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# Telangana will not become a drug hub, vows CM Revanth Reddy



**Strong warning issued on International Anti-Drug Day**

**‘Eagle’ unit to crack down on cultivation, sale, and supply**

**Schools, colleges to be held accountable for drug presence**

**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**  
Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has issued a fierce warning to drug traffickers and those enabling them, declaring that even a glance at marijuana or drugs will not be tolerated in the state. Addressing a packed hall at Shilpa Kala Vedita, Madhapur, on the occasion of International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, the Chief Minister outlined his government’s aggressive action plan to eliminate drugs from Telangana. “If Telangana, a global hub for IT and pharma, is allowed to become a drug hub, it

will be a collective failure,” he said. Revanth Reddy emphasized that on the very day of his swearing-in, he had vowed to wipe out the drug menace with an iron hand. Drawing parallels with the alarming situation in Punjab, which transitioned from a land of soldiers to a state ravaged by drugs, the CM stated, “Telangana is a land of sacrifice and struggle, not a haven for drugs. Let it never become a cautionary tale.” He cautioned that students from schools to universities are now falling prey to drug addiction and expressed deep concern over drugs being smuggled in disguised forms — even as chocolates and ice creams. He called this a national security threat, suggesting that enemy countries may use such means to destabilize the youth.

**‘Eagle’ to Watch from Above**

Revanth Reddy announced the formation of a dedicated special unit called ‘Eagle’, which will constantly monitor drug-related



activity across the state. This unit will focus on cultivation, transportation, and sale of marijuana and other narcotics. He assured that anyone found transporting drugs will tremble before even entering Telangana’s borders. To ensure accountability, the Chief Minister made it explicit that educational institutions will be held responsible if drugs are found on their premises. He proposed that schools and colleges must appoint Behavior Observers alongside subject teachers and PETs to watch for early signs of drug exposure among students.

**Collective Fight Against Drugs**

Stressing that this is not just a government responsibility, Revanth urged every citizen to participate. “Drug eradication should be a mass movement. If you suspect anything, report it immediately. This is about our children’s future,” he said.

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**BRS MLC Kavitha stirs emotion again, questions over intent arise**

**Kavitha invokes Telangana sentiment ten years after state formation**

**Critics question timing and motives behind emotional appeal**

**Failure to implement BC reservations now under public scrutiny**

## Telangana Sentiment Returns After a Decade

**TPN | Srikanth Gurram**  
**Telangana:** Ten years after the formation of Telangana, efforts have begun to revive the Telangana sentiment that once powered a mass movement. This sentiment, once central to the state’s political transformation, has been brought back into public discourse by BRS MLC and Telangana Jagruti President Kavitha. Her recent emotional remarks are seen as an attempt to reignite the fervor, but political observers are questioning whether it is a genuine stand for people’s rights or a calculated move for electoral gains. The BRS, which once rose to power on the back of the Telangana sentiment, is now being accused of sidelining the very people who made the movement successful. Activists who raised their voices for a separate state have been forgotten, while Andhra contractors reportedly dominated major projects, reaping economic benefits in post-bifurcation Telangana. Critics allege that even during the BRS regime, economic power remained concentrated in the hands of Andhra communities, especially in sectors like real estate, hospitality, and contracting. There are also claims that shares in these sectors were hand-

ed over for commissions, further sidelining Telangana locals. Kavitha, who once declared that KCR would never harm Telangana, is now being asked why this injustice wasn’t addressed during her party’s rule. She has now turned her attention to the Congress-led government, accusing CM Revanth Reddy of offering biryani and Godavari water to AP CM Chandrababu Naidu. However, many believe these allegations are being made only to provoke emotions ahead of elections. The timing of Kavitha’s renewed demand for 42% BC reservations has also raised eyebrows. Why was it not implemented during the ten years BRS was in power? The public, particularly the youth, are more concerned with real, forward-looking issues: job creation, education infrastructure, agricultural support, and legal action for rightful reservations. The people of Telangana are now asking tough questions: Has justice truly been served after achieving statehood? Were opportunities distributed fairly? These are fundamental concerns. If the sentiment is once again being used as a political tool, the current generation may not remain silent.

## ACB Raids Create Panic in RTA Offices

10 agents, 2 clerks held in Tirumalagiri; 10 more detained in Uppal

- Simultaneous inspections across RTA offices in Telangana
- AI-based surveillance exposes repeated agent visits
- Public continues to suffer as agents demand double fees

**TPN | V. Krishna Kumar**  
**Special Desk:** A massive crackdown on illegal brokerage operations in RTA offices across Telangana sent shockwaves through the transport department on Thursday. The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) conducted simultaneous surprise inspections at multiple RTA offices, including major locations like Uppal and Tirumalagiri in Hyderabad, leading to the detention of several agents and clerks involved in corrupt practices. In Tirumalagiri, the ACB arrested two clerks and ten agents involved in



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## Amit Shah to Inaugurate Turmeric Board in Nizamabad on June 29

Kishan Reddy calls it a historic gift to Telangana farmers from PM Modi



**TPN Correspondent | Nizamabad**  
Union Home Minister Amit Shah will inaugurate the National Turmeric Board headquarters in Nizamabad on June 29, a move hailed by BJP Telangana State President and Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy as a historic gift to turmeric farmers. Addressing the media during his visit to the Turmeric Board office in Nizamabad, Kishan Reddy said that the board’s establishment was the result of a long-standing struggle by turmeric farmers. “This is a moment of pride. Despite several

states vying for the board’s headquarters, it was granted to Nizamabad with the blessings of Prime Minister Narendra Modi,” he said. Reddy stated that the Turmeric Board, which will oversee the spice’s development across the country, is a long-awaited recognition of Nizamabad’s contribution to turmeric cultivation. He commended the appointment of a local farmer as the chairman of the board, calling it a decision rooted in true farmer representation.

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He also spoke about plans to channel youth toward constructive paths, highlighting the newly introduced sports policy and announcing the establishment of a ‘Young India Skills University’ to equip youth with technical knowledge and life skills. Film actors Ram Charan and Vijay Deverakonda participated in the program, and the Chief Minister lauded them for standing with the government’s anti-drug campaign despite their busy

schedules. “They came here to-day not as stars but as responsible citizens determined to send a message to the youth,” he noted. Other dignitaries who attended the conference included producer Dil Raju, Chevella MP Konda Vishweshwar Reddy, legendary badminton coach Pullela Gopichand, and several senior police and administrative officials. Together, they echoed the CM’s message — Telangana will not tolerate drugs. Not now, not ever.

## Amit Shah to Inaugurate Turmeric Board in Nizamabad on June 29

The inauguration ceremony will include the unveiling of the board’s logo and a public meeting where Amit Shah will address farmers. BJP leaders, party workers, and turmeric farmers from across Telangana are expected to participate in large numbers. Kishan Reddy emphasized that turmeric has had significance since Vedic times, being associated with purity, health, and sacred rituals. The board will aim to enhance turmeric exports, value-added production, and farmer incomes. He also paid tribute to former minister D. Srinivas, acknowl-

edging his contribution to Telangana politics. As a mark of respect, a statue of Srinivas will be unveiled by Amit Shah on June 29, following a request by Nizamabad MP Arvind Dharmapuri. “Farmers in Nizamabad have shown the country how to fight for their rights beyond party lines. This board is a reward for their relentless efforts,” Kishan Reddy concluded. The BJP leadership urged the public to attend the inauguration voluntarily and without political divisions, calling it a festival of farmers and a milestone for Telangana.

# ACB Raids Create Panic in RTA Offices

organized bribery and misuse of public services. In Uppal, ACB officials, led by Hyderabad ACB DSP Sridhar and Rangareddy district DSC Anand, shut down the office gates during the raids and detained ten agents for interrogation. The raids caused disruption of routine services, creating panic among staff and the public alike. Authorities have reportedly started examining documents and evidence of irregular wealth accumulation by staff and agents alike. Sources said that investigations are also probing how RTA officials amassed properties and assets disproportionate to their known income.

## AI Surveillance Unmasks Agent Nexus

In a first-of-its-kind initiative, the Transport Department has deployed Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered CCTV surveillance to track the frequency and behavior of individuals entering RTA offices. Initially piloted at the Khairatabad RTA, these AI systems record and tag individuals using unique codes to monitor how often they visit and who they meet. Within a week, 45 agents were identified at Khairatabad alone. Encouraged by the results, the same AI systems were installed at Tirumalagiri and Uppal, contributing significantly to the Thursday crackdown.

## The Agent Network

## and Public Exploitation

It has long been an open secret that nothing moves inside RTA offices without bribes through agents. Citizens trying to avail services directly are often delayed or denied by officials, forcing them to go through brokers who demand multiple times the official fee. This unofficial network thrives on bribes passed from agents to RTA clerks and officials. Despite 17 services now made available online, technical issues and deliberate slowdowns push the public back into the hands of agents. In some cases, fake driving licenses and insurance papers were issued, further complicating the corruption landscape. Notably, even driving school managers are now doubling as agents. Earlier, some from Tirumalagiri were arrested for their roles in document forgery and bribery. Thursday’s statewide ACB raids have shaken up the agent nexus and raised hopes among citizens that the government may finally be serious about ending deep-rooted corruption in RTA offices. Whether this momentum leads to sustained reforms and prosecution or fades away remains to be seen. For now, the public watches closely—hoping the winds of change aren’t temporary.

# 14 New Excise Stations to Be Inaugurated on June 28

- Minister Jupally Krishna Rao to launch stations in Hyderabad, Rangareddy, Medak and Warangal
- SHOs, staff allocated; orders issued for functioning from rented buildings
- Jurisdiction and case transfers completed for newly-formed stations

## TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

The Telangana government is all set to operationalize 14 new Prohibition and Excise stations across the state on June 28, with a view to improving enforcement and curbing illegal activities related to narcotics and liquor. The stations will be officially inaugurated by Prohibition and Excise Minister Jupally Krishna Rao. Of the total 14 stations, 12 will come up under the Hyderabad and Rangareddy divisions, while one station each will be launched in the Medak and Warangal divisions. Notably, Rangareddy will get two new stations, and Medak will have one. Minister Jupally Krishna Rao will personally inaugurate these stations. Proposals for these stations were submitted back in 2020, and the division of jurisdiction and transfer of areas has now been completed. The Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise, Chevuru Hari Kiran, and Principal Secretary (Revenue) have approved the establishment orders. Accordingly, the Additional Commissioner of the Excise Department has instructed Deputy Commissioners to ensure that all



arrangements are in place for smooth functioning from June 28. Most of these new excise police stations will operate from rented premises, and such buildings have already been identified at Banjara Hills, Chikkadpally, Gandipet, Kondapur, Pedda Amberpet, Kukatpally, Aminpur, and Hasanparthi. In areas like Maredpally, Meerpet, Kompally, Kapra, Nacharam, and Alwal, where suitable buildings are yet to be accredited, operations will continue from existing excise stations. Existing SHOs will be in charge of the new excise stations, or senior Excise SIs will be given charge as SHOs where needed. Seized items including drugs, jaggery, NDPL bottles, and case files from the corresponding jurisdictions will now be transferred to these new stations. The new SHOs include: Patel Banoth (Banjara Hills), Jagan Mohan Reddy (Maredpally), D. Ramakrishna (Chikkadpally), G. Devendar Rao (Gandipet), B. Lakshman Goud (Kondapur), N. Sri-

nivasa Reddy (Meerpet), J. Dhanvanth Reddy (Pedda Amberpet), T. Yadaya (Kompally), D. Venu Kumar (Kukatpally), J. Ravi (Kapra), B. Omkar (Nacharam), G. Chandrasekhar (Alwal), K. Parameshwar Goud (Aminpur), and G. Durga Bhavani (Hasanparthi). Two constables each have been allotted for every new station. **As per the final jurisdiction allocations:**

- Banjara Hills excise station will include Banjara Hills and Film-nagar
- Maredpally will include Gopalapuram, Mahankali, Market, Maredpally, Thukaramgate
- Chikkadpally will cover Chikkadpally, Gandhinagar, Domalguda
- Gandipet includes Gandipet mandal
- Kondapur includes Madhapur and Kondapur divisions
- Meerpet includes Divisions 15, 16, Badangpet, Jalpally
- Pedda Amberpet includes Ward 14 (BN Reddy Nagar), Abdullahpurmet, Turkapally, Peddamberpet
- Kompally covers Ward 129, Nizampet Corporation, Dundigal, Kompally
- Kukatpally includes Wards 114, 122, 123, 124
- Kapra, Nacharam and Alwal will continue under Malkajgiri excise limits

This expansion is seen as a significant move to strengthen ground-level enforcement and ensure quicker response to excise-related violations across the growing urban and suburban regions of Telangana.

# First Gold Bonam Offered at Golconda Fort

Bonalu festivities begin with Telangana traditions at Akkanna Madanna Temple

## TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

Telangana’s rich cultural heritage came alive with grandeur on the occasion of the Bonalu festival in the Ashadha month, as part of the Saptamatrakala-Sapta Bangaru Bonam offering. In a symbolic gesture to uphold tradition and devotion, the first gold bonam was ceremoniously offered to Sri Jagadambika Ammavari at the historic Golconda Fort. The celebrations began with special pujas at the Haribouli Sri Akkanna Madanna temple, conducted under the auspices of the temple authorities. The joint temple procession committee president, Gopisetty Raghavendar, led the rituals and explained the spiritual and agricultural significance behind the offering. Accompanied by the traditional dances



of Jogini Nisha Kranthi and Potharajulu, the puja reflected the essence of Telangana’s folk culture. The first gold bonam, along with silk clothes and odri rice, was then taken in a grand procession to Golconda Fort, where it was offered to the goddess Jagadambika. Speaking on the occasion, Raghavendar stated that, “People are offering bonams to the goddess with prayers



for prosperity, good rainfall, and green dairy crops along with collective happiness in society.” Members from various temples under the Bhagyanagar Mahankali Jatara Bonal Utsava Joint Committee participated in the spiritual celebration, marking the official start of Bonalu festivities in Hyderabad.

# Medical Bills Worth ₹180 Cr Cleared for Govt Staff

Deputy CM Bhatti clears 27-month-old dues; relief to over 26,500 employees and pensioners

## TPN Correspondent | Telangana

In a major relief to government employees and pensioners, the Telangana government has cleared pending medical reimbursement bills worth ₹180.38 crore in one go. The long-pending dues, some dating back 27 months, have now been settled, bringing much-needed financial relief to 26,519 employees and pensioners. Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu, who also chairs the Employees Welfare Cabinet Sub-Committee, took swift action to address the long-standing issue. Remarkably, this comes just days after the government announced a hike in two Dearness Allowances (DAs) on June 13, reaffirming its commitment to employee welfare. The cleared bills, pending from March 4, 2023, to June 20, 2025, included dues from the previous government’s tenure. Despite financial constraints and ongoing welfare commitments, the Deputy CM prioritized the medical reimbursements, ensuring no further delay. “Employees and the government are one ideal family. Solving their issues is our collective responsibility,” Bhatti Vikramarka stated. The move follows another milestone, where the government transferred ₹9,000 crore under the Rythu Bharosa scheme

in just nine days. Defying opposition skepticism, the Praja Government acted decisively to clear employee dues the very next day. The DA hike announced on June 13 benefits around 3.5 lakh regular employees and 3 lakh pensioners, with each DA revision putting an additional burden of ₹2,400 crore per month on the state exchequer. Despite this, the government has proceeded with pro-employee decisions.

## In addition, several parallel initiatives are underway:

- Orders issued to increase cadre strength in the Women & Child Welfare and Planning Departments.
- Formation of the Joint Staff Council is in its final stages.
- Panchayats are being classified into four grades based on population.
- A comprehensive health insurance scheme for employees and pensioners is nearing finalization.
- Departmental Promotion Committees (DPCs) have expedited the promotions process.

Employee unions have expressed satisfaction with the government’s swift and focused response, appreciating the resolution of key issues impacting over 7.5 lakh employees and pensioners in a matter of days.



# Woman Drives Car on Railway Tracks in Shankarpalli

- Train traffic disrupted for hours near Nagulapalli
- Police took the young woman into custody; further details awaited

## TPN Correspondent | Rangareddy

A bizarre and dangerous incident unfolded on the railway tracks between Nagulapalli and Shankarpalli in Ranga Reddy district, when a young woman drove her car directly onto the railway

tracks, disrupting train services for hours. According to reports, locals in Nagulapalli noticed the woman driving toward the tracks and attempted to stop her. However, she continued to drive the vehicle along the railway line, raising alarm in the area. Fortunately, the train pilot of an approaching train noticed the situation in time and managed to halt the train, preventing a possible tragedy. Despite this, multiple trains were forced to stop

midway, resulting in major disruptions to train traffic for several hours. Upon receiving the alert, Shankarpalli police reached the location and took the woman into custody. The motive behind her actions remains unclear and further investigation is underway. Authorities are working to restore full rail operations and clarify the woman’s mental condition or possible intent behind the act. More details are expected soon.



# H-CITI: A Game-Changer in Hyderabad’s Urban Development

- H-CITI Project Will Transform Hyderabad: Sridhar Babu
- We have allocated ₹10,000 crore in the budget to fast-track infrastructure and address traffic issues

**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**  
Minister for IT and Industries Duddilla Sridhar Babu hailed the H-CITI project as a “game-changer” for Hyderabad’s urban development. Speaking at the foundation stone-laying ceremony for a major road-widening project from NH-65 to Ameenpur, taken up at a cost of ₹45 crore, the minister said the initiative is aligned with Chief Minister Revanth Reddy’s vision to make Hyderabad a model city for the nation. “Our government is fully committed to Hyderabad’s holistic growth. We have allocated ₹10,000 crore in the budget to fast-track infrastructure and tackle traffic issues,” Sridhar Babu stated. He noted that the H-CITI project, launched with an outlay of ₹7,032 crore, includes construction of flyovers, underpasses, and key corridor expansions aimed at reducing traffic congestion, improving connectivity, and ensuring sustainable urban growth. With Hyderabad’s population growing rapidly, Sridhar Babu emphasized the importance of smart planning and green transport. He announced that 1,000 electric buses will be deployed under TSRTC, with plans for an additional 800 e-buses under consideration. The central government has also expressed readiness to collaborate.



AI-enabled traffic signals and EV charging stations will be introduced across key locations, while pedestrian safety will be addressed using advanced technology. “Our approach to development is citywide and inclusive, not limited to selected zones. Some are spreading misinformation, but the public is aware of the truth, as seen in the HCU land issue. We remain focused on transparent, people-centric governance,” he added. The minister appealed to citizens for continued co-operation and support in building a modern, livable Hyderabad. The event was attended by Serilingampally MLA Arikepudi Gandhi, corporators Manjula and Ragam Nagender Yadav, and several other local representatives.

# Hold Elections with 42% BC Quota: R. Krishnaiah

**BJP MP demands immediate local body polls, blames state for delay in fee reimbursement**

**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**  
BJP Rajya Sabha member R. Krishnaiah strongly demanded that the Telangana state government immediately conduct local body elections with 42% reservations for Backward Classes (BCs), as promised in the Congress party’s Kamareddy Declaration. Speaking at a media conference at the BJP Telangana state office, Krishnaiah welcomed the High Court’s directive to complete the local body elections by September 30 but stressed that the Congress government must now honour its commitment to BCs. He reminded that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP state president Kishan Reddy had already clarified that the power to implement BC reservations lies entirely with the state government, under Article 243D of the Constitution. “There are no legal or constitutional obstacles to 42% BC reservation. The Assembly passed a law, a census was conducted, and a commission submitted a report. So why delay?” Krishnaiah questioned. He also slammed misleading arguments about the 50% ceiling on reservations, stating that the Supreme Court itself had noted that reservation can go up to



60% with EWS quotas. He warned against using the “ceiling” as an excuse to deny BCs their rights. Krishnaiah also raised serious concerns about the fee reimbursement scheme. He alleged that arrears worth ₹6,000–₹8,000 crore were pending due to the inaction of the state government. Many students were unable to get their certificates and were under pressure from colleges during admissions and exams. “Do not burden students with the state’s failure to pay fees. This is a fundamental right to education,” he said, urging the government to release dues in phases and ensure colleges follow the guidelines of the Higher Education Council and JVO. He warned that continued delays could lead to a dropout crisis and severely damage the education sector in Telangana. Krishnaiah also emphasized the long struggle for the right to education and called for better hostel facilities, scholarships, and strengthening of Gurukuls. Several students and parents attended the media conference and submitted petitions regarding fee reimbursement and land-related issues.

# Don’t Block Public Roads: BJP’s Deepak Reddy

**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**  
BJP Hyderabad Central District President Lankala Deepak Reddy issued a stern warning on Thursday against the closure of a 30-year-old road in Guttala Begumpet, Sherlingampalli constituency. The road, which connects Borabanda to Madhapur, was reportedly blocked off by the landowner using iron sheets, creating hardship for hundreds of locals who regularly use the route. As part of the BJP’s Basti Path program, Deepak Reddy visited Navabharat Nagar and expressed strong objection to the unauthorized closure. He stated that it is unjust to cut off a route used by the people for decades and declared that if the landowner does not reopen the road by Thursday evening, the BJP will launch a mass agitation with the “people’s army” if necessary. “We are giving time till this evening. If not resolved, we will break the barricades with people’s force,” Deepak Reddy warned, stressing that no private individual has the right to inconvenience the public in this way. He added that several people, especially pedestrians, are now being forced to take long detours because of the road closure. Deepak Reddy said he had attempted to speak directly to the landowner and warned of



action if no cooperation was extended. Local BJP leader Kotha Venkatesh had first brought the issue to the party’s notice. Other BJP leaders including Kolan Satyanarayana, Atluri Ramakrishna, Sharmila Jadhav, Krishna Mohan, and Satishchari also visited the site and extended their support to the local residents. Deepak Reddy made it clear that public access cannot be blocked in the name of private ownership, and the BJP would not hesitate to take the protest to the next level if the matter is not resolved immediately.

# Harish Rao Alleges ₹10,000 Cr Loan Scam by Revanth Govt in SEBI Complaint

- Forest land mortgaged, ₹169 Cr brokerage paid to raise loans: Harish Rao
- ₹10,000 crore loans raised by mortgaging forest land in Gachibowli
- SEBI rules violated, facts concealed, says Harish Rao in formal letter



**TPN Correspondent | Telangana**

Former Minister and senior BRS leader T. Harish Rao has lodged a serious complaint with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), accusing the Revanth Reddy-led Telangana government of violating SEBI norms and committing large-scale financial fraud in raising loans by mortgaging forest land. In a formal letter to the SEBI Chairman, Harish Rao alleged that the government mortgaged 400 acres of forest-identified land in Kanche Gachibowli—as classified by the Supreme Court-appointed Central Empowered Committee (CEC)—to raise loans amounting to ₹10,000 crore through the Telangana Government Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (TGIIC). He noted that the Supreme Court had earlier strongly criticised the Telangana government for destroying forest land, warning that officials responsible would face jail time. “Despite this, the same land has now been mortgaged by hiding facts, which is a violation of multiple SEBI regulations,” Harish Rao wrote. He further stated that TGIIC, which earns less than ₹150 crore annually, has no repayment capacity for the thousands of crores raised, which reflects financial recklessness and lack of transparency. “TGIIC has been turned into a public company, but there is no clarity if SEBI’s listing norms and procedures were followed,” he added. The letter also revealed that ₹169.83 crore was paid as brokerage to intermediaries for securing the loans, raising further questions about the process and intent behind the transactions.

**Key SEBI Violations Alleged by Harish Rao:**

1. SEBI (Prohibition of Fraudulent and Unfair Trade Practices) Regulations, 2003 – Misrepresentation and concealment of material facts.
  2. SEBI (Issue and Listing of Non-Convertible Securities) Regulations, 2021 – Misleading SEBI with false documents and asset disclosures.
  3. SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 – Failure to disclose structural and financial details of TGIIC.
  4. SEBI (Merchant Bankers) Regulations, 1992 – Intermediaries failed to exercise due diligence.
  5. Section 11(2)(i) of the SEBI Act, 1992 – Dissemination of false information and fraudulent transactions.
  6. Section 4(2)(e) of SEBI (LODR), 2015 – Hiding material facts from investors.
  7. Companies Act, 2013 (Sections 13 & 14) – No due procedure followed while converting TGIIC from a private to public entity.
  8. Sections 15A & 15HA of SEBI Act – Non-disclosure of financial position and debt repayment capacity.
- Harish Rao urged SEBI to initiate a comprehensive investigation into the alleged fraud and take necessary action against those involved in mortgaging public forest wealth for financial gain. He called the act not just a financial irregularity but a violation of environmental and investor trust laws.

# BRS Questions Revanth Reddy Over Neglect of Ranga Reddy Farmers



**TPN Correspondent | Ranga Reddy**

BRS leader Pattolla Karthik Reddy and BRS Vidhyarthi President Gellu Srinivas Yadav launched a strong attack on Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, alleging complete neglect of the joint Ranga Reddy district. Speaking at a press meet held at Telangana Bhavan, they accused the Congress government of turning a blind eye to the farmers of this high-income region. They questioned whether the Chief Minister even acknowledges the existence of the joint Ranga Reddy district, stating, “Is Ranga Reddy being ignored just because Congress failed to win votes or seats here?” They reminded that the joint district ranks second only to Gurgaon’s district in Haryana in per capita income and is among the top five income-generating districts in the country. Karthik Reddy criticized the non-disbursement of Rythu Bharosa (Rythu Bandhu) funds to farmers in the region and sarcastically called it “Rythu Bandhe”. He warned that if the funds are not credited into the accounts of Ranga Reddy farmers within a week, he would go on a hunger strike un-

til death. He said, “Helping farmers is not charity; it is their right. KCR treated it like a mother’s love, but Revanth Reddy is acting like a stepmother.” They also raised concerns over the lack of political representation for the district, questioning why no leaders from Ranga Reddy have been given cabinet berths. “Is Congress even interested in our votes?” they asked, while accusing the CM of ignoring even basic road development in his own constituency. The leaders strongly condemned the government’s handling of the Triple One Jivo issue, alleging betrayal of farmers, and criticized what they called superficial celebrations over farm aid disbursement. “No one in the villages is happy, no one is celebrating. The government is acquiring lands in Ranga Reddy, but where is the support for farmers in return?” they asked. BRS leaders Ramu Yadav and Venkatesh also participated in the press conference, expressing similar concerns and stating that Congress will face the consequences in the upcoming elections.



# GHMC Panel Clears 32 Proposals

Focus on 2BHK works, LED lights, CSR beautification

- STP works shifted to new agencies under 2BHK project
- LED streetlight contract to be retendered or renewed
- ₹5.98 Cr stormwater drain work approved in LB Nagar

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

The GHMC Standing Committee meeting held on Thursday under Mayor Gadwal Vijayalakshmi approved 22 regular items and 10 table items related to urban infrastructure, lighting, housing, and beautification. Key proposals included the termination of a failed STP contract under the 2BHK scheme, a new CSR-based beautification initiative at Somajiguda, and deliberation on whether to renew the EESL contract or invite fresh tenders for LED streetlight operations. Commissioner R.V. Karnan, Standing Committee members, and zonal-level officials attended the meeting held at the Command Control Room. The GHMC Standing Committee meeting chaired by Mayor Gadwal Vijayalakshmi approved several key proposals



on Thursday. Among the major approvals was the lease extension of SBI's Tank Bund branch office located at the GHMC headquarters for a period of three years. The committee also granted administrative sanction for ₹5.98 crore to construct a RCC stormwater drain from LB Nagar Crossroad to Priyadarshini Park, aimed at addressing long-standing drainage issues in the area. In an urban beautification effort, the committee approved an MoU with Malabar Royal Designs under the CSR initiative to maintain and beautify the area beneath the Somajiguda flyover. Further, GHMC sanctioned the purchase of ArcGIS logins worth ₹77.88 lakh to aid in the digital surveying and mapping of city assets using 150 mobile

field workers. Regarding the 2BHK housing scheme, the contract with Suryodaya Infra Projects was terminated for failure to complete 14 STP works, and a penalty of ₹5 lakh was imposed. The remaining STP works were handed over to Sri Krishna Enviro Engineers (60%) and Jai Shri Ram Infra Projects (40%) without inviting new tenders, under special contract provisions to ensure timely completion. The committee also discussed options for the future of LED streetlight maintenance—either by renewing the contract with EESL under revised terms or by floating fresh tenders to select a new agency through a competitive process. Standing Committee members included Bonthu Sridevi, Banothu Sujatha, Sameena Begum, Mohammed Salim, and others. Senior officials like Anurag Jayanthi, Apoorva Chauhan, Bhaskar Reddy also took part. Mayor Vijayalakshmi noted the meeting focused on speedy implementation and transparency in all development projects.

## First BC Artisans' Expo Receives Praise from Leaders

Exhibition aims to empower BC artisans through employment opportunities

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

The BC Welfare Department organized its first-ever exhibition showcasing products made by BC (Backward Class) artisans, drawing appreciation from senior government officials, political leaders, and community representatives. Held today, the exhibition aimed to promote self-reliance and employment among traditional BC artisans by providing a platform to display and sell their handmade goods. Leaders from various political parties and BC associations visited the stalls and praised the government's initiative. BJP MLA Raja Singh, Congress Vice President and former minister K. Push-



palila, Intelligence DIG B. Sumati, IPS, BC Welfare Department Additional Director Padma, former BC Commission Chairman BS Ramulu, and Mahila Congress General Secretary Chintala Nirmala Reddy were among the notable

visitors who extended their support. Officials commended the initiative for reviving traditional occupations and providing economic support to artisans from BC communities. "This exhibition is a positive step toward empowering BC artisans and creating employment opportunities for them," said one of the dignitaries. The BC Welfare Department has announced plans to conduct similar exhibitions in other districts to further support artisans and connect them to wider markets.

## Theft Foiled, ₹17 Lakh Recovered Swiftly by Domalguda Police

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In a swift and effective operation, the Domalguda Police cracked a theft case within hours and recovered the entire stolen amount of ₹17 lakh. The accused, a collection boy employed with a chit fund company, had faked a road accident in an attempt to steal the cash collected from a client. The recovery included the full amount, two mobile phones, and a two-wheeler used in the crime. According to police, the incident occurred on June 25 when Jethin Raj Yadav (21), a collection boy working for Manbhavana Chit Fund Pvt. Ltd., was sent to collect ₹17 lakh from a client in Jubilee Hills. After receiving the money, he reportedly informed his employer that he was on his way back but failed to return. Hours later, his phone was switched off. His family then informed the employer that he had met with an



accident at Tank Bund and the money was missing. However, upon investigation, police found discrepancies in Jethin's statements. CCTV footage and field enquiries revealed that no theft had occurred, and the story of an accident was fabricated. In reality, Jethin had handed the money over to his friend Souda Abhilash (18), who acted as his accomplice. Police recovered ₹14.5 lakh from Jethin's house and another ₹2.5 lakh from Abhilash, totaling the full stolen

amount. The duo was arrested at 4:00 AM on June 26. Police also seized two mobile phones and a Burgman two-wheeler (Reg No: TS-13ES-2332) used in the crime. The case was registered under Crime No. 204/2025 U/Sec. 303(2) BNS at Domalguda Police Station. The operation was led under the supervision of Sri B. Anand, Addl. DCP, Sri A. Yadagiri, ACP Gandhi Nagar, and SHO D. Srinivasa Reddy, along with the Central Zone Task Force. Their prompt action and coordination led to full recovery within two hours, drawing appreciation from the Commissioner of Police, Hyderabad. Deputy Commissioner of Police (Central Zone), K Shilpa Valli, IPS, urged citizens, especially business owners dealing in cash, to be cautious while assigning such tasks and to conduct thorough background checks before hiring employees.

## ACB Raids in Uppal and Tirumalagiri RTA Offices

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The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) launched simultaneous raids on the Regional Transport Authority (RTA) offices in Uppal and Tirumalagiri on Thursday, following allegations of widespread corruption involving officials and private agents. According to sources, the ACB received numerous complaints about illegal activities and bribe-based transactions taking place between RTA officers and agents. Acting swiftly, two ACB teams were deployed to conduct searches at both offices at the same time. As part of the operation, 10 key agents were arrested based on preliminary evidence and confessions. The raids are being led

by senior ACB officers, who have secured the premises, allowing only staff inside while inspections continue. The officials are thoroughly examining files, records, and digital devices that may reveal financial irregularities or proof of agent-officer collusion. The raids are expected to continue into the night, with more arrests and revelations likely. This crackdown comes in light of ongoing efforts to curb corruption in public service offices, particularly in departments that deal with high-volume public interactions like vehicle registrations, licenses, and permits. Further details are awaited as ACB teams continue their investigation.

## IT Employee Ends Life in Miyapur

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

A tragic incident unfolded in Miyapur as a 30-year-old IT employee allegedly died by suicide due to emotional distress related to his upcoming marriage. The incident took place in Hafizpet under the Miyapur police station limits late last night. The deceased, Anil Amit Chauda, had been residing with his parents at Lakshmi Priya's residence in Hafizpet and was employed in a software company in the city. According to reports, Anil had recently gotten engaged and was preparing for his wedding scheduled for November. On Wednesday night, Anil reportedly locked himself in his



room and did not respond to any calls or knocks the next morning. Growing concerned, his parents broke open the door only to find him hanging from the ceiling fan. They immediately informed the Miyapur police, who arrived at the spot and initiated a preliminary investigation. The body has been shifted to Gandhi Hospital for postmortem. According to the family, Anil appeared somewhat disappointed or stressed regarding his upcoming marriage, though no note was found. The police have registered a case and are continuing the investigation to ascertain the exact cause behind this tragic act.

## Notorious Burglar 'Sunil Shetty' Apprehended in Hyderabad

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

The Bandlaguda police, under the supervision of DCP Sri S. Chaitanya Kumar (South East Zone) and ACP Chandrayangutta, successfully apprehended a notorious habitual house burglar, Mohammed Saleem, also known as Sunil Shetty, on May 26, 2025, at Bandlaguda X Roads. Saleem, 51, a wall painter by profession, is a resident of Falaknuma and has a long criminal history dating back to 1991. Police recovered gold ornaments weighing 35 grams, including necklaces, earrings, and rings, worth about ₹70,000, from two house burglary cases reported under Crime Nos. 197/2025 and 198/2025 at Bandlaguda Police Station. According to police, Saleem is known by his alias "Sunil Shetty" and is infamous in the old city for targeting middle and lower-middle-class Muslim households. His method involves loitering at night until around 4 a.m., scouting for locked homes, and entering through open rooftops—common in old city architecture—without disturbing the front doors. Once inside, he uses

household items like spoons to break locks and loot valuables. This stealth technique often deceives patrol teams, who find no external signs of break-in. Saleem has been arrested 25 times and is listed as a Category Dangerous Criminal (CDC) at Falaknuma PS. After his release from jail in May 2025, he resumed his criminal activity, committing two thefts in quick succession. He reportedly uses the stolen money for lavish personal trips and entertainment, including helicopter rides and visits to Bollywood star Sunil Shetty's house—whom he idolizes. Saleem's operations are mostly restricted to the old city areas, particularly within the jurisdictions of Chandrayangutta, Falaknuma, Kalapather, Kanchanbagh, and Bandlaguda police stations, areas he knows intimately. He has now been remanded to judicial custody, and police have credited the arrest to Inspector Bandlaguda and his team, with guidance from ACP Chandrayangutta and DCP South East Zone.

## Jewellery Shop Collection Agent Held

Rs. 6.42 lakh cash seized by Task Force and Shahalibanda Police

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

The Commissioner's Task Force, South Zone Team, Hyderabad, along with Shahalibanda Police, arrested one person for misappropriating ₹7 lakh collected from various jewellery shops in Siddiambazar. The accused, Mohd Afsar (45), a

resident of Falaknuma and a collection agent at Dhanraj Jewellery, failed to remit the collected amount and instead absconded with it. According to officials, Afsar has been working at the jewellery shop in Shahalibanda for the past five years. On the day of the incident, he col-

lected money as usual from multiple jewellery shops but did not return to deposit it. Instead, he used part of the amount to settle personal debts and for other expenditures. Based on credible information, the Task Force and Shahalibanda Police conducted an operation

and apprehended Afsar, recovering ₹6.42 lakh in cash from his possession. He was handed over to Shahalibanda Police for further investigation. A case has been registered under Crime No. 93/2025 U/s 316(4) BNS, and further inquiries are underway. The arrest was made under the supervision of Sri S. Raghavendra, Inspector of Police, South Zone, along with Sub-Inspectors N. Naveen, M. Mahesh, Samiuz Zama and the Task Force staff in coordination with Shahalibanda Police.



## Etala Offers First Bonam at Golconda Temple

Bonalu festival reflects Telangana’s cultural pride, says MP Etala Rajender

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

Telangana BJP MP Shri Etala Rajender participated in the grand Bonalu festivities at the historic Golconda Fort and offered the first Bonam to Sri Jagadambika Ammavaru on the occasion of the Ashadha Bonalu festival. The MP also performed special pujas and extended festive greetings to the people of Telangana. Speaking on the occasion, Etala Rajender described Bonalu as a vibrant expression of Telangana’s deep-rooted cultural and spiritual traditions. He highlighted that every year during the months of Ashadha and Shravan, devotees across the state offer Bonam—a traditional offering of rice, jaggery, and curd—to Goddess Ammavaru in hopes of divine blessings for health, prosperity, and protection.

“Bonalu is not just a ritual but a heartfelt expression of devotion, celebrated with faith in every village and basti. We pray for our children, our families, and for the well-being of the state,” he said.

He noted that the first Bonam offering to Jagadambika Ammavaru at Golconda Temple marks the official beginning of the festival season, also known locally as Lashkar Bonalu in Hyderabad. The temple procession, rich in mu-



sic, devotion, and traditional attire, drew a large number of devotees.

The MP also conveyed his best wishes for peace, unity, and collective prosperity in the state. He praised the organizers for preserving and promoting Telangana’s age-old Bonalu tradition and expressed heartfelt thanks to the Golconda Bonala Festival Committee.

“May the festival be celebrated with great pomp, devotion, and community spirit,” he added, while wishing good health and harmony to all.

Bonalu, now recognized as a state festival, continues to be a powerful symbol of Telangana’s devotion, cultural richness, and community unity.

## Crusher Dust Wreaks Havoc in Medchal Villages

Villagers say houses cracking and health deteriorating due to blasting

TPN Correspondent | Medchal

Widespread public concern erupted in Girmapur, Railapur, and Bandamadaram villages under Medchal mandal after locals complained that excessive dust and blasting from quarry and crusher operations were severely affecting their health and damaging their homes. Following these complaints, a team of officials including District Mining Officer Saidulu and Pollution Control Board Officer Swapna inspected the crusher machines and quarries operating in the region on Thursday.

The villagers stated that constant large-scale blasting by Rock Sand, Robo Sand, and Galaxy Sand units was causing deep cracks in their houses and exposing them to high levels of dust and noise pollution. “We are living in dust from morning to night. The air is thick, food gets spoiled, and dust settles on utensils. The elderly and children are falling sick,” one of the residents said.

Residents also highlighted the danger posed by overloaded tippers, claiming that while only 20 tons should be transported, trucks often carry up to 40 tons of gravel and dust. “Gravel falls onto the roads causing accidents. The blasting noise is deafening. Roofs are shaking,



walls are cracking,” a villager explained.

The officials who conducted the inspection visited homes, crusher plants, and the surrounding quarries. They acknowledged the residents’ concerns and are expected to submit a report to higher authorities. The locals, however, say they’ve raised this issue repeatedly without proper redressal. They are now demanding urgent intervention to regulate blasting and pollution levels, warning that continued inaction could lead to irreversible health and environmental damage.

Many residents have expressed fear that if no measures are taken immediately, their villages may become uninhabitable.

## Surveyor Tejeshwar Murder Case Solved: Wife, Lover Among 8 Arrested

TPN Correspondent | Jogulamba Gadwal

The Jogulamba Gadwal district police have cracked the sensational murder case of Tejeshwar, a surveyor who was recently married and went missing earlier this month. In a shocking revelation, police confirmed that Tejeshwar’s wife Aishwarya and her lover Tirumala Rao were the masterminds behind the murder, allegedly carried out through a supari gang. Eight accused have been arrested and sent to remand. District SP T. Srinivas Rao revealed the details during a press meet on Thursday, stating that police seized key evidence, including a car used in the crime, two red machetes, a knife, ₹1.20 lakh in cash, ten mobile phones, and a GPS tracker.

Tejeshwar had gone missing on June 17, prompting his brother to file a complaint at the Gadwal Town Police Station. Police traced CCTV footage and found that Tejeshwar had been taken away in a car by known individuals. Based on this, SP Srinivas Rao directed the formation of special teams, which quickly uncovered the murder plot. The accused in the sensational Tejeshwar murder case include Tirumala Rao (A1), a bank manager at CANFIN Home Loan Ltd in Kurnool, and Aishwarya (A2), the wife of the deceased. Others involved are Kummari Nagesh (A3), a businessman; Parasuramu (A4), a driver; Chakali Raju (A5), a tiles worker; Mohan (A6), a mason; Tirupathayya (A7), a real estate agent; and Sujatha (A8), a sweeper and mother of Aishwarya. Police confirmed that this



group conspired and executed the murder of Tejeshwar using a supari gang, citing his alleged interference in Aishwarya and Tirumala Rao’s illicit relationship. According to the police, Tirumala Rao and Aishwarya were involved in an illicit affair. After Aishwarya was engaged and later married to Tejeshwar in December, it became difficult for the duo to continue their relationship. To eliminate Tejeshwar, they contacted supari gang members through acquaintances.

Tirumala Rao, who met Sujatha while processing her housing loan, developed a relationship with her daughter Aishwarya. He shared Tejeshwar’s phone number with the accused Nagesh and got him to befriend the victim under the pretense of a land survey. After gaining his trust, the gang abducted and murdered Tejeshwar.

Thanks to swift action and co-ordinated efforts by the Gadwal Town, Rural, and Gattu police, the crime was solved in a short time. The police continue to investigate the full financial and digital trail associated with the murder.

SP Srinivas Rao appreciated the efforts of DSP Y. Mogilayya and Inspector Tanguturi Srinu and their teams for effectively solving a case that had sent shockwaves across both Telugu states.

## Bhadrachalam Temple Hundi Sees Nearly ₹2 Crore Collection in 52 Days

Significant increase in foreign currency offerings

TPN Correspondent | Bhadradri Kothagudem

The famed Sri Seetharamachandra Swamy Temple in Bhadrachalam has witnessed a significant surge in its hundi income over the last 52 days, reflecting the high influx of devotees and tourists during the summer vacation.

According to temple officials, the hundi collection for this period amounted to ₹1,97,79,049 (one crore, ninety-seven lakh, seventy-nine thousand and forty-nine rupees). In addition to the cash offerings, devotees contributed 65 grams of gold and 1,500 grams of silver. Officials also noted a notable rise in foreign currency contributions, indicating the participation of international devotees and NRIs in the offerings.



Temple authorities attributed the increase in donations to the large number of devotees who visited the temple during the summer holidays. The footfall included both local pilgrims and visitors from across the country, many of whom offered their respects to the deity with monetary gifts and ornaments. Officials added that the total value of offerings, including the foreign currencies

and ornaments, is nearing ₹2 crore — a remarkable figure for a 52-day span. The Sri Seetharamachandra Swamy Temple, located in the Bhadradri Kothagudem district, is one of the most revered shrines in Telangana, drawing thousands of visitors throughout the year. With this latest hundi count, the temple continues to stand as a testament to unwavering faith and devotion.

## Study with Passion, Not Pressure: Radhika Gupta

Additional Collector visits schools, Anganwadi centers in Thumukunta and Devrayanjali

TPN Correspondent | Medchal-Malkajgiri

Students should pursue their goals with passion rather than seeing studies as a burden, said Additional Collector Radhika Gupta. She emphasized the importance of setting clear goals early in life and working towards them with dedication and interest to achieve success. On Thursday, Radhika Gupta visited the Mandal Parishad Primary School and Zilla Parishad High School in Thumukunta and Devrayanjali. During her inspection, she reviewed classroom conditions, checked on student attendance, and inquired about the distribution of uniforms, textbooks, and notebooks. She urged students to listen attentively in class and revise their lessons regularly.

The Additional Collector also visited the local Anganwadi center. She assessed the attendance of children and instructed of-



ficials to ensure regular supply of the nutritious food provided by the government. She further directed them to identify pregnant women in the area and provide them with essential nutrition support including rice and milk.

As part of the same visit, Radhika Gupta also participated in the Nasha Mukta Bharat rally to raise awareness about a drug-free society.

Thumukunta Municipal Commissioner Venkata Gopal, DEO Vijayakumari, Municipal DE Sunitha, Medchal CDPO Saradha, and other concerned officials accompanied her during the visit.

## Tenders Invited for Printing Workbooks for Tribal Students

Over 30 lakh pages to be printed for 13,206 students in tribal schools

TPN Correspondent | Bhadrachalam

To strengthen foundational education and enhance the skills of tribal children, the Integrated Tribal Development Agency (ITDA) Bhadrachalam has invited short-term tenders for the printing and supply of “Uddipakam Workbook-2” for students from Class 1 to Class 7 studying in tribal primary and ashram schools across Bhadradri Kothagudem and Khammam districts.

In a statement released on Wednesday, ITDA Project Officer B. Rahul informed that a total of 30,89,784 pages will need to be printed and supplied for approximately 13,206 students enrolled in these schools.

Interested printing presses in Bhadradri Kothagudem and Khammam districts are encouraged to collect the short-term tender forms from the DD (TW) Office, ITDA, Bhadrachalam. The forms can be obtained by paying the prescribed fee via demand draft.

The last date for submission of completed tender forms is 28th June 2025 by 4:00 PM. The tenders will be opened and processed the same day at 5:00 PM in the ITDA office, Bhadrachalam.

For further information, printing houses may contact the Deputy Director (General Inspection & Supervision Department), ITDA Bhadrachalam through the office phone numbers: 9701315526 and 9182861609.

## ASP Warns of Strict Action Against Ganja, Drug Offenders

Midnight surprise checks conducted in Bhadrachalam town to curb anti-social activities

TPN Correspondent | Bhadradri Kothagudem

Bhadrachalam ASP Vikrant Kumar Singh IPS has issued a stern warning to those engaging in anti-social activities, stating that strict action will be taken against anyone causing trouble to the public through substance abuse or criminal behavior.

In a statement released on Thursday, the ASP revealed that it has come to the police department’s attention that

some youth in Bhadrachalam town and its surrounding areas are indulging in intoxicants like ganja, alcohol, and drugs, disturbing the peace of the general public.

To tackle this issue, ASP Vikrant Kumar Singh announced that the police will now carry out frequent surprise checks in all suspicious areas and known ganja hotspots within Bhadrachalam. He also said that vehicle checks will be conducted both day and night to pre-

vent the transportation of banned substances through the town.

As part of this intensified vigilance, the ASP conducted extensive midnight inspections in various parts of Bhadrachalam town on the night of 25.06.2025. These surprise inspections are expected to become a regular exercise.

He also appealed to the public to cooperate with the police and urged them to report any information about individuals involved in consuming or trans-

porting ganja or other illegal substances in the surrounding areas.

“We will not tolerate any activity that disturbs the safety and peace of the public. Our goal is to make Bhadrachalam a drug-free and safe town,” the ASP added.

The police department reiterated its commitment to public safety and warned that strong legal action will be taken against those found guilty of violating the law.



# 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 portfolio,

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.

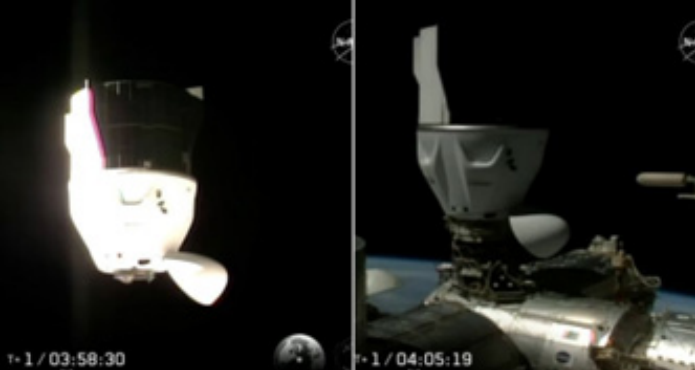
The tariff cuts will benefit all major consumer categories—domestic, industrial, and commercial. Notably, about 70% of electricity users in the state who consume under 100 units per month will see the maximum benefit, enjoying a 10% cut immediately.

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



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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

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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

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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



TPN Correspondent | Iran

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.**

That actually works.”

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.

## 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.



## 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.

## 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 Nidhi 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.