



IS THIS POSSIBLE CM SIR...?

CM Naidu wished to eradicate Ganja, Drugs

He has warned in a roaring manner	But, in reality, there is no proper strategy	Not dismantling Ganja cultivation at source itself, how can we prevent the distribution	Schools, Colleges have become hubs for ganja, drugs
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Not only urban, rural areas have also affected badly

Pan shops have also become selling points	EAGLE team formed, but no rights, no power to them	No funds allocated for EAGLE exclusively	Even there are no proper vehicles for them
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Curbing ganja and drugs in the state and bulldozing whoever comes in the way—whether it is possible or not—is now a debatable point. The Chief Minister, Mr. Nara Chandrababu Naidu, has roared against ganja and drug usage in the state and warned those involved in this dirty business. Moreover, he stated that he will crush anybody who tries to stop the government from eliminating ganja and drug distribution. The motive of the Chief Minister—his desires and vision—are undoubtedly good. But what about the ground-level reality? Is there a situation where this can actually be done? Yes, it can be. But this should not be limited to issuing statements and passing orders to officials or the police. It should be executed in a way that genuinely curbs ganja and drug distribution. “No hard work, only smart work” is the slogan being promoted by the Chief Minister nowadays. The same logic must be applied to fight the spread and usage of ganja and drugs. First, we must assess the ground reality. Just like in the past, ganja and drug distribution continues even today. The

only difference is that, unlike the previous regime, political intervention is relatively less now. However, in certain areas, some politicians are allegedly still involved in this illegal business. The source of ganja lies in agency areas like Araku, Odisha, Polavaram, and others. In those areas, ganja cultivation is rampant. One official stated, “Mounting forces to catch the peddlers and searching likely selling points is not enough. We must first stop cultivation. We can destroy the crop at any time within its four-month growing period. With hundreds of acres under cultivation and lakhs of tonnes being produced, how can we prevent distribution without tackling this root issue? If we can curb Maoists in these agency areas, why not ganja too?” As for drugs, they are entering the state from places like Bengaluru, Delhi, and others. Many schools and colleges have become hubs for ganja and drugs. School children, teenagers, and adults are consuming them without hesitation. Addiction is ruining their lives. Disturbing stories are emerging from many families. Shockingly, rural areas are no different. In Vijayawada, even reputed university campuses are allegedly

becoming hotspots for drugs and ganja, which is alarming. In some places, even pan shops have been found selling ganja, as recently uncovered by police. An official observed, “As the YSRCP government supplied substandard liquor at high prices, the youth turned to ganja as a cheaper alternative. That’s why usage surged over the past five years. The COVID lockdown also escalated the problem.” The alliance government has now launched the EAGLE team to fight against ganja and drug distribution. But where are the funds for EAGLE? There are no proper vehicles—only old Disha vehicles have been repurposed. The team lacks legal authority and operational powers. On the ground, EAGLE’s existence is symbolic. They’ve been deployed in this war without weapons. The foremost measure should be to destroy ganja cultivation at its roots. Identify and dismantle distribution networks. The EAGLE team must be equipped with proper funding, exclusive powers, and a clear strategy. Many are now urging the Chief Minister to come out of the rosy picture and take real, impactful action. Only then will Mr. Naidu’s wishes be fulfilled.

Dharmana Looks Towards Janasena?

- Dharmana Prasada Rao reportedly distancing himself from YSRCP
- Speculation grows over possible switch to Janasena Party
- Political move may be focused on securing son’s future in politics

TPN | Rajasekhar

Srikakulam: Is senior YSRCP leader and former minister Dharmana Prasada Rao preparing to exit the party and make a political shift? That’s the question echoing through Uttarandhra political circles as reports suggest the veteran leader is increasingly disillusioned with YSRCP leadership and policies. A prominent figure in Andhra Pradesh politics,

Dharmana Prasada Rao has represented the Srikakulam constituency multiple times and is known for his deep political insight. During the Congress era, he held key portfolios and even opposed the bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh by passing resolutions against the formation of Telangana — a move that distanced him from the Congress party at the time.



Shortage Of Tahsildars Hits East Godavari Mandals

- 8 out of 19 mandals lack full-time Tahsildars
- Delays in land records, welfare schemes, and clearances

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East Godavari: Despite East Godavari’s progress in sectors like economy and infrastructure, a severe shortage of Tahsildars is crippling its grassroots administration. Out of the 19 mandals in the district, only 11 have posted Tahsildars, while the remaining 8 mandals—Rajahmundry Rural, Bikkavolu, Gokavaram, Peravali, Gopalapuram, Devarapalli, Nallajarla, and Kadiyam—are functioning without a full-time Mandal Revenue Officer (MRO). This glaring gap in the Revenue Department, one of the most crucial among the state’s 33 departments, has exposed the lack of seriousness among district-level officials and elected representatives. The continued functioning of these mandals under Deputy Tahsildars, who lack formal authority to take key decisions, is leading to a cascading administrative failure. Even though District Collector Prashanthi is working with

commitment to eradicate irregularities, her efforts are being undermined due to this vacuum in mandal leadership. From pending land records to delays in welfare schemes and certificates, the absence of Tahsildars is directly impacting farmers, poor families, and the rural population. **The core issues people are facing include:** Delays in basic services: Pensions, house permissions, and minority welfare applications are stuck. Ineffective file movement: Key decisions on hereditary land transfers, land distribution, and certificate issuance are on hold. Administrative paralysis: People are forced to go to courts or district offices for simple revenue services. Legal violations rising: In the absence of regular checks, illegal constructions and land encroachments are reportedly increasing.

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No Hasty Action Against Jagan: HC

- Court grants temporary relief in Singayya death case
- Police told not to act aggressively
- Quash petitions filed by Jagan and YCP leaders
- Next hearing postponed to July 1

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In a significant development, the Andhra Pradesh High Court on Friday granted temporary relief to former Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy in the case related to the death of a man named Singayya in Palnadu district. The court directed the police not to take any hasty or aggressive action against Jagan and other accused until the next hearing. The directions came during the hearing on quash petitions filed by Jagan and several YSRCP leaders, including YV Subba Reddy, Perni Nani, Vidadala Rajani, his driver Ramana Reddy, and personal assistant Nageshwar Reddy. All the accused have sought the quashing of the FIRs registered against them in connection with the incident. The case stems from an incident that occurred during Jagan’s recent visit to Rentapalla village in Palnadu district. The police registered an FIR alleging that Singayya died after being hit by Jagan’s campaign vehicle. In response, Jagan and others approached the High Court seeking relief. Though a lunch motion petition was initially filed on Wednesday, the bench formally took up the case on Friday. The judge, while adjourning the matter to July 1, instructed the police to proceed cautiously and not to act hastily, considering the legal process underway. Earlier, Guntur SP Satish Kumar had confirmed that there was clear video evidence, including CCTV footage, drone visuals, and recordings from locals, showing that Singayya died after falling under the campaign vehicle. He stated that the FIR was filed only after verifying all such footage thoroughly.



MSMEs Should Embrace Tech, Expand Further: Minister Kondapalli Srinivas

- Andhra Pradesh to set up 175 MSME parks across all constituencies
- MoU signed with NSE to support MSMEs' IPO ambitions
- SHG credit linkage of ₹90,000 crore to boost rural employment

TPN Correspondent | Tirupati

State Minister for MSME, SERP, and NRI Empowerment & Relations Kondapalli Srinivas emphasized the need for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) to embrace technology and explore new opportunities for growth. Speaking at the World MSME Day 2025 celebrations held in Tirupati on Friday, he praised the vital role MSMEs play in the economic and employment landscape of the state.

The program, held at the local Taj Hotel, was attended by key figures including State Government Advisor S.P. Somanath, MSME Development Corporation Chairman Tammi Reddy Sivashankara Rao, District Collector Dr. S. Venkateswar, CEO M. Viswa, Tirupati MLA Arani Srinivasulu, Satyavedu MLA K. Adimulam, and former MLA Sugunamma. The minister congratulated all MSME representatives and praised the participants of the recent Reverse Buyer-Seller Meet. He called S.P. Somanath's keynote on this year's MSME Day theme — “Enhancing the Role of MSMEs for Sustainable Growth and Innovation” — both inspiring and valuable. Highlighting government initiatives, Minister Srinivas noted the signing of several Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs), particularly the agreement with the National Stock Exchange, which he said would help MSMEs move toward IPOs and new funding avenues. He



also acknowledged the enthusiastic support from the Tirupati district administration and local legislators. He said MSMEs form the backbone of India's economy — accounting for 30% of GDP, 45% of exports, and over 11 crore jobs. According to the 2024–25 Economic Survey of Andhra Pradesh, industries contribute 23.17% to the state's GVA, with MSMEs playing a pivotal role. Citing the creation of a dedicated ministry for MSME, SERP, and NRI relations as a landmark step by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, the minister said this unique model is unavailable in any other state. He emphasized the “One Family – One Entrepreneur” vision, aiming to connect rural livelihoods and NRI investments through MS-

MES and SHGs. To boost rural employment, ₹90,000 crore in SHG credit linkage will be transformed into productive, employment-generating activity. Minister Srinivas noted that some award-winning women entrepreneurs at the event came from SHGs, reflecting the impact of these initiatives. He outlined multiple schemes available for MSMEs, including IP services, skilling, and business development through the RAMP scheme, now being decentralized to the district level. District Collectors will be empowered to address local MSME needs, he said. The minister announced plans to establish one MSME park in each of the 175 assembly constituencies. These parks will reduce migra-

tion, lower costs, and promote rural industrial development. Some parks will focus on specific sectors — such as space-related industries near ISRO facilities. Both public and private stakeholders can collaborate in setting up MSME parks. Those with large plots of land can partner with the government to develop infrastructure, which will be made available to enterprises at subsidized rates. The government will support these efforts with subsidies like ₹5 lakh per acre, common effluent treatment plants (CETPs), and desalination facilities. Minister Srinivas concluded by reaffirming the government's commitment to nurturing MSMEs and positioning Andhra Pradesh as a national model in MSME-led inclusive growth.

Farmers to Receive ₹20,000 Annually Under Annadata Sukhibhava – PM Kisan Scheme

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Amaravati: The Andhra Pradesh government has rolled out the Annadata Sukhibhava – PM Kisan scheme, a flagship initiative under the state's Super Six program, aimed at providing financial support to farmers. According to Dilli Rao, IAS, Director of Agriculture, the scheme will offer ₹20,000 per year to eligible farmer families, combining ₹6,000 from the Central Government's PM-KISAN initiative with an additional ₹14,000 from the state government. The scheme targets a wide range of beneficiaries, including farmer families with cultivable land, those cultivating forest land, and landless tenant farmers from OC, BC, SC, and ST communities. Notably, landless farmers will receive the full ₹20,000 directly from the state budget. Dilli Rao announced that 47.77



lakh farmer families have been identified as eligible through data sourced from the Revenue Web-land Portal and the Forest Department's Giribhoomi Portal (up to May 2025). This data underwent rigorous village-level verification via the Annadata Sukhibhava portal, followed by state-level validation. To ensure seamless disbursal, 98% of beneficiaries have completed their e-KYC verification through Rythu Seva Kendras. However, approximately 61,000 farmers have yet to complete this process. Rao urged these farmers to resolve issues such as land ownership dis-

putes, Aadhaar linkage errors, or accounts linked to deceased persons by consulting local Revenue Officers. A grievance redressal module will soon be launched to address such concerns. For landless tenant farmers, eligibility requires obtaining a Tenant Identification Card and registering in the e-Crop system. Benefits for these farmers will be disbursed in two installments, in October and January, as in previous years. Farmers with D-patta lands, assigned lands, or inam lands are also included in the scheme. The Annadata Sukhibhava – PM Kisan scheme reflects the state's commitment to supporting its agricultural community, ensuring financial stability for both landowners and landless tenants. Farmers are encouraged to complete their e-KYC promptly to avail of the benefits without delay.

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Welfare schemes disrupted: Double bedroom schemes and ration card applications are pending, leaving many poor families out of the welfare net. This crisis is not merely an internal staffing issue; it is a clear threat to public trust and service delivery. People are repeatedly voicing their frustration, having to make multiple visits for simple problems without any resolution. The absence of a responsible officer has created a void in local governance, reducing the Tahsildar's office to a non-functional entity in many areas. “The current state of affairs is like running a train without an engine,” remarked a local resident, echoing the sentiment that mandal-level governance is now aimless. People and public representatives are demanding immediate intervention from the government. The public is urging the district administration to conduct an urgent review and fill these Tahsildar vacancies at the earliest.



T News Anchor Swetcha Dies by Suicide in Hyderabad

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In a tragic incident, T News Channel anchor Swetcha Votarkar died by suicide at her residence in Jawahar Nagar, Hyderabad. She reportedly attempted suicide earlier today and was rushed to the hospital, but doctors confirmed that she had already passed away by the time she was brought in. The incident has sent shockwaves across media circles, with colleagues and friends expressing deep shock over her sudden demise. The Chikkadapalli police, who were alerted immediately, reached the spot and have begun a thorough investigation into the circumstances surrounding her death. Police sources confirmed that the body has been shifted to Gandhi Hospital for post-mortem examination. The exact reasons for the suicide are still unknown, and authorities are examining all angles, including personal and professional aspects of her life. Swetcha was known for her energetic presence on screen and had worked for multiple media houses before joining T News. Further details are awaited as the investigation continues.

Dharmana Looks Towards...

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Although he initially criticized YSRCP leadership, Dharmana eventually joined the party, citing a lack of viable alternatives. He went on to win from Srikakulam in 2019 and served in Jagan Mohan Reddy's cabinet, holding the crucial revenue portfolio. Notably, he remained one of the strongest policy critics of TDP during his tenure. However, cracks began to show when his request to secure an MLA ticket for his son in the 2024 elections was reportedly denied by YSRCP chief Jagan. Disheartened, Dharmana contested without much enthusiasm and ultimately lost, attributed largely to the TDP-JSP-BJP alliance's strong wave. Since then, Dharmana has been distancing himself from party affairs, and sources suggest he is considering resigning from YSRCP altogether. Strong speculation is now building that he may be eyeing the Janase-na Party as a new political platform—possibly to safeguard his son's future in politics. Interestingly, his brother Dharmana Krishna Das continues to remain with the YSRCP, adding to the intrigue around Dharmana Prasada Rao's next political move.

AI4AndhraPolice 2025 Hackathon Begins in Guntur

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The Andhra Pradesh Police Department inaugurated the AI4AndhraPolice 2025 Hackathon in Guntur on Friday, marking a national first in leveraging Generative AI and Agentic AI for modern law enforcement. The event aims to reimagine policing through technology and innovation. The DGP recalled Andhra Pradesh's tech leadership in the past, citing how the state's eCOPS platform eventually became the national standard CCTNS. “Now, we stand at another inflection point, with AI at the heart of governance,” he said. The idea for the hackathon was conceived three months ago, during which time over 30 senior IPS officers collaborated with knowledge partner 4SightAI to define eight high-impact, real-world challenges. These include domains like productivity, intelligence, investigation, and cybersecurity. Over 160 teams applied, and 60 were selected,



comprising AI startups, corporate R&D units, and top student innovators. The selected teams will work for 36 hours to build deployable AI solutions. According to the DGP, “At least four use cases have potential applications beyond policing—in health, urban services, and trans-

port.” He noted the strong industry response, with experts calling the challenges some of the “most realistic public sector AI problems” they've seen in India. The IndiaAI division from MeitY has expressed interest in supporting outcomes from the hackathon through funding and national alignment. “This is no longer just a hackathon—it's a movement,” Gupta remarked. He confirmed that the department plans to present the results at platforms such as Global AI Summits, IEEE Police Tech Conferences, and IndiaAI Missions. The event also attracted attention from international AI communities, including Silicon Valley, as the challenges addressed here reflect global issues in civic tech and public safety. Gupta extended thanks to 4SightAI, their US-based knowledge partner, and RVR & JC College of Engineering, the event host. He concluded by thanking the Chief Minister and Home Minister for their visionary leadership.

DGP Harish Kumar Gupta says initiative is a model for AI-First governance

Addressing the gathering, Director General of Police Harish Kumar Gupta, IPS, said, “It is a proud moment for Andhra Pradesh to host this groundbreaking initiative. We are not just solving problems—we are building the future of policing.” He was joined by Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Nara Chandrababu Naidu and Hon'ble Home Minister Smt. Vangalapudi Anitha.





Minister Kolusu Parthasarathy Inspects Housing Projects in Pendurthi

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Housing Minister Kolusu Parthasarathy inspected the houses constructed by the previous government at Paidivada Agraharam in Pendurthi constituency. The Minister assured that the present government is committed to completing the remaining infrastructure works, including electricity, drinking water, and road connectivity, so that the beneficiaries can move in without hesitation. Speaking to the media during the inspection, Minister Parthasarathy said the government will work with full sincerity and transparency to ensure that no eligible family is left behind. He emphasized that the intention is not only to finish pending works but also to build confidence among the beneficiaries to live safely and with dignity in their allotted homes. Visakhapatnam District Parliament President and APOILFED Chairman and Pendurthi Constituency In-charge and former MLA Shri Gandhi Babji accompanied the Minister during the visit. He reiterated the government's commitment to people-centric development and said that all pending facilities will be completed at the earliest. The inspection reflects the government's renewed focus on speeding up housing development works and addressing the basic infrastructural gaps left incomplete by the previous administration.

All promises will be fulfilled in the first year of govt

- State GDP raised to 12.94%, district GDP surged to 16.94%
- Pensions, canteens, gas subsidies reaching people effectively



TPN | Narasimham

Parvathipuram Manyam: State Agriculture Minister and Parvathipuram Manyam District In-charge Minister Kinjarapu Atchennaaidu has said the government is fully committed to overcoming challenges and steering the district towards rapid development. Speaking at the inaugural "First Step Towards Good Governance" program held at the district collector's office on Friday, he outlined the government's achievements and future plans. The minister emphasized that under the leadership of Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, the government has shown clear direction in governance, bringing the state out of a dire financial condition left by the previous regime. "We came to power with the historic support of 165 MLAs, and every promise made in the manifesto is being implemented step by step," he said. Citing statistics, Atchennaaidu not-

ed that the state's GDP, which had fallen under the previous government, was restored to 12.94% in 2023-24. Notably, Parvathipuram Manyam district recorded an impressive 16.94% GDP growth, ranking second in the state. He congratulated local public representatives and officials for this achievement. He further stated that Rs 8,700 crore was deposited directly into the accounts of 67 lakh mothers under the "Thalliki Vandanam" scheme. Repealing the Land Tilling Act, providing 90% subsidy on farm mechanization tools, and offering MSP for horticultural crops were highlighted as key agricultural reforms. "For the first time, farmers are getting money within 24 hours of selling their produce," he added. In the social welfare sector, Atchennaaidu said the government is providing doorstep pensions on the 1st of every month, ranging from ₹4,000 to ₹15,000, benefiting 65 lakh people and costing ₹34,000 crore annually. He criticized the

previous government for neglecting Anna Canteens, stating that the present government reopened them across 200 locations, offering meals at ₹5. He also assured that three free gas cylinders per year are being distributed, with a new mechanism to credit cash in advance to help women avoid upfront payments. In education, the minister highlighted the district's top rank in Class X and Intermediate results and praised the success of the Shining Stars program. He mentioned the expansion of the mid-day meal scheme to intermediate students as another notable initiative. Recognizing the shortage of government staff in the district, the minister announced that officials would only be relieved after replacements join, ensuring continued administration with the existing 50% workforce. He expressed confidence that the district will advance even under current constraints.



We Are Committed to the Development of Nellore City

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Nellore: State Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister Dr. Ponguru Narayana reaffirmed the government's commitment to developing Nellore city through various progressive initiatives. On Friday morning, the minister flagged off a new sweeping mission vehicle in the 7th Division at Stone House Peta, aiming to strengthen sanitation and cleanliness in the city. Speaking on the occasion, Minister Narayana said that a sweeping vehicle worth ₹1.1 crore was handed over to the Nellore Municipal Corporation by the Swachh Andhra Corporation. With the addition of this new machine, the total number of sweeping vehicles in Nellore has now reached 28. "The goal is to eliminate manual sweeping on main roads and make Nellore a dust-free city within 49 days. These sweeping missions will play a vital role in achieving that," the minister said. He also assured that the number of these vehicles will be increased further based on requirement and extended to all municipalities across the state. Later, Minister Narayana visited BVS Municipal High School and interacted with school authorities. He assured the construction of additional classrooms to address the growing student strength and infrastructure needs. Municipal Commissioner Nandan, Health Officer Dr. Chaitanya, municipal staff, and local leaders were present at the program, reflecting the administration's active involvement in urban infrastructure and education development.

Chandrababu's Lies Deserve a Guinness Record: Sajjala



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YSR Congress Party State Coordinator Sajjala Ramakrishna Reddy launched a scathing attack on Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, stating that his "frauds and lies" are worthy of a place in the Guinness Book of World Records. Participating in the inauguration of the YSRCP office in Singanamala constituency on June 27, Sajjala addressed party cadre as part of the "Recalling Chandrababu's Manifesto" campaign. "This program is to remind Chandrababu of his deceit. He talks about creating wealth, but someone should teach him how to keep promises first. He makes false claims with ease and denies them just as easily. That is why within one year, people are opposing his government," Sajjala remarked. He alleged that the TDP-led government is using political vendetta to weaken the YSRCP, filing false cases and even registering attempted murder charges against their own victims. "When YSRCP was in power, we filed the skill development scam case against Chandrababu only after gathering full evidence. Unlike them, we did not resort to vindictive politics." Sajjala said it is shameful that Jagan was booked in the Singaiah death case, and termed it the "height of evil." He emphasized that the people of Sattenapalli came out in large numbers to support Jagan despite the threats. "The more they try to suppress him, the more he grows," he added. He also slammed the TDP for failing to implement any of its promises, accusing them

of running a government based on false propaganda and factional politics. "If there were a recall system in India, Chandrababu would've been sent home by now," Sajjala declared. He appealed to party ranks to confront TDP's door-to-door campaign and expose the "frauds" behind the manifesto. Several YSRCP leaders who participated in the program echoed similar sentiments: Former Minister Sailajanath said: "People still suspect the legitimacy of the TDP alliance's victory. It was made possible only through EVM manipulation. We are not afraid of Chandrababu's illegal cases. We'll throw Lokesh's Red Book away with our left foot." Former Minister Usha Sricharan questioned Pawan Kalyan's silence on issues of public concern, especially atrocities against Dalit and tribal women. "Doesn't he care?" she asked. YSRCP District President Anantha Venkatarameddy stated that if elections were held now, the YSRCP would win. "Farmers are not getting support prices under Chandrababu's rule. Only liquor traders are reaping benefits." MP and Regional Coordinator Mithun Reddy alleged that the TDP government is neglecting other districts while pumping funds into Amaravati. "The public anger is rising and surveys are already predicting the fall of this coalition." The YSRCP has vowed to continue its struggle as a constructive opposition and said it will ensure that every broken promise of Chandrababu is taken to the public.

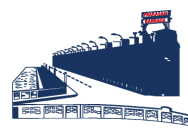
Chandrababu renaming Jagan's schemes to claim credit



TPN | Nagaraju

Rayachoti: YSRCP regional coordinator and former minister Peddireddy Ramachandra Reddy alleged that the TDP government led by Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu is deceiving people by renaming the schemes introduced by former CM YS Jagan Mohan Reddy and repackaging them as new promises. Speaking at the YSRCP district executive meeting in Rayachoti, chaired by District President Akepati Amarnath Reddy, Peddireddy criticized the Naidu government's "Super Six" initiative, stating that "if we talk about Super Six, they will cut off four fingers." Peddireddy claimed that several welfare schemes launched during YSRCP's tenure were being ignored or diluted, and that implementation of any benefits is happening only after public agitation. "The gas scheme for women is a lie. They say it's being distributed, but less than 30% have received it," he said. He also questioned the actual implementation of youth loans and women welfare programs. "Under Jagan, we gave ₹36,000 loans to unemployed youth and ₹18,000 to women. But this government is removing jobs and misleading the public," he said. He went on to allege that students are now being forced into employment guarantee schemes

due to the lack of fee reimbursement, education and hostel allowances, adding that illegal cases are being filed against those who question the government. Peddireddy mocked Chandrababu's governance by comparing it with the transparency of the previous YSRCP regime. "Scan a QR code and you'll know what Jagan did. But Chandrababu only gives empty promises," he added, accusing the CM of leading a dictatorial regime. "People are waiting to dethrone him," he said. Rajya Sabha MP Meda Raghunath Reddy echoed Peddireddy's views, saying 99% of welfare schemes were implemented by Jagan, but Chandrababu is tarnishing his image through "yellow media". He made a serious allegation that the current government is spending ₹1 lakh crore in bribes on the Amaravati project, while ignoring Rayalaseema and Uttarahndhra. He further criticized the TDP government for scrapping English medium education introduced by Jagan Mohan Reddy, claiming that it was done to benefit private chains like Narayana and Chaitanya institutions. MLAs Amarnath Reddy, Dwarkanath Reddy, former MLA Chintala Ramachandra Reddy, Madanapalle in-charge Nisara Ahmed, and former ZP Vice Chairman Sugavasi Balasubramaniam also participated in the meeting.



Tourism Push Begins In Vijayawada

CM flags off caravans, targets ₹2 lakh crore investments

- ₹10,039 crore worth MoUs to be signed
- New hotels planned in Vizag, Amaravati, Tirupati
- Baba Ramdev joins CM in caravan launch



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In a major step towards revitalizing Andhra Pradesh's tourism sector, Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu inaugurated the Andhra Pradesh Tourism Conclave in Vijayawada on Thursday. The

event was held with grandeur, aiming to attract massive investments of ₹2 lakh crore into the state's tourism ecosystem. As a symbolic beginning, CM Chandrababu Naidu, along with yoga guru Baba Ramdev, flagged

off specially designed tourism caravans that will offer modern travel experiences for tourists across the state. This move marks a fresh initiative to promote travel-based services and attract private investments.

The state government, treating tourism as a key driver of economic growth, has accorded industrial status to tourism projects. With this status, tourism ventures will now be eligible for the same incentives and subsidies as other industries, making Andhra Pradesh a more attractive destination for investors. As part of the conclave, the Andhra Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation (APTDC) is set to sign investment agreements worth ₹10,039 crore. These include projects such as the construction of premium hotels in Visakhapatnam, Amaravati, and Tirupati, aimed at upgrading the state's hospitality infrastructure. Tourism Minister Kandula Durgesh, Vijayawada MP Kesineni Shivanth (Chinni), and other dignitaries participated in the event. Industry stakeholders welcomed the state government's renewed focus and investor-friendly policies, expressing optimism about Andhra Pradesh becoming a top tourism destination in the near future.

AP Star Hotels Association Presents Key Suggestions to CM

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As part of the ongoing Andhra Pradesh Tourism Conclave Tech AI 2.0, a delegation from the AP Star Hotels Association met with Chief Minister Shri N. Chandrababu Naidu and presented several key suggestions to boost the tourism and hospitality sectors through policy reforms and technological integration. The delegation, which included prominent hospitality leaders such as Mr. Prabhu Kishore (Chairman, Novotel Varun Group), Mr. Gokarju Gangaraju (Chairman, Lemon Tree Premier), Mr. Rajaiah (MD, Taj Vivanta Vijayawada), Mr. Muttavarapu Murali Krishna (MD, Fortune Murali Park), and Mr. Sharan Vallur (MD, GRT Grand Vijayawada), was accompanied by Association President Mr. R.V. Swamy, General Secretary Mr. S. Murthy Chitturi, and Vice President Mr. Venkat.

In the presence of Tourism Minister Shri Kandula Durgesh, Special Chief Secretary Shri Ajay Jain IAS, APDCC Chairman Shri Nukala Balaji, and APTA CEO Miss Amrapali Kata, the group emphasized the need to apply industry status benefits—such as concessions on power, water, and property tax—not only to new hotels but also to existing star hotels operating in the state.

While acknowledging that investment subsidies should remain exclusive to new tourism projects, the association requested equal treatment in operational benefits across all hotels to maintain a level playing field and encourage reinvestment in quality and sustainability.

Another major recommendation was to reclassify hotels under the "green category" in environmental norms, moving away from the current "orange" or "red" categories, to reflect the eco-conscious practices adopted by the hospitality sector.

The Chief Minister and Tourism Minister responded positively, assuring that these recommendations would be carefully reviewed and addressed. The CM welcomed industry collaboration in strengthening Andhra Pradesh's tourism ecosystem.



Honda Promotes Road Safety Among Students in Vijayawada

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Honda Motorcycle and Scooter India (HMSI) conducted a major road safety awareness programme in Vijayawada on Friday, reaching over 2,300 students and staff from PM SHRI Kendriya Vidyalaya No.1 and No.2. The initiative aimed to instill responsible road behaviour among the younger generation through interactive and hands-on learning sessions.

Designed to engage students in an accessible and effective manner, the programme turned everyday school settings into platforms for learning traffic discipline, emphasizing helmet usage and the importance of following road rules.

The sessions were part of HMSI's nationwide road safety campaign, which has already impacted millions across India. In Andhra Pradesh, the company is expanding its efforts by partnering with educational institutions to cultivate early awareness among school children.

"Building road safety habits from a young age is essential for long-term behavioural change," an HMSI spokesperson said. The company's mission includes working with schools, colleges, and traffic departments to foster a safer commuting environment through continuous outreach and education.

With this event in Vijayawada, HMSI continues to strengthen its commitment to safer roads and community empowerment, forming the next generation of aware and responsible road users.



Dr. Vemuru Ravikumar Takes Charge as APNRTS President and Govt Advisor

Focus on NRI partnerships, global opportunities for Telugu youth

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Dr. Vemuru Ravikumar officially assumed charge as the Advisor to the Government of Andhra Pradesh and President of the Andhra Pradesh Non-Resident Telugu Society (APNRTS) on Friday. A special puja was performed at the APNRTS office in Tadepalli before he formally took office. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Ravikumar said the Society will work towards fulfilling Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu's vision of ensuring that Telugus are number one wherever they are in the world. Under the guidance of IT and Education Minister Nara Lokesh, APNRTS will strengthen its efforts to involve NRIs in the state's development and focus on transforming Telugu NRIs into global entrepreneurs. Dr. Ravikumar announced special plans to help students from Andhra Pradesh secure jobs abroad. "We will collaborate with the Skill Development Corporation to design specific training programs. We'll coordinate with AP government-appointed represen-

tatives across countries to achieve this," he said. A database of Telugu professionals in top positions worldwide will be created to mentor and support job seekers from the state. He also emphasized that the APNRTS will support NRI entrepreneurs by promoting exports and imports and help boost business potential among the diaspora. Cooperation from AP NRI Affairs Minister Kondapalli Srinivas and the experience of CEO Hemalatha Rani will be instrumental in expanding these initiatives, he added. Under Minister Lokesh's leadership, Dr. Ravikumar said efforts will be intensified to attract more NRI investments to Andhra Pradesh. The APNRTS will act as the primary platform for facilitating such investments. Plans are also underway to introduce special insurance packages to ensure the safety of NRIs and act as a link between them and insurance companies. In promoting Telugu culture globally, APNRTS will organize spiritual and cultural events such as



Srivari Kalyanams, Durgamma Pujas, and Srisaillam Mallanna Abhishekams in various countries. One of the flagship infrastructure projects, the ₹950 crore NRT Iconic Tower in Amaravati, will be completed within two years with NRI collaboration. Telugu Desam Party State President and Gajuwaka MLA Palla Srinivas Yadav, who attended the event, congratulated Dr. Ravikumar and expressed confidence in his leadership. He assured full support from both the govern-

ment and the party in achieving the goals of APNRTS. The event was attended by MLAs Nakka Ananda Babu and Inturi Nageswara Rao, MLC Alapati Rajendra Prasad, APSSDC Chairman Burugupalli Sessa Rao, AP Lidcap Chairman Pilli Manikyarao, AP Education Infrastructure Development Corporation Chairman Rajasekhara, APSSDC MD Ganesh Kumar, IAS, CEO Hemalatha Rani, TDP Polit Bureau Member Varla Ramaiah, and other dignitaries, NRI leaders, and Society members.

Plans for Mini Industrial Parks in Unguturu, Vijayawada Rural



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In an effort to promote industrial development in the Gannavaram constituency, Government Whip and Gannavaram MLA Yarlagadda Venkata Rao announced plans to set up mini industrial parks in

Unguturu and Vijayawada Rural mandals. He made this statement during the foundation stone laying ceremony for bronze statues of Mahatma Gandhi and Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao (NTR) at Gandhi and Bomma Centers in Ganna-

varam, in the presence of former MLAs Mulpuri Balakrishna Rao and Dr. Dasari Venkata Balavardhan Rao. Yarlagadda stated that suitable locations for industrial establishments have already been identified in both mandals. He plans to present the details to Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu to push forward the mini industrial park projects. Responding to the increasing demand, he added that a proposal has been prepared to acquire 470 acres of assigned land adjacent to Mallavalli Industrial Park for its expansion. Additionally, 49 acres of land have become available in Veerapanenigudem for industrial use. Focusing on infrastructure development, he mentioned plans to beautify the Gandhi Bomma Center, including road widening, central lighting, and relocation of former Prime Ministers' statues to nearby locations to ease traffic. He

also shared that the Gandhi statue, now in a dilapidated state, will be replaced with a new bronze statue funded by personal contributions and Rs. 4 lakh from Arya Vaishya Sangham. The NTR bronze statue will be installed with support from NTR Kalaparishat, which had previously installed the old statue in 2002. Expressing pride over the opportunity to honor two great leaders—Mahatma Gandhi, who led India to independence, and NTR, who elevated Telugu pride globally—he described it as a privilege. He criticized political attempts to misrepresent the government's policy of offering free soil from ponds for local agricultural and housing needs. He warned of strict action against illegal soil sales, already directing Tahsildars in four mandals accordingly. Concluding, he appealed to the public to support the development agenda for the welfare of Gannavaram.

Pond Soil Can Be Taken for Crops: Minister Savita

Only ₹3 per tractor charge, no restrictions for farmers

- ₹59 crore sanctioned for Penukonda water works
- ₹3.5 crore for canal jungle clearance

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In a major relief to farmers, Andhra Pradesh Minister for BC, EWS Welfare, Handlooms, and Textiles, S. Savita, announced that soil from ponds can now be transported to crop fields to serve as fertilizer, with only ₹3 charged per tractor load. She assured that no government official will obstruct this process. The Minister made these comments during a meeting with presidents, vice-presidents, and officials of irrigation associations from five mandals in

the Penukonda constituency. The meeting was held at her camp office on Friday. She said the initiative was part of the government's broader agenda to support agriculture and improve irrigation. Highlighting key development works in the region, Minister Savita revealed that ₹59 crore has been sanctioned—₹50 crore for the development of 26 ponds in the constituency and ₹3.5 crore for jungle clearance and soil excavation in irrigation canals. She mentioned that ₹50 lakh out of the jungle clearance fund has al-

ready been released, and minor GST-related hurdles would be resolved shortly to expedite the work. She emphasized that the coalition government under Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu is committed to farmer welfare. "From irrigation to drinking water supply, it is the TDP government that has taken the lead, even pioneering drip irrigation in the country," she asserted. Touching on other government initiatives, the Minister said the administration has launched several welfare and

development programs in just one year of governance. Pensions are now given on the first day of every month, Anna Canteens have been restarted, free sand and three gas cylinders are being provided to women, and village roads are being built under the "Palle Pandaga" initiative. She also highlighted that the controversial Land Act introduced during the previous YS-RCP regime has been repealed and new industries worth ₹1 lakh crore are being established across the state. Additional schemes such as free bus



travel for women (launching on August 15), Annadata Sukhibhava, and the Mothers' Greeting Scheme for families with multiple educated children are also in the pipeline. Minister Savita called upon TDP and alliance leaders to actively take these schemes to

the people. She stressed participation in the upcoming "Good Governance for Every Household" program, starting July 2, and urged grassroots leaders to ensure that every citizen is made aware of the benefits being rolled out by the coalition government.

Minister Subhash Holds Praja Darbar in Ramachandrapuram

People's problems are government's priority, says Labour Minister

TPN | K Govinda Raju
Ramachandrapuram: Andhra Pradesh Labour Minister Vasamsetty Subhash reiterated the government's commitment to public welfare, stating that resolving people's problems is a top priority for the coalition administration. He emphasized that in a democratic system, the people are the true lords, and the government must be accountable and responsive. The minister conducted a Praja Darbar (public grievance redressal meeting) at his camp office in Ramachandrapuram on Friday, where he personally received petitions from residents across various villages in the constituency. During the interaction, Minister Subhash assured the petitioners that their issues would be addressed swiftly and efficiently. He remarked that the coalition government, backed by the strong trust and support of the people, is working sincerely to fulfill its promises. "From Amaravati to every constituency, Praja Darbars are being organized to directly hear grievances from the public and take prompt action," he said. Subhash also highlighted that the purpose of these public meetings is not just to collect petitions, but to ensure timely resolution of problems without bureaucratic delays. He added that the government is determined to uphold the values of service and transparency in governance. Notably, the minister has also been engaged in social service



activities through the Satyam Vasamsetty Foundation, led by his father. Owing to his outreach and continuous efforts beyond the official realm, a large number of people turned up at the Darbar to seek help and submit petitions. Minister Subhash's public interaction initiative is being viewed as a proactive step in participatory governance, ensuring that the voices of ordinary citizens are heard directly by those in power.

Payyavula Keshav Spearheads Fast-Track Drinking Water Project

Water pipeline to benefit Uravakonda town and 7 villages nearing completion

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In a major push towards solving the drinking water problem in rural Andhra Pradesh, State Finance, Planning, Commercial Taxes, and Legislative Affairs Minister Payyavula Keshav has taken a special initiative to fast-track the implementation of a drinking water scheme for Uravakonda town and seven surrounding villages. Thanks to the minister's direct involvement, the pipeline works to provide safe drinking water from PABR Dam to Udiripikonda and from there to Uravakonda town have been completed. Officials have also successfully conducted a trial run, indicating that supply operations are ready to begin soon. As part of the scheme, filter beds are be-



ing set up at Nimbagallu village in Uravakonda mandal. Micro filters, which are crucial for water purification, have already arrived at the site. The project is being implemented under the close supervision of the concerned departments, acting on the instructions of Minister Keshav.

Soon after assuming office, Payyavula Keshav prioritized the long-pending demand for drinking water in the region. He swiftly facilitated the release of necessary funds and directed authorities to expedite construction activities. The project aims to ensure a consistent and clean water supply to Uravakonda and adjacent rural areas, which have long suffered from water shortages. Officials are now working on the final phase—installing the filter units and beginning full-scale operations. Once completed, this scheme is expected to significantly improve the quality of life for thousands of residents in Uravakonda and the surrounding seven villages.

Tuni Raja's Family Offers Saree to Goddess Thalupulamma

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Tuni: Continuing a cherished tradition, members of the Tuni Raja's family offered a saree to Goddess Thalupulamma on the first Friday of the auspicious Ashada month. This annual custom has been observed with devotion for several years, symbolizing the family's deep-rooted spiritual bond with the deity. On Friday, ESR V.V. Srinivasa Raju, Prithvi Raju, and Ramesh Raju, along with other family members, visited the Thalupulamma temple to perform the ritual. As per custom, a saree adorned with turmeric and

saffron was offered to the Goddess, seeking her blessings for peace and prosperity. Temple Executive Officer Penmatsa Vishwanath Raju warmly welcomed the Raja's family and facilitated the ceremonial offerings. Devotees and temple staff witnessed the sacred tradition with reverence. The offering of sarees during Ashada Fridays is believed to bring divine blessings, and the Raja family's participation each year adds spiritual significance and cultural continuity to the temple's traditions.

Srikalahasti Tribal Gurukul Students Excel in Hindi Language Exams

TPN | C Shekar
Tirupati: Students of the Andhra Pradesh Tribal Welfare Residential (APTWR) School in Srikalahasti have demonstrated outstanding performance in the Hindi language exams conducted by the Andhra Pradesh Hindi Prachar Sabha. The exam, held in February, saw results released on Tuesday, revealing a 100% pass rate among participating students. According to Principal Sri N. Nagewara Rao, a total of 73 students appeared for various levels of the exam including Pravesika (Entrance), Prathamik (First), Madhyama (Middle), and other advanced levels. All students passed with first-class distinction. Notably, six students — M. Yogitabai, R. Revathi, M. Sravani, M. Bhargavi, Archananjali Bai, and K. Pallavi — secured the highest marks in

the district in the Prathamik (First) level, each scoring 93%. B. Amrutha secured second place in the district in the "Best" exam with 90% marks. A felicitation ceremony was held to honor the students' achievements, where certificates were distributed in recognition of their success. Hindi teacher K. Vijayalakshmi was specially commended for her efforts, along with other teachers including Malleswari, Bhanumathi, Venu Naidu, Nagireddy, and Jayakumar. Tallapalli Mallikarjun Naidu, founder of the Hindi Prachar Sabha Srikalahasti Kendra, graced the occasion and, along with villagers and parents, congratulated Vijayalakshmi for her dedicated teaching. The event highlighted the growing academic excellence in tribal schools and the role of language education in empowering students from rural and tribal backgrounds.



Patanjali Plant In Vizianagaram Soon

Ramdev inspects site for mega industry in Kothavalasa
172 acres allotted in Chinaraopalli



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In a major boost to industrial growth in North Andhra, Patanjali Ayurved, led by renowned yoga guru Baba Ramdev, is all set to establish a massive manufacturing unit in Vizianagaram district. Baba Ramdev personally visited Chinaraopalli village in Kothavalasa mandal on Thursday and inspected the 172-acre site where the project will

come up. Addressing the media during his visit, Baba Ramdev revealed that Patanjali will invest hundreds of crores of rupees to set up this large-scale unit. The facility is expected to become a key hub for Ayurvedic and natural product manufacturing and will generate significant employment for the local population. "This project will not only create large-scale employment oppor-

tunities for locals but also contribute to the state's economic development," Baba Ramdev said, adding that detailed plans for the production center are already underway. He also showered praise on Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu, calling him a "visionary leader" whose proactive leadership and support have made this investment possible. Ramdev noted that the coopera-

tion from the state government is helping fast-track the ground-work for the project. The announcement has triggered widespread enthusiasm in the region. Locals are hopeful that this major industrial investment will bring new economic momentum to the backward North Andhra region, spurring direct and indirect employment and boosting the area's development potential.

Andhra Pradesh at the Crossroads: A Hidden Crisis of Sex Work, Trafficking, and Institutional Failure

Andhra Pradesh is facing a silent but deeply rooted humanitarian crisis. According to the NACO's Programmatic Mapping and Population Size Estimation (PMPSE) 2024, the state is home to 1.33 lakh female sex workers (FSWs)—a staggering 12% of India's total. It ranks second in the country for the density of sex work, with an average of 29 FSWs per hotspot, compared to the national average of just 8.

Behind these alarming numbers is a more dangerous trend: over 55% of sex work hotspots in the state are home-based, making the trade increasingly informal, invisible, and risky. These spaces are not just workplaces—they are homes, where children are raised amidst exploitation, violence, and the looming threat of second-generation trafficking.

In the districts of Krishna, Guntur, and Prakasam, where the NGO HELP operates, the crisis is especially stark. An estimated 35,000 women engaged in sex work support around 64,000 dependents, including thousands of vulnerable children. These children face a high risk of neglect, school dropout, child marriage, and eventual entry into the same exploitative systems their mothers endured.

Despite these urgent realities, the institutional response remains dismal.

Shelter Without Support

From 2019 to June 2023, the Department of Women Development & Child Welfare (DWDCW) reports that 2,737 survivors of trafficking were placed in shelter homes across Andhra Pradesh. This includes 2,265 in Ujjawala Homes, 447 in Swadhaar Homes, and 25 in NGO-run shelters. Yet, shelter does not guarantee recovery or justice.

Under G.O. Ms. No. 28, rescued victims are entitled to Rs. 20,000 in immediate relief. But a VIMUKTHI RTI investigation reveals that only 132 out of 2,737 (less than 5%) survivors received this benefit—despite being in state care. Worse, survivors often remain unaware of their rights, and shelter staff rarely assist them in accessing relief schemes.

The Victim Compensation Scheme, meant to financially rehabilitate survivors, paints an even grimmer picture. Between 2016 and 2022, 2890 victims of human trafficking were identified in Andhra Pradesh. However, only 5 applications for compensation were submitted—all from a single town: Machilipatnam in Krishna Dis-



trict. Even more shocking: none of the INR 12.14 crore allocated to the state's Legal Services Authorities for victim compensation during this period was disbursed to trafficking victims.

Institutional Failure & the Need for Alternatives

The state's dependence on institutional care models—through shelter homes—has consistently failed to reintegrate survivors. Of the 2,737 shelter residents, only 692 survivors applied for rehabilitation or welfare entitle-

ments. Out of them, just 592 survivors received support, indicating a success rate of only 22%.

This data exposes the structural shortcomings of shelter-based rehabilitation: limited outreach, poor legal aid, lack of psychological counseling, and most crucially, zero focus on economic independence and social reintegration.

What is urgently needed is a shift from institutional care to Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR). CBR offers a survivor-centered model grounded in dignity, autonomy, and inclusion. Internationally recognized and aligned with Indian law, including the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015, CBR approaches prioritize non-institutional care, such as foster care, adoption, cash transfers, and sponsorships.

These models not only reduce dependency on overburdened shelter systems but also support survivors in rebuilding their lives within communities—through education, employment, housing, and access to social security.

Time for Urgent Action

The figures are more than just statistics; they are a reflection of systemic apathy. In Andhra Pradesh, a woman rescued from trafficking has less than a 1 in 20 chance of receiving emergency relief. She has an even smaller chance of receiving compensation or long-term rehabilitation.

To change this trajectory, policymakers, civil society, and local communities must demand urgent reforms:

Streamline victim compensation and ensure proactive support from shelters.

Scale up CBR models with partnerships between government and grassroots organizations.

Monitor and evaluate shelter homes for survivor outcomes, not just occupancy.

Train shelter staff and legal aid teams on survivor rights and entitlements.

If Andhra Pradesh wants to shed its image as a trafficking hotspot, it must begin by recognizing the failures of its current system—and embracing models that truly empower survivors.

A Century Of Conflict: How Iran-Israel Relations Unravelled Over Time

The Iran-Israel conflict stands today as one of the most enduring and volatile rivalries in the Middle East. While current headlines portray a bitter enmity between the two nations, a deeper historical analysis reveals a complex and evolving relationship. From strategic cooperation before 1979 to ideological hostility, proxy wars, and now direct military confrontation, the trajectory of Iran-Israel relations reflects the broader shifts in regional and global politics.



Pre-1979: A Strategic but Fragile Alliance

Contrary to modern perceptions, Iran and Israel were once strategic partners. Under Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, Iran became one of the few Muslim-majority countries to recognize Israel, doing so in 1950. This alliance, driven not by ideological alignment but by shared geopolitical interests, thrived during the Cold War. Both nations opposed the rise of Arab nationalism, particularly under Egypt's Gamal Abdel Nasser. Iran provided Israel with oil during times of embargo, while both countries engaged in intelligence and military cooperation, including the "Trident" alliance with Turkey. This period demonstrated how mutual threats and pragmatic politics could bridge cultural and religious divides. However, the alliance was heavily dependent on the Shah's rule—a vulnerability that became apparent in 1979.

1979 Islamic Revolution: A Turning Point

The Islamic Revolution fundamentally reshaped Iran's domestic and foreign policy. The overthrow of the Shah and rise of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini brought an end to ties with Israel. Khomeini's anti-Zionist stance cast Israel as a symbol of Western imperialism and illegitimacy. Declaring Israel a "cancerous tumor," Iran adopted a confrontational stance, pledging support to Palestinian resistance and severing all diplomatic ties with Tel Aviv. The revolution established Iran's identity as a revolutionary Islamic state, which placed it on a collision course with Israel, whose security policies were based on neutralizing existential threats. This ideological rupture created a deep and enduring divide between the two states.

Proxy Warfare: Indirect Conflict

with Regional Impact

Rather than engaging in open war, Iran and Israel entered a prolonged phase of proxy conflict. Iran built a network of non-state actors—including Hezbollah in Lebanon, Hamas in Gaza, and Shia militias in Iraq and Syria—to project influence and harass Israel without direct confrontation. Hezbollah's role during the 2006 Lebanon War exemplified this approach. For its part, Israel used pre-emptive tactics and covert operations, such as the 2010 Stuxnet cyberattack on Iran's nuclear facilities and the 2020 assassination of nuclear scientist Mohsen Fakhrizadeh. This shadow war allowed both nations to wage a sustained campaign while avoiding all-out conflict—until recently.

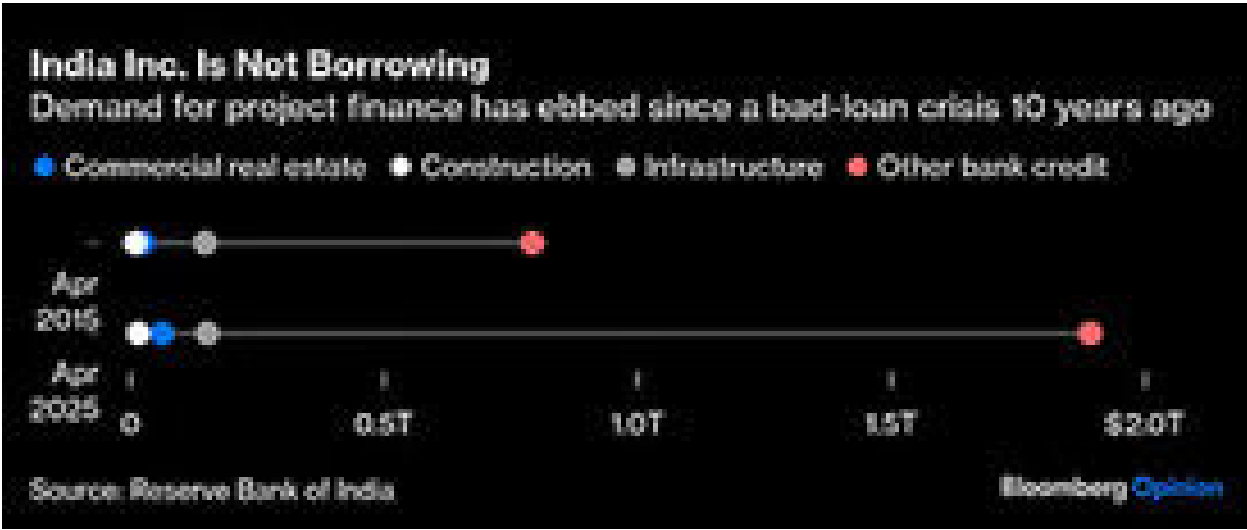
2020s: Escalation to Open Conflict

The strategic calculus shifted dramatically in the 2020s. In April 2024, Iran launched a massive drone and missile strike against Israel—the first direct attack since 1979—prompted by an Israeli strike on its consulate in Damascus. Israel responded forcefully, culminating in "Operation Rising Lion" in June 2025, which targeted Iranian military and nuclear sites. This new phase of open confrontation marks a departure from decades of proxy strategy, increasing the risk of regional escalation.

Conclusion: A Conflict Rooted in History

The Iran-Israel rivalry is not simply a product of ideology or religion—it is a historical narrative shaped by shifting alliances, regional ambitions, and global power dynamics. From allies to adversaries, the relationship reflects a broader struggle over the future of the Middle East. Understanding this evolution is critical, not just for policymakers, but for all who seek to comprehend the stakes of this ever-deepening conflict.

India's Investment Dilemma: Banks Are Ready to Lend, But Will Tycoons Borrow?



As India finds itself in a strategic position amid the US-China rivalry over trade and technology, the hope of becoming the world's next manufacturing hub is gaining momentum. With a workforce of over 600 million people, India theoretically has a strong foundation. However, to capitalize on this demographic advantage, the country needs a robust domestic investment push. Current data and investor sentiment, however, suggest a worrying lack of momentum.

Despite favorable monetary conditions, including a significant interest rate cut by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), private sector investment remains sluggish. Sanjay Malhotra, the newly appointed RBI Governor, has aggressively lowered the benchmark interest rate to 5.5% and injected liquidity into the financial system. He also introduced borrower-friendly measures such as easing lending norms for small-ticket loans and microcredit. Yet, these measures have failed to trigger a broader investment cycle.

The private sector's appetite for capital expenditure is at a three-year low. Banks' exposure to traditional infrastructure sectors—such as roads, power, telecommunications, ports, and real estate—has shrunk to just 11% of their total loan books, nearly half of what it was a decade ago. This suggests not a lack of credit availability, but a deeper crisis of confidence.

To mitigate risks and encourage lending to unfinished infrastructure projects, the RBI has adjusted provisioning norms, requiring banks to set aside 1-1.25% for under-construction projects, compared to earlier proposed levels of up to 5%. Once projects begin generating revenue, provisioning requirements fall to 0.4-1%. These relaxed rules aim to stimulate credit flow without burdening banks with excessive risk buffers. Still, without strong demand for capital, the impact may remain limited.



Analysts had earlier projected an \$800 billion investment wave over the next decade, driven by Indian conglomerates investing in emerging sectors like green hydrogen, renewable energy, aviation, electric vehicles, semiconductors, and data centers. These investments, along with the supporting infrastructure, could create a vibrant new asset base and generate sustained demand for financing. But this scenario hinges on the willingness of corporate leaders to take bold steps.

Among India's billionaires, only Gautam Adani appears undeterred, announcing plans to invest \$15-\$20 billion annually over the next five years, even as his conglomerate faces scrutiny from the U.S. Justice Department over alleged corruption. Other major industrialists are currently preoccupied with internal restructuring or legal challenges. Mukesh Ambani is focused on spinning off Reliance's retail and digital services units, while the Tata Group is entangled in operational and reputational issues surrounding Air India. Sajjan Jindal's JSW Steel is grappling with the legal fallout of a Supreme Court decision overturning a four-year-old acquisition.

The core issue isn't the supply of credit—it's the lack of confidence among India's corporate heavyweights to commit to long-gestation projects. Until that changes, the dream of India becoming a global industrial powerhouse will remain aspirational. For now, the banks are ready to lend. The question is: will the tycoons borrow?



PM Modi's Five-Nation Tour to Strengthen Ties with Global South

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will embark on a significant five-nation tour from July 2 to July 8, 2025, aimed at deepening India's engagement with the Global South and participating in the 17th BRICS Summit in Brazil. The tour includes visits to Ghana, Trinidad and Tobago, Argentina, Brazil, and Namibia, focusing on bilateral cooperation and multilateral diplomacy. The visit begins in Ghana on July 2-3, marking PM Modi's first-ever bilateral trip to the country and the first Indian prime ministerial visit in three decades. Discussions with Ghanaian leadership will focus on strengthening

ties in trade, energy, and defence. From July 3-4, PM Modi will be in Trinidad and Tobago, the first Indian PM to visit since 1999. He will meet President Christine Carla Kangaloo and Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar, and is scheduled to address a joint session of Parliament to bolster historic ties rooted in shared culture and diaspora connections. Next, the Prime Minister will travel to Argentina (July 4-5) for wide-ranging talks with President Javier Milei. The visit aims to boost cooperation in areas like agriculture, defence, mining, and energy. PM Modi will then head to Brazil (July

5-8) to attend the 17th BRICS Summit in Rio de Janeiro. Key topics include global governance reforms, AI, climate change, and economic issues. A state visit to Brasilia will follow, with meetings with President Lula da Silva to strengthen strategic partnerships. The final stop will be Namibia, where PM Modi will meet President Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah and address the Parliament, reaffirming India's commitment to historical and developmental ties. This multi-nation tour reflects India's commitment to global cooperation, South-South solidarity, and expanded international influence.

Looking At Strengthening Partnership With Canada: India

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Days after Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Canada and his meeting with newly elected Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney, India signaled its intent to strengthen bilateral ties with Ottawa across key sectors such as trade, energy, mobility, and education.

Addressing the media on Thursday, External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal stated, "We are looking forward to strengthening our partnership with Canada in several respects—on the economic side, trade side, energy side, mobility, and student exchange."

The remarks follow a recent high-level interaction between PM Modi and PM Carney on the sidelines of the G7 summit held in Kananaskis, Canada. Jaiswal described the meeting as "very productive and positive," with both leaders agreeing to take "constructive and balanced" steps to restore normalcy in relations.

Tensions between India and Canada had reached a low point in 2023 after then-Prime Minister Justin Trudeau publicly alleged Indian involvement in the killing of pro-Khalistan separatist Hardeep Singh Nijjar. The fallout led to reciprocal expulsions of diplomats and a halt in several bilateral engagements.

Responding to a question on the Nijjar case and whether ties with Canada were improving, Jaiswal



emphasized that the matter remains under judicial consideration and refrained from further comment, stating, "It is a legal issue. That particular matter is under judicial process right now."

Despite past strains, both sides appear committed to a reset. The two prime ministers agreed to the early return of ambassadors to each other's capitals and emphasized the importance of resuming senior ministerial and working-level discussions across key sectors to rebuild trust.

Mark Carney's election victory in April, as leader of Canada's Liberal Party, has sparked optimism about renewed diplomatic engagement and more stable India-Canada relations.

Millions Gather in Puri for Grand Rath Yatra of Lord Jagannath Amid Tight Security

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The sacred city of Puri is witnessing a massive spiritual outpouring as millions of devotees have gathered for the annual Rath Yatra of Lord Jagannath, also known as Shree Gundicha Yatra or the Chariot Festival. This nine-day celebration, among the most prominent Hindu festivals, began Friday with great fervor and devotion.

Celebrated on the Dwitiya Tithi of Shukla Paksha, the Rath Yatra marks the ceremonial journey of Lord Jagannath, along with his siblings Balabhadra and Subhadra, from their abode in the 12th-century Jagannath Temple to the Gundicha Temple, believed by many to be their birthplace.

As per tradition, devotees will pull the elaborately decorated wooden chariots — Nandighosh (for Lord Jagannath), Taladhawaja (for Balabhadra), and Darpadalan (for Subhadra) — over a 3-km stretch to the Gundicha Temple. The sight of these deities during the yatra is believed to bestow moksha (liberation) upon the devotees.

Noted Jagannath culture scholar, Suryanarayan Rath Sharma, remarked, "The Rath Yatra is the most ancient chariot fes-

tival in the world. It's a divine opportunity for millions to attain spiritual fulfillment."

To ensure the smooth conduct of the festival, the Odisha government has rolled out comprehensive security and logistical arrangements. Over 200 police platoons, along with eight companies of BSF, CRPF, and around 10,000 personnel including Odisha Police, Central Armed Police Forces, and Home Guards, are on duty in Puri and surrounding areas.

For the first time, a state-of-the-art integrated command and control system has been set up to monitor the event. Live footage from over 275 AI-powered CCTV cameras is being used to manage crowd movement and traffic from Uttara Square to Puri and onward to Konark.

Collector Sidharth Shankar Swain affirmed, "All rituals and logistics have been meticulously arranged. We seek the blessings of Mahaprabhu for a safe and sacred Yatra."

The atmosphere in Puri is charged with devotion, as the faithful chant, dance, and celebrate one of India's oldest and most spiritually significant festivals.

‘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.

As the NYC mayoral race progresses, Zohran Kwame Mamdani's rise underscores the complexities of global politics intersecting with local American elections, as well as the scrutiny public figures endure in the digital age.

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.



Very big deal coming up that would 'open up' India: US President Trump

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At a high-profile White House event on Thursday, US President Donald Trump signaled a potential breakthrough in trade negotiations with India, calling it a “very big” deal that could significantly “open up” the Indian market.

Speaking at the ‘Big Beautiful Event’, Trump said, “We are having some great deals. We have one coming up, maybe with India. Very big one, where we are going to open up India.” His statement comes as a senior Indian delegation, led by Rajesh Agarwal, Special Secretary in the Department of Commerce, arrived in Washington for an intensive round of trade talks.

Both nations are aiming to finalize the trade pact before July 9, amid growing strategic and economic cooperation. The anticipated agreement could potentially remove trade barriers and enhance market access for American companies in India.

President Trump also reflected on recent trade developments with China, noting the progress made on rare earth mineral exports. A White House official confirmed that



Washington and Beijing have agreed on steps to speed up rare earth shipments to the US—a critical resource in the tech and defense sectors.

While highlighting positive momentum with key global partners, Trump also made it clear that not every country would receive favorable treatment. “We’re not going to

make deals with everybody. Some we are just going to send them a letter—say thank you very much. You are to pay 25, 35, 45 per cent,” he added, reinforcing his administration’s tough stance on trade imbalances. As global markets watch closely, the proposed US-India trade deal could mark a pivotal moment in reshaping international commerce and bolstering bilateral ties.

Trump Administration Proposes Incentives to Restart Iran Nuclear Talks Amid Regional Tensions



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The Trump administration is exploring a series of proposals aimed at bringing Iran back to the negotiating table, according to CNN sources. These initiatives include easing sanctions, releasing frozen Iranian funds, and offering multi-billion-dollar investments in civilian nuclear energy projects. Despite recent military strikes between Israel and Iran, US officials and Middle Eastern intermediaries have continued

confidential discussions with Tehran, especially after a fragile ceasefire brokered by President Trump this week. The administration’s proposals all hinge on one non-negotiable demand: zero uranium enrichment by Iran—a stance Tehran has consistently rejected. Among the incentives being considered are a \$20-30 billion investment in non-enriching nuclear infrastructure for civilian energy purposes, sanctions relief, and access to \$6 billion in Iranian assets frozen overseas.

One specific idea involves transforming the Fordow nuclear facility—recently targeted by US bunker-buster bombs—into a non-enrichment civilian site. Funding for this could come from Gulf nations aligned with the US, though it remains unclear if Iran would directly operate the facility under the new framework. A Trump administration official told CNN that while the US is ready to lead negotiations, it expects other parties to finance the nuclear program’s reconstruction. Steve Witkoff, the US Special Envoy to the Middle East, emphasized the goal of a “comprehensive peace agreement” and compared the plan to the UAE’s civil nuclear project, which bans uranium enrichment. President Trump confirmed the possibility of talks next week but expressed ambivalence about the deal’s necessity, stating, “I don’t care if I have an agreement or not.” Still, some aides see a lasting nuclear deal as vital to maintaining the ceasefire. Qatar remains a key mediator in ongoing US-Iran communications, with five rounds of talks held before Israel’s strikes paused further discussions in Oman. Trump added, “We may sign an agreement, I don’t know,” signaling cautious optimism for a diplomatic breakthrough.

UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer Scales Back Welfare Cuts Amid Labour Party Revolt



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British Prime Minister Keir Starmer has significantly softened his proposed welfare cuts after facing strong opposition from within his own Labour Party. Over 100 Labour MPs publicly opposed the original plan, which aimed to reduce welfare spending by £5 billion (\$6.9 billion) annually to curb a rapidly increasing welfare budget. The reforms were criticized for their impact on disabled individuals and those with long-term health conditions. Concerned about a parliamentary defeat just a year after winning a landslide election, Starmer’s office confirmed the decision to scale back the cuts ahead of a vote scheduled for July 1.

A government spokesperson stated, “We have listened to MPs who support reform but worry about the pace of change for current beneficiaries.” Work and Pensions Minister Liz Kendall clarified in a letter to MPs that only new claimants would face tighter eligibility criteria, while existing recipients would be protected from the changes. Kendall emphasized the government’s commitment to “target funding for those most in need” and ensure the welfare system remains sustainable for future generations. Labour MP Meg Hillier, who led efforts to moderate the bill, described the revisions as “a good and workable compromise.” However, critics slammed the move as another government U-turn, following recent reversals on winter fuel payment cuts and an inquiry into grooming gangs. Conservative Work and Pensions spokesperson Helen Whately called the decision “humiliating” and a missed chance to reduce welfare spending, accusing Starmer of avoiding tough choices. The government maintains that controlling the welfare budget, which is forecast to exceed £100 billion by 2030, is vital to safeguarding public finances and encouraging employment. Despite the concessions, some Labour MPs like Peter Lamb remain resolute in opposing the bill, indicating continued internal divisions within the party.

Myanmar To Hold Elections In December-January: Junta Chief



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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.

The UN at 80: A Legacy Under Pressure

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Eighty years after its founding, the United Nations stands at a crossroads. Born from the ashes of World War II with the mission “to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war,” the UN today faces questions about its relevance and survival in a deeply divided and unstable world.

While the organization has helped prevent another global conflict, wars still rage in Ukraine, Gaza, Sudan, and elsewhere. The Security Council—once the UN’s most potent body—has been paralyzed, unable to act decisively on major crises due to deep geopolitical divides and veto power misuse. Multilateralism, once the heart of the UN’s ethos, is under siege.

Funding cuts, particularly from the United States, have forced job reductions and prompted Secretary-General António Guterres to initiate sweeping reforms. The upcoming U.S. review of multilateral institutions further clouds the UN’s future.

Despite these challenges, the UN still plays vital roles. Agencies like the World Food Pro-



gramme and UNHCR continue critical work in hunger relief and refugee support. The UN also remains a central stage for global diplomacy, hosting leaders annually and enabling daily international dialogue in New York.

Diplomats and observers express a mix of frustration and hope. Former Singaporean ambassador Kishore Mahbubani calls it a “sad place,” yet he acknowledges its enduring value: “It is alive, not dead.”

Reform is essential. Proposals to expand the Security Council and consolidate aid agencies highlight the push for change. And as global power dynamics shift—with China gaining influence—the UN must adapt to maintain its role.

Though its dream of unity has faded, the UN’s survival—rooted in the pragmatism of its founding—may still ensure it remains a cornerstone of global order.

Markets End Week on a High: Sensex Rises 303 pts, Nifty Nears 25,650 Amid Global Positivity and Energy Stock Gains



Domestic stock markets gained on Friday on positive signals from global markets, cooling geopolitical disputes and increasing investor confidence. Shares in energy, oil and banking sectors contributed to this. Benchmark indices started at low levels in the morning. Gradually, sentiment strengthened, the absence of auto-poll conditions and investors started buying. They continued to range-bound till the end. Finally, the Nifty settled at 25,637 with a gain of 88 points and the Sensex at 84,058 with a gain of 303 points. It is noteworthy that the markets closed strongly for the second consecutive week.

The BSE Sensex, which closed at 83,755 in the previous session, opened at 83,774 on Friday. It touched an intraday low of 83,645. It reached an intraday high of 84,089. It finally closed at 84,058 with a gain of 303 points. The NSE Nifty, which opened at 25,576, reached a low of 25,223 and a high of 25,654. It rose by 88 points to close at 25,637. The Nifty Bank rose by 237 points to settle at 57,443.

In the Nifty50, 26 companies gained and 23 lost. Geofinance, Asian Paints, Apollo Hospitals, IndusInd Bank, Adani Enterprises were the top gainers. Tata Consumer, Dr. Reddy's, Trent, Wipro, Eternal were the

top losers. Oil, energy, commodities, PSE, healthcare, MNC, pharma, PSU bank indices were in the red. Realty, IT, consumer durables, FMCG indices were in the red.

Today, the market breadth is in favor of buyers. Out of 2986 stocks traded, 1681 gained. 1229 lost. 86 stocks touched their 52-week highs and 24 stocks touched their 52-week lows. 105 stocks reached the upper circuit and 40 stocks reached the lower circuit.

Nomura has maintained its neutral rating on NICA with a target price of Rs. 216. It is learned that SBI intends to raise Rs. 5000 crore by issuing Tier 2 bonds by August. The Colombo Dockyard acquisition was approved by the Majdak Shipbuilders board. HDB Financial Services IPO received a response of 10.91 times on the third afternoon. Ahluwalia Contracts Company bagged two contracts worth Rs. 1103 crore. Sambhav Steel IPO received a response of 16.29 times on the third afternoon. The rupee strengthened by 19 paise to settle at 85.51 against the dollar. Dr. Reddy's shares fell for the second consecutive day after Citi Research reduced its target price. RBI removed Rs. 84,974 crore of liquidity from the banking system through a seven-day variable rate reserve repo auction. HSBC maintained its buy rating on Varun Beverages with a target price of Rs. 670. Jefferies has retained a buy rating on GAIL with a target price of Rs 210.



BSE Shares Slip as SEBI Imposes ₹25 Lakh Fine for Regulatory Violations



Shares of the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) declined over 1% on Thursday after the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) imposed a ₹25 lakh penalty for breaching regulatory norms related to data dissemination and trading compliance.

The stock fell 1.47% to ₹2,748 on the National Stock Exchange (NSE) following a weak opening, reacting to the regulatory action stemming from an inspection carried out between February 2021 and September 2022.

In a detailed 45-page order issued on Wednesday, SEBI highlighted serious lapses in BSE's system architecture. It found that certain corporate announcements were made accessible to BSE's paid clients and its internal Listing Compliance Monitoring (LCM) team before the information was published on the public website. This created an unfair advantage, violating the principle of equal access to market information.

The regulator concluded that BSE failed

to comply with Regulation 39(3) of the SECC Regulations, 2018, which mandates fair and transparent access to all stakeholders. SEBI also criticized BSE for not having a proper real-time information feed like an RSS (Really Simple Syndication) system, which could have prevented the information disparity.

Additionally, SEBI identified deficiencies in how BSE monitored client code modifications. The stock exchange did not take disciplinary action against brokers frequently altering trade codes and failed to properly oversee 'error accounts'—raising concerns over potential misuse and insufficient due diligence, particularly in trades between unrelated institutional clients.

While BSE eventually introduced corrective measures, SEBI noted that these actions came only after the inspection exposed the shortcomings. The regulator's penalty underlines the need for tighter oversight and a more transparent framework to uphold market integrity.

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 season, 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.

Vodafone Idea Shares Jump Over 15% in 4 Days Amid Fundraising Buzz and Relief Hopes

Vodafone Idea shares have soared over 15% in the past four trading sessions, hitting ₹7.55, driven by investor optimism surrounding a large-scale fundraising effort and speculation of potential government relief on the company's massive dues.

According to Bloomberg, the telecom operator is in advanced talks to raise around ₹25,000 crore (approx. \$2.9 billion) in long-term loans. The State Bank of India is reportedly leading a consortium of domestic and international lenders to support the initiative, which would be a vital step in boosting Vodafone Idea's network infrastructure and improving its competitiveness against market leaders Reliance Jio and Bharti Airtel.

Backed by billionaire Kumar Mangalam Birla, Vodafone Idea had previously shelved fundraising plans due to severe financial stress and mounting liabilities. However, renewed momentum comes as the company faces declining subscriber numbers and fresh optimism that the government may extend the timeline to repay its ₹84,000 crore in dues, including adjusted gross revenue (AGR) liabilities. Though no official notification has been received, reports indicate repayment terms may be stretched



from six to twenty years.

Adding to the positive sentiment, the company recently announced a strategic partnership with US-based AST SpaceMobile to introduce direct-to-device (D2D) satellite connectivity across India—targeting rural and remote areas as part of its digital expansion.

On the technical front, Vodafone Idea stock recently displayed a "twin breakout" on the charts, breaking through two key resistance levels and signaling a possible 13% upside from current levels. Despite the bullish setup, analysts remain cautious due to the company's weak fundamentals, including a net loss of ₹7,166 crore in Q4 FY25 and continued dependence on external funding.

Short-term prospects look promising, but sustained growth will hinge on successful fundraising and structural reforms.

Nutella Unveils First New Flavour in 60 Years – Can You Guess What It Is?

For the first time in six decades, Nutella has introduced a brand-new flavour — and it’s a game-changer. Since its launch in 1964, Nutella’s creamy blend of hazelnuts and cocoa has remained unchanged and loved by millions. But now, Ferrero, the company behind the iconic spread, has announced the release of a new variant: Nutella with Peanut.

This new flavour blends Nutella’s signature chocolate-hazelnut spread with the rich, roasted taste of peanuts — combining two of the most beloved spreads in the world. The addition of peanuts is expected to appeal to fans of both chocolate and peanut butter, offering a familiar yet exciting new twist.

In a statement, Ferrero described the new spread as “a combination of the distinctive creaminess of Nutella with the delicious taste of roasted peanuts.” While the spread retains Nutella’s classic dark brown color, the packaging will look different — featuring a yellow lid and label in place of the usual white, symbolizing the peanut element.

However, there’s a catch. This new flavour will only be available in North America, and not until Spring 2026. Details about the price and exact



launch date have yet to be revealed.

Nutella fans may remember Francesco Rivella, the man credited with developing the beloved spread. Rivella, who passed away earlier this year at the age of 97, initially created a hazelnut chocolate stick called Giandujot before refining the formula into the creamy version we now know as Nutella.

While the new peanut flavour marks a major shift in Nutella’s product line, it remains to be seen how fans across the world will react — and whether it might eventually roll out globally. For now, it’s a North American exclusive that promises to shake up breakfast tables and dessert recipes alike.

iPhone 17 Pro Geekbench Scores Leak: A19 Pro Chip Outpaces Snapdragon 8 Elite SoC

Apple’s upcoming iPhone 17 Pro series is generating major buzz ahead of its expected September launch. The latest leak, coming from tipster Digital Chat Station on Weibo, reveals alleged Geekbench scores for the iPhone 17 Pro and iPhone 17 Pro Max—and they appear to outperform both Apple’s current A18 Pro and Qualcomm’s flagship Snapdragon 8 Elite chipsets.

According to the leak, the A19 Pro SoC—expected to power the iPhone 17 Pro series—will retain the 3nm fabrication process seen in its predecessor but deliver significantly better performance. The benchmark scores suggest a single-core score exceeding 4,000 and a multi-core score surpassing 10,000, representing a notable leap over the iPhone 16 Pro Max’s Geekbench scores of 3,203 (single-core) and 7,846 (multi-core).

In comparison, the Samsung Galaxy S25 Ultra, equipped with the latest Snapdragon 8 Elite SoC, scored 3,054 (single-core) and 9,832 (multi-core). While Qualcomm’s chip remains highly competitive, Apple’s A19 Pro appears to take a slight lead in raw processing power, according to these early results.

Beyond performance, design leaks suggest the iPhone 17 Pro models may feature a thicker chassis—possibly to accommodate



a larger battery or a VC (vapor chamber) cooling system, which would be a first for Apple. Rumors also hint at a redesigned camera module and enhancements to display technology across the lineup, including the new iPhone 17 Air, a lightweight model poised to rival Samsung’s Galaxy S25 Edge.

These upgrades are expected to complement Apple’s recently announced Liquid Glass UI, a visually immersive interface that increases processing demands with transparency effects and transitions.

If the leaks hold true, Apple’s iPhone 17 Pro series is shaping up to deliver both style and substance in its next-generation flagship smartphones.

Swiggy’s ‘Dilli Se Hu BLCK’ Ad Sparks Backlash Over Slang Reference

Swiggy’s latest ad campaign to promote its premium membership service, One BLCK, in Delhi has stirred controversy rather than celebration. The food delivery platform recently ran a full-page newspaper ad featuring the bold tagline “Dilli Se Hu BLCK” — a play on a well-known Hindi slang phrase. While intended to grab attention, the phrase drew sharp criticism online for its perceived insensitivity and suggestive language.



The phrase appeared on the front page of a prominent newspaper, prompting outrage among many Delhi residents and social media users who found the ad inappropriate and offensive. Journalist Sanket Upadhyay voiced his disapproval on X (formerly Twitter), describing the advertisement as “notorious” and accusing it of normalizing abusive language in mainstream media. He questioned how such messaging was deemed acceptable in a reputable publication.

His post quickly gained traction, with many agreeing that Swiggy had crossed a line. One commenter stressed the need for clear advertising guidelines to prevent such messaging, while another argued that the primary responsibility lies with advertisers, not just publishers. “Normalising bad is the new good,” one user remarked, referencing a growing trend of provocative marketing.

However, not everyone saw the issue the same way. A few users defended the campaign, suggesting the outrage was exaggerated. “This is the most non-issue issue,” one user commented, criticizing the backlash as misplaced.

Swiggy’s One BLCK is positioned as an elite, invite-only service that builds on the existing Swiggy One membership. It offers premium benefits such as faster deliveries, complimentary add-ons during dine-outs, and dedicated customer support.

Despite the marketing misstep, the service aims to appeal to high-end customers seeking enhanced convenience. However, this incident has reignited the debate over the limits of creativity in advertising and cultural sensitivity.

Friday the 13th: Where the ‘Curse’ Comes From and Whether You Can Avoid It

Friday the 13th has long been regarded as a day of misfortune in many Western cultures. The superstition surrounding this particular date combines fears tied to both the number 13 and Fridays — a duo many believe brings bad luck. While some brush off the notion as mere myth, others actively avoid travel, important decisions, or even stepping outside on this day.



The number 13 itself has been viewed as unlucky for centuries. It breaks the completeness of the number 12, which is often seen as a symbol of order — 12 months, 12 zodiac signs, 12 apostles. According to Christian tradition, Judas Iscariot, the betrayer of Jesus, was the 13th guest at the Last Supper. Jesus was said to be crucified on a Friday, further fueling the superstition, although historical accuracy remains debated.

Some biblical stories also tie Fridays to misfortune — including the expulsion of Adam and Eve from Eden, Cain’s murder of Abel, and the onset of the Great Flood. Roman legends contributed as well, with beliefs that witches gathered in groups of 12, with the 13th being the devil himself.

Modern pop culture has only amplified these fears. The Friday the 13th horror movie franchise and novels like Dan Brown’s The Da Vinci Code have embedded the superstition deeper into public consciousness. The day is also remembered for real-life tragedies — plane crashes, accidents, and other eerie events — further stoking fear.

Despite a lack of scientific proof, many still take precautions on Friday the 13th. Whether avoiding black cats or postponing major life decisions, believers continue to treat it as a date best approached with caution — just in case the curse holds some truth.

Is the Haldi Water Trend Black Magic? A Viral Kanpuriya Twist Brings Humor to Controversy

The internet is currently flooded with videos of a bizarre but visually captivating trend involving turmeric (haldi), water, and a mobile phone flashlight. The so-called Haldi Water Trend has gone viral across Instagram, YouTube, and Facebook, drawing reactions ranging from awe to alarm. The simple idea involves adding turmeric to a glass of water placed over a phone flashlight, creating a glowing effect that many find mesmerizing.

However, not everyone is amused. While some netizens admire the aesthetic glow, others have raised red flags, calling the trend occult-like or even a form

of black magic. Certain religious users have questioned whether the trend aligns with spiritual beliefs, with some going as far as to say it’s against the will of Allah. A few videos even suggest it could “invite evil energy” or mimic ancient rituals.

Amid the heated debate, social media vlogger Nafia Anas brought comic relief with a viral “Kanpuriya” twist. In her Instagram reel, instead of turmeric, she humorously used gutka (chewing tobacco), mimicking the setup but with a wildly different result. The quirky take, complete with dramatic music and lighting, left viewers in splits. Comments

poured in praising the creativity, with one user joking, “A mesmerizing view of Kanpur,” and another declaring it “better than haldi!”

The video, which has crossed 3 million views, has become a fan favorite, offering a much-needed comic spin on a trend now caught in spiritual debate. While concerns persist—ranging from black magic claims to water wastage—the viral Kanpuriya version proves that humor can sometimes be the best antidote to controversy. As reactions continue to pour in, one thing is clear: whether you believe in the magic or mock it, the Haldi Water trend has certainly cast a spell online.



PV Sindhu Faces Tough Season, Eyes Turnaround in Upcoming Tournaments

It has been a challenging year on the court for India's badminton icon PV Sindhu. The double Olympic medallist is struggling to find her rhythm in 2025, with a string of early exits raising concerns about her current form and future prospects. Despite her legacy as one of the sport's elite, recent performances suggest a critical phase in her career. Sindhu's most recent setback came at the Indonesian Open, where she was defeated in the Round of 16 by Thailand's Pornpawee Chochuwong. This marked her third Round of 16 exit this year. Alarmingly, she has managed to reach the quarterfinals only once—in the India Open back in January. Yet, the former world champion remains optimistic. "The recent results definitely bother me, but there's been improvement," Sindhu said. "Five or six tournaments ago, I was losing quite easily. But now I've



had close, tough matches against top players. That's a positive sign I can build on." Sindhu also revealed that changes are being made in her training regime in hopes of delivering stronger performances in the upcoming China and Japan tournaments. "We're working on a few things, and hopefully, you'll see the dif-

ference soon," she added. On the fitness front, Sindhu assured fans that she's in good shape. With a brief break from competition, she's using the time to focus on recovery and training. "We've had back-to-back tournaments and constant travel. It's important to be both physically and mentally 100 percent," she noted.

Reflecting on her career, Sindhu acknowledged the weight of maintaining high standards. "Yes, I've won everything, but that doesn't mean there's no pressure. I still have to prove myself. It's not like it was 10 years ago." Despite the dip in form, Sindhu's determination to bounce back remains firm.

Devon Conway Left Out of New Zealand Squad for T20 Tri-Series in Zimbabwe

New Zealand opener Devon Conway has been left out of the 15-man Black Caps squad named for the upcoming T20 tri-series against Zimbabwe and South Africa, to be played in Harare from July 14 to 26, 2025. This marks the first squad announcement under new head coach Rob Walter. Conway's omission reflects a broader trend, with several senior players opting out of central contracts in favour of opportunities in global T20 leagues. Conway last represented New Zealand during the 2024 T20 World Cup, in the team's final group stage match. Former captain Kane Williamson has also made himself unavailable for selection, currently playing county cricket for Middlesex in England. Among the fresh faces, Auckland's Bevon Jacobs has earned his maiden squad call-up. Though part of the squad during the December series against Sri Lanka, the 23-year-old is yet to debut for New Zealand. Jacobs is the only uncapped player in the squad. There's a recall for fast bowler Adam Milne, who last featured for the national side in November 2024. His strong showing in the United States' Major League Cricket (MLC) paved the



way for his return. Big-hitting batters Finn Allen and Tim Seifert also make a comeback. Allen recently made headlines with a world-record 19 sixes in a blistering 151-run innings for the San Francisco Unicorns in the MLC. Mitchell Santner will lead the squad, which combines experienced campaigners and fresh talent. Head coach Rob Walter expressed optimism, saying, "We've got a really strong squad for this tour. It's great to have players back who missed the Pakistan series due to the IPL, and I'm excited to get to work with this group." The tri-series is set to bring competitive action as Walter begins his tenure with a blend of continuity and new energy.

India gearing up to host Asian Swimming Championships 2025

India is preparing to host the much-anticipated revival of the Asian Swimming Championships in October 2025 at a newly constructed world-class venue in Ahmedabad. This marks the return of the continental event after a nine-year hiatus, with top aquatic nations like China, Japan, and Korea set to participate. The Swimming Federation of India (SFI) aims to not only showcase its organizational capabilities but also make a mark in the water through its divers and water polo teams. Notably, India is placing significant hopes on its divers, with special attention to the men's synchronised diving team.



"We are expecting a realistic medal chance in diving. Our divers recently completed a one-month training stint in Malaysia, where they received informal judging and benchmarking," said SFI secretary Monal Chokshi. Australian coach Shannon Roy is currently leading their training. Although a planned competition in Australia had to be cancelled due to visa issues, the SFI is exploring other competitive opportunities. In water polo, camps with 25 men and 25 women began in January in Bangalore, with final squads of 14 and four reserves to be selected. A month-long training trip to an Eastern European country is also planned.

"We will bring back coaches Babovic Miodrag and Anderic Nemanja, who had previously worked with our teams," Chokshi added. India hopes to qualify for the Asian Games through this championship—something it hasn't achieved since 1986. Among swimmers, Srihari Nataraj, Benediction Rohit, Shoan Ganguly, and Aryan Nehra are considered strong prospects. A two-month national camp will be held at the Ahmedabad venue to fine-tune preparations. With home advantage and robust planning, India is aiming to make a splash at the 2025 Asian Swimming Championships.

WI vs AUS First Test: West Indies Holds Slim Lead Amid Controversial Decisions

Travis Head Anchors Australia's Fightback



The first Test between West Indies and Australia at Kensington Oval is shaping up to be a gripping contest, despite early disruptions and two disputed TV umpire decisions. After West Indies posted 190 in their first innings, they took a narrow 10-run lead when Australia was bowled out for 180. Australia then showed resilience on day two, fighting back from 65-4 to 92-4 by stumps, with Travis Head leading the charge. Head, who scored the only half-century so far in the match, was determined to keep Australia in the game. Battling both the swing-friendly pitch and relentless West Indies pace attack, Head was 13 not out off 37 balls at stumps, supported by Beau Webster on 19 not out. Despite taking a blow to his left glove from Alzarri Joseph, Head's stubbornness is Australia's key to survival. Day two saw 10 wickets fall on a pitch still offering seam movement. West Indies'

bowlers continued to trouble Australia's top order, with Hazlewood claiming the crucial wicket of debutant Brandon King, who had earlier been dropped. West Indies' Shai Hope and Roston Chase fought back with a 67-run partnership, but Chase was controversially given out lbw after a review showed minor bat spikes, which the umpire ruled insignificant. Hope's gritty 48 was cut short by a contentious caught-behind decision where replays suggested the ball touched the ground, but the catch stood. His dismissal left West Indies at 162-8, just short of Australia's total. Australia's second innings started poorly, losing early wickets, but Head and Webster steadied the innings to reduce pressure. With the match potentially ending within three days, both teams are battling hard for control in this intense Test encounter.

Indian Women's Hockey Team Gears Up for Crucial Double-Header Against China in FIH Pro League

In what promises to be a high-stakes weekend, the Indian Women's Hockey Team will take on Asian rivals China in a must-win double-header in the FIH Hockey Pro League 2024-25. The matches, scheduled for June 28 and 29 in Berlin, are critical for India, who currently sit at the bottom of the league table.

Led by captain Salima Tete, India is seeking to end its losing streak and revive hopes in the prestigious international league. The team is currently ranked ninth, trailing England by just a point, with both nations still having two matches left to play. China, on the other hand, holds the fourth spot and will be looking to cement their place among the league's top contenders.

Captain Salima Tete acknowledged the gravity of the upcoming matches and emphasized the importance of drawing motivation from the Indian Men's Team, who recently ended their Pro League campaign on a high with a win over Belgium.

"This is a very crucial double-header for us," said Tete. "The Pro League has been a learning curve, and though we will reflect deeply once we return home, our focus now is on executing well against China."

India will take encouragement from their recent successes over China in the Asian Champions Trophy 2024, where they secured a 3-0 win in the group stage and a 1-0 win in the final. However, the Pro League



tells a different story, as India lost both encounters to China last season.

"They are a familiar and strong opponent," Tete added. "But we know our strengths, and we're prepared to give our best."

All eyes will be on this do-or-die clash as India aims for a turnaround.



Rashmika Mandanna Unleashes Her Fierce Avatar in First Look of PAN-India Film Mysaa

Star actress Rashmika Mandanna is all set to lead her next big PAN-India project titled Mysaa, and the first look has already made waves. Produced by Ajay and Anil Sayyapureddy under Uniformula Films, and co-produced by Sai Gopa, this intense action drama marks the directorial debut of Rawindra Pulle, a former assistant of film-maker Hanu Raghavapudi. Following the buzz created by its announcement poster, the makers have now officially unveiled the title and first look of Mysaa, and it's nothing short of electrifying. Rashmika appears in a never-seen-before avatar—fierce, raw, and unflinching. Clad in a traditional saree, she dons tribal Gond jewelry, including a nose ring and layered neckpieces, portraying a warrior-like presence. Her intense gaze, blood-smeared face, and a cryptic object held in her hand hint at a gripping and emotionally charged narrative.

Adding to the excitement, the poster was launched in a collaborative fashion across different languages. Hanu Raghavapudi introduced the Telugu version, while Rashmika's co-stars Dhanush (Kuberaa) and Vicky Kaushal (Chhaava) launched the Tamil



and Hindi posters, respectively. The Malayalam version was unveiled by Dulquer Salmaan, and the Kannada by Shiv Rajkumar—each extending their support and best wishes. Director Rawindra Pulle revealed that Mysaa has been in development for two years, with extensive work put into the story, characters, and the unique world they inhabit. Promising a heroine-driven narrative, the film aims to push boundaries and showcase a raw, intense side of Rashmika Mandanna. The makers plan to reveal the film's technical crew next week, building further anticipation for what's clearly shaping up to be a landmark project in Rashmika's career.



Kannappa Movie Review: A Sincere Spiritual Journey Anchored by Vishnu Manchu and Prabhas

Kannappa, the long-awaited mythological drama directed by Mukesh Kumar Singh, finally arrives with sky-high expectations. Featuring Vishnu Manchu in the titular role, alongside a star-studded ensemble including Mohan Babu, Prabhas, Mohanlal, and Akshay Kumar, the film strives to retell the timeless legend of devotion with modern cinematic flair.

The story centers around Thinnadu (Vishnu Manchu), a tribal hunter who lives by instinct, far removed from religious faith. His life takes a dramatic turn when he encounters a mysterious Shiva lingam deep in the forest. From skepticism to raw, uninhibited devotion, Thinnadu's transformation is at the heart of the narrative. Lord Shiva

(Akshay Kumar) eventually tests this devotion, leading to a powerful climax that defines the legacy of Kannappa.

Vishnu Manchu delivers a sincere performance, showcasing his growth as an actor. A particular monologue stands out for its emotional resonance. Prabhas, appearing as Rudra in the second half, adds charm and depth, providing a much-needed lift to the narrative with his presence and comic timing. Mohanlal and Mohan Babu leave a mark despite limited screen time.

However, the film struggles with pacing in the first half, and emotional connections—especially Thinnadu's familial bonds—are underdeveloped.

Some supporting characters, like those played by Madhubala and Brahmanandam, feel underutilized. The action choreography and VFX fall short of the film's epic ambition.

On the technical front, Sheldon Chau's cinematography impresses with rich visuals, while Stephen Devassy's music is serviceable but occasionally misplaced. Anthony's editing is clean, though a tighter runtime would have benefited the film.

Kannappa is a heartfelt attempt to retell a spiritual epic. While not without flaws, it redeems itself with emotional payoff in the end, anchored by Vishnu Manchu's dedication and Prabhas's impactful presence.

Rajinikanth's Coolie Retains Its Title for Hindi Release with New Tagline

Superstar Rajinikanth's much-anticipated action entertainer Coolie, directed by Lokesh Kanagaraj, is all set to hit theatres on August 14, 2025. With just 50 days to go for release, the makers have now officially confirmed that the film will retain the title Coolie across all languages—including the Hindi version—debunking earlier speculations about a possible title change.

For weeks, rumors suggested that the Hindi version of the film might be titled Majadoor, a move believed to avoid overlap with earlier Bollywood titles. However, the newly released poster puts all speculation to rest. It features the title Coolie prominently written in Hindi, along with the tagline "The Power House," a nod to Rajinikanth's iconic screen presence.

The title Coolie carries strong associations for Hindi-speaking audiences, largely due to the legendary Amitabh Bachchan starrer Coolie (1983), which was a massive commercial hit. Later, films like Coolie No. 1 starring Govinda, and the 2020 remake featuring Varun Dhawan, further cemented the term in Bollywood pop culture. Now, Rajinikanth is set to redefine the title with his own trademark style and charisma.

Given that Coolie is set to release



alongside WAR 2, expectations and competition at the box office are sky-high. Yet, the makers have opted for a unified title across all language versions—a move that reflects confidence in the film's universal appeal and the superstar's pan-Indian pull.

With Lokesh Kanagaraj at the helm and Rajinikanth returning to a mass-action role, Coolie is being marketed as a true pan-Indian spectacle. The film's posters have already created a buzz, and the decision to retain the same title—enhanced by the "Power House" tagline for Hindi—only adds to the anticipation surrounding its release.

'Love Jathara' First Look Unveiled: A Promising Romantic Entertainer from Director Gopinath Reddy

Director Gopinath Reddy, who previously charmed audiences with the feel-good romance Sammathame, is back with a new romantic venture titled Love Jathara. The film promises to be a vibrant and youthful love story, produced by Kankanala Praveen under the UG Creations banner. The makers officially unveiled the title and first look poster of Love Jathara today, generating buzz among cinephiles and fans of Telugu romantic dramas. The poster introduces lead actors Ankith Koyya and Manasa Choudhary in an effervescent and colorful setting, sparking interest with their fresh pairing and dynamic screen presence.

The first glimpse suggests that Love Jathara will be a heartwarming entertainer filled with emotion, romance, and playful charm. The term



"Jathara," traditionally associated with festivities or fairs, hints at a narrative rich in cultural vibrancy and youthful celebration — setting the tone for a lively romantic drama.

Supporting the film's visual appeal is cinematographer Sujatha Sidharth, while the musical landscape is shaped by Chaitan Bharadwaj, known for his soul-stirring compositions. Together, they aim to elevate the storytelling with a strong audio-visual experience.

Speaking about the project, the team expressed excitement about bringing a fresh romantic story to the audience and assured that more updates — including the teaser, soundtrack, and release date — will be shared in the coming weeks. With its appealing lead pair, energetic visuals, and strong creative team, Love Jathara is shaping up to be a delightful addition to the Telugu romantic genre. As anticipation builds, fans are eager to see what magic Gopinath Reddy will deliver next.

Telugu Crime Drama '23' Now Streaming on Amazon Prime Video and ETV Win

The intense Telugu crime drama 23 (Iravai Moodu), which made a bold attempt to spotlight social injustices, is now available for streaming on Amazon Prime Video and ETV Win. Directed by Raj R — known for his critically appreciated films Malleshham and 8 AM Metro — the film was released in theatres on May 16, 2025.

Despite receiving below-average reviews upon its theatrical release, 23 drew attention for tackling sensitive themes such as caste-based violence and real-life tragedies. It stars Teja and Tanmai Kushi in the lead roles, whose performances aim to bring authenticity and emotional weight to the powerful narrative.

Now accessible to a wider audience through OTT platforms, the film has



an opportunity to reach viewers who may have missed it in cinemas. With the convenience of streaming, there's hope that 23 could resonate more deeply with digital audiences seeking socially relevant content. Produced by Studio 99, the film also

boasts a supporting cast of seasoned actors including Jhansi, Pawon Ramesh, Thagubothu Ramesh, and Praneeth, each contributing significantly to the film's layered storytelling. The background score by Mark K Robin provides an emotional undercurrent that enhances the film's dramatic tone and adds to the gritty realism of the subject matter. Whether 23 will find renewed appreciation on digital platforms remains to be seen, but its availability on both Amazon Prime Video and ETV Win gives it a second chance to connect with a socially conscious audience. For viewers interested in films that challenge societal norms and reflect harsh realities, 23 may prove to be a thought-provoking watch.