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# The One Who Abused Chandrababu Is Now a Beloved CI... and a Partner in the Sand Racket

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Dhavaleswaram, located along the banks of the Godavari, has become a hub of sand loading activity with nearly ten active sand ramps. At the center of this thriving operation is Vasireddy Bobby, a close associate of TDP MLA Gorantla Butchayya Chowdhury. According to local allegations, Bobby is overseeing the entire sand trade in the area—allegedly with the full cooperation of Circle Inspector Ganesh. CI Ganesh, currently posted in Dhavaleswaram, is facing serious accusations of facilitating, if not directly partnering in, the illegal sand business. Locals claim that he is acting on the instructions of Bobby and ensuring smooth operations of the racket. What makes this situation particularly controversial is Ganesh's political past. Previously posted as Sub-Inspector in the same region, and later as CI in Rajahmundry, Ganesh is remembered for his strong loyalty to the YSR Congress Party. During the protests following the arrest of



Circle Inspector Ganesh

TDP chief Chandrababu Naidu, Ganesh allegedly used abusive language against Naidu—language so vulgar that TDP leaders say they still cannot repeat it. He reportedly even hurled obscenities while garlanding a statue of NTR, further infuriating the TDP cadre. Now, the same officer who was



Butchayya Chowdhury aide Bobby.

once vocally against the TDP is reportedly working hand-in-glove with TDP's own MLA Butchayya Chowdhury. The sudden transformation has raised eyebrows and fueled speculation. The primary accusation? A paid posting. In many parts of the state, it's an open secret that money changes

hands for lucrative CI postings. In this case, too, there are widespread allegations that Ganesh secured the Dhavaleswaram posting by paying for it—with support from the MLA. Despite his past loyalty to the YSRCP, Ganesh is now said to be obediently serving the interests of Butchayya Chowdhury and his aide Bobby. The local media, especially outlets aligned with the TDP, have picked up the story and are highlighting the growing trend of reappointing officers who had previously supported the YSRCP. Meanwhile, grassroots TDP leaders in East Godavari are unable to come to terms with this arrangement—many are disillusioned that an officer who once insulted Chandrababu Naidu publicly is now considered an ally. Even within the police department, CI Ganesh is reportedly disliked by several colleagues. The episode reflects deeper issues of politicization within the police force, and how public service is being compromised in the face of political transactions and power plays.



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## Conspiracy to Shield Jagan in Singayya Death Case

- High-level probe ordered as visuals contradict police claims
- Suspicion of deliberate cover-up to protect former CM Jagan
- Police hurriedly blamed another car from Jagan's convoy
- Videos reveal Jagan's car run over Singayya

TPN Correspondent | Guntur

Doubts are deepening around the suspicious handling of the death of Dalit YSRCP activist Chili Singayya, who was fatally struck by a vehicle from former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy's convoy. What began as a tragic road accident has now become a full-blown political and legal controversy, with police officials suspecting a larger conspiracy to absolve Jagan from any involvement. The incident took place on June 18 when Jagan was touring to console the family of Rentapalla YCP Upasarchan Nagamalleshwara Rao, who had taken his own life after allegedly losing ₹1.5 crore betting on the election results a year ago. During this visit, at the Etukuru bypass near Guntur, plumber and Dalit activist Singayya from Vengalayapaleni was struck by one of the vehicles in Jagan's convoy. Eyewitnesses claim the vehicle did not stop after hitting him. Only after YCP workers raised an alarm did the convoy halt briefly. Singayya later succumbed to his injuries. According to police insiders, all the senior YSRCP leaders present — including Vidadala Rajani, YV Subba Reddy, Perni Nani, Jagan's PA K. Nageswara Reddy, and driver Ramana Reddy — were fully aware that it was Jagan's vehicle that had caused the fatal hit. However, fearing legal and political fallout, party leaders allegedly conspired to deflect the blame.

# Double Power Government Is Ours: Pawan Kalyan

- Deputy CM launches ₹430 cr Akhanda Godavari tourism project with Union Minister
- “Double engine means double power, it’s not just a slogan” – Pawan
- Project to generate 4 lakh jobs in AP’s tourism sector
- Center, state jointly modernizing Havelock Bridge and more


TPN | Ch Sri

Rajahmundry: Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan declared that Andhra Pradesh is now experiencing the strength of a double engine government, emphasizing that real development is only possible when both the state and central governments work in tandem. He made these remarks after laying the foundation stone for the Akhanda Godavari Project in Rajahmundry on Thursday, alongside Union Minister for Tourism and Culture Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.

“Double engine is not just a slogan—it means double power. When the same leadership exists both at the center and in the state, projects gain momentum, and results become visible,” Pawan said. He asserted that Andhra Pradesh is witnessing that synergy today and noted that ₹430 crore worth of tourism projects are being initiated, aiming to turn the state into a tourism hub.

Highlighting Andhra Pradesh's rich natural assets, Pawan Kalyan said, “We have a 974-kilometer coastline and riverfronts like Godavari, Krishna, and Vamsadhara. In other countries, such assets are developed with hotels and restaurants. Here, rivers are part of our culture and spiritual life.” He stated that as part of the Akhanda Godavari Project, Pushkarala Port would be developed into a spiritual destination and plans are in place to showcase the temples on the ghats and perform Godavari Aarti.

Pawan emphasized the employment potential of the project, saying, “Once completed, this initiative will generate nearly 4 lakh direct and indirect jobs, especially for the youth in tourism-related sectors.”



Union Minister Gajendra Shekhawat echoed Pawan's remarks, stating that the Akhanda Godavari Project is a shining example of development under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. “This double engine government is pushing the state forward,” he said, noting that ₹94.44 crore has been allocated for development works in Rajahmundry, Kadiyam, and Nidadavolu.

Shekhawat also highlighted the modernization of the 127-year-old Havelock Bridge, which is being revamped to attract tourists while preserving its heritage. State ministers Kandula Durgesh, Nimmala Ramanaidu, MLAs Bolisetty Srinivas, Bathula Balaramakrishna, Chirri Balaraju, Maddipati Venkataraju, and Legislative Council Member Somu Veeraju were present at the event.





## Conspiracy to Shield Jagan...

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In what is now seen as a deliberate attempt to mislead the investigation, YSRCP leaders reportedly pinned the blame on a car belonging to a follower of Devineni Avinash. A Vijayawada-based YSRCP leader is believed to have leaked this follower's vehicle number to the police. In an unusually swift move, the police publicly declared that the accident was caused by a vehicle with the number AP 26CE 0001 — without explaining the basis of this identification. But intelligence reports tell a different story. Clear video evidence from the day, including drone visuals and cellphone footage from locals, shows that the car that struck Singayya was indeed the one carrying Jagan. These visuals were submitted to higher officials, prompting a top-level investigation. Furthermore, questions are being raised over how the Tadepalli Circle Inspector managed to locate and arrest the supposed driver and vehicle owner within just 24 hours — actions that now appear to have been based on fabricated leads. With the release of this crucial video evidence, the entire narrative put forward by certain YCP leaders and police officials is under severe scrutiny. Authorities have reportedly begun checking call data records to trace communication between police officers and YCP leaders from Guntur and Krishna districts on the 18th and 19th. This may reveal how the conspiracy to shift the blame was orchestrated. Had these videos not surfaced, the case might have been closed with Devineni's follower being falsely implicated. Now, with visuals showing Jagan's car directly involved, pressure is mounting for a transparent and accountable investigation.

## War on Drugs... We Will Trample Whoever Gets in the Way – CM Chandrababu

TPN Correspondent | Guntur

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has declared an all-out war against marijuana and drug trafficking in the state. Speaking at a massive walkathon and anti-narcotics youth conference in Guntur on the occasion of Anti-Narcotics Day, he warned that those aiding or supporting the marijuana mafia will be trampled politically and legally, without exception. Chandrababu came down heavily on the previous government, accusing it of being lenient on drug trafficking. He recalled that the TDP office was even attacked for its strong stand against drugs, adding that the state's failure to control cannabis cultivation had allowed Andhra Pradesh, along with Odisha, to account for nearly 50% of India's total marijuana production in 2021. "Visakhapatnam has unfortunately become the hub for cannabis trade," he said. In a stern warning, the Chief Minister said, "Whoever gets in the way of this anti-drug campaign will be crushed. There will be no room for factionalism or hate politics anymore. We will protect religious harmony and take strict action against those who support or benefit from drug activities." To tighten surveillance, the government is introducing a special monitoring system named 'Eagle', under which all cannabis hotspots across the state will be watched closely. In addition, narcotics cells have been set up in all 26 districts. Special Eagle Clubs will also be established



### CM Chandrababu outlined the state's action plan:

- **Narcotics control cells operational in every district**
- **Eagle Clubs in schools for early anti-drug education**
- **De-addiction centers to be set up across 3 regions of the state**
- **Helpline number 1972 launched for immediate assistance and reporting**
- **2% of liquor revenue allocated to fund drug eradication initiatives**

in schools to promote awareness among youth. He urged all political parties to join hands in fighting the drug menace, stating, "This is not the sole responsibility of the government. The entire society must fight this together." The Chief Minister also appealed to celebrities and film stars to participate in anti-drug campaigns and help create widespread awareness. Expressing grave concern over reports that drugs are being sold even

in medical shops, he emphasized that those harming the lives of youth and families have no place in the state. "If anyone targets our girl children under the influence of drugs, that day will be their last," he warned. The event witnessed participation from Union Minister Dr. Pema-sani Chandrasekhar, State Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha, several public representatives, and senior officials, all pledging support to the state's new anti-drug mission.

## Outsourcing Employees Seek Justice from Government

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada

Outsourcing employees across Andhra Pradesh have placed their hopes in the newly formed coalition government, seeking long-pending justice in the form of a proper HR policy, service rules, and welfare benefits. The AP JAC Amaravati and Contract & Outsourcing Employees Association submitted a memorandum to Finance Minister and APCAS Cabinet Sub-Committee Member Payyavula Keshav at the Secretariat in Velagapudi on Wednesday, demanding urgent action on employee-related grievances. The leaders—State JAC Chairman Bopparaju, Association President K. Suman, General Secretaries E. Madhu Babu, and Co-President Pasupuleti Siva Saida Rao—reminded the government of the proactive measures taken during the 2014–19 TDP government, including a 50% salary hike, ₹15,000 land allowance through GO Ms.No.119, 180 days of maternity leave under GO Ms.No.17, and ex-gratia payments through GO Ms.No.25. They appealed to the government to address long-standing issues such as the exploitation by private agencies, loss of welfare benefits in CFMS, and insufficient salary hikes under the previous government. They also cited the cancellation of welfare schemes for outsourcing families, leading to significant hardship for lakhs of workers across departments. The association strongly urged the government to implement a comprehensive HR policy for outsourcing employees, similar to that for MEPMA and SERP staff, and to formulate special service rules akin to those applicable to Anganwadi workers and VRAs. They demanded seniority-based increments, welfare scheme implementation as per the election manifesto, and 30 days of paid medical leave. In response, Minister Payyavula Keshav assured that the government is committed to improving public service delivery through outsourcing employees and has no intention of scrapping APCAS. He emphasized that a detailed study will be conducted, and if necessary, the Group of Ministers would consult with stakeholders before finalizing any reforms. Also present at the meeting were Municipal Employees Association President Thimmasetti Nageswara Rao, AP Revenue Services Association General Secretary R. V. Rajesh, RWS President A. Kumar Reddy, Outsourcing Association Secretary P. Ram Bhadra, and Secretariat Women Outsourcing Employees, who extended their support to the demands raised. The outsourcing employees expressed hope that the new government would act swiftly to ensure justice, dignity, and job security for thousands working under temporary contracts across Andhra Pradesh.

## Shapoorji, L&T, NCC Get LOAs for Amaravati Secretariat Towers

TPN Correspondent | Amaravathi

In a major step towards building the People's Capital Amaravati, Commissioner of Andhra Pradesh Capital Region Development Authority (AP-CRDA), K. Kannababu, IAS, officially handed over Letters of Award (LOAs) to three major infrastructure companies for the construction of iconic government buildings. Shapoorji & Pallonji Group has been awarded the contract for the construction of HOD Towers 1 & 2 (G+39 floors), while L&T has been entrusted with building HOD Towers 3 & 4 (G+39 floors). NCC Ltd has received

the LOA for the construction of the GAD Tower (G+49 floors). The LOAs were handed over at the CRDA headquarters in Lenin Center, Vijayawada. The Commissioner directed the awarded firms to strictly adhere to the construction norms laid out by the government and emphasized the need to implement comprehensive safety measures for laborers at the construction sites. The event was attended by ENC R. Gopalakrishna Reddy, Chief Engineer PVK Bhas-kar, SE P. Ankamachowdary, DEE M. Hemambaradhara Reddy, and other CRDA officials.



## Reliance to Set Up ₹1622 Crore Beverage Plant in Kurnool

- **AP Govt allots 80 acres in Orvakal; 1200 jobs expected**
- **Reliance to manufacture cool drinks, fruit juices, and packaged water**
- **Plant to begin operations by December next year**
- **Major boost to Rayalaseema's industrial growth**

TPN Correspondent | Kurnool

In a major step towards accelerating industrial development in Andhra Pradesh, the state government has cleared a significant investment proposal from Reliance to set up a soft drinks and fruit juice manufacturing unit in Orvakal, Kurnool district. The project, which will come up with a capital investment of ₹1622 crore, is expected to provide direct employment to around 1200 local youth.

The proposal was approved during the State Investment Promotion Board (SIPB) meeting held on June 19, chaired by Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu. As per the plan, Reliance will establish the facility in 80 acres of land allocated from the Andhra Pradesh Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (APIIC) land bank at ₹30 lakh per acre. The plant will produce a range of soft drinks, fruit juices, and drinking water, with operations scheduled to begin by December 2026. The state gov-

ernment has also assured incentives under the Food Processing Policy 4.0, to support the establishment of this industry. Industries and Commerce Secretary Chiranjeevi Chowdhury has issued instructions to the APIIC Chairman and Managing Director to proceed with the necessary implementation steps. Experts view this move as a significant industrial milestone for the Rayalaseema region, particularly Kurnool district, which is gradually emerging



as an investment destination. The Reliance project is expected to enhance the region's industrial ecosystem,

generate employment, and attract further investments in the food and beverage sector.



# Who Is This Errappa?

- Crores in Bank, Lakhs in Gold – Fake E-Stamp Scam Shocks AP
- Errappa sold 13,000 fake e-stamps, tampered ₹100 stamps sold as ₹1 lakh
- Over ₹1 crore found in bank accounts of Errappa and wife
- SRC Infra clarifies: “We are victims, not responsible for scam”

TPN Correspondent | Anantapur

A sensational scam involving fake e-stamp papers has rocked Kalyanadurgam in Anantapur district, bringing a man named Boya Errappa alias Meeseva Babu under sharp scrutiny. The small-town operator, who set up a Meeseva Kendra in 2019, is now at the center of a state-wide fraud involving crores of rupees, gold ornaments, and forged documents.

## From Operator to Crorepati

Errappa, a native of Borampalli village, comes from an ordinary farmer’s family and holds an intermediate education. After gaining basic computer skills, he opened Babu Meeseva Kendra right in front of the Kalyanadurg Tahsildar office. Within six years, he reportedly built vast wealth by manipulating e-stamp papers, forging documents like Aadhaar cards, birth/death certificates, and Pattadar passbooks, and using his connections with revenue officials and other staff.

According to police, Errappa and his wife Katta Bhargavi, who officially held the e-stamp license obtained from Stock Holding Corporation of India Limited (SHCIL), sold around 13,000 e-stamps. They tampered with ₹100 and ₹200 denomination stamps using Photoshop, added extra zeroes, and sold them for up to ₹1 lakh each—primarily to people processing bank loans or registrations. Police investigations have unearthed over ₹1 crore in cash in the



couple’s bank accounts and gold ornaments worth lakhs. A man from Kambadur mandal and another local working at the Meeseva Kendra have also been arrested. Multiple transactions were allegedly made through their accounts. The investigation has widened, with teachers and revenue officials close to Errappa now under police radar.

## SRC Infra Reacts: “We’re Victims, Not Perpetrators”

The scam came to light during an internal audit of SRC Infra Developers Private Limited, prompting their MD Amilineni Yashwanth, auditor Balaji, and GM Satish to file a police complaint. They addressed the media on Wednesday, clarifying their position.

Yashwanth stated that their firm purchased 463 e-stamp papers worth ₹23 lakhs from Errappa over

two years. While many were genuine, they later discovered major irregularities in high-value stamps. “We transferred money through banks. If we wanted to evade duty, why would we use bank transfers?” he questioned, slamming media reports suggesting malpractice on their part.

He added that SRC Infra operates in regions like Singanamala, Guntakal, Hindupur, and Anantapur, and such issues arose only in Kalyanadurg. “We are requesting the government to constitute a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to probe this scam in-depth and identify all those involved,” he demanded.

## Authorities Under Scanner

What started as a low-profile Meeseva Kendra has now unraveled a network of fraud, collusion, and corruption, with possible involvement of government teachers and revenue officials. The Aadhaar center once run by Errappa was reportedly shut down for similar reasons earlier, but authorities allegedly ignored repeated signs of foul play. Now, as people who unknowingly purchased fake stamps begin approaching the police, the scale of the scam is becoming clear. The case is not only a blow to public trust in citizen service centers but also a wake-up call for systemic oversight. The question now on everyone’s mind: How did Errappa rise from a small-time operator to a scam kingpin with crores in assets – and who helped him do it?



# Space Cities in Tirupati, Lepakshi: CM Chandrababu

- Andhra Pradesh targets ₹25,000 crore investments in space sector
- AP Space Policy 4.0 to guide sector from 2025 to 2035
- Lepakshi for design & R&D, Tirupati for space manufacturing
- 45% investment subsidies proposed, special incentives for marginalized groups

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has announced a bold new vision to position Andhra Pradesh as a national leader in the space sector. During a review meeting on Thursday at the Undavalli Camp Office, he approved the establishment of two dedicated space cities — one in Lepakshi and another in Tirupati — and finalized the strategic direction for the Andhra Pradesh Space Policy 4.0, covering the period from 2025 to 2035.

The Chief Minister aims to attract ₹25,000 crore in space-related investments through this policy. If successful, it is expected to generate direct employment for 5,000 people and indirect opportunities for 30,000 more. He emphasized integrating education with the sector by involving educational institutions and offering common infrastructure on a plug-and-play basis to ease business setup.

Dual Hubs for Space Development  
Lepakshi will focus on design, innovation, and R&D. The city will host R&D institutions, space start-ups, and service-based applications. Meanwhile, Tirupati has been earmarked as a hub for manufacturing and launch logistics, with provisions only for vehicle assembly, satellite-payload assembly, mechanical component manufacturing, and electronic-avionics development.

Tirupati’s proximity to Sriharikota and Chennai, and Lepakshi’s closeness to Bengaluru, were seen as significant locational advantages. The Chief Minister also instructed officials to improve road connectivity between Tirupati Space City and Sriharikota to strengthen logistics support for satellite and launch operations.

Investment Strategy and Subsidies

## The proposed policy divides investments into categories:

- **Micro: ₹1 crore to ₹2.5 crore**
- **Small: ₹2.5 crore to ₹25 crore**
- **Medium: ₹25 crore to ₹125 crore**
- **Large: ₹125 crore to ₹500 crore**
- **Mega: Above ₹500 crore**

Investment subsidies ranging from 25% to 45% are being proposed, with special incentives for women, BC, SC, ST, minorities, and persons with disabilities (Divyang) to ensure inclusive growth in the high-tech space sector.

## National and Global Alignment

Participating via video conference, S. Somanath, former ISRO Chairman and now Honorary Advisor to the state on space technology, noted that private players like SpaceX, Blue Origin, and Starlink are transforming the sector globally. He also highlighted India’s own ambitious goals under the Space Vision 2047, including the Mars Lander, Venus Orbiter, Chandrayaan 4, and Human Spaceflight Missions, in addition to the 3rd launch pad in Sriharikota and the Next Generation Launch Vehicle (NGLV).

India currently accounts for only 2% of the global space economy. However, with the Centre allowing 100% FDI under the India Space Policy 2023, Andhra Pradesh hopes to ride this momentum by making its Space Policy 4.0 a driver of both state and national growth in the sector.

Chandrababu Naidu also urged that major communication and aerospace companies be invited to invest, and encouraged immediate formation of a technical committee to implement the new policy efficiently.

# People Trusted NDA, Gave Us Victory: MP Purandeswari

BJP state chief vows to develop Rajahmundry as part of Vikasit Andhra

TPN Correspondent | Rajamahendravaram

BJP State President and Rajahmundry MP Daggubati Purandeswari stated that the people of Andhra Pradesh placed their trust in the NDA alliance, believing in the promise of double engine governance, and hence gave the alliance a decisive victory. She made these remarks while participating in the foundation stone ceremony of the Akhanda Godavari Tourism Project in Rajamahendravaram on Wednesday. Purandeswari said that a developed Andhra Pradesh is essential for realizing Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s vision of Vikasit Bharat, and added that Rajahmundry must be seen as a key pillar in that journey. “From Amaravati capital to Polavaram, Visakha Railway Zone to the steel plant, and MINREGS funds to tourism – the Center has stood with AP in all developmental aspects,” she said. Highlighting the significance of the Akhanda Godavari Tourism Project,



she stated that the historic Havelock Bridge, with over a century of legacy, will be preserved and developed as a key tourism attraction. She also mentioned that the Pushkar Ghat will be developed keeping in view the upcoming 2027 Godavari Pushkarams. She confirmed that the statues on the riverfront will not be removed during redevelopment and that she has personally instructed Tourism Principal Secretary Ajay Jain on this matter. Purandeswari also reiterated her support for the demand to recognize Rajamahendravaram as the historical and

cultural capital of Andhra Pradesh. “I have already raised this issue in Parliament and will continue to push for it. I am committed to making Rajahmundry a fully developed tourism destination,” she said. She further assured efforts toward the revival and development of the Gautami Library, stating it as part of her commitment to the cultural growth of the city. Thanking the public and dignitaries present at the ceremony, she said, “I will stand by the trust the people have placed in me and contribute to the all-round development of Rajamahendravaram.”



# Case Filed Against Ex-MLA Srikanth Reddy

Eye injury during 2024 campaign leads to NHRC-directed action

TPN Correspondent | Anna-maia

A serious case has been registered against former Rayachoti YSRCP MLA Gadikota Srikanth Reddy and 18 other party members following an incident during the 2024 general election campaign that left a local man blind in one eye. The case has been filed under the directions of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) after the victim approached the commission seeking justice.

The incident occurred during a YSRCP election rally in Agharam village, Lakkireddypalli mandal, where a large-scale bursting of firecrackers took place as part of the campaign celebrations. Amid the chaos, a man named Lokesh sustained a severe eye injury that resulted in the complete loss of vision in one eye. After bringing the matter to the attention of the NHRC, the commission directed the police to investigate and take appropriate legal action. Following

these orders, the Lakkireddypalli police registered a case and began proceedings against 19 individuals, including former MLA Gadikota Srikanth Reddy, Gadikota Ramesh Reddy, and MPP Sudarshan Reddy. Earlier today, a police team led by Lakkireddypalli in-charge CI Varaprasad detained MPP Sudarshan Reddy, marking the first arrest in the case. Officials confirmed that investigations are ongoing and legal action is likely to be initiated against the other accused in the com-

ing days. This development has triggered fresh legal troubles for several YSRCP leaders, drawing attention to safety violations and alleged negligence during election events. The incident has sparked public debate on accountability during political campaigns and the need for stringent safety measures. The victim’s family continues to seek justice and medical assistance, while the case proceeds under the supervision of the NHRC.



# Mangalagiri Student Shines at Startup Maha Kumbh

- **B-Pharmacy student wins national acclaim for smart sanitary pad design**
- **Vanama Vamsi wins ₹8 lakh for innovation at Delhi event**
- **Minister Nara Lokesh praises her for bringing pride to AP**
- **Invention published in Indian Journal of Patents**

TPN Correspondent | Undavalli

In a proud moment for Andhra Pradesh, Vanama Vamsi, a B-Pharmacy second-year student from Vigyan College, Vadlamudi, was lauded by Education and IT Minister Nara Lokesh for her innovation in women's health. Vamsi designed a smart sanitary pad under the name Magna Pads, which earned her first place in South India and a cash prize of ₹8 lakh at the Startup Maha Kumbh held in Delhi this April. Minister Lokesh met Vamsi at his Undavalli residence to personally congratulate her. He praised her for her remarkable innovation and for representing the state on a national platform, highlighting the significance of youth-led ideas in shaping the future. The Startup Maha Kumbh saw participation from students of over 1,000 colleges across the country, showcasing various inventions and entrepreneurial ideas. With guidance from her mentor Dr. P. Srinivas Babu, Vamsi stood out with her concept focused on women's health



and hygiene, using technology to make a social impact. Her design has already been recognized and published in the Indian Journal of Patents, making it a significant scien-

tific contribution in addition to its practical utility. Minister Lokesh assured her of continued support and encouraged her to take the idea forward through the upcoming Ratan Tata Inno-

vation Hub in Amaravati. He emphasized that such talent needs to be nurtured and that the government will stand behind students who innovate with purpose and impact.

## Day 2 – State-Level Training of Trainers Workshop on Assisted Vaginal Births Concludes

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada

The Government of Andhra Pradesh, in collaboration with Fernandez Foundation and UNICEF, successfully concluded the State Training of Trainers (ToT) Workshop on Assisted Vaginal Births (AVB) at Hotel GRT Grand, Vijayawada. This two-day workshop (25th–26th June 2025) marked a crucial step toward improving maternal and neonatal outcomes by building clinical competencies in evidence-based birthing techniques, including forceps and vacuum-assisted deliveries. This initiative is part of a three-year AVB project funded by the Laerdal Foundation, aimed at strengthening capacity across Andhra Pradesh in line with global standards of Basic Emergency Obstetric Care (BEmOC). On Day 2, the session was graced by the presence of Dr. Nirmala, Joint Director (Training) and Dr. Anil Kumar, Additional Director (MCH), who participated in the certificate distribution ceremony for all master trainer participants. In his address, Dr. Anil Kumar emphasized the vital importance of promoting Assisted Vaginal Births (AVBs) to reduce the state's high caesarean section rate, which stands at 42.4% (NFHS-5)—among the highest in India. He highlighted the need for enhanced skill competency among master trainers, availability of essential AVB equipment at facility level, and adherence to clinical indications for AVB rather than defaulting to surgical interventions. He urged the master trainers to impart these critical skills at the grassroots level, keeping in mind practical field-level challenges and ensuring continued mentorship of staff. Dr. Nirmala, Joint Director (Training), appreciated the technical support of Fernandez Foundation and UNICEF and reiterated the Department's commitment to continuous clinical upskilling of obstetric teams across the state. The training, led by clinical faculty from Fernandez Hospital, Hyderabad—Dr. Pallavi Chandra Ravula, Dr. Sreedevi Paineni, and Dr. Anitha Reddy—featured a blend of didactic sessions, skill stations, live demonstrations, and Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCE) to ensure hands-on, competency-based learning.



## Tech AI 2.0 Conclave Spurs ₹10,328 Cr Tourism Vision for AP

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

The Andhra Pradesh Tourism Conclave – Tech AI 2.0 kicked off with a powerful roadmap aimed at transforming the state into a global tourism hub. Inaugurated under the guidance of former Chief Secretary Sri Tucker (GFST), the event featured key presentations by Smt. Amrapali Kata, IAS (CEO & MD, AP Tourism), and Mr. Abhishek Gupta from EY. Six thematic panels—Creative Economy, Products & Projects, Investments, Tech AI, Branding & Marketing, and Capacity Building—saw participation from IAS officers, industry experts, academic leaders, and top companies. Each panel held intensive discussions and presented strategic recommendations for a five-year tourism development roadmap. Highlights included proposals for a tourism super app, AI chatbots, river cruise promotions, GI-tagged digital exports, skill-building certifications, and brand repositioning for Andhra Pradesh. Day 2 of the conclave, to be held on June 27, will be attended by Hon'ble Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Tourism Minister Kandula Durgesh. The day will feature key presentations on investment opportunities and the unveiling of strategic tools and dashboards. A major highlight will be the exchange of 82 MoUs worth ₹10,328 crore, expected to generate 22,325 jobs and create 7,600 hotel keys. These include 47 hotel projects, 3 amusement parks, and 32 tourism initiatives focused on cruises, adventure tourism, water sports, homestays, and caravans. The conclave reflects Andhra Pradesh's renewed commitment to smart, sustainable, and investor-friendly tourism under the leadership of CM Chandrababu Naidu. With technology and innovation at its core, the roadmap sets a strong foundation for Andhra Pradesh to emerge as a tourism powerhouse in the coming years.



## ACME Solar wins maiden Standalone BESS project for NHPC's bid in AP with cumulative capacity of 275MW / 550 MWh

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada

ACME Solar Holdings Limited has emerged as the winning bidder for NHPC's tender for cumulative capacity of 275 MW / 550 MWh standalone Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) projects in Andhra Pradesh across two projects at Kuppam and Ghani. 1. The company's winning bid for Kuppam project was at a tariff of Rs 210,000 per MW per month with a capacity of 50 MW / 100 MWh. 2. Its winning bid for Ghani project was at a tariff of Rs 222,000 per MW per month with a capacity of 225 MW / 450 MWh. The project requires system availability for two full operational cycles of two hours each every day. As part of the project, ACME Solar will receive viability gap funding of ₹27 lakh per MWh or 30% of the total project cost, whichever is lower. This milestone further diversifies ACME Solar's portfolio to include maiden standalone BESS projects to its existing portfolio of solar, wind, FDRE & Hybrid renewable energy projects. The auction was part of a tender issued by NHPC in February 2025 to enhance energy storage capacity in Andhra Pradesh. According to Mr Rahula Kashyapa, Chief Commercial Officer of ACME Solar Hold-

ings, "We feel privileged for the opportunity to develop NHPC's standalone Battery Energy Storage System project in Andhra Pradesh. This milestone reflects ACME Solar's commitment to pioneering innovative clean energy solutions that strengthen India's grid reliability and accelerate the nation's renewable energy transition. By deploying advanced storage technology at scale, we are proud to support Andhra Pradesh's vision for sustainable growth and energy security. We look forward to delivering a project that sets new benchmarks for reliability, efficiency, and positive community impact." About ACME Solar Holdings: ACME Solar Holdings is a leading integrated renewable energy player with a diversified portfolio of 6,970 MW and 550 MWh spanning solar, wind, storage, FDRE and hybrid solutions. The operational capacity of ACME Solar stands at 2,890 MW with another 4,080 MW and 550 MWh in various stages of implementation. With an in-house EPC and O&M division, the company does end-to-end development and O&M of the plants, thereby delivering projects in a time & cost-effective manner while ensuring best in class operating performance evident in its industry leading CUF and operating margins.



## Andhra Junior Soft Tennis Teams Leave for Nationals

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

The Andhra Pradesh junior boys and girls soft tennis teams have departed to take part in the 20th National Junior Soft Tennis Championship being held in Panchkula, Haryana from June 26 to 30. The five-day national tournament will witness participation from top-performing young players across the country. Andhra Pradesh Soft Tennis Association General Secretary D. Dilip Kumar announced that the selected players will represent the state in this prestigious event. He added that the teams were formed with talented players from various districts based on their performance and merit. On this occasion, Association President V. Srinu Babu, Treasurer B. Neeraj, and other officials extended their best wishes to the players and encouraged them to perform well on the national stage. In the boys' category, the selected players include S. Aaron Ronald Din Ho and V. Vignananda Reddy from Ananthapuram, M. Revanth, B. Murali Naga Venkata Karthik, and P. V. Chinhas from NTR district, Sheikh Tanjeel from Krishna district, M. Sudhanav Ravi Nandan from Nellore, and S. Charan Kumar from Guntur. For the girls' team, A. Sri Vaishali and CH. Geetha Preethi from Krishna district, CH. Chaitanya Sri from Tirupati, CH. Anjupriya and R. Hasini from Guntur, M. Moksha from Kadapa, and K. Thanu Sri from Ananthapuram have been selected. The Andhra Pradesh Soft Tennis Association expressed confidence that the state teams will perform with dedication and bring laurels to Andhra Pradesh through their participation in the national championship.



# Let’s Make Kadapa Drug-Free

- Awareness rally held on International Anti-Drug Day in Kadapa
- “Everyone must work to eradicate drugs” – SP Ashok Kumar
- “Start change with self to build a drug-free Kadapa” – Aditi Singh

TPN | Nagaraju

Kadapa: In a spirited effort to combat drug abuse, the Kadapa district administration organized a walkathon rally today as part of the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. The event, held under the Nashamukt Bharat Abhiyan and supported by the anti-narcotics task force EAGLE, saw active participation from officials, students, and the public. Joint Collector Aditi Singh, District SP E.G. Ashok Kumar, Kadapa MLA and Government Whip Madhavi Reddy, and TDP Polit Bureau member Srinivasula Reddy attended the event as chief guests.

Speaking on the occasion, Joint Collector Aditi Singh called upon the people of Kadapa to work together to eliminate drugs completely. “We need to curb the use of ganja and other harmful substances, especially among youth. Awareness must be raised at hostels, colleges, and schools,” she urged, stressing the importance of counseling and recovery efforts at de-addiction centers.



She emphasized parental vigilance, advising that children must be educated daily on good habits and the dangers of addiction. “Our youth have enormous potential. Drugs can ruin their future. Let’s keep watch and take action before it’s too late,” she said, urging police to monitor high-risk areas strictly. District SP Ashok Kumar echoed the urgency. “The youth are the backbone of our nation. If we lose them

to drugs, we lose our future,” he said. He applauded the combined efforts of central and state governments under the Nashamukt Bharat Abhiyan and announced that 95 kg of drugs were recently seized in the district. He warned that strong legal action would be taken on any marijuana-related offenses, and encouraged citizens to report drug activities to the 1972 toll-free number.

Kadapa MLA Madhavi Reddy highlighted Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu’s vision for a drug-free Andhra Pradesh, with a flagship awareness program to be held in Guntur. “Drugs are infiltrating every section of society. The poor and rich alike are being affected. As part of the ‘Swachh Kadapa’ initiative, our fight against drugs continues,” she said.

She added that special awareness teams would be formed in schools and colleges, and pamphlets on drug dangers would be distributed across Kadapa. CCTV surveillance is also being enhanced with the help of women from self-help groups, she noted.

Ending on a personal note, a joint message was declared by participants: “I, my friend, and my family are determined to stay away from drugs. Every change begins with me – that’s why I am working to make Kadapa drug-free.”

The event saw high participation from students carrying placards with messages like Say No to Drugs, No Ganja, No Addiction, and Let’s Save Precious Lives.



## Let’s Make Kavali a Drug-Free District: MLA Krishna Reddy

TPN Correspondent | Kavali

Kavali MLA Dagumati Venkata Krishna Reddy has pledged to transform Kavali into a drug-free district, calling upon the youth and citizens to join hands in the fight against drug abuse. On the occasion of the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, a massive awareness rally was organized under the joint aegis of the Prohibition, Excise, and Police Departments. The rally, which began at Udayagiri Bridge Center and culminated at Pendem Vari Street, saw active participation from hundreds of students chanting slogans against drugs. The event culminated in an anti-drug oath taken by all participants.

Speaking at the event, MLA Krishna Reddy launched a scathing attack on the previous YS-RCP administration, specifically accusing former MLA Pratap Kumar Reddy of turning Kavali into a “ganja forest” for personal gain. He alleged that under the previous government’s watch, ganja cultivation and trafficking thrived in the region. However, he asserted that since the coalition government took charge, illegal cultivation has been swiftly rooted out within a year. “We are determined to restore Kavali’s dignity. Our goal is a district free from drugs, and this is only possible if the youth rise to the occasion,” the MLA stated. Kavali RDO Sunny Vamsi Krishna, DSP Sridhar, excise officials, police officers, TDP leaders, activists, and community members took part in the rally, extending their full support to the district’s anti-drug mission.

The MLA emphasized that the drive against drugs is not a temporary campaign but a long-term commitment and encouraged continuous public vigilance and awareness programs to safeguard the future of youth in Kavali.



## Drug-Free Vizag Rally Held from RK Beach to YMCA

MP Bharat, Gandhi Babji lead awareness march for a drug-free society

TPN Correspondent | Visakhapatnam

As part of a widespread campaign against drug abuse, a massive rally was held today, i.e. 26-06-2025, in Visakhapatnam from the iconic RK Beach to the YMCA Junction. The rally aimed to raise awareness about the dangers of drug addiction and promote a healthy, drug-free lifestyle among the youth and public. Visakhapatnam MP Shri M.V.V. Sathanarayana Bharat Garu took part in the rally, accompanied by Visakhapatnam District Parliament President and APOILFED Chairman, as well as Pendurthi Constituency In-charge and former MLA Shri Gandhi Babji Garu. The leaders marched alongside local party cadres, student groups, and concerned citizens to



deliver a strong message against the growing menace of drugs in society. Speaking on the occasion, MP Bharat emphasized the urgent need to protect future generations from the clutches of drug addiction and

called for collective responsibility from families, educational institutions, law enforcement agencies, and the public. He said, “We are committed to making Vizag a drug-free city. This is not just a rally but

a movement to secure the future of our youth.”

Shri Gandhi Babji Garu also addressed the gathering and stated that the Telugu Desam Party would continue its fight against narcotics through awareness, action, and coordination with enforcement agencies. He urged all sections of society to stand united against this social evil. The rally concluded with the participants taking a pledge to stay away from drugs and to spread the message of de-addiction across the region. The event was coordinated with the support of the local Telugu Desam Party office in Pendurthi Constituency. This rally is part of a larger initiative being carried out in several districts across Andhra Pradesh to tackle drug-related issues through awareness and preventive action.

## Sullurpet Police Crack ₹1 Crore Fraud Case

Five arrested, ₹73.2 lakh recovered; gang used fake note scam

TPN | C Shekar

Tirupati: The Sullurpet police have successfully solved a major fraud case involving a ₹1 crore scam where a victim was duped with the false promise of doubling old ₹2,000 currency notes. The case (Cr. No. 111/2025) was registered under various sections of the BNS on the complaint of the victim, Jagadish, a resident of Sullurpet. According to the complaint, Jagadish was contacted via WhatsApp by individuals using the alias “Chinnaswamy” and promised a hefty commission through a currency-doubling scheme. On May 7, 2025, around 8 AM, he was lured to the highway with ₹1 crore in cash. The fraudsters, travelling in a pre-arranged Innova vehicle, took the money under the pretext of giving him ₹2.5 crore in return — and fled the scene immediately.

Following the complaint, District SP V. Harshavardhan Raju, IPS, directed the formation of a special investigation team to track down the culprits. The team included Sullurpet CI M. Muralikrishna, SI Brahmanaidu, DV Satram SI Ajay Babu, Tada SI Kondapanaidu, ASI Sri Kumar Reddy, Head Constable Chi-



ranjeevi, and constables Suresh, Chiranjeevi, and Suhel Babu, under the supervision of Naidupeta DSP.

On June 25, police arrested four members of the fraud gang at Bhoodanan Toll Plaza and apprehended another accused in Tirupati. During the operation, police recovered ₹73.20 lakh in cash, two Innova vehicles, six bundles of counterfeit ₹2,000 notes, five mobile phones, and a Wi-Fi router used in the planning of the crime.

District SP V. Harshavardhan Raju appreciated the swift action and coordinated efforts of the police team and announced a special reward for their work. The investigation is ongoing to trace the remaining amount and determine if other victims are involved.

## Anti-Drug Rally Held in Rayachoti

Minister Ramprasad Reddy, Collector Sridhar, SP Vidyasagar lead awareness drive

TPN Correspondent | Rayachoti

Marking the occasion of International Anti-Drug Day, a large-scale rally was held in Rayachoti town to raise awareness about the dangers of drug abuse. The rally was organized under the leadership of District SP Vidyasagar Naidu, with the participation of State Transport and Youth Sports Minister Mallepalli Ramprasad Reddy, District Collector Sridhar Chamakuri, and other top officials. Starting from Shivalayam Center to Netaji Center, the rally aimed to spread the message about the physical, mental, and social consequences of drug consumption. Speaking at the event, Minister Ramprasad Reddy stressed the need for the youth to lead the fight against drugs. “Your future is bright, but addiction will only bring darkness. Say no to drugs before it’s too late,” he said.

District SP Vidyasagar Naidu emphasized that drug abuse can lead to serious health issues like cancer, and added that the entire society, including parents, educators, and youth, must take collective responsibility to prevent its spread.

Collector Sridhar highlighted the importance of public awareness and community involvement in curbing drug addiction. He stated that such awareness programs are crucial to protecting the future generation. Hundreds of students from A.N.M. & B.R. Junior College, along with local youth, officials, public representatives, and various community leaders, participated enthusiastically in the march. Banners and placards bearing slogans like Say No to Drugs, Youth Against Addiction, and Choose Life, Not Drugs were displayed throughout the event. The rally received an overwhelming response from the public, reflecting growing concern and collective determination to combat the drug menace in Rayachoti and surrounding areas.

## Dokka Seethamma Annadana Program Marks 50th Week

TPN | C Shekar

Tirupati: The 50th week of the Smt. Dokka Seethamma Annadana Program was successfully held at the RTC Bus Stand Circle in Srikalahasti. The program, initiated by the Peta Brothers in alignment with the aspirations of Jana Sena Party Chief Pawan Kalyan, continues to serve meals to the needy as part of the party’s community outreach efforts.

Jana Sena Party State Spokesperson Smt. Keert-hana attended the event as the chief guest and commended the dedication of the organizers. Congratulating the Peta Brothers for their commitment to public service, she said, “Efforts like yours are a true reflection of the spirit of Seethamma’s service and Pawan Kalyan’s mission.” Several other Jana Sena leaders actively participated in the event, including Joint Chittoor District Secretary Kotte Sai, Kumar, Vijay, Madhava Mahesh, Teja, Gandham Seenu, Dr. Nakka Prasad, Eerla Chiranjeevi, Lakshman, Mani, Arif, Pasala Suresh, Naveen, Bhanu, Venkatesh, Leeladhar, Delhi Babu, Chandu, Pradeep, Nagaraju, and Muni Chandra.

Also present were Garikapati Chandra, Kapunadu Constituency In-charge; Pagadala Pratap, Kapu Town President; Arigala Venugopal, Kapunadu District President; Nagavaram Madhava, Murali Jonnalagadda, Raja, Naveen, and Veera Alayesi. Women leaders and volunteers including Kavitha, Battema, Sharada, Gayatri, Padma, Shakuntala, and Durga also joined the initiative, contributing to the smooth conduct of the program. The Annadana program, which has now completed 50 continuous weeks, stands as a symbol of the Jana Sena Party’s service-oriented ideology and dedication to public welfare.

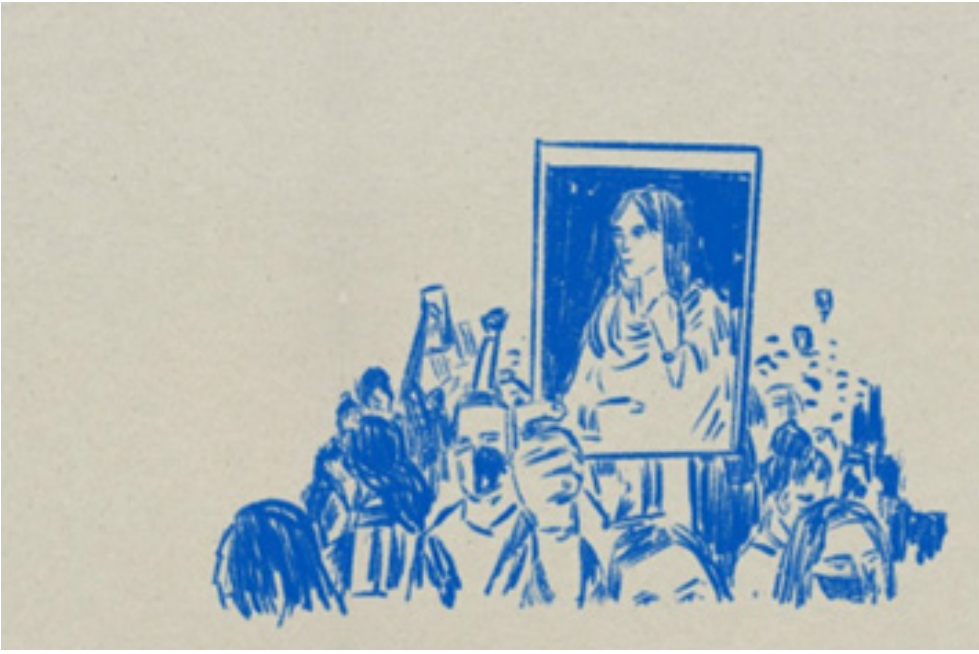


# Viral Khamenei Tweets Reveal a Deeper Truth About Iran and Western Narratives

Old tweets by Iran’s Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei have resurfaced and gone viral, sparking confusion and curiosity across social media. Some of them are poetic, reflecting on the emotions of men, the power of literature, and even Jawaharlal Nehru’s vision for India — far removed from the stern image often associated with Iran’s top leader.

As one user quipped, “Khamenei might be the only man who got uncanceled after being cancelled.” But the moment speaks to something larger: how the world, especially the West, perceives Iran — often in black-and-white terms, filtered through foreign lenses.

That lens sharpened again following Israel’s recent unprovoked strike in-



side Iran, an escalation that revived familiar tropes: democracy vs. theoc-

racy, us vs. them. But these binaries often blur more than they clarify.

Yes, Iran’s repression is real — from the mandatory hijab to jailed filmmakers and cracked-down student protests. The death of Mahsa Amini in 2022, and the subsequent protests, made this painfully clear. But Iran’s current rigidity can’t be understood without historical context.

In 1953, Iran’s democratic Prime Minister Mossadegh was ousted in a US-UK-backed coup for nationalising oil. The Shah was installed and ruled with autocratic force until the 1979 Islamic Revolution. Since then, Iran has endured wars, sanctions, assassinations, and isolation — most of it driven by the US and Israel. This constant external threat has

hardened the regime internally. In this climate, cultural symbols like hijab are politicised as national sovereignty, and dissent is framed as foreign sabotage.

Critics ask: Why is Iran targeted so disproportionately? Allies like Saudi Arabia, with similar or worse repression, escape scrutiny. The answer is geopolitics — not values.

Women in Iran resist oppression every day. But many also reject foreign intervention and war. They want freedom, not airstrikes.

Iran’s problems are real. So is its trauma. Two truths can exist at once. But solidarity means listening — not using people’s struggles to justify power games.

## India’s Billionaire Boom Masks Deep Inequality and Economic Challenges, Warns Veerappa Moily

India is witnessing a rapid rise in the number of billionaires, now home to nearly 200—the third-largest globally. While this might seem like a sign of economic success, former Karnataka Chief Minister and Union Minister M Veerappa Moily cautions that this surge highlights a growing inequality threatening India’s growth story.

Despite India’s impressive GDP growth and projections to become the world’s fourth-largest economy, the benefits remain concentrated among a tiny elite. Household incomes for the majority are stagnating, consumer demand is weakening, and job creation is insufficient, especially in manufacturing. The share of manufacturing in India’s GDP has barely changed in the last decade, and the sector’s contribution to employment is even declining.

Moily points out that nearly 45% of India’s workforce is still in agriculture, and only about 24% of workers have formal employment contracts—compared to Japan’s 91%. India’s



Human Development Index is also much lower than developed nations, reflecting challenges in education, healthcare, and poverty reduction.

The Economic Survey and experts stress the urgent need for transformative policies focused on inclusive growth. Instead of simply redistributing wealth, India must empower the bottom 20% through job creation, skill development, affordable insurance, pension schemes, and tax-friendly saving options. The current consumption and saving patterns show the richest households save a large portion of their income, while the poorest often live with debt

and minimal savings. Moily also calls for tax reforms, including rationalising GST rates and extending the tax to sectors like petroleum, electricity, and real estate. Financial markets need liberalisation to provide easier access to capital, and the phasing out of the Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) would help banks lend more to businesses.

India’s rapid growth is at risk unless it translates into better livelihoods for all, reducing inequality and expanding meaningful employment. Without urgent reforms, the nation’s rise to economic power may remain fragile and uneven.

## How Zohran Mamdani Has Sparked an Identity Crisis Among Indian-Americans

In 2022, I attended an Independence Day reception in New York City with a friend, an event that left us both uncomfortable. Despite the glamorous setting—Mayor Eric Adams and a foreign president in attendance, waterfront views, and fine food—the gathering was dominated by fervent chants and speeches glorifying a single Indian political leader. The atmosphere was so charged that one almost forgot where they were.

This fervor reflects a deeper identity crisis gripping many Indian-Americans, now manifesting as hostility toward New York City’s first Indian-origin mayoral candidate, Zohran Kwame Mamdani. Once, Indian pride meant celebrating anyone with even a distant Indian connection achieving global success. Today, Mamdani, despite being the son of celebrated filmmaker Mira Nair, faces vicious attacks based on his name and religion, not his policies.

Mamdani’s progressive platform promises to make New York more livable, focusing on affordable rent and lowering grocery prices—issues central to many residents. Yet, a vocal faction brands him as a dangerous “jihadi” threatening the city’s future. His religion, rarely emphasized by Mamdani himself, has become a weapon for detractors who label him anti-Jew, anti-Hindu, and anti-Christian. This smear campaign is steeped in fear and misinformation rather than facts.

Critics dismiss Mamdani’s ideas as irrational,



ignoring that many Indian-Americans endure the very hardships he seeks to address: sky-high rents, crowded commutes, and tight budgets. Skepticism is understandable—especially for those familiar with Delhi’s political disillusionments—but outright rejection without alternatives is unhelpful.

The backlash against Mamdani also reveals how immigrant communities are scapegoated as “outsiders” stealing jobs, despite their hard work in essential sectors. Many Indian-Americans who have struggled to build lives in the US paradoxically oppose someone from their own community promising change.

While Mamdani’s future as mayor remains uncertain, his campaign has exposed deep fractures within the Indian-American identity—a clash between pride, politics, and prejudice.

## Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla’s Journey to ISS Marks a New Era for India’s Space Ambitions

As Indian Air Force Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla embarks on the Axiom-4 mission to the International Space Station (ISS), this landmark event represents more than a single achievement—it signals a transformative phase for India’s human spaceflight programme.

The mission is a collaboration involving four key agencies. US-based Axiom Space partnered with Elon Musk’s SpaceX, which provided the Falcon 9 rocket for launch. Meanwhile, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) contributed through its collaboration with NASA, underscoring the increasingly international and economically driven nature of space exploration today. Unlike the goodwill gesture of sending Wing Commander Rakesh Sharma into space in 1984 under the Soviet Union, India’s involvement in Axiom-4 reflects a strategic investment, reportedly costing around Rs 550–600 crore.

For India, the mission offers cru-

cial experience and knowledge that will directly support its ambitious Gaganyaan programme, plans for a national space station, and future crewed lunar missions. Shukla will spend roughly 14 days aboard the ISS, piloting the mission and conducting seven specialized experiments designed jointly by ISRO and the Department of Biotechnology. This is the first time ISRO is conducting research in microgravity, a critical step in advancing India’s space science capabilities.

Key experiments focus on pioneering space nutrition and life-support systems with an emphasis on Indian-centric food, such as sprouting methi (fenugreek) and moong (green gram) in microgravity. Other studies will examine muscle degeneration, diabetes monitoring, and the cognitive effects of screen exposure in space—vital areas for sustaining astronaut health on long missions.

Shukla’s hands-on experience with docking procedures and daily life



aboard the ISS will also be invaluable as India prepares to build and operate its own space station. His

mission not only advances scientific understanding but also strengthens India’s global stature in space explo-

ration, inspiring future generations of scientists, engineers, and astronauts.



# Congress to ensure backward communities get respect in Bihar, north India: Rahul

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Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has reaffirmed his party's commitment to empowering backward communities and ensuring they receive representation in proportion to their population. During a recent meeting with members of the Vishwakarma community, Gandhi emphasized the urgent need for a nationwide caste census to identify and address the underrepresentation of backward and extremely backward communities.

He stated that the Congress aims to transfer real power into the hands of OBCs, Dalits, and tribals—not just token representation. “My goal is to hand over the Congress party's command to backward communities. This is your weapon,” Gandhi told the community leaders, underlining that fighting for genuine power and voice—not just a few MLAs—is essential.



Gandhi criticized the BJP-RSS for allegedly weakening the roots of extremely backward communities, particularly in Bihar and north India. He said the Congress would work to restore their respect and history, while integrating them more fully into the political and social mainstream.

In a message shared on his WhatsApp channel, Gandhi said that loss of traditional em-

ployment, humiliation, and being kept away from the mainstream were key concerns of the community. He noted that the Congress has already begun ensuring representation at the district level in Gujarat and pledged to expand this model across the country. Gandhi concluded by saying the fight for justice must begin within the party and that real change will come when empowered leaders from backward communities rise with community support.

# India Rejects SCO Declaration Over Pahalgam Attack Exclusion and Balochistan Mention



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India refused to endorse the joint declaration at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Defence Ministers' meeting held in Qingdao, China, due to the omission of the Pahalgam terror attack from the terrorism section. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh objected strongly to the draft, which failed to reflect India's stance on counterterrorism and excluded reference to the Pahalgam attack that India accuses Pakistan of master-

mind, aiding, abetting, and financing. The draft declaration included mention of the Jaffar Express hijacking incident in Balochistan but deliberately omitted the Pahalgam attack. China, the current SCO chair, and Pakistan pushed for Pahalgam's exclusion, sparking India's protest. India has consistently rejected Pakistan's allegations concerning its involvement in Balochistan and urged Islamabad to stop backing terrorism instead of making baseless claims. In his remarks at the meeting, Rajnath

Singh, without naming Pakistan, accused some countries of using cross-border terrorism as a political tool and providing safe havens for terrorists, condemning such double standards. Singh also called for proactive measures to stop the radicalisation of youth and counter advanced technologies exploited by terrorists, such as drones used for smuggling weapons and drugs. Emphasizing the complexity of modern threats—including transnational terrorism, cyber-attacks, and hybrid warfare—he stressed the need for a unified response based on transparency, mutual trust, and collaboration among member states. India reaffirmed its commitment to combat terrorism in all forms.

The SCO Defence Ministers' meeting included representatives from member countries such as Russia, Pakistan, and China. Despite Pakistan's Defence Minister Khawaja Asif's presence, there was no meeting between him and Rajnath Singh. Established in 2001, the SCO promotes regional stability through cooperation and currently has ten member states: Belarus, China, India, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan.

# Maharashtra Slashes Power Tariffs by 26% Over 5 Years, Starting with 10% Cut: Devendra Fadnavis



In a landmark decision, Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis announced a phased reduction in electricity tariffs across the state, beginning with an unprecedented 10% cut in the first year. This is the first time in Maharashtra's history that electricity rates are being lowered instead of raised. Fadnavis, who also holds the energy portfo-

lio, shared the development on social media platform X, thanking the Maharashtra State Electricity Regulatory Commission (MERC) for approving Mahavitaran's petition to reduce tariffs. He stated that consumers will see a total reduction of 26% over five years. “This is a historic moment. For the first time, electricity rates are being reduced—

starting with a 10% drop in the first year. MERC has approved Mahavitaran's petition, reversing the usual trend of tariff hikes,” Fadnavis posted.

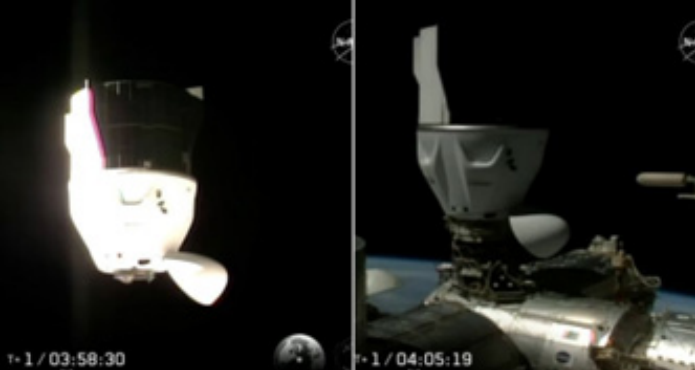
The tariff cuts will benefit all major consumer categories—domestic, industrial, and commercial. Notably, about 70% of electricity users in the state who consume under 100 units per month will see the maximum benefit, enjoying a 10% cut immediately.

This decision comes amid earlier expectations of a possible 10% hike, with petitions submitted to MERC seeking higher tariffs. However, Mahavitaran's push for a reduction marked a unique turn in policy.

Fadnavis also highlighted the ongoing work under the Mukhyamantri Saur Krishi Vahini Yojana 2.0, aimed at providing reliable, daytime power supply to farmers through solar energy. Additionally, he mentioned that upcoming changes in power purchase agreements, with an emphasis on green energy, will reduce electricity procurement costs in the long run.

The power tariff reform is seen as a major relief for consumers and a step toward making electricity more affordable, while aligning with sustainability goals.

# Shubhanshu Shukla and Team Successfully Dock at International Space Station



TPN Correspondent | Delhi

On June 26, 2025, Indian astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla, along with three other astronauts, successfully reached the International Space Station (ISS) aboard the Dragon spacecraft named Grace. The spacecraft achieved a smooth soft capture with the ISS at 4:01 pm IST over the North Atlantic Ocean, marking a historic moment as Shukla became the first Indian astronaut to travel to the orbital laboratory.

The mission, known as Axiom-4, began the previous day with the crew launching from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida. A live NASA broadcast captured the approach of Grace toward the space station, with the docking process completing by 4:15 pm IST.

This milestone highlights India's growing presence and collaboration in international space exploration. The Axiom-4 mission's arrival at the ISS further strengthens partnerships between global space agencies and private spaceflight companies, advancing scientific research and technology development in orbit.

The astronauts are expected to conduct a range of scientific experiments and collaborative projects during their stay aboard the ISS. Their work will contribute to ongoing research in microgravity environments, benefiting various fields such as medicine, materials science, and Earth observation.

The success of the Grace spacecraft's docking and Shubhanshu Shukla's journey is a significant achievement not only for India's space ambitions but also for international space cooperation. The mission underscores the importance of global teamwork in pushing the boundaries of human knowledge and exploration beyond our planet.

As Shukla and his team settle into life aboard the ISS, their mission continues to inspire and pave the way for future Indian astronauts and space missions. This historic flight reflects India's expanding role in the global space community and showcases the nation's commitment to advancing science and technology through space exploration.



# ‘Ready to wipe out Hinduism’: Kangana Ranaut slams New York mayoral hopeful Zohran Mamdani over protest video

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Indian-origin US politician Zohran Kwame Mamdani caused a major upset in the Democratic primary race for New York City mayor by defeating former New York governor Andrew Cuomo. Mamdani, the son of acclaimed Indian filmmaker Mira Nair—known for movies such as Mississippi Masala, Monsoon Wedding, and Salaam Bombay—and academic Mahmood Mamdani, has emerged as a fresh and unexpected face in New York politics.

Following his surprising victory, Mamdani drew criticism from Indian actor and BJP Member of Parliament Kangana Ranaut. She took to her official X (formerly Twitter) account to question Mamdani's “bloodline” and launched a sharp attack against him. Ranaut reshared a video showing Mamdani leading a protest in Times Square, where, according to the video's caption, he and the crowd allegedly insulted Hindus and Lord Rama, a revered deity in Hinduism.

Ranaut's post read: “NYC Mayor Zohran Mamdani once led a mob of protestors in Times Square calling Hindus bastards and heaping abuses upon Lord Rama, who is worshipped by Hindus.” This accusation sparked a strong reaction online, with debates around Mamdani's political stance and the nature of the protests.

Mamdani's win reflects shifting dynamics in New York politics, highlighting voter appetite for new leadership and progressive ideas. His background as a community organizer and advocate for social justice has earned him support among younger and more diverse voters. However, the backlash from figures like Kangana Ranaut indicates the contentious nature of identity politics and the challenges faced by politicians with multicultural backgrounds.



# Trump’s 2026 Defense Budget Proposal: Pay Raises, More Missiles, Fewer Ships and Jets

TPN Correspondent | Washington

US President Donald Trump has proposed a \$892.6 billion defense and national security budget for fiscal year 2026, maintaining overall spending flat compared to this year. The plan focuses on raising troop pay, investing in advanced missile systems and drones, while cutting Navy jobs and reducing purchases of ships and fighter jets to save costs. The budget requests a 3.8% pay raise for military personnel but reduces expenses by retiring older, costlier-to-operate ships and aircraft. Notably, the Navy will cut 7,286 civilian jobs under the new plan. Trump’s request includes fewer F-35 jets, seeking only 47 compared to the 68 jets requested in President Biden’s 2025 budget. Likewise, only three new warships are included, with procurement of other vessels like the



Virginia-class submarines expected in a separate bill. The administration emphasizes reallocating funds from traditional weaponry and services toward high-tech priorities to deter Chinese aggression in the Indo-Pacific and strengthen the defense

industrial base. Key investments include expanding missile capabilities such as the Joint Air to Surface Standoff Missile-Extended Range and Long Range Anti-Ship Missile, both designed for enhanced reach and effectiveness in the Pacific theater.

While the budget reduces spending on the Precision Strike Missile, which is slated to replace the Army Tactical Missile used in Ukraine, it boosts funding for small drones. The increased focus on unmanned aircraft reflects lessons learned from Ukraine, where drones have proven cost-effective and vital in combat. Trump’s missile defense project, the Golden Dome shield, is funded separately, with an additional \$25 billion allocated in a broader \$150 billion defense package recently passed by the House. The budget proposal has already sparked debate on Capitol Hill, with lawmakers in the House Appropriations Committee pushing to increase the F-35 purchase beyond Trump’s request. Overall, defense spending accounts for about half of the US discretionary budget, with the remainder supporting sectors like transportation, education, and diplomacy.



## Myanmar To Hold Elections In December-January: Junta Chief

TPN Correspondent | Myanmar

Myanmar’s military junta has announced plans to hold elections in December 2025 and January 2026, according to state media reports. Junta chief Min Aung Hlaing, speaking at a conference in the capital Naypyidaw, pledged that the polls will take place as part of what the military claims is a pathway to peace following the 2021 coup that ousted the civilian government. However, international observers and opposition groups have widely condemned the election plans as a sham. Since the coup, Myanmar has been engulfed in a complex civil war involving anti-junta rebels and ethnic armed organizations controlling large parts of the country, making a free and fair election appear impossible. Many opposition leaders remain imprisoned or in exile, and several have announced they will boycott the vote. It is unclear whether the election will be conducted in multiple phases, which could signal challenges in ensuring nationwide security on a single day. The timetable for the election campaign period has also not been specified. The military-backed census conducted last year revealed that data could not be collected from about 19 million people due to security issues, reflecting the extensive areas outside junta control. United Nations special rapporteur Tom Andrews criticized the planned elections, calling them a “mirage” designed to create the illusion of a legitimate civilian government. He pointed to ongoing human rights abuses, including the imprisonment and torture of opponents, restrictions on journalists, and bans on criticizing the military regime. Despite recent territorial losses suffered by the junta to pro-democracy forces, support from China and Russia has helped the military hold its ground. Min Aung Hlaing insisted that preparations are underway to hold “free and fair” elections “as widely and extensively as possible,” though doubts remain about the credibility and inclusiveness of the process.

# North Korea Unveils Ambitious Wonsan Coastal Tourist Zone to Boost Domestic Tourism

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North Korea has officially opened the sprawling Wonsan Kalma Coastal Tourist Zone on its east coast, marking a significant milestone in leader Kim Jong Un’s long-term vision to develop the area into a billion-dollar tourism hotspot. The inauguration ceremony, held on June 24, 2025, saw Kim Jong Un, accompanied by his daughter Kim Ju Ae, celebrate the completion of the massive project, which can accommodate around 20,000 visitors. According to state media KCNA, Kim expressed “great satisfaction” with the new tourist zone and announced plans to rapidly develop more large-scale tourist areas



across the country. The coastal city of Wonsan, historically a popular vacation spot for locals, has been undergoing extensive transformation since 2014 with the aim of becoming a world-class destination.

Despite international sanctions limiting North Korea’s foreign investment opportunities—largely due to its weapons programs—the regime sees tourism as a crucial revenue stream. The Wonsan zone

is expected to open for domestic tourists starting July 1, though there was no mention of welcoming foreign visitors at this stage. North Korea closed its borders in 2020 amid the COVID-19 pandemic but has gradually eased restrictions since 2023. While much of the country remains off-limits to international tourists, it has recently allowed some Russian tourist groups and hosted a marathon event with foreign runners. The Wonsan opening also highlighted the strengthening ties between Pyongyang and Moscow. Russian diplomats attended the ceremony as special guests, underscoring the growing cooperation between the two isolated nations.

## ‘Heavy slap to US’: Iran’s Khamenei claims victory in first reaction after ceasefire



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Iran’s Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has hailed what he described as a “victory” against Israel, in his first public reaction following the recent ceasefire brokered by the United States between Iran and Israel. The statement was posted on Khamenei’s official X account shortly before he was expected to deliver a video address, marking his first public remarks since the ceasefire was announced earlier this week. Though he did not mention Israel by name, Khamenei referred to the country as the “fallacious Zionist regime” and claimed that it had been “practically knocked out and crushed under the blows of the Islamic Republic.” His comments suggest that Iran views the ceasefire not as a concession but as a triumph in the ongoing conflict. The Supreme Leader’s message comes

amid heightened tensions in the region, with the ceasefire aiming to de-escalate violence after weeks of conflict. The United States played a key role in brokering the temporary truce, seeking to prevent further escalation and stabilize the situation. Khamenei’s rhetoric also serves as a direct rebuke to the United States, which he implies has been dealt a significant setback by the outcome. His reference to a “heavy slap to the US” underscores Tehran’s position that its regional influence and resistance to Israeli and American pressure have grown stronger. This development highlights the fragile nature of peace efforts in the Middle East and foreshadows the potential challenges ahead as diplomatic efforts continue. Khamenei’s firm stance signals that Iran remains defiant and determined in its regional policies despite international pressures and ceasefire agreements.

## Axiom-4 Mission Cleared for Launch: India, Poland, and Hungary Return to Human Spaceflight



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SpaceX has confirmed that all systems are “go” for the Axiom-4 mission to the International Space Station (ISS), with Dragon’s hatch secured, suit and communication checks complete, and the four-member crew ready for liftoff. The launch is scheduled for 2:31 AM EDT (12:01 PM IST) on June 25, from Launch Complex 39A at NASA’s Kennedy Space Center in Florida. The Ax-4 mission, a collaborative effort by NASA, Axiom Space, and SpaceX, marks the fourth private astronaut mission to the ISS. It is a landmark mission for India, Poland, and Hungary, each of which is sending astronauts to space

for the first time in over four decades. Commanding the mission is veteran American astronaut Peggy Whitson, who holds the record for the most time spent in space by any American. Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla of the Indian Air Force will serve as the mission’s pilot, representing ISRO. Mission specialists include ESA astronaut Slawosz Uznanski from Poland and Tibor Kapu from Hungary. All four astronauts remain in pre-launch quarantine in Florida. Originally scheduled for June 22, the launch was delayed to ensure ISS readiness following repairs to the Zvezda service module. Agencies have emphasized the historic nature of this mission, highlight-

ing the strengthened global partnerships in space exploration. The Ax-4 mission includes 60 scientific studies spanning 31 countries, making it the most research-intensive mission Axiom has conducted to date. These studies focus on microgravity research, human health, biological sciences, and Earth observation, showcasing international cooperation and scientific ambition. Axiom Space described the mission as a “return to human spaceflight” for the three participating nations, reinforcing their commitment to developing national space programs and contributing meaningfully to future space exploration.



# Markets Surge for Second Day: Sensex Soars 1000 Points, Nifty Hits 25,549 on Global Optimism and FII Inflows

Domestic stock markets rose on Thursday. They rose for the second consecutive day. They gained heavily today. The reasons for this are positive signals from global markets, Trump's announcement that a deal with Iran will be signed next week, FIIs reinvesting, further strengthening of the rupee, falling dollar index, and increased buying in heavyweights. Finance and metals shares rose today. Overall, Nifty gained 304 points and Sensex gained 1000 points. Nifty closed at 25,549, which is a good result.



The BSE Sensex, which closed at 82,755 in the previous session, started at 82,882 on Thursday. It touched an intraday low of 82,816. It reached an intraday high of 83,812. It finally closed at 83,755 with a gain of 1000 points. The NSE Nifty, which opened at 25,268, touched a low of 25,259 and a high of 25,565. It closed at 25,549, up 304 points. The Nifty Bank rose 585 points to settle at 57,206.

In the Nifty50, 42 companies gained while 8 lost. Shriram Finance, Jio Finance, Tata Steel, Bharti Airtel, Hindalco were the top gainers. Dr. Reddy's, Tech Mahindra, Wipro, SBI, Hero Moto suffered the most losses. Metal, oil, finance, private bank, consumer durables, auto, PSU bank, healthcare indices rose the most. Media, realty, and IT indices turned red.

Today, the market breadth in NSE has become slightly more favorable for buyers than sellers. Out of a total



of 2975 stocks traded, 1474 gained and 1397 lost. 69 shares touched their 52-week high and 22 touched their 52-week low. The upper circuit was 77 and the lower circuit was 58.

BPCL, HPCL and IOC shares rose as crude oil prices eased. The rupee strengthened by 39 paise to settle at 85.70 against the dollar. The Globe Civil Project IPO received a response of 74.44 times on the third day afternoon. The HDB Finance IPO received a response of 0.86 times on the second day afternoon. AstraZeneca will invest Rs. 166 crore in Bengaluru GCC. This will create 400 new jobs. Union Bank of India will raise up to Rs 6000 crore in the form of equity and debt. On the third day, the Kalpataru IPO received a response of 2.08 times. The board of Canfin Homes has approved raising Rs 10,000 crore in the form of debt and Rs 1000 crore through QIP method. PineLabs has submitted IPO papers to SEBI at a value of Rs 2,600 crore. Citi has given a sell rating to

Tech Mahindra with a target price of Rs 1430.

## HDFC Life Insurance Company Ltd.

HDFC Life reported a strong Q4 FY25 with net profit rising 16% year-on-year (YoY) to ₹476.54 crore, driven by a robust "back book" (profit from policies sold in previous years). For the full FY25, net profit increased by 15% to ₹1,802 crore. The company continues to expand its market share and is focused on deepening its reach through digital platforms, with over 90% of service requests handled via self-service. The management aims to consistently outpace the sector's top-line growth and double key metrics every 4 to 4.5 years. The company has also declared a final dividend of ₹2.10 per share for FY25.



## Jio Financial Services Ltd (JFS)

JFS reported a steady performance in Q4 FY25, with consolidated net profit rising 2% YoY to ₹316 crore. Revenue from operations increased 18% YoY to ₹493 crore. For the full FY25, The board recommended a dividend of ₹0.50 per share. JFS is aggressively expanding its financial services footprint, leveraging the vast ecosystem of Reliance Industries. The company is focused on a digital-first approach, with its JioFinance app and integration within the MyJio app. Its key strategies include driving growth through borrowing, investing, transacting, and protecting, with product launches and strengthened distribution.



## Bajaj Finserv Ltd.



Bajaj Finserv reported a strong Q4 FY25, with a 14% YoY increase in consolidated total income to ₹36,596 crore and a 14% rise in consolidated net profit to ₹2,417 crore. Bajaj Finserv's performance is underpinned by its diversified portfolio in lending, insurance, and wealth management. The company is focused on digital transformation and operational efficiency. The robust growth in its lending business and a customer-centric approach position it well for sustained growth in the evolving financial services landscape. The company also announced a final dividend of ₹1 per share.

## Tata Steel Ltd.

Tata Steel reported a significant jump in consolidated net profit for Q4 FY25, up 117% YoY to ₹1,201 crore, beating street expectations. Tata Steel is focused on strategic transitions in its operating geographies, including the commissioning of a new blast furnace in India and transitioning operations in the UK. The company achieved its highest-ever deliveries in India, and its cost transformation program is ongoing. Despite a complex global environment with geopolitical and tariff-related challenges, the company is confident in its ability to enhance competitiveness.



## PLI Schemes Drive Rs 1.76 Lakh Crore Investment and Generate Over 12 Lakh Jobs

India's Production Linked Incentive (PLI) schemes have delivered impressive results, attracting investments worth Rs 1.76 lakh crore and generating production exceeding Rs 16.5 lakh crore, according to the government's latest review. By March 2025,



these flagship schemes have also created over 12 lakh jobs across various sectors, showcasing their significant impact on the country's industrial growth.

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal chaired the review meeting on Wednesday, highlighting the success of the 14 PLI schemes in boosting manufacturing, exports, and domestic value addition. So far, incentives totaling Rs 21,534 crore have been disbursed, supporting businesses ranging from large enterprises to micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs).

The government's focus is now on strengthening sectors where India has competitive advantages to sustain and expand this growth momentum. The schemes are designed to encourage investments in key industries such as electronics, pharmaceuticals, automotive components, textiles, and more, enhancing India's position as a

global manufacturing hub.

MSMEs have notably benefited from the PLI initiative, gaining access to incentives that enable scaling up production and integrating into larger supply chains. This not only strengthens the overall industrial ecosystem but also contributes to inclusive economic development by creating jobs across various skill levels.

Minister Goyal emphasized the need to prepare a detailed roadmap for the next five years to further accelerate growth, innovation, and export potential under the PLI framework. The government aims to leverage these incentives to make India self-reliant, boost exports, and generate employment on a larger scale.

With strong investment inflows and growing production figures, the PLI schemes are poised to continue playing a critical role in India's economic transformation in the coming years.

## India's Economy Shows Resilience Amid Global Challenges: RBI Bulletin

India's economy continues to demonstrate strong resilience despite ongoing global economic, trade, and geopolitical uncertainties, according to the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) June bulletin. The bulletin highlights that India registered the highest growth among major global economies in Q4 of 2024-25, signaling a sharp pickup in economic momentum.



The RBI's article, titled "State of the Economy," notes that while the global economy grapples with trade policy uncertainties and rising geopolitical tensions, India's industrial and services sectors have remained robust. High-frequency indicators for May 2025 show sustained economic activity, reflecting the country's ability to withstand external shocks.

A key positive factor supporting this resilience is the record domestic crop production in the 2024-25 agricultural sea-

son, which has significantly eased food price inflation. Headline inflation in India stayed below the Reserve Bank's target for the fourth consecutive month in May, aided by the sharp decline in food prices. Core inflation, excluding food and fuel, also remains steady with signs of softening, once the impact of volatile gold and silver prices is removed, indicating muted underlying inflationary

pressures.

The RBI bulletin also highlights that financial conditions in India have remained favorable, helping the smooth transmission of rate cuts to the credit market. This has supported credit growth and investment, further strengthening economic prospects.

Despite optimism driven by a temporary tariff freeze and new trade deals in May and early June, recent geopolitical tensions, such as the Iran-Israel conflict, have introduced renewed uncertainty and volatility in financial markets.

Overall, India's economy holds firm against global crosswinds, bolstered by strong domestic fundamentals and supportive policy measures. The RBI stresses that while the global outlook remains uncertain, India's economic growth trajectory remains promising in the near term.

## India's Growing Ties with G7 to Strengthen Global Trade Networks: Study

India's relationship with the G7 countries is set to deepen, driving stronger global trade networks and strategic collaborations, according to a new study by the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The report highlights a 61% surge in India's merchandise trade with G7 nations, rising from \$154 billion in FY 2020-21 to \$248 billion in FY 2024-25, while maintaining a consistent trade surplus. This growth reflects India's increasing export competitiveness and resilience in its external sector.

The study emphasizes strategic cooperation in clean and renewable energy, climate finance, Digital Public Infrastructure, trade, supply chain resilience, healthcare, and pharmaceuticals as key areas that will foster mutually beneficial growth between India and G7 countries. Maritime and Indo-Pacific security also play a vital role in strengthening



this partnership.

India's rapid economic growth is a major driver for the global economy. With an average real GDP growth exceeding 8% from 2021 to 2024, India has outpaced all G7 members. The International Monetary Fund projects India's growth to remain above 6% annually through 2029, supported by strong domestic demand,

sound macroeconomic fundamentals, and a demographic dividend. India's share of global GDP, measured by purchasing power parity (PPP), has increased from 7% in 2020 to 8.3% in 2024 and is expected to exceed 9% by 2029. The country's young working-age population, which makes up over 68%, contrasts sharply with the aging populations of G7 nations. This demographic advantage boosts labor supply, domestic consumption, and innovation, while G7 countries face challenges from shrinking workforces and increasing old-age dependency.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has emphasized India's leadership in clean energy, climate action, and digital innovation, urging global cooperation on AI governance, resilient tech supply chains, and ethical use of emerging technologies at the recent G7 summit.



## Would You Try It? Chinese Café Serves Pork Intestine Broth Latte

In the ever-evolving world of experimental food trends, a café in China has taken innovation to a whole new level — by serving lattes infused with pork intestine broth. Located in the southwestern province of Sichuan, the café has introduced this unusual combination that has quickly become a local sensation.

The drink, called the “pork intestine latte,” features a mix of regular coffee with a dash of cooked pork intestine liquid and chitterlings. Surprisingly, it has seen massive popularity since its launch, with nearly 80% of customers opting to try the bizarre blend.

Zhang Yuchi, the café’s owner, said he was inspired by Jiangyou’s traditional cuisine, where red-braised pork intestines are a local favorite. “I wanted to combine our city’s iconic flavor with coffee to promote both our local food and my café,” he explained.

Each cup contains exactly 6 grams of pork intestine broth — a carefully tested amount that adds a noticeable taste without overpowering the coffee. The result is a latte that’s salty, slightly sweet, and has a flavor profile that some say resembles salty cheese.



Priced at 32 yuan (approximately ₹385), the drink comes in three strength levels: entrance, mid, and high — depending on how bold you want the intestine flavor to be.

Yuchi sources the broth from a well-known local eatery and adds it fresh to every cup. “We want people to enjoy the delicacy of intestines while still tasting real coffee,” he said, hoping adventurous drinkers will embrace the unique blend.

China is no stranger to unconventional coffee trends. Just last year, a café in Jiangxi province made headlines for launching a latte infused with red chillies and hot pepper.

Would you dare to sip this porky brew?

## ‘Bengaluru Deserves the Hate’: Viral Post by Frustrated Kannadiga Sparks Heated Debate Online

A viral Reddit post by a frustrated Karnataka resident has triggered an intense debate about the living conditions and public attitude in Bengaluru. The user, who identifies as a Kannadiga from a tier-2 city, shared his “breaking point” moment, stating that he is “done defending Bengaluru” — and that the city “deserves the hate it’s getting.”



The post quickly gained traction across social media platforms, resonating with many and angering others. The user detailed an incident involving a BMTC (Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation) bus conductor that left him feeling mocked and disrespected.

He explained that he was running late and on an important phone call when he saw a BMTC bus halt at a traffic signal. Seeing an opportunity, he knocked on the front door, following the conductor’s gesture to board. However, what happened next left him upset.

“The conductor gestured for me to come near the front door, opened it, and then mocked me — said something like, ‘Stylish agi phone hold

maadi door knock maadthidiya?’” (Translation: “Holding your phone stylishly and knocking on the door?”) the user recalled. He said he couldn’t catch the rest of the remark, but the tone was enough to push him past his tolerance.

The post struck a chord with thousands online. While some agreed that Bengaluru’s rising cost of living, traffic woes, and public service issues justify the criticism, others defended the city, pointing out that such experiences aren’t unique to Bengaluru alone.

This post has now become a flashpoint in a broader discussion on urban life in Indian metros, particularly around public behavior, infrastructure stress, and resident frustration.

## ‘Looks Like a Toothpick’: World’s Skinniest Car Leaves the Internet Stunned

The internet is buzzing over a bizarre yet fascinating invention that’s turning heads across social media platforms — a shockingly skinny car that looks more like a stretched-out scooter than an actual vehicle. Dubbed by amused users as “a moving toothpick,” this ultra-thin ride is now going viral for its quirky design and surprising functionality.

A video shared on Instagram showcases an Italian inventor driving what appears to be a heavily modified version of the classic Fiat Panda. But this is no ordinary Panda. The car has been transformed into a comi-



cally narrow, one-seater vehicle with all four wheels retained — but spaced so tightly together that the entire car body has been stripped down to its slimmest possible form. Despite its unconventional look, the car is fully operational, and the video shows the inventor confidently navigating it through regular roads, drawing amazed looks from bystanders. Viewers online were left both amused and confused, with one user joking, “If you sneeze, you might tip over!” while another added, “How is this even road-legal?”

The quirky design might not be the

most practical for daily commuting, but it has certainly ignited curiosity and laughter across the globe. Many praised the creativity and engineering skills behind the design, even if the car itself might not make it into mainstream production anytime soon. Whether it’s a stunt, an art piece, or just an expression of eccentric automotive passion, the world’s skinniest car proves that there’s no limit to innovation — or imagination — when it comes to going viral.

Would you dare to take a ride in this toothpick on wheels?

## Could Earth Be Ejected From the Solar System? New Study Reveals Alarming Possibility

A new scientific study has sparked global curiosity—and a bit of concern—about the long-term stability of our planet within the solar system. According to research published in the journal Icarus, Earth could one day be ejected into deep space or spiral into the Sun, all due to the gravitational effects of passing stars.



The study, conducted by astronomers Nathan Kaib and Sean Raymond, explored the influence of “field stars”—stars that may pass close to our solar system—on the orbits of planets over billions of years. Using thousands of advanced computer simulations, the researchers found that the solar system is significantly less stable than previously believed.

If a star with a mass similar to our Sun passes within 10,000 astronomical units (about 1.5 trillion kilometers), it could disturb the Oort Cloud, a vast shell of icy objects at the outer edge of the solar system. This could trigger orbital instability across the planetary lineup, including Earth.

The study highlights that Mercury’s orbit could become unstable with a 50–80% increased risk, potentially causing catastrophic gravitation-

al chain reactions. Such events could redirect Venus or Mars into collision paths with Earth or even hurl our planet toward Jupiter, whose strong gravitational pull could eject Earth entirely from the solar system.

Although the likelihood remains low—just 0.2% over the next five billion years—the findings challenge the long-held belief that our planetary orbits are perfectly balanced and unchanging.

These revelations come as a reminder that while Earth feels like a safe haven, it is ultimately part of a dynamic and unpredictable cosmic environment. The study offers a humbling perspective on our place in the universe and underscores the ongoing need to study celestial mechanics in greater depth.

## ‘Reads Mails, Owns A Clock’: Pepperfry’s Savage Job Ad Aimed at Gen Z Goes Viral

In a sea of formal and predictable job listings, furniture brand Pepperfry has stood out by dropping a hilariously blunt and brutally honest job posting — and it’s taking the internet by storm. The listing, aimed at hiring a Social Media and Video Production Intern, has quickly gone viral for its refreshingly no-nonsense tone and not-so-subtle jabs at Gen Z work habits.

Shared on social media, the job description begins with a simple and dramatic “Wanted,” but what follows is far from conventional. The listing outlines exactly the kind of candidate the company doesn’t want — and does it with biting sarcasm.

**Here’s a taste of the now-trending ad:**  
“We are looking for a Social Media and Video Production intern who does not show up at 11:47 AM clutching a matcha tea, who at least reads the emails, and ideally refrains from using words like SUS and NO CAP in emails. Someone who remembers to come back after the lunch break, doesn’t expect a gold star for completing basic tasks, and doesn’t behave like showing up to work is a personal favour to the company.”

And the punchline? “PS: Has an alarm clock.

### WANTED

We’re looking for a Social Media and Video Production intern who **does not show up at 11:47 AM** clutching a matcha tea, who at least reads the emails, and ideally refrains from using words like **“SUS” and “NO CAP”** in Emails. Someone who **remembers to come back after the lunch break**, doesn’t expect a **gold star** for completing basic tasks, and doesn’t behave like showing up to work is a personal favour to the company.

P.S. Has an alarm clock. **That actually works.**

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While some found the listing hilarious and brutally relatable, others debated whether the tone bordered on unprofessional. Regardless, it’s captured widespread attention — striking a chord with managers tired of workplace slack and candidates who appreciate transparency over corporate sugarcoating.

The ad has also sparked conversations about generational work ethics, the evolving office culture, and whether companies are adapting or pushing back against modern-day workplace trends.

One thing’s for sure — Pepperfry knows how to get people talking, and this job listing is proof.



# Borussia Dortmund Advances to Club World Cup Second Round with 1-0 Win Over Ulsan

Borussia Dortmund secured their spot in the second round of the Club World Cup 2025 after a narrow 1-0 victory against Ulsan Hyundai in Cincinnati. The only goal came in the 36th minute from Danish midfielder Daniel Svensson, who capitalized on a poor Ulsan pass near their goal. After a quick setup from Jobe Bellingham, Svensson took a controlled touch and fired the ball past Ulsan goalkeeper Jo Hyeon-woo from about 10 yards out.

Dortmund finished at the top of Group F with seven points, two ahead of Fluminense, who drew 0-0 with Mamelodi Sundowns to finish second. Ulsan was eliminated after losing all three matches in the group.



The match was played under challenging conditions, with temperatures reaching 93 degrees Fahrenheit (33 Celsius) and a heat advisory in effect. Despite the heat, 8,239 fans filled the TQL Stadium, which holds 26,000. Among the spectators was U.S. Vice President JD Vance.

Dortmund dominated the game offensively, outshooting Ulsan 28-3. American midfielder Gio Reyna made his first appearance of the tournament, coming on as a substitute in the 78th minute. FIFA prioritized this tournament for Reyna, which meant he missed the CONCACAF Gold Cup with the U.S. national team.

Svensson, 23, who joined Dortmund

on loan from Denmark's Nordsjælland last winter, scored his second goal for the club, having previously scored in a league match against Borussia Mönchengladbach in April.

Dortmund will face Monterrey in Atlanta on July 1 as they continue their quest in the tournament. Ulsan bowed out after a 4-2 defeat to Fluminense.

Ulsan's goalkeeper Jo lamented the harsh weather conditions, saying it wasn't ideal for soccer, while Svensson expressed satisfaction with the win but noted Dortmund could have scored more given their chances.



## AB de Villiers, Hashim Amla, Chris Morris Lead Star-Studded South Africa Champions Squad for WCL 2025

Johannesburg, June 25, 2025 — Cricket fans are set for a nostalgia-packed treat as South Africa's legendary cricketers reunite for the World Championship of Legends (WCL) 2025. Headlining the formidable South Africa Champions squad are iconic names like AB de Villiers, Chris Morris, and Hashim Amla — players who defined an era of South African cricket.

Joining this powerhouse trio are other notable stars including Albie Morkel, Wayne Parnell, Hardus Viljoen, Aaron Phangiso, and JP Duminy, creating a well-balanced team rich in experience, firepower, and match-winning potential. Together, they bring not only talent but also the legacy and competitive edge that made South African cricket feared and respected globally.

Speaking about his return, AB de Villiers said, "There's nothing like playing for South Africa. Being back with this group of legends, in front of fans who've always supported us, is truly

special. WCL is more than a tournament — it's a celebration of cricket's enduring spirit. And we're here to compete and win."

Amandeep Singh, founder of Game Changers and owner of the South Africa Champions, shared his excitement: "This squad is built to inspire and ignite passion across generations. Legends like AB, Amla, and Morris don't just play — they command the game. We're honoured to have them lead our charge at WCL 2025."

Harry Singh, co-owner of the team, added, "It's a privilege to bring this legendary squad back together. The South Africa Champions embody everything bold, competitive, and passionate about cricket. We're not just participating — we're writing history again."

With such an elite lineup, South Africa Champions are undoubtedly among the top contenders to lift the WCL 2025 trophy, promising thrilling moments for cricket lovers worldwide.

## Wimbledon 2025 Preview: Alcaraz vs Sinner, Djokovic's Historic Quest, and Draper's British Hope

As Wimbledon 2025 kicks off at the All England Club, three major storylines dominate the men's draw. Two-time defending champion Carlos Alcaraz and world number one Jannik Sinner continue to define men's tennis, while Novak Djokovic chases history and British hope Jack Draper aims to step out of the shadows.

**Alcaraz vs Sinner: A Rivalry at the Peak**  
Carlos Alcaraz is aiming to join legends like Bjorn Borg and Roger Federer by winning three consecutive Wimbledon titles in the Open Era. Fresh from his second Queen's Club title, Alcaraz looks formidable on grass with four career grass trophies. At just 22, the Spaniard boasts a perfect recent record against Sinner, having won five straight matches, including an epic comeback at the French Open final. Sinner, 23, remains world number one de-



spite a recent doping ban. He showed resilience by reaching the finals of the Italian and French Opens but has yet to overcome Alcaraz in their recent clashes. With strong Wimbledon performances in 2023 and 2024, Sinner is a tough contender on grass.

### Djokovic's Pursuit of History

At 38, Novak Djokovic continues his quest for a record 25th Grand Slam, currently tied with Margaret Court at 24. With eight Wimbledon titles to his name, Djokovic trails only Federer's record of eight at this tournament. Although ranked sixth and yet to beat Alcaraz or Sinner in recent meetings, Djokovic remains a threat, especially if the top two falter.

### Jack Draper: Britain's Rising Star

British hopes rest on 23-year-old Jack Draper, the current British No. 1. With a breakthrough season that includes an ATP Masters 1000 win and a world ranking of No. 4, Draper has beaten both Alcaraz and Sinner before. Yet, he has never progressed beyond the second round at Wimbledon. As the tournament honors Andy Murray with a statue, Draper aims to carve his own legacy on home soil.

## World Pickleball League Launches 'WPBL On Tour' to Boost Year-Round Engagement

In a strategic move to expand its fanbase and deepen regional engagement, the World Pickleball League (WPBL) has launched 'WPBL On Tour'—a multi-city, off-season tournament series designed to sustain momentum and visibility ahead of Season 2 in early 2026.

This initiative will see each of the six WPBL franchises host a city-based tournament in their home territories, with the league providing marketing, strategic, and financial support. The tour will run over four months and include 20+ days of on-ground events, opening doors for local players and enthusiasts to compete under their city's team banner.

WPBL Co-founder and CEO Gaurav Natekar emphasized the league's commitment to community-driven growth. "From the beginning, our goal was to create value not just during the main season, but throughout the year. 'WPBL On Tour' empowers fran-



chises to build grassroots support, foster loyal fan communities, and make pickleball a permanent cultural presence in each city," he said.

### WPBL On Tour Schedule:

**Chennai Super Champs:** August 6–10, Chennai  
**Hyderabad Superstars:** August 19–24, Hyderabad  
**Dilli Dillwale:** August 29–31, New Delhi  
**Bengaluru Jawans:** October 8–10, Bengaluru  
**Pune United:** October 29–November 2, Pune  
**Mumbai Pickle Power:** November 5–9, Mumbai

WPBL promises to reveal more activations, programs, and partnerships in the coming months, aiming to create a 360° sporting ecosystem unlike any other professional league in India.

Registration and event details will be shared soon by the WPBL and individual franchises through their social media channels.

With Season 2 scheduled for January 24 to February 8, 2026, 'WPBL On Tour' is positioned as a dynamic lead-up to India's growing pickleball spectacle.

## Duckett Masterclass Powers England to Famous Win Over India at Headingley

England pulled off a sensational chase on Day 5 of the Headingley Test, gunning down a daunting 371-run target to defeat India by five wickets and take a 1-0 lead in the five-match series.

The victory was built on a commanding 188-run opening stand between Ben Duckett (149 off 170) and Zak Crawley (65 off 126), who neutralised India's pace duo of Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj under overcast morning skies. Duckett, named Player of the Match, lit up the innings with a flurry of strokes, including seven sweeps and a reverse-swept six, en route to



his sixth Test century.

India briefly clawed back after a short rain delay. Prasidh Krishna removed Crawley and Ollie Pope in quick succession, while Shardul Thakur dismissed Duckett and Harry Brook in back-to-back deliveries to leave England wobbling.

But Joe Root (53\* off 84) and Jamie Smith (44\* off 55) held their nerve, stitching together an unbeaten 71-run partnership that sealed the win in front of an electric Headingley crowd. Ben Stokes added 33 vital runs in the middle.

India's bowlers struggled to maintain pressure, with Bumrah and Siraj going wicketless. Jadeja managed one scalp, while Prasidh and Shardul claimed two each.

### Final Scores:

India 1st innings: 471  
England 1st innings: 465  
India 2nd innings: 364  
England 2nd innings: 373/5 (82 overs)

The series now heads to Birmingham for the second Test, starting July 2, with India needing a strong response after a defeat that will spark serious introspection.





## Rashmika Mandanna Prepares for War in Gritty Jungle Action Drama

Rashmika Mandanna, one of India's top actresses, is on a remarkable run with back-to-back blockbusters. Following the massive success of the Pushpa franchise, her latest outing Kuberaa has also joined the 100-crore club, cementing her position as a powerhouse performer in Indian cinema.

Adding to her dynamic filmography, Rashmika has now taken on a bold new project — a female-centric action drama that was officially announced today by Unformula Films. While the title and first look remain under wraps, the makers have teased fans with a gripping announcement poster, building anticipation ahead of tomorrow's grand reveal.

The poster paints a striking picture: Rashmika stands fierce and ready for combat in the middle of a jungle setting. Clutching a weapon, with a body lying near her and a gun close by, she faces an imminent confrontation as several men approach from the shadows. The tagline, “Hunted. Wounded. Unbroken,” suggests a raw, emotional journey of survival, revenge, and inner strength.

Sources close to the production hint that this role is unlike anything Rash-

mika has attempted before — intense, action-packed, and emotionally layered. The film promises to showcase her in a never-seen-before avatar, as both a survivor and a warrior.

Backed by a gripping narrative and a high-octane screenplay, the movie is being mounted on a lavish scale with top-notch production values. With Rashmika at the forefront of such a gritty and powerful story, fans and industry insiders alike are eagerly waiting to see what unfolds in this upcoming cinematic spectacle.

Stay tuned as the title and first look are set to be revealed.



## Kiara Advani Stuns in Fierce New Look for War 2

The countdown to one of the year's most anticipated blockbusters has officially begun. War 2, the next explosive installment in the YRF Spy Universe, is set to hit cinemas worldwide on August 14, 2025, in Hindi, Telugu, and Tamil. With just 50 days to go, the makers have launched a fiery set of character posters — and Kiara Advani's bold transformation is stealing the show.

In her official first look, Kiara exudes power, style, and precision. Dressed in a striking black crop top paired with a leather jacket and sleek leather pants, her all-black combat outfit is completed with rugged boots and a commanding stance. Her expression — fierce, focused, and ready for battle — perfectly captures the high-octane tone of the film.



Armed and alert, Kiara's character is clearly more than just glam — she's geared for war. Her look has sparked excitement across social media, especially among fans eager to see her take on a high-action role in the spy-action genre. It's a sharp departure from her usual roles, showcasing a bold new side of the actress.

Directed by Ayan Mukerji, War 2 brings together an explosive trio — Hrithik Roshan, Jr. NTR, and Kiara Advani — in what promises to be a visual spectacle. The film's high-stakes action, intense drama, and international scale are designed for IMAX, ensuring an immersive cinematic experience.

With character reveals now underway, the promotional campaign for War 2 has officially kicked off. A full-blown trailer is expected to drop soon, and if Kiara's poster is anything to go by, the heat is only going to rise.

## Ajay Devgn Returns with Son of Sardaar 2 – First Glimpse Out Now

Bollywood superstar Ajay Devgn is back in action with the much-awaited sequel to his 2012 hit, Son of Sardaar. Titled Son of Sardaar 2, the film promises high-energy action, comedy, and emotion, all packed into a grand cinematic spectacle. The first glimpse of the film was unveiled today by the makers, generating instant buzz among fans and film enthusiasts alike.



with Devgn. Their pairing has already piqued curiosity, and fans are eager to see their chemistry unfold on screen.

Interestingly, the original Son of Sardaar was inspired by a film associated with acclaimed filmmaker S.S. Rajamouli. This sequel is expected to continue the spirit of the orig-

inal while upping the stakes in terms of action and drama.

The first teaser, released today by production house Chitra Unite, features Ajay Devgn in a rugged, action-ready avatar — hinting at a high-octane entertainer. Alongside the teaser, the makers also revealed the release date: Son of Sardaar 2 is officially set to hit theatres

on July 25, 2025.

With its powerful lead cast, engaging storyline, and larger-than-life action, Son of Sardaar 2 is poised to be a major box office draw this summer. Fans can expect a mix of intense drama, humor, and patriotic fervor — all signature elements of an Ajay Devgn blockbuster.

## Pawan Kalyan's Hari Hara Veera Mallu Set for Grand Release – Trailer Coming Soon

Power Star Pawan Kalyan is finally returning to the silver screen, and fans couldn't be more excited. After a long hiatus following Bro, the actor-politician is all set to captivate audiences with his ambitious historical action film, Hari Hara Veera Mallu.

Directed by acclaimed filmmaker Krish Jagarlamudi, the project has been in the making since 2019. Delayed multiple times due to the COVID-19 pandemic and Pawan Kalyan's political commitments, the film is now nearing completion. According to insiders, the final cut of the trailer has been locked, and its release is expected either this week or early next week.

Set in the 17th-century Mughal era, Hari Hara Veera Mallu features Pawan Kalyan in a Robin Hood-style role — a heroic outlaw who challenges the empire. The film promises high-octane action, lavish sets, and a powerful narrative. Pawan is said to have undergone special training to perform intense action sequences, and his performance is expected to be one of the highlights.

The film also stars Nidhhi Agerwal as the female lead, while the screenplay has been fine-tuned by writer Jyothi Krishna to ensure a gripping cinematic experience. Adding to the grandeur is the film's music, composed by



Oscar-winning maestro MM Keeravani.

With top-tier visual effects and high production values, Hari Hara Veera Mallu is being positioned as the first true pan-India film of Pawan Kalyan's career. It will release in Telugu, Tamil, Hindi, Malayalam, and Kannada on July 24, 2025.

While it remains uncertain whether Pawan will participate in promotional activities due to his political engagements, the upcoming trailer is expected to generate massive buzz and give fans a clear glimpse of what's in store.

## Kuberaa Hits 100 Crore Milestone in Just Five Days

Sekhar Kam-mula's intense emotional thriller Kuberaa is proving to be a box office juggernaut. Blending social drama with gripping suspense, the film has struck a chord with audiences, resulting in strong word-of-mouth and packed theaters across its opening week.

Starring powerhouse performers Dhanush and Nagarjuna, Kuberaa has officially crossed the ₹100 crore world-wide gross mark within just five days of release — a remarkable feat for a film in this genre.

The film saw a powerful surge over the weekend, and what's even more impressive is the consistent weekday footfalls, indicating that the film is resonating beyond just initial hype. In international markets, particularly North America, the film has made significant inroads. It has already grossed \$1.9 million and is on track to hit the \$2 million milestone soon.

Critics and audiences alike are praising the film for its grounded yet impactful storytelling. Dhanush and Nagarjuna have been applauded for their authentic and restrained performances, adding depth and emotional weight to the film's layered narrative. Sekhar Kammula's direc-

tion has been lauded for maintaining tension and emotional engagement throughout, delivering a socially conscious thriller that doesn't compromise on entertainment.

Commercially, Kuberaa has not only covered its production costs but is already generating profits, making it one of the most successful films of the year so far. With strong momentum going into its second week, industry insiders predict that the film could set new benchmarks in the social thriller space.

As Kuberaa continues its victorious run, it further solidifies Sekhar Kam-mula's reputation as a filmmaker who masterfully blends substance with box office appeal.

