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Bhanuprakash Reddy Accuses YCP of Conspiracy Against TTD

- Writes to DGP over false propaganda, demands probe into destabilization attempts
- BJP leader alleges YCP is behind fake videos on TTD
- Accuses opposition of spreading lies after election loss



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Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) Governing Council member and BJP leader Bhanuprakash Reddy has accused the YSR Congress Party (YCP) of orchestrating a political conspiracy to malign the TTD and destabilize the state government. In a letter to the Director General of Police (DGP) on Sunday, he urged immediate investigation into what he described as “a deliberate smear campaign” being run by YCP leaders following their electoral defeat. Bhanuprakash Reddy alleged that leaders of the YSRCP, unable to digest their loss in the 2024 general elections, have intensified a series of attacks on the TTD by spreading misinformation.

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SSC Revaluation Storm: Facts Reveal a Different Picture

- Record 66,363 revaluation requests filed in 2025
- Error margin remains similar to past three years
- YCP accuses NDA govt of risking student futures

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The recent surge in revaluation and reconnection applications for the SSC exams has sparked a political firestorm in Andhra Pradesh, with the YSR Congress Party (YCP) targeting the NDA government over what it describes as “careless scrutiny” that threatens student futures. However, when viewed through the lens of data, the narrative may not be as alarming as projected. It's true that 2025 has seen the highest-ever number of applications for revaluation and re-counting, with 66,363 requests filed. The YCP has seized on this figure, claiming it reflects massive discrepancies in the evaluation process and a system-wide failure in academic scrutiny. But the numbers reveal a more nuanced reality. Out of the total applications, only 11,175 answer scripts—roughly 18 percent—saw changes in marks. This figure is consistent with past years. In 2022, 20 percent of scripts submitted for revaluation were corrected; in 2023, the figure stood at 18 percent, and in 2024, at 17 percent. This suggests that while more students are seeking reconnection, the percentage of actual errors has not drastically



changed. **Breaking it down further, 55,188 papers (83.16%) had no change at all. A majority of corrected papers saw only marginal changes:**

- 8,863 scripts (13.36%) had differences of just 1 to 5 marks,
- 1,506 (2.27%) saw changes of 6 to 10 marks,
- 343 scripts (0.52%) had 11 to 15 marks altered,
- 163 (0.25%) had 16 to 20 mark shifts, and
- Only 300 scripts reflected a correction above 20 marks.

While the criticism has sparked debate, the consistent error percentage suggests the issue lies more in perception than in actual administrative failure. Still, this uptick in applications cannot be ignored. It highlights growing public mistrust and the need for improved transparency and technological upgradation in evaluation systems. The government and the education department now face the task of using this feedback to build a more robust and reassuring process for students in future examinations.



NIA Investigates Sunny Yadav's Interview with Zakir Naik

- Key revelations emerge amid probe into alleged links and content
- Increased surveillance on YouTubers after spying allegations

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The National Investigation Agency (NIA) is currently probing the popular Haryana-based YouTuber Bhaiya Sunny Yadav following the emergence of his interview videos with controversial preacher Zakir Naik. Sunny Yadav was detained amid an ongoing crackdown on YouTubers suspected of having suspicious links with Pakistan, particularly after the arrest of fellow YouTuber Jyoti Malhotra for alleged spying activities. Zakir Naik, originally from India, is infamous for speeches that allegedly incite religious hatred and has been accused of providing financial assistance to terrorist groups.

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WHO Flags New Covid Variants as Cases Rise Again

- LF.7 and NB.1.8.1 kept under global surveillance by WHO
- ICMR says variants are Omicron subtypes with mild impact
- Active cases reach 3,758 across India as of June 1

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The World Health Organization (WHO) has once again raised alerts amid a fresh rise in Covid-19 cases worldwide, including in India. In a statement released on May 23, WHO announced that two newly emerging coronavirus sub-variants—LF.7 and NB.1.8.1—have been classified as “variants under surveillance.” Among these, NB.1.8.1 is reportedly spreading rapidly and has been linked to a rise in infections and hospitalizations across several countries. However, WHO clarified that there is no current evidence to suggest that this sub-variant leads to more severe disease. The organization further

stated that approved Covid vaccines are expected to remain effective in reducing the severity and impact of these new variants.

ICMR urges vigilance, not panic

In India, the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) confirmed that these variants are subtypes of the Omicron strain, as per genome sequencing data from western and southern regions. ICMR Director General Rajiv Bahl noted that while LF.1, XFG, JN.1, and NB.1.8.1 have been identified in India, only the first three are currently showing notable levels of transmission.

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Govt Steps Up Evacuation of Telugu People Stranded in Sikkim Floods

- Relief efforts led by Union Minister Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu
- Vijayanagaram Tehsildar and family stranded in Lachung amid floods
- Roads blocked by landslides; restoration expected by Monday

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The Andhra Pradesh government has acted swiftly to evacuate Telugu families stranded in Lachung and other parts of Sikkim due to heavy rains, floods, and landslides. Immediate relief measures are underway under the leadership of Union Civil Aviation Minister Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu, officials said today. Among those affected is Vijayanagaram Tehsildar Kurmanath Rao, who, along with his family, has been stranded in Lachung for the past three days. His wife M. Uma (38), daughter Dikshitha (15), and son Jayansh Narayana (6) are reported missing. The Andhra Pradesh Resident Commissioner's Office in Delhi emphasized that ensuring their safety remains a top priority. Following directives from Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu's Secretary Ravichandra, the AP Bhavan team is maintaining constant contact with local authorities, including Mangal District Collector Anant, SP Chungtan Arun Tatal, and Sikkim DGP Sridhar Rao, all of whom are playing key roles in



the ongoing rescue and relief efforts. Currently, the roads leading to the flood-affected areas are completely blocked due to landslides, but restoration work is expected to be completed by Monday. Officials have assured that all those trapped are safe and that all necessary precautions are being taken to facilitate their safe return. Since May 29, the southwest monsoon has caused widespread landslides, floods, flash

floods, and lightning strikes across northeastern states, claiming 30 lives. About 1,500 tourists from across the country remain stranded in Sikkim, with 115 in Lachen and 1,350 in Lachung. In a separate incident, a vehicle carrying 11 tourists lost control and plunged into the Teesta River in Sikkim's Mangal district. One person died, two were injured, and eight remain missing as search operations continue.



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He became the subject of a money laundering investigation in 2016 and subsequently fled to Malaysia, where he currently resides. The Indian government has declared him among its most wanted individuals and is actively seeking his extradition. The NIA’s inquiry intensified after videos surfaced on Sunny Yadav’s YouTube channel featuring interviews with Zakir Naik. Officials believe these interactions warrant close examination to understand any possible links or support between the two. Authorities are also expanding surveillance on prominent YouTubers, questioning those who have traveled to Pakistan or exhibited suspicious behavior. While the investigation is ongoing, officials remain tight-lipped about further details. However, the developments have raised concerns over the role of social media influencers in propagating sensitive and potentially harmful content. The NIA continues to investigate the full extent of Sunny Yadav’s connection with Zakir Naik and possible implications on national security.

AP DSC: 35 Candidates Competing for Every Teacher Post

- Over 5.7 lakh applications received for 16,347 posts
- Average 35.33 applicants per post; PGT sees highest competition

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

There is intense competition for teacher jobs in Andhra Pradesh as the state government initiates a massive recruitment drive after a long gap. The Mega DSC notification, released to fill 16,347 teaching vacancies, has received an overwhelming response, with 3,35,401 candidates submitting a staggering 5,77,675 applications. This translates to an average of 35.33 applicants vying for each available post. Among the categories, the Secondary Grade Teacher (SGT) and School Assistant posts have an average competition of 25 and 28 candidates per post respectively. However, the Post Graduate Teacher (PGT) category has emerged as the most competitive, with a remarkable 152 candidates contesting for each position. To manage this large-scale recruitment, the Department of



School Education has made elaborate arrangements. The DSC exams will be conducted from June 6 to June 30 in a computer-based format. Hall tickets were made available to candidates on May 31. A total of 150 examination centers have been arranged, not only within Andhra Pradesh but also in neighboring cities like Hyderabad, Chennai, Barampur, and Bangalore. Examinations will be held in two sessions—morning and afternoon—each day. To ensure convenience, candidates were allowed to choose five preferred districts

for their exam centers. Officials stated that 87.8% of the applicants were allotted centers in their first-preference districts, reflecting a smooth logistical setup. Director of School Education V. Vijayarama Raju stated that the results of the DSC exams are expected to be announced in the second week of August. This recruitment process is expected to significantly address the ongoing teacher shortage in government schools across the state, bringing hope to both job aspirants and the education sector.

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He specifically cited recent allegations about mismanagement in the TTD cowsheds, where hundreds of cows were falsely claimed to have died. He noted that fake videos were circulated to support these claims and added that these attempts are designed to provoke public sentiment against the sacred temple administration. He also pointed to another viral video that falsely depicted pagan prayers being performed on Tirumala Hill, calling it an orchestrated attempt to damage the spiritual sanctity of the temple and mislead devotees. According to Bhanuprakash Reddy, these videos and allegations were not isolated incidents but part of a broader conspiracy being carried out by YCP leaders, including former MLA and TTD Chairman Bhumana Karunakar Reddy. “False narratives about mismanaged queue lines and poor treatment of devotees are also being peddled to create public dissatisfaction,” he wrote, adding, “These actions are not spontaneous but look like a coordinated effort to disturb the peace and functioning of TTD and the state administration.” Reddy called on the DGP to launch an immediate and detailed investigation into the individuals and networks responsible for spreading this misinformation. He demanded that the government take the matter seriously, as these efforts not only hurt religious sentiments but also aim to weaken the stability of the coalition-led administration in Andhra Pradesh. “The involvement of top YSRCP leaders cannot be ruled out. These political unemployed leaders are trying to remain relevant by targeting sacred institutions like TTD,” he asserted. Bhanuprakash Reddy’s allegations come amid growing concerns about the misuse of social media to attack religious institutions and provoke communal or political unrest. His demand for a high-level inquiry is expected to spark strong political reactions in the coming days.

BEE Calls for Energy Efficiency Focus on World Environment Day

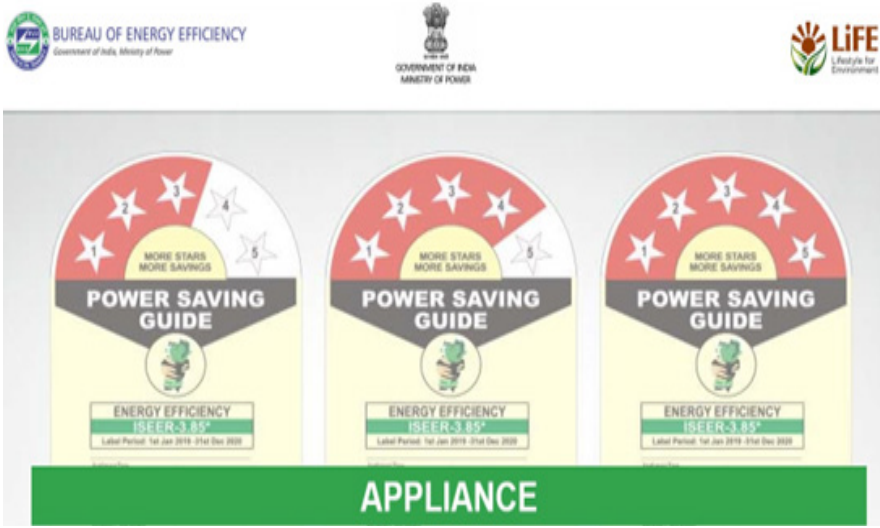
- Vizag, Vijayawada, Tirupati and Rajahmundry key to driving energy conservation
- Emphasis on Mission LiFE, 5-star appliances, and behavioural change

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada

With World Environment Day approaching on June 5, the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), under the Ministry of Power, Government of India, has called on State Designated Agencies (SDAs) across the country to intensify awareness on energy efficiency and conservation. This year, the BEE aims to use the occasion to amplify the goals of Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment), a campaign launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at COP26 to promote sustainable living.

In a communication issued to all states, BEE Secretary Milind Deore stressed that the core focus of this year’s celebration should revolve around impactful, measurable actions that align with Mission LiFE’s message of responsible consumption and climate-positive lifestyles. The letter lists several initiatives for SDAs, particularly in proactive states like Andhra Pradesh, which houses high-consumption urban centres such as Visakhapatnam, Vijayawada, Tirupati, and Rajahmundry. These cities, with their dense populations and expanding commercial activity, are considered crucial in accelerating energy efficiency implementation. **BEE has asked SDAs, including AP’s SECM and Energy Department, to implement and promote the following:**

- **Encourage use of 5-star rated appliances like air conditioners, refrigerators, and ceiling fans that consume less electricity and lower utility bills.**



- **Maintain air conditioner settings at 24°C or above, especially in commercial and residential sectors.**
- **Promote energy-conscious behaviours, such as switching off unused lights, using natural ventilation, and shifting to LED lighting.**
- **Run awareness campaigns promoting BEE’s Star Labelling Programme to help consumers make informed product choices.**
- **Collaborate with state environment departments and institutions to spread awareness on Mission LiFE’s 75 non-disruptive lifestyle changes, with energy efficiency as a primary pillar.**

The cumulative impact of these actions is significant. For instance, if air conditioners are set consistently at 24°C across the country, it could result in considerable power savings. The widespread adoption of 5-star appliances alone could lower elec-

tricity demand by several billion kilowatt-hours. According to Mission LiFE projections, behavioural changes could collectively save up to 22.5 billion kWh. BEE further recommends promoting the use of Solar-powered water heaters and cookers, Electric or CNG vehicles and bicycles for short-distance commuting and Water-saving techniques and eco-friendly building designs to ensure maximum outreach, SDAs have been advised to make use of print, electronic, and especially social media platforms. Visual campaigns, workshops, and public pledges are encouraged to engage a broader demographic. All SDAs must submit an Action Taken Report on the conducted activities to BEE within a week of the event. “World Environment Day is a key opportunity to reaffirm our collective responsibility towards a more energy-efficient and sustainable India,” said Secretary Milind Deore in the concluding remarks of the advisory.

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Experts from ICMR have emphasized the importance of maintaining alertness and preparedness rather than succumbing to panic. They highlighted that there is no indication of increased severity or risk of mortality from these subtypes at this stage.

India’s Covid situation: Case count and state-wise data

As of 8 a.m. on June 1, India has recorded 3,758 active Covid cases, according to the Union Health Ministry. This marks a moderate but steady rise in infections in recent weeks. Kerala tops the list with 1,400 active cases, followed by Maharashtra (485), Delhi (436), Gujarat (320), West Bengal (287), and Karnataka (238). Among the Telugu states, Andhra Pradesh has 23 active cases, while Telangana has reported only 3. So far in 2025, the official death toll attributed to Covid stands at 28.

HC Quashes State Move on Society Posts

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The Andhra Pradesh High Court delivered a significant verdict, ruling that the state government cannot arbitrarily remove nominated members from societies unless specifically allowed by the organization’s by-laws. The ruling came as a setback to the government in cases involving members of the District Livestock Development Associations (DLDA) from multiple districts. A bench headed by Chief Justice Dheeraj Singh Thakur quashed the orders of the Prakasam District Collector and officials from Vizianagaram, Chittoor, and West Godavari districts that sought the resignation or removal of nominated DLDA members before their term ended. The court firmly stated that such removals could only occur if the provisions laid out in the respective society’s by-laws allow for it. The bench also overruled the judgment of a single judge who had earlier sided with the government, claiming it had the discretion to remove nominated members for polit-

ical or other reasons. The Chief Justice’s bench clarified that while the state does have the power to nominate individuals, it cannot exceed its authority by removing them unless a clear provision allows it. The case began when Kosuri Radha from Prakasam district challenged her removal from the board through a petition. Similar petitions were filed by Bangaru Naidu (Vizianagaram), Santosh Kumar (Chittoor), and Sundar Rao (West Godavari), who all alleged that they were forced to resign or were removed without due cause. The single judge had previously dismissed their petitions, stating the government held absolute discretion in such appointments. However, upon appeal, the Chief Justice’s bench took a different view, emphasizing that neither resignation nor removal can be enforced unless the society’s own rules are violated or such action is explicitly allowed. The verdict reinforces the legal boundaries of the state’s administrative powers in relation to autonomous society functioning.

Ashok Babu praises CM’s pro-employee stand

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Former MLC and employee union leader Ashok Babu commended Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu for his commitment to employee welfare, asserting that the CM has taken a practical and compassionate approach towards resolving long-standing issues faced by government staff. Speaking at an employee union meeting, Ashok Babu revealed that the Chief Minister has clearly stated that a new Pay Revision Commission (PRC) would only be

initiated after the clearance of previous dues. Babu stated that during his recent discussion with Chandrababu, the CM emphasized the need to first settle past arrears to avoid overburdening the government financially. “Chandrababu garu made it clear that the new PRC process will begin only after settling old dues. Otherwise, it will be difficult to manage both old and new commitments at once,” he said. He mentioned that the CM has assured a decision on this matter within a week

to ten days. Ashok Babu noted that the government had already paid significant amounts to employees—₹1,000 crore earlier and another ₹7,000 to ₹8,000 crore recently—bringing down arrears to nearly zero, a first in recent times. Highlighting the broader spectrum of employee welfare, Ashok Babu stressed the need to address issues related to contract and outsourcing staff. He called for salary revisions for those earning ₹10,000, ₹15,000, and

₹20,000 per month and reminded senior employees earning over ₹1 lakh to also be mindful of the struggles of their lower-paid colleagues. “Equal pay for equal work must be the guiding principle,” he said, adding that contract employees and hourly lecturers deserve just treatment too. He recalled how he and Minister Lokesh had earlier worked to raise hourly lecturer salaries from ₹10,500 to ₹27,500. On the issue of employee union fragmentation, Ashok Babu voiced concern over divisions driven by political

motivations. “Unions are now split. Some have sold out; others are chasing political affiliations,” he lamented. While asserting that the NGO Association is not linked to any political party, he underscored the importance of strategic lobbying in today’s political environment. He advised union leaders to act wisely and focus on collective interest over personal gains. Ashok Babu also reflected on his work from 2019 to 2024 as MLC and Central Office Secretary, asserting that he always prioritized employee issues.



Babu, Lokesh Failed in Conducting 10th Exams: YS Jagan

Jagan demands free re-evaluation of answer sheets for affected students

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

Former Chief Minister and YSR Congress Party Chief YS Jaganmohan Reddy has come down heavily on the ruling coalition government over the mishandling of the 10th exams and evaluation process. Taking to social media platform X, Jagan launched a scathing attack on Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and Education Minister Nara Lokesh, accusing them of complete failure and corruption in the education sector. Jagan expressed serious concern over the errors in the evaluation of 10th exam papers, stating that over 6.14 lakh students, who studied day and night to perform well, were subjected to distress due to the government's inefficiency. "The government that should have evaluated answer sheets fairly has failed miserably. The students and their parents are now doubting even the credibility of their marks," he wrote. Highlighting the ripple effect of the alleged evaluation mistakes, Jagan said that unfair treatment in admissions to institutions like IIITs, Gurukul schools, and junior colleges is surfacing across the state. He questioned who would take responsibility for the suffering caused to the students. He further accused the current government of eroding the educational reforms brought in during his tenure. "The Nadu-Nedu program, Gorumudda, introduction of English medium, transition from CBSE to IB curriculum, TOEFL from Class 3, distribution of tabs to Class 8 students, and subject-wise teaching – all of these have been undermined. Even Amma Odi, which was aimed at encouraging mothers, has been canceled," Jagan stated. Jagan alleged that the incompetence of the current leadership was exposed right from the conduct of the exams, with reports of question paper leaks. He said the government's inability to rectify errors in evaluation only further confirmed their misgovernance. Demanding immediate corrective steps, Jagan urged that answer sheets of all students requesting re-evaluation be reviewed free of cost. He also called for a temporary suspension of admissions based on tenth-grade marks until final results are verified. Most notably, he demanded accountability and strict action against everyone involved, starting with Education Minister Nara Lokesh. "Students should not suffer due to the government's irresponsible actions. It's time to hold those responsible accountable," Jagan concluded.

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- Demands secularism be applied equally, without discrimination

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister and Jana Sena Party chief Pawan Kalyan has strongly criticized the West Bengal government and police over their selective action in cases involving religious sentiments. He questioned the inaction against Trinamool Congress (TMC) leaders accused of insulting Sanatan Dharma, even as a young law student, Sharmishtha Panoli, was arrested for a social media post. Taking to social media platform 'X', Pawan Kalyan expressed anger over what he called "discriminatory justice" and demanded that the same standards be applied to everyone, irrespective of political power or belief systems. He said that while the West Bengal police acted swiftly in arresting a student for her online comments, they failed to take similar action against elected MPs and leaders of the ruling TMC who allegedly mocked Sanatan Dharma.



Referring to the student's arrest, Pawan said, "The comments made by Sharmishtha during Operation Sindoor hurt some people. She accepted her mistake, deleted the video, and apologized. Bengal Police responded swiftly. But what about the deep resentment felt by lakhs of people when elected leaders of TMC mocked Sanatan Dharma? Where is their apology? Where is the action against them?" He particularly questioned the lack of response to past remarks by West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. Sharing a video clip of her speech during an Eid gathering in March, Pawan recalled her statements describing the BJP's ideology as a "bad religion" (Ganda Dharm) and questioned why no action had been taken against her or other TMC leaders for such comments that deeply hurt Hindu sentiments. Pawan added, "Secularism should not be a shield for some and a sword for others. It should be applied equally.

The whole country is watching West Bengal Police. Do justice for everyone." He stressed that justice must be above political affiliation and religious identity and called for immediate action against those responsible for making derogatory statements against Sanatan Dharma. Meanwhile, law student Sharmishtha was arrested from her Gurugram residence on Friday following a complaint by Wajahat Khan alleging that her social media content insulted Islam and hurt communal harmony. She was produced in an Alipore court on Saturday and remanded to judicial custody till June 13. AIM-IM spokesperson Waris Pathan also accused her of spreading religious disharmony, though Sharmishtha had issued an apology earlier on May 16, denying any intent to offend. Pawan Kalyan's post has reignited the debate on equal application of secular principles and justice, especially in cases involving freedom of expression and religious sensitivities.

Perni Nani Slams Govt for Targeting Vamsi

TPN Correspondent | Krishna

YCP leader and former minister Perni Nani has come down heavily on the coalition government, accusing it of deliberately targeting former MLA Vallabhaneni Vamsi through a series of fabricated cases. Speaking at a press meet on Saturday while unveiling a poster for the YSRCP-led Back Injury Day protest scheduled for June 4, Nani alleged that Vamsi's arrest and continued remand reflect a vindictive political agenda. Perni Nani claimed that Vamsi has been jailed for 115 days without valid grounds, with cases being resurrected from 14 and 9 years ago in a clear attempt to abuse power. "These



cases are being brought with the sole intention of showing authority and suppressing a strong local leader," he said. He accused TDP chief Chandrababu Naidu and general secretary Nara Lokesh of stooping to low levels, acting in a way that disregards basic humanity. "Even as Vamsi's health deteriorates, they are trying to harm him further," Nani stated, expressing concern

over the former MLA's condition in jail. Drawing an emotional parallel, Nani likened Vamsi's wife to Sati Savitri, saying, "If Chandrababu and Lokesh are playing the role of Yamadharm Raja, Vamsi's wife is standing like Savitri—with unshakable belief in justice." He praised her resilience and legal fight to ensure her husband's release. Perni Nani exuded confidence that justice will prevail and declared that Vamsi would return to Gannavaram and lead his constituency once again. "No matter how many false cases they file, the truth will come out. Vamsi will emerge stronger and continue serving the people of Gannavaram," he asserted.



Attack On TDP Office Was Wrong, But I Was Not Involved: RK

TPN Correspondent | Guntur

Former Mangalagiri MLA Alla Ramakrishna Reddy (RK) on Saturday appeared before the CID in connection with the 2021 attack on the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) central office. Named as the 127th accused in the case, RK arrived at the CID office in Guntur on a scooter, accompanied by a friend and his legal counsel. He underwent two hours of questioning, during which officials posed a series of pointed questions regarding his alleged role in the incident. According to sources, CID officials questioned RK about his knowledge of the attack and his response as the then-local MLA. Asked whether he was aware of the attack taking place in his own constituency, RK reportedly said he only had limited knowledge of internal party matters and was unaware of the attack. When probed on why he did not publicly condemn the incident, he stated that he was deeply disturbed by it and chose not to speak out, not even issuing a press note. RK is said to have admitted that the attack on the TDP office was a mistake and something that could not have occurred without instructions from senior leadership. He claimed that at the time of the incident, he was out in the field and suggested that his location could be verified via mobile records. He also denied interfering in the case, which has seen minimal progress over the last three years. CID officials reportedly asked him 38 questions in total. Speaking to the media after the questioning, RK strongly refuted any involvement and claimed the case against him was politically motivated. "I clearly told the authorities that I was in the field during the attack. I answered everything they asked. It's cruel that I was added as an accused a year after the incident. It's obvious this is happening only because I defeated Nara Lokesh," he said. He further alleged that his past stance against the TDP government's policies from 2014 to 2019 made him a political target. "Even though I had no role in the attack, I was included in the case just before the charge sheet was filed. I believe it's a politically driven move, and that's why I have filed for anticipatory bail," he added. The case continues to raise political tensions in the state, with RK's claims adding to the ongoing debate over the alleged misuse of investigation agencies for political gain.

786 Rafi and Nelavala Rajesh Meet Sonu Sood



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Sullurpet: Renowned film actor and humanitarian Shri Sonu Sood was warmly felicitated by 786 Rafi and Nelavala Rajesh, who presented him with a shawl and bouquet during a recent meeting. During the occasion, they earnestly requested Shri Sonu Sood to visit the Chennalamma Temple and Venadhu Dharga located in the Sullurpet constituency. They also appealed on behalf of the local community for Shri Sood to extend his well-known humanitarian services, which have benefited many across the country, to the people of Sullurpet. The meeting highlighted the hope that Shri Sonu Sood's compassionate work will soon reach and positively impact the Sullurpet constituency as well.

Ration Shops Made More Accessible to Public

Doorstep delivery for elderly and disabled welcomed by people

TPN Correspondent | Nellore

Telugu Desam Party Sarvepalli Coordinator Somireddy Rajagopal Reddy inspected the ration distribution in Narukuru and TP Gudur villages of Thotapalli Gudur mandal on Sunday. Alongside officials, he distributed ration goods directly to beneficiaries, including home deliveries for the disabled and elderly. Somireddy Rajagopal Reddy highlighted that the coalition government has restored the ration distribution system to a more accessible and efficient format. Ration shops have been reopened and are now functioning on a fixed schedule: from 8 AM to 12 PM and again from 4 PM to 8 PM every month, following the traditional approach started 42 years ago during NTR's Rs. 2 per kg rice

scheme. He criticized the previous YSRCP government's changes, noting that their new system, which involved purchasing vans worth Rs. 1600 crore for distribution, was ineffective as these vans rarely visited households and remained parked on the streets. Under the new system championed by Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan, ration goods are now available for people to collect without any crowding or rush. Furthermore, officials are delivering goods directly to the homes of elderly and disabled beneficiaries, making the process more convenient. This return to the traditional ration system has been well-received, with many people expressing happiness and relief at the coalition government's efforts to improve public access to essential goods.



Twenty Crores So Far..!

Mucharla Srinivasa Rao's Gold Scheme Scam Unfolds
80 victims report fraud; 40 register full complaints
Victims say they paid ₹20-₹60 lakh each without receipts
Police form special teams to trace absconding accused

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A sensational scam involving Mucharla Srinivasa Rao has come to light in Vijayawada, with close to ₹20 crore reportedly swindled from unsuspecting citizens under the guise of a gold investment scheme and ticket-based savings plans. The case has taken a dramatic turn as nearly 80 victims have approached the police, out of which 40 have officially filed detailed complaints. Most of the victims, residents

of Lotus Landmark where Srinivasa Rao lived, claimed they were lured into investing between ₹20 lakh to ₹60 lakh each with the promise of gold returns. Believing in his local popularity and past dealings in greens and lottery tickets, many trusted him blindly—especially after some early investors received small returns. Encouraged by initial payouts, several others joined the scheme, paying monthly instalments for 24 months, with the promise of receiving gold

in the 26th month. However, Srinivasa Rao allegedly disappeared just as the maturity period approached. For the third day in a row on Saturday, a large number of distressed victims gathered at the police station. Many of them were seen carrying notebooks and ledgers where Srinivasa Rao manually recorded their payments—no official receipts were ever issued. According to the police, this lack of documentation has complicated the investigation.



A few days ago, Srinivasa Rao allegedly attempted to flee the city. He was caught by some of the victims but managed to escape again after feigning co-operation. Police sources say he went missing soon after that incident. In a desperate plea for justice, many victims also approached local MLA Bonda Umama-

heswara Rao, stating that they had taken loans to invest in the scheme and now face ruin. In response, two special police teams have been formed under the supervision of Ajitsang-nagar CI Venkateswarlu Nayak, with North Zone ACP Sravanthirai overseeing the probe. One team has been dispatched to Tamil Nadu, while another

is operating in Visakhapatnam, questioning Srinivasa Rao's associates. Investigators are also exploring whether he diverted the funds to purchase assets under the names of relatives. The case continues to unravel as more victims come forward with fresh details, and the hunt for Mucharla Srinivasa Rao intensifies.

Yoga is our heritage, should be part of daily life

Genco MD urges homes to become mini power hubs through PM Surya Ghar
Collector aims to teach yoga to 10 lakh people in NTR District by June 21

TPN Correspondent | NTR District
A large-scale YogaAndhra program was held at Pavitra Sangam in Ibrahimpatnam on Sunday as part of Yoga Andhra Month celebrations initiated by the Andhra Pradesh government. AP GENCO Managing Director KVN Chakradhar Babu and NTR District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmi Shah led the program, which witnessed enthusiastic participation from officials, nursing staff, students, and yoga practitioners. The event was jointly organized by the District AYUSH Department, Tourism, and the Medical and Health Departments in collaboration with VTPS. Speaking at the event, AP GENCO MD KVN Chakradhar Babu highlighted the cultural and spiritual value of yoga. "Yoga is our great heritage. It must be the first priority in everyone's daily timetable," he said. He credited Prime Minister Narendra Modi for promoting yoga globally through International Yoga Day and lauded the state government's effort to take yoga to every village



and ward through Yoga Andhra Month. He added that AP GENCO is proud to support such initiatives as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). Chakradhar Babu drew a parallel between Surya Namaskara and the rooftop solar initiative PM Surya Ghar. "Just as we begin our day with Surya Namaskara for our health, every household should use PM Surya Ghar to become a mini generator and contribute to energy self-sufficiency," he said. He also emphasized that AP's power sector has made significant strides in reducing transmission losses and main-



taining quality power supply. District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmi Shah stated that yoga sessions are being organized across all villages and tourist areas, starting with Gandhi Hill and now Pavitra Sangam. "Yoga brings better results in our everyday tasks and ensures a healthy life. Our aim is to teach yoga to 10 lakh new people in the district by June 21," he said. The Collector also stressed the role of the AYUSH department in making yoga accessible through 45-minute daily protocols, conducted with themed awareness campaigns. Artistic yoga displays by children

added a cultural highlight to the event, earning applause from the audience. Alongside the yoga initiative, officials also launched a special awareness campaign against drug abuse. AP GENCO MD KVN Chakradhar Babu, Collector Lakshmi Shah, and Eagle SP N. Nageshbabu unveiled posters carrying the anti-drug message "Drugs Vaddhu Bro" and the toll-free number 1972. Collector Lakshmi Shah emphasized that these campaigns are part of a broader goal to achieve a drug-free district and state. The event was attended by VTPS Chief Engineer P. Sivaramanjaneyulu, Yoga Andhra Nodal Officer Dr. M. Suhasini, District Tourism Officer Shilpa, AYUSH Yoga Andhra Nodal Officer Dr. V. Rani, AYUSH Officer Dr. Ramatlehi, Dr. Ratnapriyadarshini, Ibrahimpatnam Tahsildar Y. Venkateswarlu, Kondapalli Municipal Commissioner Ramya Keerthana, and other VTPS representatives and engineering staff.

Satavahana College Principal's 'Kidnap' Ends Overnight

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The reported kidnapping of Satavahana College Principal Vankayalapati Srinivas created a stir in Vijayawada late Friday evening, but the issue was resolved within hours following swift police intervention. Srinivas returned home safely around 1 am, even as accusations flew pointing fingers at Telugu Desam MLC Alapati Rajendra Prasad's close aides. According to the complaint lodged by Srinivas' son with the Satyanarayanapuram police, the principal was allegedly kidnapped by MLC Alapati Raja's personal assistant Rajesh and two others near D Address Mall on Bandar Road. He claimed that his father was forcibly taken to Guntur amid a long-standing dispute with the MLC's group over the Satavahana College site. Upon receiving the complaint, police began investigating immediately. CCTV footage from the mall showed two men placing their hands on Srinivas's shoulders and escorting him to a vehicle. Using mobile phone tracking, the police confirmed that Srinivas'



phone, along with those of the alleged kidnappers, was active in Guntur. Following this lead, Krishna Lanka police teams proceeded to Guntur. However, before the police could reach the location, a key development unfolded. Principal Srinivas reportedly contacted his son and informed him that he was safe. The news

brought relief to his family and the police, who had been working against the clock to locate him. It is believed that senior police officials also intervened and communicated with MLC Alapati Raja. Principal Srinivas safely returned home in Vijayawada shortly after midnight. Police have not made any arrests but continue to verify the circumstances surrounding his unexpected departure to Guntur. Responding to the allegations, MLC Alapati Raja's PA Rajesh denied any involvement in a kidnapping. "There was no kidnapping. Srinivas himself came to Guntur. Even Vijayawada DCP Saritha spoke to him while he was here," Rajesh claimed. "We are not at fault in any way." While the immediate crisis has ended, the incident has drawn attention to the ongoing land dispute linked to Satavahana College, and the alleged political pressure surrounding it. Police are expected to continue their inquiry to clarify whether the incident involved coercion or was a voluntary meeting that escalated unnecessarily.



Everyone Should Have Spiritual Thoughts: MLA Venigandla Ramu

TPN Correspondent | Gudlavalleru
Gudivada MLA Venigandla Ramu emphasized the importance of spiritual thinking for everyone, irrespective of their religious beliefs, while participating in the 11th anniversary celebrations of Sri Shirdi Sai Mandir at Kondipalem in Vaddlamannadu, Gudlavalleru mandal on Sunday. MLA Ramu began the celebrations by performing special pujas to Sri Shirdi Sai Baba and initiating the worship rituals. He later expressed his joy at taking part in the event,

describing the celebrations as a feast for the eyes and a spiritually uplifting experience. Wishing well-being and prosperity for all with the blessings of Sri Sai Baba, Ramu assured full cooperation in organizing such spiritual programs in the future. "Spirituality should be part of everyone's life, and it strengthens social harmony," he said. As part of the event, MLA Ramu also inaugurated the Anna Samaradhana (community feast) and personally served food to devotees who had gathered for the occasion.

Several local leaders and alliance members joined the celebrations, including Chekur Jagan Mohan Rao, Pamarthi Saththibabu, Pamarthi Gopalakrishna, Kagita Vijaya Saradhi, Pamarthi Anil, Pande Srinu, Garikapati Rambabu, Garikapati Venkateswara Rao, Thota Chinnari, Penneru Ramesh, and other party activists. The event drew a large number of devotees and was marked by devotion, community participation, and cultural fervor.



Sharmila Slams Jagan, Lokesh Over Recounting Row

Calls it a failure of both YSRCP and NDA govts

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Andhra Pradesh Congress president YS Sharmila has come down heavily on both former Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy and current Education Minister Nara Lokesh over the ongoing controversy surrounding the 10th class exam recounting. Dismissing their arguments as "demons reciting Vedas," Sharmila accused both the previous YSRCP regime and the present coalition government of failing the state's students through repeated mismanagement of the education system. Citing statistics, Sharmila said, "During the YSRCP rule, around 20% of the students who failed were declared passed with high marks after recounting. Now, under the current government, out of 30,000 applications received for recounting, 11,000 students ended up securing first class. This reveals the sheer negligence in both paper setting and evaluation." She expressed shock at the numbers and questioned the credibility of the evaluation process. "What more proof is needed to say that the education system has collapsed? There is no transparency in the results. This has nothing to do with students failing — it's the governments that have failed continuously for the last ten years," Sharmila stated. She went on to say that the education system has been corrupted for a decade by two administrations obsessed more with money than meaningful reform. "Both Jagan and Lokesh are playing with the lives of students. They are not interested in correcting the system. They are only interested in political blame games," she alleged. Sharmila also targeted Lokesh directly, calling his handling of the issue a "complete failure." She demanded an immediate probe into the matter and insisted that the government offer free re-verification of all exam papers to ensure fairness and transparency. "No government has the right to jeopardize the future of students for political mileage," she asserted. The AP Congress chief's remarks come amidst rising public concern over the authenticity of results and a growing chorus demanding accountability from education officials.



Srikalahasti Temple Faces Job Reinstatement Row

HC directs reinstatement of 18 former unpaid temple workers

Only 5 reinstated; 13 remain sidelined

TPN | C Shekar
Srikalahasti: A controversy has erupted at the historic Srikalahasteeswara Swamy temple as the management defies the High Court’s May 2024 order to reinstate 18 former unpaid temple workers. While the court mandated reinstatement, only five have been restored to their posts, raising serious allegations of political interference and favoritism. These 19 workers were initially appointed in 2014 by the temple trust, then under TDP leadership, to assist with crowd control, queue management, and helping devotees without any salary, purely out of devotion. The situation took a tragic turn in 2018 when one worker, Ramesh, died of an electric shock. Following this, the temple abruptly terminated all workers, forcing 18 of them to fight a decade-long legal battle for reinstatement. Despite the High Court ruling in their favor, the temple reinstated only five, reportedly those with strong political backing or financial influence. Allegations have surfaced that new appointments were made under dubious conditions, involving backdoor dealings with BJP, Janasena, and YSRCP political interests. Temple officials claim the appointments were made based on recommendations from the local Seven Gangammas Temple Committee, but many believe this is a smokescreen to conceal nepotism and corruption. The remaining 13 workers, denied their rightful jobs, feel betrayed by the system. They allege that political favoritism has overridden the court’s directives, turning what was a sacred service into a political battlefield. Concerns are also growing over insider influence related to temple affairs, including past corruption linked to prasadam management. Locals question whether the local MLA is aware or complicit in this troubling saga, as the displaced workers continue their fight for justice. Their hope now rests not just on the legal system but on the divine intervention of Lord Kalahasteeswara to restore fairness and sanctity to temple service.

YSRCP Leader Sparks Controversy in Tirumala Queue

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Tensions flared at Tirumala on Friday night after slogans were raised against the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) in the Sarva Darshan queue. Authorities have identified the individual behind the protest as YSRCP leader Baddili Acharao (also known as Babji) from Thimmapuram village in Kakinada district. He is known to be a close associate of former minister Kurasala Kanababu and previously served as chairman of the Venugopalaswamy temple in his locality, a temple that received ₹50 lakh in TTD funds during his tenure. Eyewitness video from the incident showed Acharao raising slogans in the queue line, allegedly expressing dissatisfaction with the darshan process. It is also reported that Thimmapuram Sarpanch and fellow YSRCP leader Bezawada Satyanarayana was present in the same footage. Tirumala police have since registered a bindover case against Acharao. TTD vigilance and police officials have also identified the individual who recorded the video. TTD Additional Executive Officer CH Venkaiah Chaudhary addressed the media, stating that Acharao admitted to chanting slogans due to impatience, poor health, and lack of understanding about the crowd movement. Acharao reportedly expressed remorse and admitted he acted in haste without considering the ar-

rangements in place, such as the distribution of Annaprasadam and milk. The Additional EO warned that strict legal action would be taken against anyone at-



tempting to provoke devotees or capture such incidents on video for ulterior motives. Meanwhile, TTD board member Bhanu Prakash Reddy came down heavily on the YSRCP, alleging that the party is systematically trying to damage the TTD’s reputation for political mileage. “From the SV Goshala controversy to the namaz incident in Tirumala and now this queue protest, YCP’s conspiracy is evident,” he said. Janasena’s Tirupati in-charge Kiran Royal echoed these sentiments, accusing the YSRCP of orchestrating the slogan incident to attack TTD leadership. As the investigation continues, political temperatures around Tirumala are rising, with opposition parties demanding accountability and the TTD promising vigilance against further disruptions.

Plane Flies Over Tirumala Temple Again

TTD reiterates appeal for 'No Fly Zone'; seeks Centre's intervention
Airplane flies at low altitude over Srivari temple, sparks outrage
TTD says it violates Agama Shastra, urges Centre to act
Devotees ask Union Minister Rammohan Naidu to intervene

TPN Correspondent | Tirupati
An airplane flying at a low altitude over the Tirumala Srivari Temple on Sunday morning caused widespread concern and anger among devotees. The aircraft was seen flying alarmingly close to the temple premises, with several devotees capturing the incident on their mobile phones. The video quickly went viral, intensifying public outcry. Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) officials responded swiftly to the reports and have launched an inquiry to determine the origin and destination of the aircraft. According to Agama Shastra — the sacred scriptures governing temple practices — flying over the temple is strictly prohibited. TTD reiterated that such incidents violate both spiritual

traditions and the sanctity of the shrine. “This is not just a violation of rules, but a deep hurt to the sentiments of lakhs of devotees,” said a TTD official. The organization has been requesting the Union Government for years to declare the Tirumala hill shrine a ‘No Fly Zone’, but the Ministry of Civil Aviation has reportedly deemed the request unfeasible. Despite repeated appeals, similar incidents have been occurring for the past two to three years, leaving the TTD and devotees increasingly frustrated. The absence of concrete action has led to suspicions of negligence, prompting stronger demands this time around. In light of the latest incident, devotees are now urging Union Civil Aviation Minister Ram-



mohan Naidu, who hails from Andhra Pradesh, to take a special initiative and address the issue on a priority basis. They argue that with the Telugu Desam Party and Jana Sena Party being part of the central coalition, there is a stronger

chance of pushing the proposal through. With concerns escalating and no firm action taken in previous instances, pressure is mounting on the central government to prevent further violations around one of India’s most revered pilgrimage sites.

CM’s Vision 2047 Targets Transformative Growth

₹7L Cr investments, 20L jobs, Quantum Valley tech
Amaravati work begins, Polavaram by 2027
P-4 to uplift poor, journals to get accreditation soon



TPN Correspondent | Nellore
Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu is leading Andhra Pradesh with forward-thinking initiatives aimed at long-term development under Vision 2047, said State Housing and Information & Public Relations Minister Kolusu Parthasarathy. During his visit to Nellore on Sunday for the distribution of talent awards to Yadava students, the minister addressed the media and outlined the Chief Minister’s transformative plans.

Parthasarathy said that CM Chandrababu and IT and Education Minister Nara Lokesh are working tirelessly to uplift the state, which had been left behind in various sectors. He said Vision 2047, aligned with the Centre’s Vikasit Bharat agenda, aims to place both India and Andhra Pradesh at the forefront globally. “Seven lakh crore rupees worth of investments have already flowed into the state,” he said, adding that these will contribute to the establishment of a large number

of industries. Highlighting the ambitious employment drive, the minister stated, “The NDA coalition aims to provide 20 lakh jobs in the next five years.” He emphasized that Quantum Valley technology, being introduced in Andhra Pradesh for the first time in the country, is poised to create lakhs of new job opportunities. “Quantum Valley will surpass conventional IT and software industries and bring cutting-edge growth,” he said. On the infrastructure front, Parthasarathy said that construction work has started for Amaravati capital, and the Polavaram project will be completed by December 2027. He said CM Chandrababu is preparing to launch the ₹80,000 crore Polavaram-Banakacharla project to utilize surplus Godavari waters and transform Rayalaseema into a green zone. “The aim is to stop precious water from flowing into the sea and redirect it towards the arid Rayalaseema region,” he added. He also spoke about the P-4 program introduced by the CM, which he described as a revo-

lutionary initiative to uplift the poorest segments of society. “P-4 will bring a fundamental transformation and ensure inclusive development for marginalized families,” he noted. The minister said that with these forward-looking schemes, the state’s GDP is expected to grow significantly. He appealed to the opposition to correct their mistakes and co-operate with the government in rebuilding the state. On the issue of journalist accreditation, Parthasarathy announced that all eligible journalists in Andhra Pradesh would soon receive their cards. “During the 2014–2019 tenure, 21,000 cards were issued under CM Chandrababu’s leadership, whereas the previous government issued only 12,000,” he said. A cabinet sub-committee has been formed and a decision on this will be finalized in the upcoming cabinet meeting. Rajya Sabha MP Bida Mastan Rao, Yadava Corporation Chairman Narasimha Yadav, and other dignitaries participated in the event.

Nadendla Manohar Inaugurates Ration Shop in Pithapuram

TPN Correspondent | East Godavari
Andhra Pradesh Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Minister Nadendla Manohar formally inaugurated a low-cost essential commodities outlet in Pithapuram town. The ration shop, named after Bachchu Anjani Padmavati Devi, is located in the 18th ward of the Pithapuram constituency and marks a new step towards making essential commodities accessible and affordable to the local population. The event witnessed the participation of several key officials and public representatives. Among them were State Civil Supplies Commissioner Saurabh Gaur, Government Whip and Legislative Council Member Pidugu Hariprasad, District Collector Shanmohan, East Godavari Joint DCCB Chairman Tumamala Ramaswamy, Kakinada Rural MLA Pantham Nanaji,



State Civil Supplies Corporation Chairman Thota Sudheer, former Pithapuram MLAs SVSN Verma and Pendem Dorababu, and Jana Sena Pithapuram in-charge Marreddy Srinivasu.

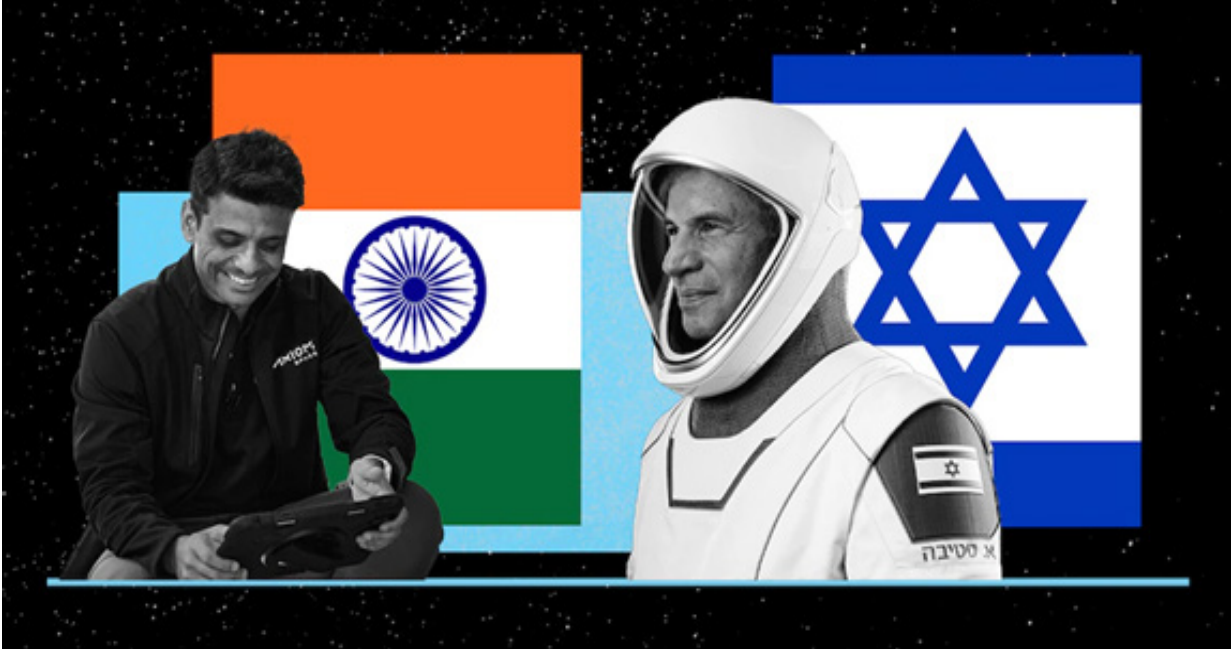
Minister Manohar emphasized the government’s commitment to ensuring food security and strengthening the Public Distribution System (PDS). “This initiative will help reduce the

burden on low-income families by offering essential items at reasonable rates. We are determined to improve accessibility across all regions,” he said during the inauguration. The newly launched shop will supply essential food items like rice, sugar, wheat, and oil to eligible beneficiaries under the state’s ration distribution scheme. Officials stated that the shop is fully equipped to handle biometric authentication and seamless stock management, improving the transparency and efficiency of operations. The event concluded with an appeal by Minister Manohar to the people to utilize the services responsibly and report any irregularities. The presence of a wide spectrum of officials and leaders at the event signaled the state’s unified effort to enhance citizen welfare through robust service delivery.

From Tel Aviv to Lucknow: How Space Is Strengthening India-Israel Ties

As India prepares to send Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla to the International Space Station (ISS) on the Axiom 4 mission, an inspiring collaboration between India and Israel is unfolding beyond borders and cultures. Israeli astronaut Eytan Stibbe, who flew on the Axiom 1 mission in 2022, is extending a hand of friendship to India by helping bring the excitement of space exploration to schoolchildren in Lucknow — Shukla’s hometown.

The initiative centers around the City Montessori School (CMS) in Lucknow, where Group Captain Shukla studied. Inspired by a meeting with Stibbe at an astronaut gathering in Houston, the two astro-



nauts envisioned a program to connect Indian students with the real-time experience of

space travel.

Eytan Stibbe’s journey to space

was unique: Israel’s second astronaut, he flew a self-funded mission that combined

science, education, and art. His goal was to reignite public interest in space after the tragic loss of Ilan Ramon, Israel’s first astronaut, who died aboard the Columbia shuttle in 2003 alongside Indian-American astronaut Kalpana Chawla.

“My mission aimed to open the excitement and curiosity about space,” said Stibbe. “Space is endless and unknown, but we are just a small part of it.”

Stibbe’s outreach in Israel engaged thousands of children, and now he hopes to replicate this success in India. The CMS plans to create a “mission control” experience for students to follow Shukla’s journey aboard the ISS, watch live

camera feeds, and participate in interactive educational activities. “We want children to ask questions and be curious,” Stibbe said.

This collaboration symbolizes the growing ties between India and Israel. “We can learn a lot from each other — from education, missions, and science,” Stibbe noted. With strong friendship between Prime Ministers Narendra Modi and Benjamin Netanyahu, the initiative could gain support at the highest levels.

For Stibbe, the mission is deeply personal. “Seeing Earth from space changes you. It reminds us how fragile our planet is, and inspires us to care for it and future generations.”

Inside America’s Spiritual Marketplace: From IMAX Churches to TikTok Prophets

Beneath America’s polished surface lies a complex spiritual landscape unlike any other—a vast “faith bazaar” where religion merges with spectacle, politics, and social media. Here, belief is not just private but public performance, with megachurches boasting IMAX-like experiences and fiery pastors livestreaming apocalyptic prophecies to hundreds of thousands. One striking example was the 2021 gathering in Dallas, where thousands awaited the miraculous return of JFK, guided by Michael Protzman, aka “Negative 48,” a QAnon influencer and self-styled prophet. When the prophecy failed, followers didn’t abandon their faith; instead, they adapted—showing how flexible and performative belief has become. America’s spiritual scene ranges

from Pentecostal miracle healings at places like Bethel Church in California, where prayers for healing flood social media, to the rising interest in Russian Orthodoxy. Many young white American men, seeking order and tradition, are drawn to its incense-filled rituals and moral clarity, sometimes embracing political narratives tied to Vladimir Putin and his framing of the Ukraine war as a battle for Christian civilization. Meanwhile, movements like the New Apostolic Reformation push a political-religious agenda, seeing Donald Trump as a divinely chosen figure. Charismatic leaders such as Pastor Greg Locke and prophetess Julie Green mix conspiracy theories with faith, influencing followers on YouTube and Christian TV, and fueling political unrest.

Social media has become a pulpit and stage, with TikTok prophets warning of doom, casting out demons, and speaking in tongues—all attracting millions of viewers. This fusion of entertainment, politics, and religion reflects America’s hunger for meaning amid cultural confusion. The American faith bazaar isn’t limited to Christianity—it includes psychedelic churches, UFO cults, and wellness gurus blending Eastern mysticism with Western trends. This pluralism allows people to mix and match beliefs in a constantly evolving spiritual marketplace. Despite the spectacle, at its core lies a profound human longing for permanence, meaning, and hope in a fast-changing world—a quest that continues to shape the ever-shifting American spiritual landscape.



India Surpassing Japan in GDP: Reality, Misconceptions, and the Importance of Data Integrity



Recently, BVR Subrahmanyam, CEO of NITI Aayog, claimed that India has overtaken Japan in current dollar GDP. However, a closer look at the data reveals a more nuanced reality. According to the IMF’s World Economic Outlook (WEO) database, for the fiscal year 2024-25, Japan’s GDP stands at \$4.0 trillion, slightly ahead of India’s \$3.9 trillion. The forecast for fiscal year 2025-26 shows India’s GDP at \$4.187 trillion narrowly surpassing Japan’s \$4.186 trillion, suggesting the crossover will occur around that period—not before.

This timing aligns roughly with the midpoint of the fiscal year (September), meaning the claim that India has already overtaken Japan was premature by about a year. Exchange rates also add complexity. For instance, India’s GDP in Q1 2025, converted at the prevailing exchange rate, is around \$4.13 trillion, while Japan’s GDP for the same quarter is about \$4.38 trillion—still significantly higher. Given India’s nominal GDP growth rate of roughly 10% per year and Japan’s more modest 3.4%, the crossover is expected near March 2026, assuming exchange

rates remain stable.

Fluctuations in currency values can delay or accelerate this milestone. A stronger yen against the dollar would push back Japan’s relative position, while a weaker yen could hasten India’s rise.

This episode underscores several lessons. First, hasty conclusions can mislead public understanding. Second, headline GDP figures matter less than what truly affects everyday life—such as per capita income, which still places India decades behind Japan. Third and most importantly, reliable and transparent data is crucial for sound policymaking. The continued delay in releasing crucial household expenditure data from 2017-18 has eroded confidence in official statistics, inviting skepticism both domestically and internationally.

As India aspires to global economic leadership, maintaining data integrity and patience in interpreting statistics remain vital. Premature claims may thrill headlines but do little for informed decision-making or national progress.

Musk-Durov AI Deal Sparks Tech Drama, Raises Concerns Over Telegram's Future

In a collision of ideology, ambition, and controversy, Elon Musk and Pavel Durov—two of tech’s most libertarian-minded billionaires—have entered what appears to be a turbulent partnership. Durov recently announced a one-year deal with Musk’s AI startup, xAI, worth \$300 million in cash and equity. The goal: integrate xAI’s chatbot, Grok, into Telegram, a messaging platform with nearly 1 billion users.

But the deal quickly hit turbulence. Hours after Durov’s announcement, Musk publicly disputed the claim, tersely stating, “No deal has been signed.” The public contradic-

tion added fuel to what may be a high-stakes power play—particularly as Musk, fresh from stepping down from a government post, returns to his business ventures with renewed urgency.

For Musk, the Telegram partnership could significantly expand Grok’s reach beyond X (formerly Twitter), which has a much smaller user base. More Grok users means more potential subscription revenue—currently ranging from \$3 to \$40 monthly. It also mirrors past successful distribution deals like Microsoft’s with Dell or Google’s with Apple.

However, there’s a data dilemma. Grok’s power depends on vast training data. While X offers plenty, Telegram could be a goldmine. But Durov appears unwilling to open the vault. He publicly emphasized that user privacy is “paramount” and said Grok would only access messages users send directly to the bot. This stance may explain why Durov revealed the deal prematurely—possibly to pressure Musk into publicly accepting the terms.

If implemented, Grok’s integration would mark one of the most advanced uses of AI in a Western messaging platform. Unlike X or WhatsApp, Tele-

gram users could use Grok to rewrite or refine messages in real time—blurring the lines between human expression and machine influence.

However, deeper AI integration on Telegram raises red flags. Known for lax moderation, the platform has hosted extremist content and conspiracy groups. Grok, which has been jailbroken to produce hateful content before, could amplify disinformation or hate speech at scale.

Musk and Durov may have initiated a groundbreaking tech alliance—but the real drama could soon erupt across Telegram itself.



PM Modi Meets ADB President Masato Kanda

\$10 Billion Investment Announced for India's Urban Transformation

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi met Asian Development Bank (ADB) President Masato Kanda in New Delhi during the latter's three-day visit to India. The meeting concluded with a significant announcement: the ADB will channel \$10 billion over the next five years to support India's ambitious urban development plans.

The investment will be focused on expanding metro networks, constructing new Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) corridors, and modernising essential municipal services. The funding, which includes third-party capital, is intended to accelerate India's urban infrastructure transformation and strengthen the country's drive toward becoming a developed nation by 2047 — a vision often referred to as 'Viksit Bharat'.

In a post on social media platform X, Mr. Kanda called 'Viksit Bharat' a "bold vision" and expressed the ADB's strong commitment to supporting it. He emphasised India's critical role within the ADB, calling it a "steadfast partner" and noting that the country is both a founding member and the bank's largest borrower.

"We will direct USD 10 billion, including third-party capital, over the next five years into municipal infrastructure development, extending metro networks, building new Regional Rapid Transit System corridors, and modernising city services," Kanda said.

He further stressed the importance of scaling up both public and private sector financing, strengthening knowledge part-

nerships, and mobilising capital to support inclusive and sustainable growth across the country.

Prime Minister Modi, in his response, welcomed the ADB's support and shared that the government was committed to sustaining the momentum of India's transformation journey. "Had a wonderful meeting with Mr. Masato Kanda, in which we shared perspectives on a wide range of issues. India's rapid transformation over the last decade has empowered countless people, and we are working to add further momentum to this journey!" Mr. Modi posted.

The collaboration signals renewed global confidence in India's growth story, with urban development seen as a cornerstone in the path toward achieving 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047.



100 Days of Rekha Gupta-Led BJP Government in Delhi

Celebrations, Criticism, and Controversy



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After a historic return to power in Delhi with an almost 70% majority, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) marked its first 100 days in office under Chief Minister Rekha Gupta with grand celebrations at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium. However, the days following their comeback have been anything but smooth, as opposition parties and citizens alike have raised sharp questions about the government's performance.

At the 100-day celebration event, CM Gupta praised her government for working with "honesty and dedication." She also highlighted the launch of Operation Sindoor, a counter-terror offensive launched in response to the

deadly Pahalgam terror attack that claimed 26 civilian lives. In a pointed jab at the previous Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government, Gupta criticized what she described as its past undermining of national security.

However, the opposition, led by the AAP, accused the new government of failing to deliver on its promises. AAP leader Atishi dismissed the government's performance as visionless, citing increased power outages, higher electricity rates, and rising private school fees. AAP Delhi president Saurabh Bharadwaj further alleged that the BJP had stalled or shut down key welfare initiatives, including mohalla clinics, women's pensions, bus mar-

shal recruitments, and the "Farishte" emergency response scheme.

Adding to the pressure, AAP workers protested outside the stadium, demanding the BJP fulfill its campaign promise of ₹2,500 monthly support for one woman per family. Several demonstrators were detained by police.

Public opinion remains divided. Some citizens, like auto driver Sandeep, expressed optimism about the government's direction. Others, however, cited no visible improvements, highlighting issues like increased traffic challans and vendor harassment.

The Congress also joined the criticism, with Delhi unit chief Devendra Yadav accusing the BJP of spreading false promises, misusing public funds, and offering Z-plus security to its leaders while neglecting public welfare. He listed what he called the "10 major sins" of the new administration, including presenting a fictitious ₹1 lakh crore budget. In response to slum demolition concerns, CM Gupta assured residents that demolitions were court-mandated, not government-led, and that no slum would be razed under her administration.

Mamata Banerjee Opposing Op Sindoor, Waqf Act To Appease Vote Bank: Amit Shah

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Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched a scathing attack on West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee during a rally in Kolkata on Sunday, accusing her of opposing national security measures like Operation Sindoor and the Waqf Amendment Act to appease her political vote bank.

Speaking to BJP leaders and party workers, Shah alleged that Banerjee's resistance to Operation Sindoor—India's military response to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack—was politically motivated. "To appease the Muslim vote bank, Mamata didi opposed Operation Sindoor. In doing so, she has insulted the mothers and sisters of our nation," Shah said, vowing that women in Bengal would respond to this at the 2026 state elections.

He also criticized Banerjee's stance against the Waqf Amendment Act, calling it an example of appeasement politics. "Mamata Banerjee is against the Waqf law only to cater to her minority vote bank," Shah claimed, asserting that the BJP stands for legal



reform and equal rights for all.

Referring to the recent communal violence in Murshidabad, Shah alleged that the riots were "state-sponsored" and had the backing of senior Trinamool Congress (TMC) leaders. At least three people died and several were injured during protests related to the

Waqf law in April.

"The Ministry of Home Affairs had requested the deployment of the BSF during the Murshidabad riots, but the TMC government blocked it to let the violence continue," Shah said.

Accusing the TMC government of facilitating illegal infiltration from Bangladesh, Shah alleged that Banerjee had "opened Bengal's borders" to illegal migrants. "Only the BJP can stop infiltration. Mamata Banerjee has denied land to the BSF, making their work more difficult," he claimed.

He added that the refusal to allot land to the Border Security Force (BSF) was a deliberate strategy by the TMC to ensure the continuation of illegal immigration, which, he said, served their political interests.

Shah's fiery remarks come as BJP intensifies its campaign in West Bengal ahead of the 2026 Assembly elections, with security, law enforcement, and religious polarization at the forefront of its narrative.

'PM Should Step Back From Campaigning, Focus On Enemy': Mallikarjun Kharge

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge has urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to temporarily step away from election campaigning and focus solely on national security in light of the recent Operation Sindoor military offensive. Addressing reporters in Bengaluru on Saturday, Kharge said this is a time for leadership, unity, and focus—not political grandstanding.

"I don't like reacting to all his (PM Modi's) statements," Kharge began, but added pointedly, "The Prime Minister should recuse himself from electioneering for now and concentrate fully on the country's security. He should reflect on recent events and speak responsibly."

Operation Sindoor, launched following a deadly terror attack in Pahalgam, has heightened tensions across the region. In this sensitive context, Kharge emphasized that political leaders must display restraint and solidarity with the armed forces. "He (PM Modi) should focus on the enemy instead of indulging in self-praise. No one else would have used this moment to score political points. Our full support is with the Indian Armed Forces," Kharge stated.

He further criticized what he described as unnecessary public speeches by the Prime Minister during a critical time for national defense. "Let the Congress delegations and diplomats abroad return before we engage in political discourse again," Kharge said, alluding to ongoing international briefings being conducted by the party.

Kharge also responded to PM Modi's past remarks about giving the armed forces a "free hand" during military operations. "If he has already empowered the military, why continue boasting about it? Self-praise does not suit a Prime Minister," he remarked.

The Congress president underlined that national security must supersede electoral politics, especially when the country is engaged in a military operation. "The situation is not normal. This is not the time for political tours and campaign speeches," Kharge warned.

Reaffirming the Congress party's full support for India's armed forces, Kharge concluded, "As long as the army stands, the nation is safe. We support them unconditionally and urge the government to maintain focus where it's most needed—on defending the country."





Indian YouTuber Malik Swashbuckler Detained in Turkey for Derogatory Remarks Against Women

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An Indian YouTuber identified as Malik SD Khan, known online as “Malik Swashbuckler,” has reportedly been detained by Turkish authorities after a series of disturbing videos sparked widespread outrage on social media. The videos, allegedly showing Malik making sexually explicit and derogatory remarks about Turkish women, have led to public backlash and legal consequences.

According to reports from *Turkiye Today*, Malik was taken into custody after multiple complaints were filed by Turkish citizens who understood the offensive content, much of which was spoken in Hindi. Malik, apparently assuming the language barrier would shield him from scrutiny, made rape threats and lewd comments while interacting with locals during his visit.

In one viral clip, he referred to a Turkish woman as “maal” (a slang term often used derogatorily for women). In another, he asked viewers if he should assault his female guide later that night. A separate video showed Malik aggressively confronting a store owner, demanding to know why there wasn’t an Indian flag displayed, while hurling profanities.

Though Malik has since deleted his YouTube and Instagram accounts, many of the video clips continue to circulate across platforms, prompting global criticism. Turkish social media users played a key role in bringing the videos to light, ensuring that the issue reached local authorities.

As of now, Turkish officials have not made an official statement regarding Malik’s detention or the ongoing investigation. However, sources confirm that he remains in custody as authorities examine the contents of his videos and assess possible legal action.

The controversy comes amid already strained India-Turkey relations, with diplomatic tensions recently flaring after Turkey voiced support for Pakistan in the wake of the Pahalgam terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir. Following the incident, many Indian tourists began boycotting travel to Turkey, further complicating bilateral ties.

Malik’s actions have drawn condemnation from viewers both in India and abroad, with many demanding strict action. Advocacy groups have emphasized the need for accountability in digital spaces, especially when content creators cross ethical and legal boundaries abroad.

Trump-Xi Call Expected Soon Amid Escalating Minerals Trade Dispute

Says US Treasury Secretary

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Tensions are escalating between the United States and China over a brewing trade dispute concerning critical minerals, with US Treasury Secretary Bessent indicating that a high-level conversation between President Donald Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping is likely to take place soon.

Speaking on CBS’ “Face the Nation” on Sunday, Secretary Bessent addressed President Trump’s recent accusation that China has violated a trade agreement designed to reduce tariffs and ease restrictions on essential mineral exports. Trump had earlier stated that China failed to uphold its end of the deal, particularly in ensuring a steady flow of minerals vital for global industrial supply chains.

“What China is doing is they are holding back products that are essential for the industrial supply



chains of India, of Europe. And that is not what a reliable partner does,” Bessent said.

The agreement in question was aimed at stabilizing trade in rare earth elements and other minerals deemed critical for manufac-

turing, clean energy technology, and defense industries. China is the dominant global supplier of many of these minerals, making any disruption particularly impactful to the US and its allies.

President Trump, on Friday, ex-

pressed frustration over China’s conduct, accusing Beijing of renegeing on commitments. He also said he was confident that a conversation with President Xi would happen soon to address the matter. China, for its part, had said in April that the two leaders had not spoken recently, and it remains unclear whether the upcoming call will de-escalate tensions.

Secretary Bessent acknowledged uncertainty about the reasons behind China’s actions. “Maybe it’s a glitch in the Chinese system, maybe it’s intentional. We’ll see after the President speaks with the party chairman,” he said. The outcome of the potential Trump-Xi dialogue could have far-reaching implications, not just for US-China relations, but also for global supply chains and international trade partnerships. Markets and policymakers alike are watching closely for any developments from the expected call.

Zelenskyy Confirms Ukraine-Russia Peace Talks in Istanbul Amid Escalating Attacks



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Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy announced that a Ukrainian delegation will head to Istanbul on Monday, June 2, 2025, for a fresh round of direct peace talks with Russia, even as the war continues to escalate with deadly missile and drone attacks.

In a statement shared on Telegram, Zelenskyy confirmed that Defense Minister Rustem Umerov will lead the delegation. “We are doing everything to protect our independence, our state, and our people,” he said, underscoring Ukraine’s continued pursuit of a diplomatic resolution.

Kyiv had earlier urged Moscow to provide a promised memorandum outlining its position before the meeting. The Kremlin has responded that the document will be presented during the discussions.

The announcement comes amid a surge in Russian attacks. Ukraine’s air force reported that Russia launched 472 drones—the highest number since the start of the full-scale invasion in 2022—alongside seven missiles. One of these strikes targeted an army training unit, killing 12 Ukrainian soldiers and injuring over 60 others. The attack occurred away from the front line, raising questions about operational security.

An investigative commission has been formed to probe the incident.

“If it is established that the actions or inaction of officials led to the death or injury of servicemen, those responsible will be held strictly accountable,” the Ukrainian Ground Forces stated.

Meanwhile, Ukraine has expanded evacuations in the Sumy region amid fears of a renewed Russian offensive. The Russian Ministry of Defense claimed it had captured the village of Oleksiivka, prompting further mandatory evacuations in 11 nearby settlements.

On the other side, Ukrainian drones reportedly struck deep into Russian territory, including the Siberian region of Irkutsk—marking the first Ukrainian drone presence in the area—as well as Ryazan and the Arctic Murmansk region. No casualties were reported in these incidents.

Ukraine’s top commander, General Oleksandr Syrskiy, stated that Russia’s main offensive efforts remain concentrated on Pokrovsk, Toretsk, and Lyman in Donetsk, as well as areas along the Sumy border. As diplomatic channels reopen, the conflict on the ground shows no sign of slowing.



Sheikh Hasina Faces Trial for Crimes Against Humanity Amid 2024 Crackdown Allegations

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In a dramatic turn of events, former Bangladeshi Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is now facing formal charges of crimes against humanity for her alleged role in the brutal crackdown during the 2024 student-led uprising. Prosecutors allege that Hasina directly ordered security forces and affiliated political groups to carry out deadly operations that resulted in mass civilian casualties.

Chief Prosecutor Tajul Islam, speaking at a televised hearing on Sunday, revealed that the prosecution team has substantial evidence—including video recordings and decrypted communications—that indicate the killings were premeditated and sanctioned from the highest levels of government. “These killings were planned,” Islam asserted, underscoring Hasina’s command responsibility in the violent suppression of dissent.

The investigation report concluded that Hasina had given explicit directives to use lethal force against protesters and political opponents, which led to the deaths of approximately 1,500 individuals and injuries to around 25,000 more. A total of 81 witnesses have been listed for the upcoming trial, which is expected to be one of the most high-profile legal proceedings in Bangladesh’s history. Hasina stepped down from her position as prime minister in August 2024 after a 15-year rule, amid intensifying public unrest and global pressure. She fled to New Delhi along with close family members,

UK Defence Review: Russia an 'Immediate Danger', China a 'Sophisticated Challenge' in New 10-Year Military Plan

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UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer’s government is preparing to unveil a sweeping strategic defence review on Monday, laying out a comprehensive 10-year roadmap for the country’s military preparedness. The 130-page report, led by former NATO Secretary General George Robertson, alongside security experts Fiona Hill and Richard Barrons, outlines the increasing threats posed by Russia and China and the strategic investments needed to counter them.

The review identifies Russia as an “immediate and pressing danger” following its prolonged war in Ukraine and growing military cooperation with adversaries such as China, Iran, and North Korea. It highlights that Moscow’s aggression and its deepening

ties with like-minded regimes demand urgent attention and military readiness from the West.

China, while not seen as an immediate military threat, is described as a “sophisticated and persistent challenge.” The report underscores Beijing’s complex approach to global influence—economically dominant, technologically advanced, and at times aligned with Russian strategic goals. These dynamics, the review warns, could result in coordinated efforts to reshape the global security order, especially when combined with the disruptive ambitions of regional actors like Iran and North Korea.

Alongside its geopolitical analysis, the review calls for critical investments in



defence infrastructure. The UK Ministry of Defence has announced the construction of at least six new weapons and explosives factories across the country. The Starmer government is also committing over £1 billion to the development of a “Digital Targeting Web” designed to modernize battlefield communication and coordination, drawing lessons from Ukraine’s military resilience against Russia.

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With questions around the size of the British Army and increasing global instability, the review serves as both a warning and a blueprint—positioning the UK to confront modern threats with renewed strategy, advanced technology, and robust defence infrastructure.

Global Cues Drive Market Sentiment as Nifty Eyes 25,000; PSU Banks and Defense Stocks Shine Amid Sectoral Divergence

The trend of domestic stock markets depends on international developments. The domestic GDP growth rate exceeding expectations is a positive factor. The US President's imposition of tariffs on aluminum and steel imports and the tensions between the countries are leading to uncertainty. It is very crucial for the Nifty, which is currently consolidating, to remain above 25000. Last week, PSU banks, defense, media, and realty stocks performed well. FMCG, tourism, and commodities stocks were weak. Banking, finance, railway wagons, shipbuilding, and fintech stocks look bullish.



Stock Recommendations

Zydus Lifesciences:

These stocks, which have been in a downtrend for a year, have formed a good base since Feb-



ruary. Accumulation is continuing. Price action looks tight. There are signs of a momentum turnaround. In this counter, which closed at Rs. 930 last Friday, investors should take a position above Rs. 910 with a target price of Rs. 1050. A stop loss is mandatory at Rs. 880.

Eternal:

These shares have been moving in the accumulation zone for six months. Currently, momentum and delivery



are gradually increasing. Domestic institutional investors are showing interest in these shares. In this counter, which closed at Rs. 238 with a profit of 4.4% last Friday, investors should enter at Rs. 230 with a target price of Rs. 285. A stop loss should be placed at Rs. 210.

SBI:

This counter's price action looks interesting. Momentum and delivery are gradually increasing. Moreover, it broke the previous week's high. It is noteworthy that the craze for PSU banking shares is increasing. Investors should buy these shares, which closed at Rs. 812 last Friday with a target price of Rs. 880, above Rs. 800. A stop loss at Rs. 775 is mandatory.



50 EMA levels. The short-term and medium-term momentum is very good. Delivery volume is increasing significantly. Investors should take a position above Rs. 550 with a target price of Rs. 660 in this counter, which closed at Rs. 561 last Friday with a profit of 3%. A stop loss should be placed at Rs. 525.

Paytm:

Consolidation is currently ongoing in these shares. They have been trading in the Rs. 850-900 range for a few days. There are strong resistances at Rs. 900 and Rs. 1000. If they are overcome, it is sure to rebound further. The 55-day relative strength is better. In this counter, which closed at Rs. 890 last Friday, investors should take positions in the Rs. 880 range with a target price of Rs. 960. A stop loss at Rs. 850 is mandatory.



Anantraj:

The shares of this realty company are currently trading at 10, 20, and

India's Q4 GDP Growth Hits Four-Quarter High at 7.4% But FY25 Growth Slows to Four-Year Low



India's economy showed a sequential improvement in the January-March quarter of 2025, with GDP growth accelerating to 7.4%, marking the strongest quarterly performance in a year. This uptick was driven largely by robust industrial activity, particularly in manufacturing, construction, and mining sectors. However, despite the healthy end to the fiscal year, the overall growth for FY25 slowed significantly to 6.5%, the lowest in four years, according to data released by the National Statistics Office (NSO). The Q4 figure reflects a rebound from the previous quarter, which was revised slightly upward to 6.4% from an earlier estimate of 6.2%. While industrial sectors showed strength, consumption demand—the engine of India's growth—appeared to lose momentum, indicating some softness in consumer spending as the fiscal year closed. Comparing these numbers with the previous fiscal year underscores the moderation in economic momentum. FY24 saw a strong 9.2% growth, with the last quarter of that year registering 8.4%. The slowdown to 6.5% in

FY25 signals a significant easing, highlighting challenges that the economy faces as it seeks to sustain its expansion amid global uncertainties and domestic constraints. This slowdown comes amid other notable economic developments, including recent claims by NITI Aayog CEO BVR Subrahmanyam that India has overtaken Japan as the world's fourth-largest economy. While such milestones reflect India's growing economic stature, the slowing growth rate reminds policymakers of the importance of addressing underlying structural issues to maintain momentum. The latest GDP data suggests a mixed picture for India's economic outlook. The strong industrial performance in Q4 is encouraging and may provide a foundation for future growth. However, the dip in overall yearly growth calls for cautious optimism and highlights the need for sustained efforts to boost consumption and investment. As India navigates this complex phase, maintaining balanced growth will be key to ensuring long-term economic resilience and prosperity.

India's Forex Reserves Surge by Nearly \$7 Billion to \$692.7 Billion

India's foreign exchange reserves witnessed a significant jump of \$6.992 billion, reaching \$692.721 billion during the week ending May 23, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) reported on Friday. This rebound comes after the previous week ended May 16, when the reserves had declined by \$4.888 billion to \$685.729 billion. India's forex reserves had previously hit an all-time high of \$704.885 billion at the end of September 2024. Breaking down the components, foreign currency assets (FCA)—which form the largest portion of the reserves—increased by \$4.516 billion to \$586.167 billion during the week. These assets reflect the value of India's holdings in major global currencies such as the US dollar, euro, British pound, and Japanese yen. The dollar value of these assets fluctuates with changes in exchange rates, as the non-US currency units can appreciate or depreciate against the dollar. Gold reserves also contributed substantially to the overall increase, rising by \$2.366 billion to reach \$83.582 billion. Gold has traditionally been a key part of India's reserve portfolio, providing stability and serving as a hedge against currency risks. Additionally, India's Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) rose modestly by \$81 million to \$18.571 billion. SDRs are international reserve assets created by



the IMF to supplement member countries' official reserves. The country's reserve position with the IMF also saw an increase during the same period, adding to the overall strength of India's external buffer. The surge in forex reserves underscores India's strong external position amid ongoing global economic uncertainties. A robust forex buffer provides the country with greater flexibility to manage currency volatility, support imports, and maintain investor confidence. It also strengthens India's ability to deal with external shocks and stabilize the economy in turbulent times. Despite recent fluctuations, India's forex reserves remain among the highest globally, reflecting continued foreign investment inflows and steady export performance. The RBI's management of reserves will be closely watched as the global economic environment evolves.

GST Collections Cross ₹2.01 Lakh Crore in May 2025, Up 16.4% YoY

India's gross Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections surged to over ₹2.01 lakh crore in May 2025, marking a 16.4% increase compared to the same month last year. The growth comes on the heels of April's all-time high collection of ₹2.37 lakh crore.

According to official data released on June 1, domestic transactions in May contributed around ₹1.50 lakh crore, growing by 13.7% year-on-year. Meanwhile, GST from imports rose by a sharp 25.2%, totaling ₹51,266 crore.

Breaking down the collections: Central GST stood at ₹35,434 crore, State GST at ₹43,902 crore, and Integrated GST contributed approximately ₹1.09 lakh crore. The Cess component was ₹12,879 crore.



In comparison, the gross GST collected in May 2024 was ₹1,72,739 crore. After adjusting for refunds—which declined by 4% to ₹27,210 crore—the net GST mop-

up for May 2025 stood at about ₹1.74 lakh crore, reflecting a strong 20.4% year-on-year growth.

However, growth across states showed considerable variation. While Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and West Bengal posted healthy increases between 17% and 25%, other large states such as Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, and Telangana recorded more modest growth of up to 6%. States like Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, and Rajasthan saw moderate gains of around 10%.

Deloitte India Partner M S Mani emphasized that this uneven growth likely stems from sector-specific or seasonal factors, calling for a detailed, data-driven analysis at the state level.

US Man Reclaims Guinness Record for Balancing Chair on Chin with Incredible Feat

David Rush, a serial Guinness World Records holder from the United States, has once again etched his name into the record books—this time by reclaiming a title he once lost. Known for his extraordinary physical feats, Rush has successfully set a new world record for the longest time balancing a chair on his chin, clocking in at an astonishing 1 hour, 20 minutes, and 30 seconds.



posture to keep the chair steady. As the time ticked past Rodriguez’s record, Rush raised his fists in victory—carefully, so as not to lose his balance—and completed the attempt with unmatched precision.

The feat is yet another addition to Rush’s growing list of bizarre and impressive world records, many of which he uses to inspire youth and promote STEM education through perseverance and goal-set-

The record-breaking attempt took place at the West Boise YMCA in Boise, Idaho. Rush, an author, public speaker, and STEM education advocate, already holds more than 180 Guinness World Records. However, this particular record held sentimental value, as he was determined to take it back after Spain’s Christian Roberto Lopez Rodriguez broke it with a time of 1 hour, 19 minutes, and 17 seconds.

Rush meticulously trained for the feat, focusing on endurance,

neck strength, and balance. The chair used in the attempt was a tan Adams low-back patio chair, purchased from Lowe’s hardware store. It stood 31.5 inches tall and weighed 4 pounds and 3.5 ounces. During the attempt, he balanced the chair upside down, resting its top backrest against his chin while keeping his posture aligned and his gaze skyward.

Throughout the event, Rush remained composed and focused, subtly adjusting his balance and

ting.

His latest accomplishment has not only entertained fans across the globe but also sparked admiration for his commitment to pushing physical and mental limits. With this record now back in his possession, David Rush continues to prove that determination, focus, and a little creativity can lead to extraordinary achievements—even if it means standing still with a chair on your chin for over an hour.

“Chai Comes First”: Hilarious Titanic Video Resonates With Indians Everywhere

For most Indians, chai isn’t just a beverage—it’s an emotion. It soothes, energizes, and brings people together in moments of joy, stress, and even crisis. This deep cultural love for tea was perfectly captured in a viral video that’s now taking over the internet.



Posted by popular content creator Andy Evans, widely known as Aussie Bhai, the video titled “Indian People on Titanic” was shared on Instagram on May 26 and has already racked up over 9.7 million views. The short but hilarious clip imagines how an Indian might have reacted during the sinking of the Titanic—not with panic, but with a steaming cup of chai in hand.

In the video, the man is seen calmly sipping his tea while standing in neck-deep water, unfazed by the chaos that presumably surrounds him. It’s a scene that instantly struck a chord with Indian viewers worldwide, who flooded the comment section with laughter and admiration for the relatable humor.

“This is exactly how my dad would react,” wrote one user, while another joked, “As long as there’s chai, we’ll survive anything—even the Titanic!”

The brilliance of the video lies not just in

its comedic timing but in its cultural accuracy. In India, chai is a non-negotiable part of daily life. It’s the first thing people reach for in the morning and the go-to solution for everything from headaches to heartbreaks. The idea of prioritizing chai—even in a life-or-death situation—might be exaggerated, but it cleverly captures the beverage’s sacred place in Indian households.

While the video is clearly meant for laughs, it also highlights the comforting role of rituals like chai in uncertain times. Whether it’s traffic jams, power cuts, or even a sinking ship (theoretically), a cup of tea is always part of the picture.

With millions sharing and tagging friends, “Indian People on Titanic” has not only gone viral but also cemented one universal truth: no matter the crisis, chai comes first.

Donald Trump TACO Meme: Why It’s Taking Over the Internet

The internet is buzzing with memes of Donald Trump plastered onto tacos — and no, it’s not just another random trend. The now-viral “TACO” meme stems from a political acronym that’s both a jab at Trump’s trade policies and a viral social media sensation.

“TACO” stands for “Trump Always Chickens Out,” a phrase that began circulating after a press conference on Wednesday, where President Trump was questioned about what’s now being called “TACO trade.” The term critiques Trump’s frequent pattern of making bold trade threats — like imposing heavy tariffs — only to later walk them back.

The moment the term was mentioned



at the press event, Trump appeared visibly frustrated, calling it “the nastiest question” he had ever been asked. That reaction, paired with the

acronym’s punchy humor, instantly caught the attention of social media users. In true internet fashion, it didn’t take long for memes to explode

across platforms like X (formerly Twitter), TikTok, and Instagram.

The most popular format features Trump’s face edited onto images of tacos, often with captions mocking his trade reversals. Others add layers of satire, portraying him as a taco shell folding under pressure — a metaphor for what critics see as his inability to follow through on aggressive trade threats.

The term and its accompanying memes are not just for laughs. They also reflect public frustration and criticism over the unpredictability of Trump’s economic policies. Markets have reacted nervously in the past to sudden tariff announcements, only to see those plans retracted, contrib-

uting to economic uncertainty.

The TACO meme has gained so much traction that even financial analysts and political commentators have started using the acronym in serious discussions. The journalist who coined or popularized the phrase, Megan Cassella, has also been thrust into the spotlight for sparking the viral moment.

Whether viewed as political satire or just a clever meme, the TACO trend is another example of how internet culture merges humor with real-world issues — especially when it involves someone as polarizing as Donald Trump.

‘Where Are The Wheels?’ Taiwan’s Ultra-Low ‘Banana Peel’ Car Stuns the Internet

In a world where car designs are constantly evolving, Taiwan has managed to grab global attention with a bizarre yet fascinating innovation — the “Banana Peel” car. Built by Stance Garage Taiwan (SGT) and led by designer Lan Dong, this ultra-low vehicle is turning heads across the internet. With a body just millimetres off the ground, the Banana Peel has earned its name by appearing to “melt” into the road like an overripe banana skin.



Surprisingly, the car is not just for show — it’s fully functional. The base vehicle is a heavily modified 1990s Honda Civic, a model known for its modding potential. But SGT has taken customization to the extreme, creating a ride that appears completely seatless and almost wheel-less. The illusion is so convincing that many social media users have expressed disbelief. “Where does the driver sit?” one user asked. Another quipped, “I thought the car was buried in concrete!” while others simply wondered, “Where are the wheels?”

The car’s sleek, banana-yellow exterior hugs the ground so closely that it seems more like a futuristic art piece than a mode

of transport. Still, this wild design is more than just internet eye candy. It’s a testament to the bold experimentation and craftsmanship that continues to emerge from niche car communities around the world. According to Lan Dong, the intent was to “defy expectations and stretch the limits of what people think a car should be.”

Photos and videos of the Banana Peel have gone viral on Instagram and TikTok, with car lovers and casual viewers alike sharing their amazement. Though it’s unlikely to hit mainstream roads anytime soon, the Banana Peel is already a cult favorite online.

In the end, whether it’s a glimpse into the future of car aesthetics or just a brilliant exercise in automotive creativity, the Banana Peel proves that sometimes, going low is the best way to stand out.

‘Skip India’ Trend: Why AI Startups Are Turning Away from Local Clients

A growing number of Indian AI startup founders are adopting a new approach — avoiding Indian enterprise clients altogether. This rising trend, now widely known as the “Skip India” movement, is driven by increasing frustration over how domestic businesses treat early-stage tech ventures.

While the issue may appear to be about money at first glance, it runs much deeper. According to several founders and industry voices, the problem lies in the approach and mindset of many Indian enterprises. A viral LinkedIn post by finance professional Shubham Garg recently shed light on the issue, sparking fresh conversations in the startup ecosystem. Garg noted that companies often demand free proof of concepts (PoCs), expecting startups to invest significant time and resources into custom-built pilots without offering any commitment or payment in return.

These pilot projects can take weeks to complete, only for startups to be ghosted afterward or subjected to prolonged delays in decision-making. Founders also report vague communication, excessive negotiation over already modest pricing, and general reluctance to invest in innovative solutions unless they come from large, well-known players.

As a result, more founders are choosing to bypass Indian clients entirely and focus their energy on international markets where there’s a greater willing-



ness to pay for innovation and a more professional procurement process. The “Skip India” trend is not about rejecting Indian roots — rather, it reflects a strategic decision to survive and scale in more supportive environments.

Industry insiders worry that this shift could hurt the domestic ecosystem in the long run. If Indian businesses continue to undervalue local innovation, they may miss out on cutting-edge technologies being developed right at home. Moreover, it could push more talent and intellectual property out of the country.

The message from startup founders is clear: unless attitudes shift toward valuing time, expertise, and fair compensation, India risks alienating its own innovators — and losing out on the AI revolution being built within its borders.

West Indies Fined for Slow Over-Rate in First ODI Against England

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has fined the West Indies team for maintaining a slow over-rate during the first One Day International (ODI) against England, held on May 29 at Edgbaston, Birmingham. According to the official ICC release, the team fell short by one over after time allowances were taken into account, triggering penalties under the ICC Code of Conduct.

Match referee Jeff Crowe of the Emirates ICC Elite Panel imposed a fine of five percent on each West Indies player's match fee. The fine is in accordance with Article 2.22 of the ICC Code of Conduct, which deals with minimum over-rate offences. Under this regulation, players are fined five percent of their match fee for every over their team fails to bowl within the allotted time.

West Indies captain Shai Hope accepted the sanction, meaning a formal hearing was not required. The charge was brought forward by on-field umpires Kumar Dharmasena and Martin Saggers, along with third umpire Adrian Holdstock and fourth umpire Graham Lloyd.

The first ODI ended in a resounding victory for England, who posted a massive total of 400/8, with significant contributions from Ben Duckett, Joe Root, Harry Brook, and Jacob Bethell—all scoring half-centuries. Bethell top-scored with 82 and was named Player of



the Match. In reply, the West Indies crumbled for just 162, handing England a dominant 238-run win. Saqib Mahmood and Jamie Overton each claimed three wickets to lead the English bowling attack.

The series now moves to Cardiff for the second ODI, while the third and final match is scheduled to be held at The Oval on Tuesday.

West Indies Squad: Brandon King, Evin Lewis, Keacy Carty, Shai Hope (captain & wicket-keeper), Amir Jangoo, Justin Greaves, Roston Chase, Matthew Forde, Alzarri Joseph, Gudakesh Motie, Shamar Joseph, Jediah Blades, Jewel Andrew, Jayden Seales, Sherfane Rutherdorf, Romario Shepherd, and Shimron Hetmyer.

With the series heating up, the West Indies will aim to bounce back and tighten up their game, especially in terms of discipline and over-rate management.

“India Will Win Most Wrestling Medals at 2036 Olympics”: Yogeshwar Dutt

Former Olympic medalist and celebrated wrestler Yogeshwar Dutt has voiced strong optimism about India's wrestling prospects in the coming years, especially at the 2036 Olympics. Speaking at the 25th edition of the Fit India Sundays on Cycle initiative—this time themed as the Tiranga Rally in tribute to the Indian Armed Forces—Dutt emphasized that wrestling would be India's top medal-winning sport if the Games are held in India.

Reflecting on recent challenges, Dutt acknowledged the troubled period wrestling has faced due to the controversy and legal proceedings involving former Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) president Brij Bhushan Singh. “The last two years were very bad for wrestling. There was a negative perception, and it affected our momentum. We could have easily won two or three medals at the Paris Olympics if not for the setbacks,” he said.

However, he remains confident about the future. “We've won medals in wrestling in five consecutive Olympics from 2008 to 2024. Our wrestlers are resilient. Now that the ban on the WFI has been lifted, the sport is slowly getting back on track. The federation is resuming its work, and sponsors are returning,” Dutt added.

He credited the Pro Wrestling League, launched in 2015, for giving aspiring wrestlers an international platform and financial support. “It helped junior wrestlers grow and compete with the best,” he noted.

Yogeshwar also echoed Prime Minister Narendra



Modi's vision of hosting the 2036 Olympics in India. “We are preparing to become a global sporting power, and I truly believe that wrestling will be our biggest medal contributor,” he affirmed.

Commenting on the Tiranga Rally, Dutt praised the initiative for honoring India's armed forces. “This is a message to every Indian: when we are fit and united, our nation is strong,” he said.

The event also came in the wake of Operation Sindoor, India's strong military response to the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack. The operation eliminated over 100 terrorists, followed by a coordinated strike on Pakistan's key military infrastructure, leading to a mutual cessation of hostilities on May 10.

French Open 2025: Rohan Bopanna, Yuki Bhambri Exit; India's Campaign Ends in Paris

India's journey at the French Open 2025 came to an end on Sunday as Rohan Bopanna and Yuki Bhambri bowed out in the third round of the men's doubles event with their respective partners.



Veteran doubles ace Rohan Bopanna, paired with Czech player Adam Pavlasek, put up a spirited fight against the second-seeded duo of Harri Heliövaara and Henry Patten but eventually lost 2-6, 6-7(5). The match saw the Finnish-British pair dominate early, securing a 5-1 lead in the first set with two early breaks. Heliövaara closed out the set with an emphatic overhead smash.

The second set was more competitive. Bopanna held his serve confidently, and Pavlasek managed to keep the momentum alive. They created a brief window of opportunity at 2-3, 0-30 on Patten's serve, but the Brit held firm, winning four consecutive points to stave off the threat. The set eventually went into a tie-breaker, where Heliövaara sealed the win with a sensational service return winner on the first match point.

Meanwhile, Yuki Bhambri, partnering American Robert Galloway, also exited the tournament following a 4-6, 4-6 loss to the ninth-seeded Amer-

ican duo of Christian Harrison and Evan King. After an early break, Bhambri and Galloway showed resistance, saving four set points in game nine. However, Harrison held his nerve to serve out the set.

At 4-4 in the second set, Bhambri dropped serve after an overhead error and a volley miss from Galloway, giving the Americans a decisive break. Harrison and King wrapped up the match in the next game.

India's doubles challenge had already suffered early setbacks, with N Sriram Balaji and Rithvik Bolipalli exiting in earlier rounds.

In the junior event, 17-year-old Manas Dhamne, a promising Indian talent, lost 5-7, 3-6 to American qualifier Ronit Karki in the boys' singles main draw after entering as a qualifier himself. Meanwhile, Hitesh Chauhan has also qualified and will face Sweden's Ludvig Fredrik Hede in the opening round.

Deepak & Naman Tanwar Strike Gold as India Bags 8 Medals at Thailand Open 2025

Indian boxers wrapped up a successful campaign at the Thailand Open 2025 with a total of eight medals, including two golds clinched by Deepak Tanwar and Naman Tanwar in their respective weight categories.

Deepak Tanwar delivered a commanding performance in the 75 kg category, securing a dominant 5:0 victory over Uzbekistan's Abdurakhimov Javokhir in the final. Naman Tanwar followed suit in the 90 kg category, overcoming China's Han Xuezheng with a 4:1 decision to claim the top podium spot.

In the women's competition, Kiran narrowly missed out on gold in the 80 kg category, losing a closely contested 2:3 bout to Kazakhstan's Yeldana Talipova and settling for silver. Despite the defeat, Kiran's gritty effort earned



praise for her resilience and tactical sharpness.

India's medal tally was further bolstered by five bronze medals won across various weight divisions. Tamanna (51 kg), Priya (57 kg), Sanju (60 kg), Saneh (70 kg), and Lalfakmawii Ralte (80 kg) all delivered spirited performances to

make it to the semifinals and secure spots on the podium.

Ajay Singh, Chairman of the BFI Interim Committee, expressed satisfaction with the results. “It's a clear sign that the systems we've put in place are working. As we now shift focus to the second leg of the World Cup in Kazakh-

stan, we carry forward this momentum and belief. The goal is clear—to keep building, performing, and raising the bar,” he stated.

The Thailand Open saw participation from over a dozen nations, including top boxing powerhouses such as China, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, South Korea, and host nation Thailand. India had fielded a 19-member squad in the tournament, and the strong medal haul reflects the depth and growing strength of the country's boxing ecosystem.

Having already won six medals—including one gold—at the World Boxing Cup in Brazil earlier this year, Indian boxers now gear up for the second leg in Kazakhstan later this month. The grand finale of the World Boxing Cup is set to be held in New Delhi later in 2025.

Piastri Claims Commanding Win at Spanish Grand Prix as McLaren Secure 1-2 Finish

Oscar Piastri delivered a commanding performance at the Spanish Grand Prix, leading a dominant McLaren 1-2 and extending his advantage in the drivers' championship. The 24-year-old Australian started from pole and converted it into a decisive victory ahead of teammate Lando Norris, with Ferrari's Charles Leclerc completing the podium.

At the race start, Norris lost second place to Max Verstappen into Turn 1, but he managed to regain the position within a few laps. Despite this, the Red Bull driver leapt ahead during the first round of pit stops, jumping both McLarens to take the lead. Verstappen's team appeared to gamble on a three-stop strategy, as he made his second stop early in the race.

That strategy became questionable when Verstappen pitted for a third time just as a Safety Car was deployed following the retirement of Mercedes rookie Kimi Antonelli. The timing of the Safety



Car allowed many frontrunners to make another pit stop without losing track position, bunching up the field and setting the stage for a dramatic six-lap sprint to the finish.

At the restart, Piastri and Norris quickly pulled away from the pack, maintaining McLaren's grip on the top two positions. Verstappen, on fresher tires but stuck in traffic, found himself battling Charles Leclerc and George Russell for the final podium spot. Leclerc made a clean move to snatch third, while tensions escalated between Verstappen and Russell.

A controversial clash followed, with Verstappen being forced off-track after contact with Russell. Race control instructed the Red Bull driver to hand the position back, but another collision occurred shortly afterward. As a result, Verstappen was handed a 10-second time penalty, relegating him to tenth place at the finish.

The result solidifies McLaren's recent resurgence, with Piastri emerging as a serious title contender and the team now firmly in the hunt for the Constructors' Championship.



Epic New Poster of Swayambhu Unveiled on Nikhil’s Birthday

On the occasion of actor Nikhil’s birthday, the makers of the much-anticipated period action drama Swayambhu have released a spectacular new poster, sending fans into a frenzy. Directed by Bharat Krishnamachari and bankrolled by Bhuvan and Sreekar under Pixel Studios, Swayambhu promises grandeur, action, and powerful storytelling.

The newly unveiled poster showcases Nikhil in a commanding avatar, standing tall like a true warrior amid the chaos of war. Clad in battle armor and wielding a sword with steely determination, he exudes strength and purpose. Standing alongside him is actress Samyuktha, fierce and focused, aiming her bow and arrow with warrior-like precision. Together, they portray a duo ready to face any challenge that comes their way.

Adding to the majestic tone of the poster is the depiction of the historic Sengol, rising boldly in the backdrop—a powerful symbol tying the film to India’s rich cultural heritage. The visuals are rich in detail and set the stage for what appears to be an epic cinematic experience.

The team has also teased fans with the announcement of the film’s first official teaser, expected to release soon. If the grandeur of the posters is anything to go by, the teaser is sure to elevate anticipation even further and

offer a glimpse into the ambitious world of Swayambhu. With its striking visuals and historical depth, this project is shaping up to be a milestone in Nikhil’s career.



Countdown Begins: Major Update on Anushka Shetty’s Ghaati Release Set for Today

The suspense is finally nearing its end as fans of Anushka Shetty eagerly await a crucial update on her much-anticipated film, Ghaati. One of the most awaited announcements in recent months is now just hours away. The film’s makers have officially confirmed that a major revelation — likely the new release date — will be made tomorrow at the strikingly specific time of 3:33 PM.

Initially scheduled to release on April 18, 2025, Ghaati was postponed indefinitely due to undisclosed reasons, leaving fans in suspense. However, the buzz has reignited with this latest teaser update, and speculation is high that the announcement will finally confirm when the film will hit theaters.

Directed by acclaimed filmmaker Krish Jagarlamudi, Ghaati features Anushka Shetty in a commanding lead role, one that is expected to be both intense and emotionally powerful. She is joined by Vikram Prabhu, who plays a key supporting character. The film is produced by leading banners UV Creations and First Frame Entertainments — both known for backing high-quality, large-scale cinema.

Adding to the film’s allure is its musical score, composed by renowned music director Vidya Sagar, which promises to amplify the emotional and dramatic weight of the narrative.

With the clock ticking down to the big re-



veal, excitement among fans has surged once again. Social media is abuzz, fan pages are active, and the anticipation for Anushka Shetty’s return to the silver screen is palpable.

The 3:33 PM announcement tomorrow could mark a turning point in the film’s journey — and finally answer the pressing question: When will Ghaati roar onto the big screen? One thing is certain — the countdown has begun, and the wait may soon be over.

Sangeet Shobhan’s Gamblers Trailer Promises a Unique Thriller Ahead of June 6 Release

The trailer for Gamblers, starring Sangeet Shobhan in the lead, is grabbing attention for all the right reasons. Known for his comic flair in hits like Mad and Mad Square, Sangeet now surprises audiences with a radically different role in this upcoming thriller. With its intriguing concept and stylish execution, Gamblers is shaping up to be one of the most anticipated Telugu releases of the month.

Initially delayed, the film is now gearing up for a theatrical release on June 6, and promotions are in full swing. Just days ago, the teaser and first song were launched to enthusiastic response. Now, the trailer has been officially unveiled—and it’s anything but ordinary.

The trailer opens with a striking line: “Gambling is a crime for someone who can play. Gambling is not a crime for someone who knows how to play.” This sets the tone for a layered narrative that blends suspense, strategy, and entertainment. Scenes from the trailer reveal a high-stakes gambling club, secretive deals, and a central mystery involving the hero. It’s clear that Gamblers will deliver more than just surface-level thrills.

Sangeet Shobhan appears in a bold, cow-



boy-inspired look that’s already catching fans’ attention. Alongside him, the film features an ensemble cast including Prashanthi Charulinga, Rocking Rakesh, Prithviraj, Sai Swetha, Jasvika, Bharani Shankar, Malhotra Shiva, Shiva Reddy, Srikanth Iyengar, and Madhusudhan Rao.

Directed by KSK Chaitanya, Gamblers is produced by Sunitha and Rajkumar under the banners of Brindavanam, Reshmas Studios, and Snap and Clap Entertainment. The producers, who previously backed the sci-fi film Srivalli with veteran filmmaker Vijayendra Prasad, are aiming to deliver a completely fresh cinematic experience with this project.

With its mix of mystery, drama, and sharp visuals, Gamblers is expected to appeal to a wide range of audiences. All eyes are now on its June 6 release to see if this unconventional thriller hits the jackpot at the box office.

Chiranjeevi-Nayanthara’s Special Song to Be a Major Highlight in Anil Ravipudi’s Film

Director Anil Ravipudi, riding high on a streak of successful films, has landed a dream project—helping a movie starring megastar Chiranjeevi. This much-awaited collaboration has already sparked tremendous buzz, and adding to the excitement is a special song featuring Chiranjeevi and leading lady Nayanthara.



According to sources close to the production, while the film will have a limited number of songs, this particular romantic number has been crafted as a standout moment. Anil Ravipudi is reportedly putting extra focus on making it visually and musically memorable, ensuring that it becomes one of the film’s highlights.

For Chiranjeevi fans, this is especially significant. The megastar has expressed interest in working with Nayanthara for quite some time, and now that the pairing is finally happening, a captivating song featuring the two was inevitable. This marks a new on-screen combination that fans are eagerly looking forward to.

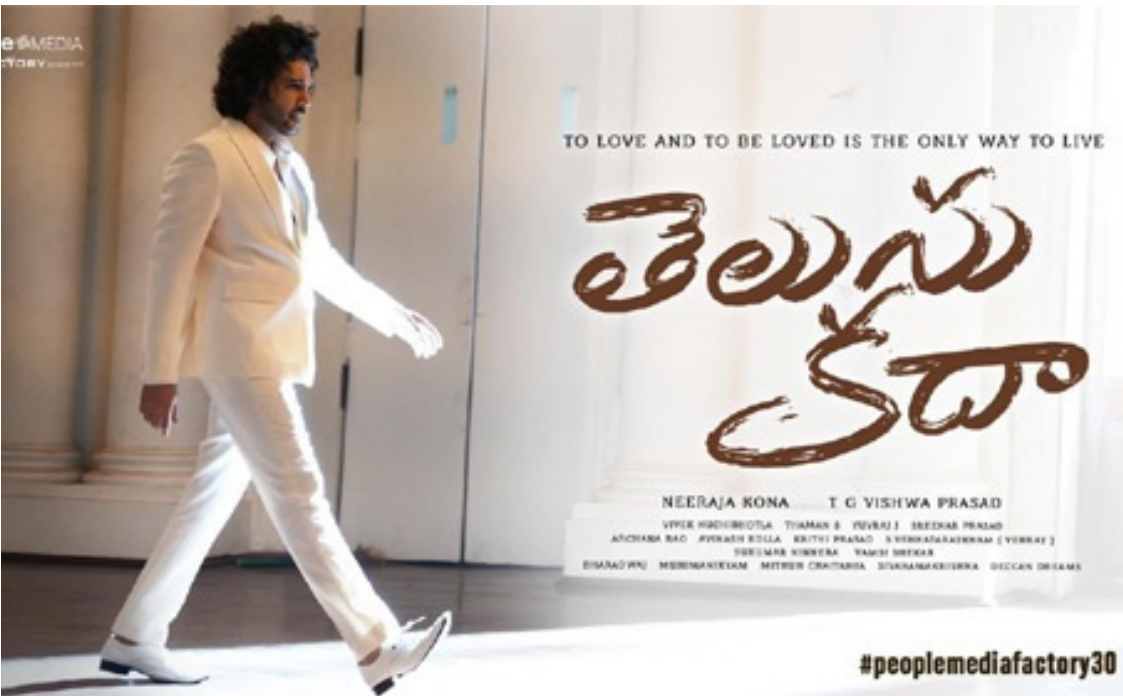
The track is expected to be filmed in the coming months and will likely be one of the most talked-about portions of the film once promotional content rolls out. The music is being composed by Bheems Ceciroleo, who is known for his energetic and catchy numbers. Given the talent involved, expectations for this special song are sky-high.

The film is being produced by Sahu Garapati, adding another layer of strength to this already high-profile project. With Chiranjeevi and Nayanthara coming together under Anil Ravipudi’s direction, this film promises to be a perfect blend of mass appeal and entertainment, and the special song is poised to be a major crowd-puller.

‘Telusu Kada’ Release Date Announcement Set for Today

After the underwhelming performance of Jack, actor Siddhu Jonnalagadda, popularly known as “Starboy,” is all set to make a strong comeback with his upcoming romantic drama Telusu Kada. Directed by renowned stylist-turned-filmmaker Neeraja Kona in her directorial debut, the film promises a refreshing take on romance and relationships.

The project pairs Siddhu with two talented leading ladies—Raashii Khanna and Srinidhi Shetty—bringing a fresh energy and dynamic chemistry to the screen. Despite a quiet spell in promotions, the makers of Telusu Kada have now stirred anticipation by announcing that a key update is just around the corner. The official release date will be revealed tomorrow at 11:07 AM.



While the exact date is still under wraps, it has been confirmed that Telusu Kada will hit theatres in July 2025. With this announcement, excitement among Siddhu’s fans and Telugu cinema enthusiasts has reignited, especially considering the emotional and youthful theme the film is expected to explore.

The movie’s music is being composed by popular hitmaker Thaman, whose track record for delivering chartbusters adds significant value to the project. The soundtrack is likely to play a major role in enhancing the film’s appeal,

especially given its romantic genre.

Produced by People Media Factory, known for backing quality entertainers, Telusu Kada is being touted as a potential turning point in Siddhu’s career. With an emotionally grounded storyline, vibrant visuals, and a cast full of charm, the film aims to strike a chord with audiences across all age groups.

As the countdown begins for tomorrow’s release date announcement, fans are eagerly waiting to see what this new chapter holds for Siddhu Jonnalagadda and debut director Neeraja Kona. If all goes as expected, Telusu Kada might just be the heartfelt entertainer that marks a significant bounce back for the actor and a memorable debut for the director.