack, where civilians were brutally killed. "In just 22 minutes, India's military brought the enemy to its knees using made-in-India weapons," he said, describing the operation as a moment of pride for India's growing defence capability.

He emphasized that there is no safe haven for terrorists who target Indian lives, and underlined his government's resolve to neutralize threats beyond India's borders. "We have shown that no

hideout is safe for terrorists who spill Indian blood," he said.

Highlighting India's strides toward self-reliance in defence, the Prime Minister said, "Our dependence on foreign nations for defence needs is reducing. We are becoming *aatmanirbhar* (self-reliant) in this crucial sector." He expressed confidence that Indian-made weapons will earn global recognition in the years to come.

PM Modi also connected the government's current policies to the inclusive vision of Sree Narayana Guru, asserting that the past 11 years have witnessed India becoming stronger not just militarily, but also socially and economically.

He listed achievements in welfare—such as expanded housing, clean drinking water, and health insurance—as steps that have empowered the underprivileged. He also noted the increased number of prestigious institutions like IITs, IIMs, and AIIMS under his administration, reflecting a broader effort to make quality education and healthcare accessible to all.



Indian Railways Mulls Marginal Fare Hike from July 1; AC and Long-Distance Travel to Cost More

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Starting July 1, Indian Railways is likely to implement a marginal increase in passenger fares, the first such hike in five years. According to official sources, the fare revision will apply to Mail, Express, and AC trains, but daily commuters and short-distance travelers will remain unaffected.

As per the proposed changes:

- Mail and Express trains (non-AC): Fare to be increased by 1 paisa per kilometre.
- Air-conditioned coaches: Fare to go up by 2 paise per kilometre.
- Ordinary second-class tickets: No hike for journeys up to 500 km; however, journeys exceeding 500 km could see a 0.5 paisa/km increase.

Exemptions

- The fare hike will not apply to:
- Suburban tickets
- Monthly season tickets
- Second-class travel up to 500 km

These revisions come at a time when the Railways is grappling with revenue shortfalls. In FY 2024–25, Indian Railways earned ₹75,457 crore from passenger services, falling short of the budgeted ₹80,000 crore. Data shows that 715 crore passengers used Indian Railways during this period, with 81 crore in AC and sleeper classes and 634 crore in unreserved categories. Experts like M. Jamshed, former Member (Traffic), Railway Board, support the fare hike, calling it a "long overdue rationalisation." He estimated that the proposed fare increase could add ₹1,500–1,600 crore in annual passenger revenues. Previous fare revisions occurred in 2013, 2014, and 2020.

Despite these measures, the financial sustainability of the Railways remains a concern. The 2025–26 fiscal target of ₹92,000 crore in passenger revenue appears ambitious. Officials also emphasize the need for better services — such as cleaner coaches and improved meals — alongside the fare adjustments. From a passenger perspective, the hike remains modest. A second AC ticket from Delhi to Mumbai may rise by just ₹27.

India Evacuates 292 More Citizens from Iran Under Operation Sindhu



TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

India continued its large-scale evacuation mission, Operation Sindhu, with 292 more Indian nationals safely returning from Iran early Tuesday morning. The special chartered flight from the Iranian city of Mashhad landed at New Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport at 3:30 am, bringing the total number of evacuees from Iran to 2,295, according to the Ministry of External Affairs.

The evacuation comes amid escalating tensions in the region following the U.S. bombing of three major Iranian nuclear facilities. In response, Iran and Israel have exchanged hundreds of missiles and drones over the past week, targeting cities, military bases, and strategic infrastructure.

"Under Operation Sindhu, India remains committed to the safety and security of its citizens in conflict zones," MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal stated. He confirmed that 290 Indian nationals and one Sri Lankan were among those evacuated on the most recent flight.

India also evacuated 165 of its citizens from Israel using a C-17 military transport aircraft of the Indian Air Force. These individuals were initially moved from Israel to Amman, Jordan, via land border crossings before being flown to India. Union Minister L. Murugan received the evacuees upon arrival.

Since the operation began last week, India has conducted several evacuation flights not only from Iran but also from Armenia and Turkmenistan. Flights from Yerevan and Ashgabat have also brought back Indian nationals amid the unfolding regional crisis.

Iran temporarily lifted its airspace restrictions last Friday, allowing India to operate three chartered evacuation flights from Mashhad. The first two flights landed in New Delhi on Friday and Saturday, carrying 290 and 310 Indian nationals respectively. The Indian government continues to monitor the situation and is prepared to scale up evacuation efforts as needed to ensure the safety of its citizens abroad.

Unwarranted: New Delhi slams Islamic bloc's remarks on Indian Muslims

India strongly rejected statements made by the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) following its foreign ministers' conclave in Istanbul, Turkey. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) described the OIC's remarks as "unwarranted," "factually incorrect," and "driven by Pakistan," alleging that Islamabad was using the Islamic bloc to push its anti-India agenda.

During the two-day meet, the OIC accused India of the "social marginalisation" of Indian Muslims and urged dialogue with Pakistan on bilateral issues such as Kashmir and the Indus Waters Treaty. The body also condemned what it called India's "military aggression" following the Pahalgam terror attack.

Responding sharply, the MEA said:

"These statements, driven by Pakistan, which has turned terrorism into statecraft, reflect the continued misuse of the OIC platform for narrow political ends."

India categorically rejected any third-party comments on its internal matters, especially Jammu and Kashmir, asserting that it remains an "integral and sovereign" part of the country.



On Operation Sindoor, India clarified it was a legitimate act of self-defence targeting terrorist infrastructure inside Pakistani territory following the Pahalgam terror attack, which killed dozens of civilians. The MEA dismissed Pakistan's claim that it only aimed at Indian military targets, calling it "absurd" and highlighting the civilian casualties caused by Pakistan's failed retaliatory strikes.

The ministry further criticized Pakistan's human rights record and history of fostering terrorism, calling its accusations "ironic" and "hypocritical." It warned the OIC of diminishing credibility if it continued allowing its platform to be hijacked by Pakistani propaganda.

India urged the OIC to reconsider its direction and focus on genuine multilateral cooperation rather than politicization influenced by one member state.

Zelenskyy and Trump Set to Meet at NATO Summit Amid Tensions Over Russia Sanctions

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Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and U.S. President Donald Trump are scheduled to meet on Wednesday, June 25, 2025, on the sidelines of the NATO summit in The Hague, a senior Ukrainian presidential source told AFP. Though Zelenskyy has been a prominent figure at recent international summits due to the ongoing conflict with Russia, his strained relationship with Trump has kept him from the main working sessions with NATO members. The source confirmed that the details of the meeting are being finalized, with talks expected to take place in the early afternoon in the Netherlands. Key topics on the agenda include Ukraine's purchase of a defense



package, which will largely consist of advanced air defense systems crucial to countering Russian attacks. Additionally, the two leaders are set to discuss efforts to increase sanctions on Russia and potentially lower the current oil price cap imposed on Moscow. Since Russia's invasion of Ukraine over three years ago, Western allies have maintained an oil price cap of \$60 per barrel on Russian exports, aiming to restrict Moscow's war funding. Ukraine and

its supporters are pushing to reduce this cap further to \$45 to intensify economic pressure on Russia. However, Trump has caused frustration among Western allies by resisting calls for new sanctions against Russia. He has openly criticized Zelenskyy, accusing him of prolonging the war by refusing to negotiate over Crimea, which Russia annexed in 2014. Trump's stance has complicated the unified Western approach to Russia's aggression. The upcoming meeting between Zelenskyy and Trump will be closely watched, as it highlights the ongoing geopolitical complexities surrounding the Ukraine conflict and the challenge of maintaining allied cohesion in facing Moscow's actions.



Never Before Ever: US President Trump lashes out at Israel for violating ceasefire with Iran

U.S. President Donald Trump publicly criticized Israel on Tuesday for launching military strikes shortly after a ceasefire agreement with Iran had been brokered by the United States and Qatar. Speaking before departing for the NATO summit in The Hague, Trump emphasized that Israel's response was disproportionate and risked undermining the fragile truce.

Trump pointed to a single Iranian missile fired hours after the ceasefire was scheduled to begin. The missile missed its target and caused no damage, according to U.S. intelligence. Trump questioned why Israel chose to retaliate, especially given the minimal impact of the Iranian action. "One rocket that didn't hit anything should not be the reason to break a ceasefire," he told reporters.

According to the Israeli Defense Forces, two missiles were fired from Iran toward northern Israel roughly three and a half hours after the ceasefire started. This came after Iran's earlier barrage, which killed four people in Beersheba. In response, Israel conducted a limited airstrike on a radar installation near Tehran—just as Trump was addressing the press.

Using his Truth Social platform, Trump issued direct warnings to Israel, urging the country to stand down and bring its aircraft back. "ISRAEL. DO NOT DROP THOSE BOMBS. BRING YOUR PILOTS HOME, NOW!" he posted. He later added that Israeli pilots should conduct a symbolic "Plane Wave" to Iran and return without attacking.

In a phone call with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Trump reportedly delivered a stern message, urging restraint. Netanyahu's office described the conversation as positive and said Trump expressed confidence the ceasefire would hold.

Following Trump's intervention, Israeli ministers were directed to avoid making public statements, and no further major strikes were reported. Trump also clarified that regime change in Iran is not a U.S. objective, backing away from earlier hints to the contrary.

India Provides 1000 Tonnes of Rice and Medicines to Support Flood Victims in Cameroon

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India recently handed over 1,000 metric tonnes of rice along with essential medicines to Cameroon in a humanitarian effort to aid victims of the devastating floods that struck the country's Far North Region in 2024. The official handover ceremony took place on Monday in Yaounde and was jointly presided over by Cameroon's Minister of Territorial Administration, Paul Atanga Nji, and India's High Commissioner to Cameroon, Vijay Khanduja. The Indian High Commission in Cameroon highlighted that this gesture underscores India's solidarity with Cameroon during times of crisis and strengthens the cooperation among nations of the Global South. A post on the High Commission's Facebook page stated, "This humanitarian gesture is aimed at supporting



victims of the devastating floods... reflecting India's solidarity with the people of Cameroon during times of need." It also reaffirmed India's role as a reliable partner to Cameroon in challenging times. Earlier in April, India had sent a similar consignment of 1,000 metric tonnes of rice to Cameroon. Randhir Jaiswal, spokesperson for India's Ministry of External Affairs, described these efforts

as part of India's committed partnership with the Global South, emphasizing the country's dedication to humanitarian support and international cooperation. India and Cameroon share a long-standing friendly relationship dating back to Cameroon's independence in 1960. India opened its resident High Commission in Yaounde in 2019, further deepening ties. India has also supported Cameroon's agricultural development through a \$37.65 million Line of Credit for rice and maize plantation projects, completed in 2017. Additionally, India has been assisting Cameroon with capacity building under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Program since 1964, providing over 180 training slots annually, along with scholarships through the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR).

Ceasefire That Isn't? Israel Orders Strikes, Iran Denies Launching Missiles



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Tensions escalated once again as Israel vowed to "respond forcefully" following what it described as Iran's violation of a ceasefire agreement. This came hours after Tehran reportedly launched a fresh missile barrage on Israel, despite both sides having earlier agreed, under a US-brokered proposal, to a phased 24-hour ceasefire.

Israeli Defence Minister Israel Katz declared that he had ordered the Israeli army to carry out powerful strikes targeting regime sites in Tehran in retaliation for the ceasefire breach. "I instructed the Israeli army to respond forcefully to Iran's violation of the ceasefire by launching powerful strikes against regime targets in the heart of Tehran," Katz said in an official statement.

The ceasefire plan was initially announced by US President Donald Trump, with Israel agreeing to a "test ceasefire" lasting until 7 pm local time. During this period, Israel pledged not to conduct any mil-

itary operations, awaiting Tehran's compliance. Reports indicated that if Iran maintained the truce until the deadline, Israel would consider extending the ceasefire.

However, Iran denied launching new missiles towards Israel, with Iranian state media quoting the General Staff of the Iranian army saying no recent missile launches had occurred. The Supreme National Security Council of Iran claimed that its forces had forced Israel to unilaterally cease fire and asserted that Tehran remained "on high alert" against any acts of aggression.

Iran's security body described its actions against Jerusalem as a "divine gift" leading to "victory and triumph," which compelled Israel to "accept defeat" and halt its attacks. The statement warned that Iranian forces remain ready to deliver a "decisive and regret-inducing response" to any further aggression. The conflicting claims underscore the fragile nature of the ceasefire and the high tensions continuing in the region.

Chaos at Doha, Dubai Airports as Flights Cancelled Following Iranian Missile Strike



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Operations at Doha's Hamad International Airport and Dubai International Airport were thrown into disarray on Tuesday after Iran launched a missile strike on a U.S. military base in Doha, prompting the temporary closure of airspace over Qatar, Bahrain, and Kuwait. The closures resulted in widespread flight disruptions, leaving tens of thousands of passengers stranded and terminals overwhelmed.

According to data from FlightRadar24, more than 250 flights were cancelled and 230 delayed in Doha alone, while Dubai International Airport saw over 140 cancellations and 450 delays. Major international carriers, including British Airways, Lufthansa, Air India, and flydubai, either suspended or rerouted flights due to airspace congestion and safety concerns.

Virgin Australia reported that over 25,000 passengers were stranded at Hamad International Airport. Qatar Airways announced efforts to restore operations but warned that delays would continue at least through June 26.

Social media was flooded with images and videos showing exhausted travelers lying on terminal floors, massive queues stretching for hundreds of meters, and growing frustration among passengers. "I haven't slept in 19 hours, and I've been in line for nine," one traveler told Reuters. "They only gave us water."

Julien Moutte, a Paris-bound traveler stuck at Doha airport for 15 hours, echoed the sentiment: "There's no clear communication, and people are just left waiting."

The airspace closures have affected the Middle East's role as a key transit hub between Europe and Asia, intensifying the impact across global aviation routes. Both airports are working to manage the chaos, but the backlog continues to grow.

The disruptions come amid heightened regional tensions, with Iran's missile strike escalating fears of further military action. Authorities have urged travelers to check with airlines for updates and avoid non-essential travel until the situation stabilizes.

Markets End Higher Despite Volatility; Nifty Holds 25,000 Amid West Asia Ceasefire Confusion

Domestic stock markets gained moderately today. Despite the initial gains, they ended on a low note. The reason for this is the news of the Iran-Israel ceasefire. The benchmark and sectoral indices started the morning with a gap down on the news of a ceasefire agreement between the two countries. They hovered at their highest levels till afternoon. However, the indices fell sharply after Israel said that the ceasefire did not go in their favor and that the opposing country had fired missiles. Overall, the Nifty gained 72 points and the Sensex gained 158 points. However, the fact that the Nifty remained above 25000 is a good sign.



The BSE Sensex, which closed at 81,896 in the previous session, opened at 82,534 on Tuesday. It touched an intraday low of 81,900. It touched an intraday high of 83,018. It ended at 82,055, up 158 points. The NSE Nifty, which opened at 25,179, touched a low of 24,999 and a high of 25,317. It closed at 25,044, up 72 points. The Nifty Bank rose 402 points to settle at 56,461.

In the Nifty50, 33 companies gained and 17 lost. Adani Ports, Jio Finance, Shriram Finance, Grasim, Tata Steel were the top gainers. ONGC, Power Grid, IndusInd Bank, Trent, HCL Tech were the biggest losers. Today, PSU Bank, Metal, Finance, Telecom, Private Bank, Consumer Durables, Auto, Healthcare, FMCG, Pharma indices rose. Media and Oil indices were mixed.

Today, market breadth turned in favor of buyers on NSE. Out of 2976



stocks traded, 1966 gained. 917 lost. 44 shares reached 52-week highs and 31 shares reached 52-week lows. 111 touched the upper circuit and 53 touched the lower circuit.

There are reports that Indian Railways will increase fares. It is estimated that there will be an increase of one paise per kilometer for non-AC mail and express, and up to two paise for AC. The rupee rose by one percent against the dollar and settled at 85.93. Mutual funds are demanding that midcap shares be classified. Union Minister Kumaraswamy said that the central government will take a decision on the rare earth metals extraction subsidy scheme in 15-20 days. Bajaj Consumer shares rose 20% today. IndiGo and SpiceJet share prices rose 4% due to the fall in crude oil prices. Gautam Adani said that the logistics and energy sectors have been shaken by the West Asia war. Globe Civil Projects IPO received a 4-fold response on the first day in

the afternoon.

Torrent Power Ltd.



Torrent Power reported a robust Q4 FY25 with a significant 146.3% year-on-year (YoY) increase in net profit, reaching ₹1,059.6 crore. This was primarily driven by a substantial one-time non-cash reversal of deferred tax liabilities and gains from the sale of non-current investments. Torrent Power maintains a strong balance sheet with healthy financial ratios. The company is well-positioned for growth with an under-construction pipeline of over 3 GW of renewable energy projects and a 3 GW Pump Storage Hydro power project. Despite a slight revenue dip in Q4, the company's ability to maintain profitability and its strategic investments in renewables suggest a positive long-

term outlook.

L&T Finance Ltd (LTF)



L&T Finance (LTF) recorded a 15% increase in net profit for Q4 FY25, reaching ₹636 crore. Revenue grew by 9.6% YoY to ₹4,022.9 crore. For the full FY25, the company's net profit grew by 14% to a record ₹2,644 crore. LTF management highlighted resilient performance despite headwinds and a strong focus on asset quality and collection efficiency. The company believes FY25 marks a significant step towards sustainable and predictable growth. LTF is transforming into a retail-focused non-banking financial company (NBFC) with an emphasis on urban finance and two-wheeler financing, which are showing good growth.

Coromandel International Ltd.



Coromandel International reported a strong Q4 FY25 with consolidated net profit surging over two-fold to ₹578 crore (from ₹164 crore in Q4 FY24) and total income rising 28% to ₹5,114 crore. Coromandel's performance reflects resilience in the fertilizer sector and strong demand for agri-solutions. The company is expanding its retail business (crossing 900 stores), stabilizing rock phosphate production in Senegal, and progressing on new manufacturing projects. Coromandel's focus on farmer initiatives and strategic expansions in both domestic and international markets

positions it for sustained growth in Indian agriculture. The stock has shown strong performance recently.

Jio Financial Services Ltd (JFS)



Jio Financial Services reported a 2% YoY increase in consolidated net profit to ₹316 crore for Q4 FY25, with revenue from operations rising 18% YoY to ₹493 crore. On a sequential basis, revenue grew 13%, and PAT increased 7%. JFS is rapidly expanding its presence in the financial services sector. Recent key developments include acquiring SBI's entire 17.8% stake in Jio Payments Bank, making it a wholly-owned subsidiary. The Jio BlackRock Mutual Fund, a 50:50 joint venture, also launched its investment analytics and risk management platform.

Hyundai Motor India Ltd.

Hyundai Motor India is preparing for its highly anticipated IPO, which is expected to be India's largest, valued at up to ₹27,870.16 crore. Hyundai Motor India is the second-largest auto OEM in India and the largest exporter of passenger vehicles. It boasts a diverse portfolio across various segments and powertrains, including a growing EV presence. The company's strong brand, extensive sales and service network, and consistent financial performance position it well for future growth in the Indian automotive market.



India's Economic Activity Hits 14-Month High in June, Led by Manufacturing Surge: PMI Survey



India's economic momentum surged in June 2025, with business activity expanding at its fastest pace in over a year, according to the HSBC Flash Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) survey. The Composite Output Index, which combines manufacturing and services data, rose to 61, up from 59.3 in May—its highest level in 14 months. Any reading above 50 signifies expansion, while below 50 indicates contraction.

The robust performance was primarily driven by strong export demand, increased employment, and subdued inflation, signaling a broad-based economic recovery. The PMI report highlighted that the uptick in export orders was the strongest since comparable data began in September 2014, underscoring India's growing role in global trade.

Manufacturing led the upswing, with firms reporting a sharp rise in new orders and backlogs. This backlog pressure prompted many manufacturers to accelerate hiring. The services sector also saw

improved momentum, although employment growth in services slightly eased compared to May.

HSBC's Chief Economist, Pranjul Bhandari, noted, "The combination of robust global demand and rising backlogs prompted manufacturers to increase hiring. Employment growth is also healthy in the services sector."

Encouragingly, the survey also reported a cooling in cost and inflationary pressures. Input costs for private sector companies—ranging from labor to metals like copper and steel—rose only modestly. The overall inflation rate softened to a ten-month low and remained below the long-term average, offering relief to businesses and consumers alike.

This PMI data comes as a strong signal of economic resilience amid global uncertainties, with India maintaining growth on the back of export strength, stable inflation, and job creation across key sectors.

S&P Raises India's FY26 GDP Growth Forecast to 6.5%

Cites Domestic Resilience and Favorable Global Conditions

S&P Global Ratings on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, revised India's GDP growth forecast for FY26 upward to 6.5%, citing supportive domestic conditions and a favorable external environment. The forecast aligns with the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) earlier projection and assumes a normal monsoon, lower global crude oil prices, income tax concessions, and monetary policy easing.

This revision comes just a month after S&P had downgraded India's FY26 estimate to 6.3%, largely due to concerns over global uncertainties and potential economic shocks from new U.S. tariffs. However, improved domestic indicators and stabilizing global energy markets have prompted the agency to adopt a more optimistic view.

India, which imports about 90% of its crude oil and roughly half of its natural gas, is highly sensitive to global energy price fluctuations. S&P acknowledged the escalating



geopolitical tensions in the Middle East, particularly the recent U.S. military strikes on Iran's key nuclear sites following Israeli counterattacks. While these developments could raise the risk of sustained oil price hikes, S&P believes current global oil markets are well-supplied, minimizing the chances of a long-term energy price shock.

The report further highlights India's resil-

ient domestic demand, which plays a critical role in cushioning the economy from external shocks. Unlike export-heavy economies, India's reliance on internal consumption and services has made its economic outlook comparatively more stable.

S&P also warned of broader global risks, especially the ripple effects of U.S. trade policies and rising geopolitical instability. "The increase in U.S. import tariffs and the uncertainty surrounding them could weigh on global trade, investment, and overall growth," the report noted.

Despite these external headwinds, India's economy is expected to maintain momentum, driven by structural reforms, fiscal incentives, and stable macroeconomic fundamentals. As the world navigates volatile conditions, India's internal strengths are likely to be the cornerstone of its growth in FY26.

Gold Prices Dip Amid Weak Demand; Silver Remains Steady

Gold prices in the national capital declined by ₹160 on Monday, settling at ₹99,800 per 10 grams for 99.9% purity, according to the All India Sarafa Association. This drop comes amid continued selling by jewellers and stockists. On Friday, gold had closed at ₹99,960 per 10 grams. Similarly, gold of 99.5% purity fell by ₹150, closing at ₹99,100 per 10 grams (inclusive of all taxes), down from its previous level of ₹99,250. Meanwhile, silver prices remained unchanged, trading flat at ₹1,05,200 per kilogram (inclusive of all taxes), despite the volatility seen in gold. On the global front, spot gold slipped slightly to \$3,365.40 per ounce, after briefly surging to \$3,413.80 earlier in the day. The pullback was attributed to market caution as investors await-



ed geopolitical developments, especially Iran's response following the U.S. air strikes on Tehran, said Kaynat Chainwala, AVP – Commodity Research at Kotak Securities. Investors are now closely watching key economic indicators, including Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell's congressional testimony, U.S. GDP

data, and core PCE inflation figures, all of which are expected to offer more clarity on future monetary policy moves. The mixed messaging from the Fed in recent weeks has added to market uncertainty. Additionally, the release of flash Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) data from major economies like the U.S. and the

UK is expected to provide further cues on global economic momentum.

Despite the price drop, domestic gold prices have risen by 4% in June, noted Riya Singh, Research Analyst – Commodities and Currency at Emkay Global Financial Services. However, they are still trading at a discount to global prices, largely due to weakened jewellery demand. Singh added that investment demand for gold bars and 10g coins remains strong, driven by inflation concerns, lower fabrication costs, and increased monetisation following the RBI's relaxed norms on loans against gold. This policy shift has further encouraged household gold monetisation, offsetting some of the impact of sluggish festive season buying.

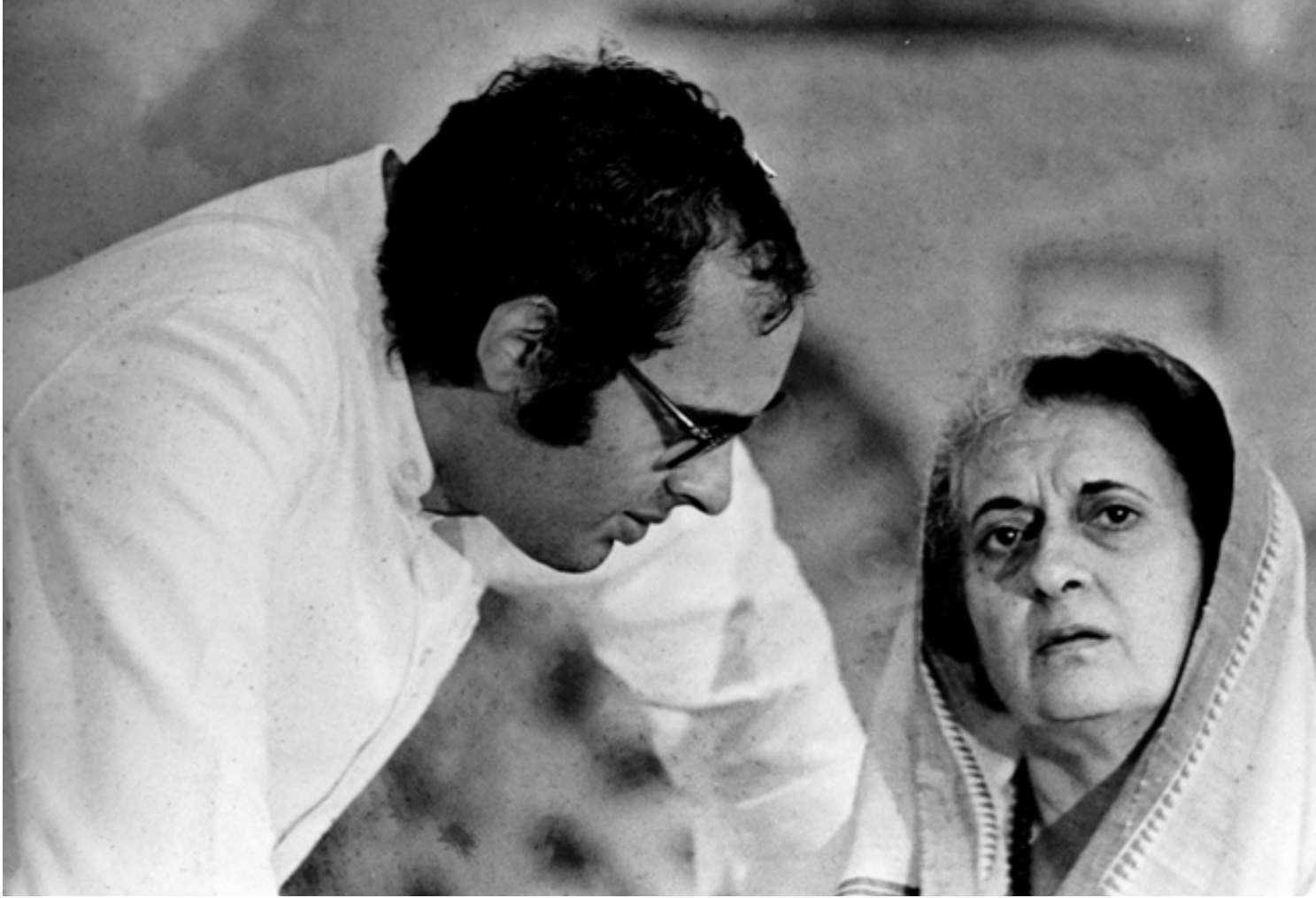
The Circumstances That Led to the Emergency

A History Beyond 1975

Emergency was imposed in India on June 25, 1975. Fifty years have passed this year! In fact, none of us know that Emergency was imposed in our country from 1962 to 1968. The then President Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan imposed a state of emergency in the country due to the China war. Similarly, V.V. Giri imposed a state of emergency from 1971 to 1977 during the Bangladesh war. That means our country was in a state of emergency in 1966, when Indira Gandhi was sworn in for the first time, and in 1971, the second time — which was important! But that situation had no effect on the people!! The first internal emergency was imposed in 1975. That ‘stain’ on Indira Gandhi, who took the most controversial decision, has not yet been removed. However, this small attempt is to remember the circumstances and politics of 1975 and to inform the current generation. Before Indira Gandhi imposed Emergency, there was a state of emergency in India twice, each lasting six years. However, the emergency imposed by Indira led to severe public opposition. Even after half a century, those dark shadows continue to haunt Indira's personality. This article is to provide this background.

Indira's Rise and Internal Party Conflict

Apart from being the daughter of Jawaharlal Nehru, Indira was also known to all Congress members for her advice to the Prime Minister to sort out internal matters. She was appointed as the Congress President in 1959 and played a major role in taking key decisions such as abolishing the communist government in Kerala and providing asylum to the Tibetan Buddhist monk Dalai Lama in India, despite being anti-Chinese. In 1964, after the sudden death of her father Nehru, when Lal Bahadur Shastri took over as Prime Minister, she joined the government as a minister at his request. Since she had to be an MP to be a minister, she became a member of the Rajya Sabha. (Although she was Nehru's daughter, she had not been a member of any legislature until then.) Shastri's sudden death in 1966 again created a political leadership vacuum. Morarji Desai was a leader with all the qualifications for the post of Prime Minister! Observers expected that Y.B. Chavan could compete with him or that they could reach a compromise. Madras Chief Minister Kamaraj Nadar, who rushed to Delhi on hearing the news of Shastri's death, had a different idea. Not only was Indira Nehru's daughter, but she was also his chief aide. Kamaraj estimated that if Indira became Prime Minister, it would be easy for the Congress to win the next seven elections. But everyone knew she was inclined towards socialism like Nehru! Leaders like Atulya Ghosh, S.K. Patil, and Morarji Desai did not agree with Indira and Nehru's socialist views. A contest for the post of Prime Minister was inevitable. As a result, Indira got 355 votes and Morarji 169 in the election held in the Parliament building. (All Congress MPs from both houses were present in this voting.) On 24 January 1966, Indira Gandhi became the Prime Minister of India. Indira, who had socialist views, faced obstacles at every step from leaders like Morarji who supported capitalist ideology. Although the Congress party won the 1967 general elections (the last elections held for both the Assembly and Parliament) and Indira Gandhi was elected Prime Minister, the results clearly signaled the weakening of



the Congress. The Swatantra Party of Rajagopalachari and NG Ranga won 44 seats and became the main opposition. The Congress could not win a majority of seats in Gujarat, Madras, Orissa, Rajasthan, West Bengal and Kerala. The Congress, which had won 361 seats under Nehru's leadership in 1962, had to make do with 243 seats under Indira Gandhi in 1967 — losing 78 seats. In the Uttar Pradesh Assembly, the home state of Nehru and Indira, the Congress also lost power, dropping from 249 to 199 seats. Chaudhary Charan Singh became the Chief Minister with the support of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh (now BJP), the Communists, and other anti-Congress parties. Kamaraj's experiment that Congress would benefit by projecting Nehru's daughter did not work! Even if a comprehensive treatment was done, the Congress did not seem to have any chance of survival. At that time, Prime Minister Indira shook up the 'Aavadi' Congress resolutions that her father had planned and failed to implement. She took over the Finance Ministry from Deputy Prime Minister Morarji (as a result, Morarji resigned from his post). Indira Gandhi immediately announced the nationalization of banks. By July 15, 1969, an ordinance was issued to take over 14 banks with deposits exceeding ₹50 crores. Indira Gandhi started implementing her own agenda with the slogan 'Garibi Hatao' (Let's eradicate poverty).

Presidential Election of 1969 and Party Split

Internal differences in the Congress flared up. Neelam Sanjeeva Reddy filed his nomination as the Congress party's candidate for the post of President of India. Prime Minister Indira Gandhi herself endorsed and signed his nomination. The then Vice President V.V. Giri filed his nomination as a contender. His reasoning: "Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, who was Vice President during Rajendra Prasad's time, became President. Zakir Hussain, who was Vice President during Sarvepalli's time, became President. Why do you avoid me when it comes to me?" All the anti-Congress parties fielded C.D. Deshmukh — a former RBI Governor and minister in Nehru's cabinet (husband of our Durgabayamma). If Sanjeeva Reddy, who was supported by all the anti-socialist leaders of the 'Syndicate' — like Morarji, S.K. Patil,



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Former Rajahmundry MP

Atulya Ghosh — had won, then Indira's story was over! But if the Congress Working Committee called for 'defeat Sanjeeva Reddy', then the Prime Minister would have to resign. Indira's men began campaigning for V.V. Giri. D.P. Mishra, Chandrashekhar, Mohan Dharia — known as the Young Turks — supported Indira and backed Giri. Congress was deeply divided. At that time, a statement made by Congress President Nijalingappa proved to be a boon for Indira. Fearing that Sanjeeva Reddy would lose, Nijalingappa sought support from the Bharatiya Jana Sangh and independents. That was a big mistake. By reaching out to parties like Jana Sangh (now BJP), which had been fundamentally opposed to Congress policies, Nijalingappa was seen as betraying the party. Indira openly declared, "All Congressmen should vote according to their conscience." V.V. Giri didn't win the presidential election easily. He didn't get the required number of votes in the first round. He won in the second round with second-preference votes. D.P. Mishra, who was with Indira during the tense counting, wrote in his autobiography that when Indira asked, "V.V. Giri is losing... what should I do now?", he replied, "Resign immediately!" But there was no President to resign to — this election had been held due to the death of Hussain. Chief Justice Jagmohanlal Sinha (Jackie) was to be the authority to accept resignation. Despite the chaos, Giri won with second preference votes. However, Indira's troubles were far

from over. She was suspended from the Congress' primary membership. Of 429 Congress MPs, 310 backed Indira. Yet she lost majority in the Lok Sabha. Her opponents' attempts to unseat her were thwarted by support from CPI, DMK, and some independents. The Nationalization of Banks ordinance was struck down by the Supreme Court. The abolition of Privy Purses passed in Lok Sabha but failed in the Rajya Sabha. Meanwhile, rumors of a military coup circulated.

The Gujarat Agitation and JP's Movement

In December 1970, Indira dissolved the Lok Sabha and called for mid-term elections. The opposition shouted slogans like "Poverty is a problem" and "Indira is a problem." But Indira (R) won a massive victory with her own symbol — cow and calf. She addressed 300 public meetings, traveled 36,000 miles, and rallied the public. She became the people's charioteer — power was given to her. Her popularity surged — for bank nationalization, abolishing privy purses, land reforms, and especially for helping create Bangladesh. By 1972, she was also victorious in several state elections. She became 'Indiramma' in the hearts of the poor. No leader could match her. Then came the 1974 Gujarat student agitation, sparked by hostel mess fee hikes, which became a full-fledged anti-Congress, anti-Indira movement. With Jayaprakash Narayan stepping in, the movement became national. This 70-year-old Gandhian, a freedom fighter and socialist, who once helped Chambal dacoits surrender, now inspired students and masses. Indira dismissed Gujarat CM Chimanbhai Patel in 1974 and imposed President's Rule. But when elections were finally held in June 1975, Congress lost. Opposition alliances won 88 seats, Indira's Congress (R) got 75, and Chimanbhai's new party got 12 — those 12 ended up forming the government with the opposition. It was now clear: the movement wasn't against Chimanbhai; it was against Indira.

The Court Verdict and Emergency Declaration

Then, on June 12, 1975, a bombshell: the Allahabad High Court declared Indira's Lok Sabha election from Rae Bareilly void. Justice Jagmohanlal Sinha cited two reasons:

- She campaigned before her aide Yashpal Kapoor's resignation was accepted.
- Government funds were used for venue and electricity for her speeches.

Other allegations — of vote-buying and helicopter expenses — were dismissed. But she was disqualified and given 20 days to appeal. Nationwide protests began. JP Narayan and Morarji Desai demanded her resignation. Nani Palkhivala argued for a stay in the Supreme Court. Justice Krishna Iyer granted a conditional stay — she could remain PM but not vote in Parliament. But JP gave a speech at Ramlila Maidan urging police and military not to obey the government. Morarji told foreign journalist Oriana Fallaci that from the next day, Indira wouldn't be allowed out of her house. These were not ordinary people — they were senior leaders who once worked with her father Nehru. Then came midnight, June 25, 1975. President Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed, under Article 352(1), signed the Emergency proclamation — on the recommendation of Indira Gandhi, who cited Rule 12 of the Rules of Business, bypassing cabinet approval. She said she would hold a cabinet meeting the next day. On July 23, 1975, the Lok Sabha ratified the Emergency — 336 in favor, 59 against. The Supreme Court overturned the Allahabad verdict on November 7, 1975, but without arguing the Emergency's validity. Reflections and Unanswered Questions Fifty years have passed. Some still call it a dictatorship, a constitutional betrayal. Many of us believed Article 352 should've been removed. But after Congress said "sorry," even those critics fell silent. Even after Justice Krishna Iyer's stay, did JP and Morarji need to demand resignation? Indira would be reelected in six months. Why threaten to confine her and call for police disobedience? If the entire country voted against the Emergency, how did undivided Andhra Pradesh elect 41 out of 42 Congress MPs? Did we love darkness? Why did Tamil Nadu and Kerala reject the anti-Emergency narrative? Even in defeat, Indira got 34.5% of the vote — just 2.1% less than BJP got in 2024. All anti-Indira parties together got only 41.3%. Without Emergency, could Indira have ruled a single day after June 26, 1975? Her options were few: resign, or dissolve Parliament. Since when does Parliament's will get replaced by processions and dharnas? No party has ever secured 50% of votes in India — even in 1984 after her death, Congress didn't. So, is it democratic to remove a PM on purely technical grounds? Under JP — a socialist — parties like Jana Sangh and Swatantra ran the movement to bring down another socialist, Indira. Should she surrender? Or revolt? Indira chose to fight. She lost the 1977 election. And the country saw what that strange coalition of ideological opposites could — and couldn't — do. Then in 1980, they said again: "Indira ko bulao, desh bachao." She returned.

(Currently, Article 352 remains — with one change: instead of "internal disturbances," it now reads "armed rebellion.") (A brief account based on the reflections of Former Rajahmundry MP Undavalli Arun Kumar.)

Club World Cup 2025: Paris Saint-Germain Defeats Seattle Sounders 2-0 to Advance to Round of 16



Paris Saint-Germain secured their place in the round of 16 at the Club World Cup 2025 with a 2-0 victory over the Seattle Sounders on Monday at Lumen Field in Seattle. The win helped PSG top Group B on goal difference after Atlético Madrid edged past Botafogo 1-0.

PSG's defense was rock solid, not allowing a single shot on target throughout the match. The first goal came in the 35th minute when Vitinha's shot, initially heading wide, deflected off teammate Khvicha Kvaratskhelia and found the net. The European giants doubled their lead in the 66th minute after Seattle's transition defense faltered, leaving Achraf Hakimi unmarked at the back post. A precise pass from Bradley Barcola allowed Hakimi to control and finish calmly.

The match was witnessed by a crowd of 50,628 fans in the 68,740-capacity stadium, creat-

ing an electric atmosphere. A significant moment came with Jordan Morris's return to the pitch for Seattle, his first game since April. Morris, a hometown favorite, received a warm ovation as he rejoined the team, highlighting his importance in Seattle's qualification for the tournament.

PSG will now face the runner-up of Group A in the round of 16, with the match scheduled for Sunday at Atlanta's Mercedes-Benz Stadium. Meanwhile, Seattle's journey in the Club World Cup has ended.

Paris Saint-Germain coach Luis Enrique praised the intensity and quality shown by both teams, calling it a tough but enjoyable match. Meanwhile, Morris expressed his disappointment at missing the tournament but remains optimistic about his future contributions, saying he looks forward to what lies ahead.

Naomi and Victoria Azarenka Advance to Second Round at Bad Homburg Grass Tournament



Former world number ones Naomi Osaka and Victoria Azarenka both progressed to the second round of the Wimbledon warm-up tournament at Bad Homburg on Monday.

Japan's Osaka secured a hard-fought victory over Serbian qualifier Olga Danilovic with a score of 7-6 (8/6), 7-6 (7/4). The match featured an intense serving duel, first grass-court victory of the year and ends a three-match losing streak following early exits in Rome, the French Open, and Berlin as she continues her comeback after maternity leave.

Osaka, who entered the main draw as a wildcard, showed resilience by saving four break points and coming back from a 4-2 deficit in the first-set tiebreak. She next faces fifth seed Emma Navarro from the United States in the second round. "It's my first

grass-court win of the year, so I'm really excited about that," Osaka said. "I think I have potential on grass, but everyone else is also really good. I can never take the wins for granted."

Meanwhile, 35-year-old Victoria Azarenka, a two-time Australian Open champion, comfortably defeated Germany's Laura Siegemund 6-2, 6-2. Azarenka had to go through qualifying rounds for this event but showed no signs of fatigue as she cruised into the next round. She will face Poland's Iga Swiatek next.

In other matches, Croatian Donna Vekic reversed last year's final result at Bad Homburg by defeating Diana Shnaider 6-3, 6-3. Vekic saved all four break points she faced and will play Czech player Linda Noskova, who beat Australia's Ajla Tomljanovic 6-3, 6-2.

India Dominates Mongolia with a 13-0 Victory in AFC Women's Asian Cup Qualifiers

India made a stunning start to their AFC Women's Asian Cup 2026 qualification campaign by thrashing Mongolia 13-0 at the 700th Anniversary of Chiang Mai Stadium in Thailand on June 23, 2025. The Blue Tigresses led 4-0 at halftime and went on to secure their biggest-ever win in the tournament's history, surpassing their previous record 10-0 victories against Guam in 1997 and 2005.

The star of the match was Pyari Xaxa, who scored an incredible five goals at the 29th, 45th, 46th, 52nd, and 55th minutes. Soumya Guguloth contributed two goals (20', 59'), while Priyadharshini Selladurai also netted a brace (73', 86'). Additional goals came from Sangita Basfore (8'), Rimpa Haldar (67'), Malavika (71'), and a penalty by Grace Dangmei (75').



India quickly took control of the game, with Basfore opening the scoring by heading in a precise cross from Soumya. Soumya then doubled the lead with a powerful volley off a Rimpa cross, which ricocheted off the post and went in. Pyari Xaxa continued her impressive

performance by scoring twice more before halftime, including a long-range strike into the top corner.

The Blue Tigresses came out even stronger after the break, with Pyari completing her hat-trick off a Grace cross and adding two more goals shortly after. Following a goalkeeping error, Soumya scored India's eighth goal, prompting coach Crispin Chettri to rotate the squad, giving playing time to Purnima Kumari, Priyadharshini, Malavika, Ranjana Chanu, and goalkeeper Monalisha Devi.

India's dominance continued as Rimpa, Malavika, and Priyadharshini added three more goals in quick succession. Grace Dangmei's penalty made it 12, before Priyadharshini sealed the emphatic 13-0 win, marking a memorable day for the Blue Tigresses.

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.

India Stage Strong Comeback as England Reach 269/4 at Tea on Day 5 of Headingley Test

India mounted a spirited fightback on Day 5 of the first Test at Headingley, reducing England to 269/4 at tea while defending a target of 371. With the match delicately poised, the visitors struck at regular intervals in the second session to halt England's momentum on what has otherwise been a batter-friendly pitch.

England, resuming after rain interruptions, had looked in control with opener Ben Duckett scoring a brilliant 149 before he was dismissed by Shardul Thakur. Thakur delivered a decisive double-blow, removing both Duckett and Harry Brook (0) on consecutive deliveries, turning the tide in India's favor. Earlier, pacer Prasidh Krishna had set the tone for the session with two key wickets — Zak Crawley, who scored a fluent 65, and Ollie Pope for just 8 runs.



Joe Root (14 not out) and England captain Ben Stokes (13 not out) were at the crease when the umpires called for an early tea due to rain, the second weath-

er interruption of the day. England still need 102 runs in the final session to secure a memorable victory, while India require six more wickets to go 1-0 up in the series.

India's bowling attack, led by Thakur (2/28) and Krishna (2/69), showed renewed energy and precision in the afternoon session, raising hopes of a dramatic finish. Despite the relatively docile nature of the pitch, the Indians managed to extract enough movement and bounce to challenge the English batters.

With just one session remaining and all results still possible, the Headingley Test is headed for a thrilling finish. Much will depend on the experienced pair of Root and Stokes, while India will look to keep the pressure on with attacking field placements and disciplined bowling.



Dulquer Salmaan Acquires Kerala Rights for Pawan Kalyan’s ‘Hari Hara Veera Mallu’

Tollywood power star Pawan Kalyan is all set to enthrall audiences with his much-awaited period action adventure, Hari Hara Veera Mallu: Part 1 – Sword vs. Spirit. Slated for release on July 24, 2025, the film has already generated massive buzz across the country. In a significant development, Malayalam heartthrob Dulquer Salmaan has acquired the Kerala distribution rights for the film.

Dulquer’s production house, Wayfarer Films, will be handling the Kerala release of the magnum opus. This collaboration marks a key pan-Indian move, highlighting the growing trend of cross-industry partnerships in Indian cinema.

Directed by Krish Jagarlamudi and Jyothi Krishna, Hari Hara Veera Mallu promises to be an epic cinematic experience. Set against a historical backdrop, the film blends action, drama, and rich storytelling. Pawan Kalyan headlines the cast in a powerful lead role, while Nidhhi Agerwal stars as the female lead.

The film boasts an impressive ensemble including Bobby Deol, Nasser, Nargis Fakhri, Anupam Kher, Subbaraju, Sunil, Vikramjeet Virk, and Nora Fatehi. Music is being composed by the Oscar-winning M.M. Keeravani, promising a grand and stirring soundtrack.

With cinematography by Manoj Paramahansa and production design by Thota Tarani, the film’s visual and artistic scale is expected to be top-notch. Hari Hara Veera Mallu will be re-



leased in two parts, with the first installment set to hit screens this July.

Produced by A. Dayakar Rao under the Mega Surya Productions banner and presented by A.M. Ratnam, the film is shaping up to be one of the biggest Telugu releases of the year. With Dulquer Salmaan on board as a regional distributor, expectations for its pan-India success have soared even higher.

Allu Arjun Exits ‘Icon’ Project, Producer Dil Raju Confirms New Lead in Pipeline



The long-delayed film Icon, once announced with Allu Arjun in the lead, is officially moving forward—without its original star. In a recent statement, producer Dil Raju confirmed that Icon Star Allu Arjun is no longer associated with the project, citing scheduling conflicts and shifting priorities following the massive success of Pushpa.

Directed by Venu Sriram, who previously helmed Vakeel Saab, Icon had been in the pipeline for years. A poster featuring Allu Arjun had even been released, creating significant buzz among fans. However, with the actor now heavily invested in the Pushpa franchise and other high-profile projects, the makers have decided to cast a new lead.

Dil Raju explained the situation, saying, “Allu Arjun is currently occupied with other major commitments. There is no possibility of doing Icon with him now. We are planning to

go ahead with another hero for the project after Venu Sriram completes his upcoming film Thammudu with Nani.”

He added that Icon remains a passion project and that the story has universal appeal. “It is an action film with strong human emotions. The script deserves to be brought to life, and we will do that with a suitable actor,” Raju stated.

Venu Sriram, meanwhile, is currently focused on Thammudu, which is also being backed by Dil Raju. Once that project wraps, attention will return to Icon, which is expected to proceed with fresh casting.

Though fans may be disappointed by Allu Arjun’s exit, the confirmation that Icon is still on track offers hope that the project will finally take off with a new face leading the charge.

Tamil Actor Sriram Remanded to 14-Day Judicial Custody in Drug Case

Tamil actor Sriram, known for his work in both Tamil and Telugu cinema, has been remanded to 14-day judicial custody in connection with a drug case. The Chennai Narcotics Intelligence Unit arrested the actor on Monday, June 24, 2025, following allegations of drug procurement and usage.



According to reports, Sriram—whose real name is Srikanth and hails from Andhra Pradesh—was taken into custody and questioned for over nine hours at the Nungambakam police station. During the interrogation, authorities collected his blood samples for forensic testing. Following the probe, Sriram was produced before a magistrate, who ordered judicial custody until July 7.

The actor was allegedly involved in procuring drugs from former AIADMK leader Prasad, who is also under investigation. Along with Sriram, two others were detained on suspicion of buying and consuming narcotics substances. Police claim the actor not only consumed drugs but also maintained connections with drug suppliers.

In the aftermath of the arrest, Sriram has reportedly filed a bail application, though further details on the hearing are awaited.

Sriram made his acting debut with the Tamil film Roja Kootam, which was dubbed in Telugu as Roja Poolu. He gained popularity among Telugu audiences with his roles in films like Okariki Okaru, Aadavari Matalaku Arthale Verule, and Okariki Iddaru. More recently, he appeared in the web series Harikatha.

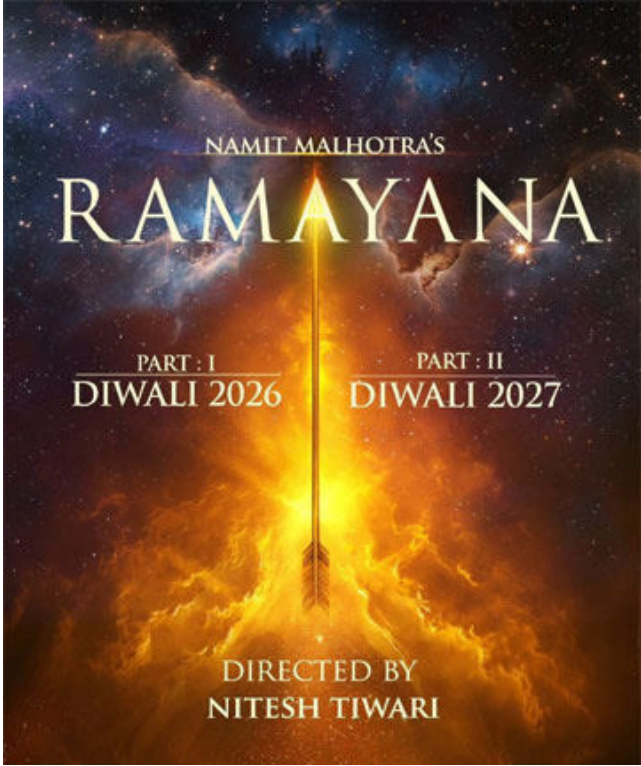
His arrest has sparked widespread discussion within the South Indian film industry, adding to growing concerns about drug usage among celebrities. The case is currently under further investigation, and updates are expected in the coming days.

Ramayana Movie Title Announcement Video Coming Soon – Here’s What We Know

The much-anticipated mythological epic Ramayana, directed by acclaimed filmmaker Nitesh Tiwari, is fast becoming one of Indian cinema’s most ambitious and high-budget projects. With a star-studded cast and a sweeping two-part narrative, the film is set to redefine mythological storytelling on the big screen.

Ranbir Kapoor will portray Lord Rama, while Sai Pallavi takes on the role of Sita. The film’s announcement video, initially planned to be a teaser, has now been re-censored and extended to a full three-minute runtime—raising fan expectations even higher. Although the official release date of the title announcement video has not been disclosed yet, excitement continues to build across social media and fan forums.

The film boasts a powerhouse ensemble cast, featuring Sunny Deol, Yash, Kajal Aggarwal, Ravi Dubey, Arun Govil (famously known for his portrayal of Rama in the



1980s TV series), and Lara Dutta. Each actor is set to play a key character from the legendary epic, bringing depth and grandeur to the retelling.

Ramayana will be released in two parts, with the first installment scheduled for Diwali 2026 and the second for Diwali 2027, promising back-to-back festive blockbusters. The film is being produced by Namit Malhotra and Kannada superstar Yash, adding further weight to the scale and vision of the project.

With high-end VFX, extensive pre-production, and a faithful yet contemporary approach to the Ramayana tale, this cinematic experience is expected to appeal to audiences across generations and geographies.

Stay tuned as the official title reveal video drops soon—this mythological epic is ready to roar.

Manoj Bajpayee Unveils First Look Poster of The Family Man Season 3

Excitement is building among fans as Manoj Bajpayee shared the first look poster for the much-anticipated third season of The Family Man. The popular Prime Video series, created by Raj & DK, is gearing up for its next chapter, though the official release date remains under wraps.



The announcement came through a collaborative social media post featuring Manoj Bajpayee, Priya Mani Raj, and Prime Video. The striking poster showcases Manoj Bajpayee in his iconic role, immediately

catching the attention of fans eager for more action-packed drama. The post was captioned, “All eyes on our family men. #TheFamilyManOnPrime, New Season, Coming Soon,” hinting at the thrilling continuation of the story.

The Family Man has been widely praised for its gripping narrative, intense performances, and the unique blend of high-stakes espionage with everyday family drama. Manoj Bajpayee’s portrayal of Srikant Tiwari, a middle-class man juggling the challenges of a demanding secret service job and

family life, has won critical acclaim and a loyal fanbase.

While details about the plot of Season 3 are still under wraps, the poster’s release has sparked discussions and high expectations across social media platforms. Fans are eagerly speculating about the new threats and personal struggles that Srikant and his team will face in the upcoming episodes.

The first look poster release marks an important milestone in the series’ promotional journey, signaling that the wait for The Family Man Season 3 is nearing its end. As anticipation builds, viewers can expect Raj & DK to reveal more updates soon.

Stay tuned for further announcements on the release date and exclusive previews, as The Family Man prepares to return with more thrilling espionage and heartfelt moments.