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Telangana Cabinet Meeting Scheduled for 5th June

- Key Decisions Reviewed by CM Revanth Reddy
- Strict scrutiny to ensure only eligible beneficiaries under Rajiv Yuva Vikasam
- Employee issues and grain procurement performance discussed

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Hyderabad: Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy chaired a high-level review meeting with several ministers to assess key state programs ahead of the upcoming cabinet meeting scheduled for June 5. The meeting was held at the Command Control Center in Banjara Hills, with Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy, Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, Seethakka, Damodar Rajanarsimha, and the Chief Secretary participating in the discussions.

CM Revanth Reddy conducted an in-depth review of the ongoing Telangana State Formation Day celebrations, progress on the Indiramma housing scheme, revenue conference preparations, and readiness for the upcoming crop cultivation season. The leadership emphasized ensuring smooth implementation and greater public satisfaction across these sectors.

One of the key decisions taken was to hold a full cabinet meeting on June 5 to deliberate on important policy matters, including the Rajiv Yuva Vikasam scheme. It was confirmed that the announcement of eligible beneficiaries under the scheme will only be made after a thorough and meticulous scrutiny of all applications. The CM stressed that “not a single ineligible person should



benefit” from the scheme, highlighting the government’s commitment to transparency and fairness.

Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka also presented a detailed report on the grievances and issues faced by state employees. These concerns will be thoroughly discussed in the upcoming cabinet meeting to explore possible solutions. The CM and other ministers lauded Uttam Kumar Reddy for his effective management of the recent grain procurement drive, which has been crucial for stabilizing agricultural markets and supporting farmers.

The meeting underlined the government’s focus on accountability, efficient governance, and timely delivery of welfare schemes. With the cabinet session on June 5, several major announcements and decisions impacting the state’s development trajectory are expected to be finalized.

- Financial losses decreased by 19%, arrests tripled
- FIR registration rate improves; better recovery of lost funds
- State bucks national trend of rising cybercrime



Cybercrime Complaints Drop by 11% in Telangana in 2025

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Telangana has recorded a notable decline in cybercrime during the first four months of 2025, with an 11% drop in complaints and a 19% decrease in financial losses compared to the same period in 2024. The Telangana Cyber Security Bureau (TGCSB) attributed this achievement to heightened public awareness, data-driven investigations, and stronger coordination among enforcement agencies.

According to TGCSB Director Shikha Goel, the state’s integrated and proactive cybercrime response has shown significant results. While cybercrime complaints across India surged by 28% from January to April 2025, Telangana went in the opposite direction with a consistent downward trend. A further 5.5% decline in complaints was also observed when compared to the last quarter of 2024 (September–December).

Goel stated that the total monetary losses due to cybercrime saw a 19% drop in Telangana during the first four months of 2025. Com-

pared to the previous quarter (Sep–Dec 2024), the reduction was over 30%. Meanwhile, India witnessed a 12% increase in financial cybercrime losses during the same timeframe. The Bureau also reported a steady improvement in redressal and recovery. The percentage of recovered stolen money rose from 13% in 2024 to 16% in 2025. This progress is attributed to swift complaint resolution and enhanced coordination with financial institutions and digital platforms.

In terms of law enforcement actions, Telangana improved its FIR conversion rate from 18% in 2024 to 19% in 2025, registering 7,575 FIRs compared to 6,763 the previous year. Arrests saw a sharp rise, tripling from 230 in early 2024 to 626 in the same period of 2025. The number of PT (Prisoner Transit) warrants executed also increased from 53 to 89, reflecting improved cross-jurisdictional co-operation.

TGCSB’s strategic approach—emphasizing inter-agency

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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.

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.

While the numbers remain relatively low compared to previous waves, health experts continue to stress the need for public caution, timely testing, and vaccination, especially among vulnerable groups.

Prabhakar Rao Likely to Face SIT on June 5

- To return from US after 14 months to face phone tapping probe
- Supreme Court ordered his return to India
- Rao gave written assurance to cooperate with SIT
- Officials expect key revelations from his questioning



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A significant development has emerged in the sensational phone tapping case that rocked Telangana. Retired IPS officer T. Prabhakar Rao, one of the prime accused in the case, is likely to appear before the Special Investigation Team (SIT) for questioning on June 5. Reli-

able sources confirmed that Rao, who has been in the United States for the past 14 months, will return to India following the directive of the Supreme Court.

As per the court’s order, Prabhakar Rao must return to the country within three days of receiving a one-time entry passport. He has re-

portedly submitted a written undertaking to the Supreme Court pledging full cooperation with the investigation. With the passport issuance process nearing completion, Rao is preparing to leave for India and attend the SIT inquiry as informed to the investigation team.

This marks a crucial turn

in the high-profile probe, as the SIT believes that Rao’s interrogation could unveil several key aspects related to the alleged illegal surveillance operation. Officials expect that his statements may help bring the investigation closer to a conclusive end.

The phone tapping scandal has already triggered political and administrative ripples in Telangana, and Prabhakar Rao’s return is being viewed as a major step forward in unraveling the case. With his direct involvement alleged during his tenure, his questioning could shed light on who authorized the surveillance operations and to what extent they were carried out.

NIA Investigates Sunny Yadav’s Interview with Zakir Naik

- Key revelations emerge amid probe into alleged links and content
- Increased surveillance on YouTubebers 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. 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.

Corruption Decentralized in Congress Govt, Says Union Minister Kishan Reddy

- Kishan Reddy challenges Congress to debate on national development
- Calls for double engine government in Telangana to boost growth

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Union Minister and BJP State President Kishan Reddy issued a sharp challenge to the Congress party, expressing his readiness for a debate on the country's development. Speaking at a workshop held at the BJP state office, which included state office bearers, MPs, MLAs, MLCs, and district presidents, Kishan Reddy drew a vivid contrast between the Congress and BJP governments. The workshop's discussions centered around Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 11-year rule, the organization of International Yoga Day across Telangana, the central government's agricultural support, damage caused by recent unseasonal rains in the state, failures of the Telangana government, and the latest political developments. Kishan Reddy urged party leaders to actively engage with the public and highlight the achievements of the Modi government. He emphasized that PM Modi's vision is to elevate India to the status of developed nations. He also pointed out that both the



BJP and Congress had together led Telangana into a debt trap, stressing the need for a "double engine government" to ensure the state's development. Highlighting corruption, Kishan Reddy alleged that it is decentralized under the Congress regime while centralized in the BJP government, accusing money from Telangana flowing to the Congress leadership. He asserted that no party except BJP has truly safeguarded Telangana's interests, which is why public support is increasingly tilting towards the BJP. He advised party functionaries to expose the failures of the Congress government and highlight corruption issues linked to both parties before the people to strengthen the BJP's political position in the state.

Centre Must Repeal Waqf Amendment Act: Akbaruddin Owaisi

- Owaisi says Act aims to destroy Waqf properties
- Assures AIMIM's full support to Muslim Personal Law Board
- Community will fight within legal and constitutional limits

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AIMIM legislator and Chandrayangutta MLA Akbaruddin Owaisi on Sunday declared that the Central government will have to repeal the Waqf Amendment Act 2025. Speaking at a protest rally held at Dharna Chowk in Hyderabad, jointly organized by the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) and the All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB), Owaisi said the Muslim community remains united and resolute in its opposition to the Act. "The Waqf Amendment Act has been created not to protect Waqf properties, but to destroy them," Owaisi asserted. He accused the Union government of attempting to weaken the community through such legal changes and called on the people to remain firm in their faith and struggle. "Allah tests those whom He loves. Muslims in India are being tested today, and we must consider ourselves fortunate to be chosen for this trial," he told the gathering, urging the community to view these challenges as opportunities for unity and resistance.



He reiterated AIMIM's unconditional support to the AIMPLB in its ongoing movement and stated, "We will participate in every protest organized by the Muslim Personal Law Board." Emphasizing a peaceful and constitutional path, he added, "We will continue our fight within the framework of the Constitution and the law." Targeting the Centre, the MLA said, "Those who think they can break us should understand that Muslims will never compromise on Sharia, Namaz, hijab or Waqf. We will not step back." Owaisi concluded his address by expressing confidence that the community would emerge victorious. "We have complete faith that Allah will grant us success in this struggle," he said.

HC Quashes Life Sentence, Slams Police Probe in Rape Case



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In a significant judgment, the Telangana High Court has quashed the life sentence imposed on Colonel Rishi Sharma, an administrative officer at DRDO Shamirpet, declaring him innocent in a rape case filed in 2017. The bench comprising Justices P Shyamkoshi and N Tukaramji severely criticized the police investigation and called for systemic reforms in the criminal justice process. The case, dating back to April 25, 2017, involved allegations from a woman who claimed that Sharma, a close friend of her mother, raped her while she was alone with him. She further stated that she became pregnant and was threatened by Sharma to undergo an abortion. Based on her complaint, the Rangareddy District Court had sentenced Sharma to life imprisonment in September 2024. However, upon appeal, the High Court found several critical flaws in the police investigation and the judicial process. Justice Shyamkoshi pointed out that there was no credible explanation for the delay in filing the complaint. Additional-

ly, there was no solid medical evidence regarding the abortion—only a certificate from one doctor, who was not summoned to testify. A key factor in the case was Sharma's prior vasectomy in 2005, which made it biologically improbable for him to father a child. The court also criticized the police and prosecution for not conducting a DNA test on the fetus, which could have provided crucial evidence. Justice N Tukaramji emphasized the right of every citizen to a transparent and thorough investigation, warning that flawed procedures can lead to gross miscarriages of justice. He advocated for the establishment of an independent oversight mechanism to monitor criminal investigations, stressing that only with such reforms can investigative standards improve and public trust be restored. The ruling has stirred debate in legal and civil society circles, reigniting discussions about the urgent need for reform in how criminal cases, especially sensitive ones like rape, are investigated and prosecuted.

Slot Booking in All Sub-Registrar Offices From Today

AI-powered WhatsApp chatbot to streamline registration services

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State Revenue, Housing and Information Public Relations Minister Sri Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy announced that the slot booking system and AI-powered services will be introduced in all sub-registrar offices across Andhra Pradesh from June 2. So far, the slot booking system has been implemented in 47 out of 144 sub-registrar offices in two phases. The remaining 97 offices will now adopt this system, aiming to provide faster, transparent, and corruption-free registration services, the minister said after reviewing the process with Stamps & Registration officials on Sunday. The slot booking system, designed to save time for property buyers and sellers, has received a 94% satisfaction rate from users. Since its launch, over 45,000 documents have been registered through this system, with 3,000 more registrations attributed to the slot booking facility.



Minister Ponguleti said the government's focus is on citizen-centric decisions to deliver effective services. In addition to slot booking, an AI-integrated WhatsApp chatbot named Medha (number: 82476 23578) is now available to assist applicants by answering queries related to registration office locations, slot availability, charges for gift deeds, sale deeds, market prices, and more.

To curb illegal activities, a developer registration module will soon be launched. This system will flag double registrations in layouts by displaying registered plot details in red, accessible to both registration offices and developers. Due to high workloads, additional sub-registrars and staff have been appointed at nine busy locations, including Pathancheruvu, Yadagiri Gutta, Gandipet, Ibrahimpatnam, and others. Slots can be booked daily from 10:30 am to 5 pm, excluding lunch breaks, with 48 slots per office each day. Five walk-in registrations will be allowed between 5 pm and 5:30 pm for emergencies. The minister urged users to take precautions to avoid technical issues during slot bookings. Aadhaar e-signature is also being piloted in Armur (Nizamabad) and Kusumanchi (Khammam) sub-registrar offices to accelerate registrations and will be expanded statewide soon.

‘Freedom Within Limits, Don’t Cross the Lakshmana Rekha’: Mallu Ravi

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Mallu Ravi, Chairman of the Congress Party's Disciplinary Committee and three-time Member of Parliament, emphasized the importance of discipline within the party, saying, "There is freedom in the party, but do not cross the Lakshmana Rekha." Reflecting on his political journey, Mallu Ravi said that while he has served as an MP twice, an MLA once, and twice as a special representative in Delhi, it was the appointment as disciplinary committee chairman that brought him true satisfaction. He expressed gratitude to AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge for the opportunity



ty and thanked senior leaders including Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, AICC in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan, PCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, and Min-

ister Uttam Kumar Reddy for their support. Mallu Ravi highlighted the democratic ethos within the Congress party, stressing that members have the liberty to voice their opinions but must refrain from anti-party activities. "Express your views within the four walls of the party, but do not cross the disciplinary line," he advised. He also specifically acknowledged the efforts of AICC in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan and TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud for their assistance in strengthening the party structure. Mallu Ravi's message underlines the balance Congress seeks between encouraging internal debate and maintaining party unity.

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coordination, real-time tracking, and targeted data analytics—has contributed to quicker case closures and stronger enforcement. Preliminary internal data also suggests that both complaint volume and financial losses have continued to decline into May

2025 when compared to May 2024. The Bureau plans to further enhance its surveillance and intelligence capabilities to sustain this momentum and ensure Telangana remains a national leader in cybercrime prevention and response.

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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 elect-

ed 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, de-

nying 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.

Those Tenders Should Be Cancelled: MLC Kavitha to CM Revanth Reddy

Kavitha urges cancellation of GHMC monsoon emergency team tenders
Claims tender process favors select companies unfairly



TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
Bharata MLC and Telangana Jagruti president Kavitha has demanded the cancellation of the tenders issued for monsoon emergency teams in the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC). In a letter addressed to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, she highlighted serious irregularities and faults in the tendering process. Kavitha pointed out that the tenders for instant repair teams under the monsoon works contain glaring mistakes. “Some officials have manip-

ulated the tenders to benefit select companies,” she alleged. She further noted a staffing problem that is causing financial losses to Telangana’s BC contractors. According to her letter, the tender rules were recently altered to allow the use of foreign company vehicles, a move she said was designed to benefit one company and two agencies exclusively. This rule change, she warned, would burden GHMC with an additional annual expense of ₹5.85 crore. Currently, tenders are being floated for nine zones under GHMC. Kavitha emphasized that these changes will disadvantage Telangana-based contractors, who will incur losses due to the new tender conditions. She urged Chief Minister Revanth Reddy to intervene and cancel the tenders to protect the interests of local contractors and maintain fairness in the procurement process. The letter calls for a transparent review of the tender process and reinstating rules that favor local businesses. The issue has sparked concerns among contractor groups and is expected to gain further political attention in the coming days.

Miss England row tarnishes Telangana’s image: Harish Rao

BRS leader calls beauty pageants a waste, criticizes alleged misconduct

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Senior BRS leader and former minister Harish Rao launched a scathing attack on the Congress government in Telangana, accusing it of wasting public funds and disrespecting Telangana’s identity. Speaking at the inauguration of the new BRS office in Teegul village of Jagadevpur mandal in Siddipet district, Harish Rao criticized the programs being conducted under Chief Minister Revanth Reddy’s leadership, particularly targeting the organization of international beauty pageants. Harish Rao expressed serious concern over the ₹200 crore allegedly spent on beauty pageants by the state government. Referring to recent allegations by Miss England, who



claimed she was misbehaved with during her visit, Harish said, “The event has only brought disgrace to Telangana. It was conducted merely for lavish parties and entertainment, not for any real purpose. Public money is being squandered while important projects like Musi Prakashalana and ‘Hydra’ are being neglected.” The BRS leader also came down heavily on the re-

ported replacement of the Telangana Thalli statue, a cultural symbol of the state formed during the Telangana movement. “Is this the transformation Revanth Reddy promised? What is the need to alter a statue that inspired lakhs during the statehood struggle?” he asked. He accused the Congress government of sidelining Telangana’s heritage and favoring only Congress workers under schemes like Rajiv Yuva

Shakti. Harish Rao further warned that attempts were being made to systematically dismantle the legacy of former CM K Chandrashekar Rao. “Will they erase all traces of KCR? Will they cancel Rythu Bandhu, Kalyana Lakshmi? Will they demolish the new Secretariat? Will they even remove the 125-ft Ambedkar statue in the heart of Hyderabad?” he questioned. He also took a direct jibe at CM Revanth Reddy, accusing him of going back on his word despite swearing on God during his election campaign. “People trusted him when he made those promises. Now, he has broken them all,” Harish charged, concluding that the government’s current actions reflect a betrayal of Telangana’s progress and identity.

Time Has Come to Save Democracy: TPCC Chief

Country governed in a fascist style, contrary to democratic values
Centre’s ‘Operation Kagar’ as destructive to peace and the Constitution



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TPCC President MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud has warned that the time has come to save democracy in the country, which he said is currently governed in a fascist style that runs contrary to democratic values. Speaking strongly against the Central government’s ‘Operation Kagar’, he condemned it as a destructive act against peace and the Constitution. He pointed out that while the Maoists had declared their readiness for talks, the Prime Minister refused to engage unless pressured by US President

Trump, indicating a selective approach to dialogue. Mahesh Kumar Goud questioned the government’s logic of offering a ceasefire to Pakistan but committing genocide against Maoists, who are Indian citizens, emphasizing that governments must act according to the Constitution – the foundation of democracy. The Congress leader reiterated that his party is built on non-violence and condemns violence from all sides. He explained that Naxalism was born out of economic inequalities and initially helped reduce atrocities in villages during its early phase. However, over time, it deviated from its ideological goals and became a platform for settling personal differences. Mahesh Kumar Goud accused the Center of misusing ‘Operation Kagar’ under the pretext of peace and security to exploit the mineral wealth of forest areas for corporate interests. He criticized the BJP for weakening constitutional institutions since coming to power and for trying to maintain political dominance by exploiting religion and caste sentiments rather than fulfilling promises made in 2014. He called for the unity of secular forces and urged those with communist and democratic sentiments to strengthen their ranks. According to him, this is the time for all democratically minded people across the country to unite and mobilize to deliver a strong response to the fascist regime at the Center.

Mallareddy’s AI Video Talking to Legends Goes Viral

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Former Minister Mallareddy has once again grabbed headlines, this time for an innovative AI-generated video that is trending across social media. The video creatively depicts him traveling through a time machine and engaging in conversations with revered late personalities, including Acharya Chanakya, Gautam Buddha, Mother Teresa, Swami Vivekananda, Mahatma Gandhi, and former President APJ Abdul Kalam. In the video, these legendary figures encourage Mallareddy to focus on establishing top-quality educational institutions that will provide valuable knowledge and skills to the youth, helping to build a strong, en-

lightened society. They urge him to produce educated citizens who can contribute to nation-building. Responding to these calls, Mallareddy is shown pledging to fulfill their aspirations by establishing the largest university in the country, emphasizing his commitment to advancing education and technology. This AI video, blending technology and creative storytelling, has generated mixed reactions online. While some praise Mallareddy’s futuristic vision and dedication to education, others view it as a publicity stunt. Regardless, it has sparked widespread discussion about the potential of AI in politics and social messaging.



Lal Darwaja Bonalu Festival to Begin from July 11

117th annual Brahmotsavam celebrations at Patabasti Lal Darwaja temple



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The Patabasti Lal Darwaja Sri Mahaankali Bonalu Jatara Utsavam, one of the grandest festivals in Telangana, will commence on July 11 this year. The temple committee is making elaborate arrangements to celebrate the 117th annual Brahmotsavam with grandeur. The temple will be adorned with colorful lights, enhancing the festive atmosphere. The festival will begin with the Ganapati Homam in the morning, followed by Saptasati Parayanam, Devi Abhishekam, Dhwarzarohana, Shikharvuja, and Kalasha Sthapa in the evening on the first day. On July 13, the Goddess's Ghatam will be taken in a procession from Shalibanda Kashi Vishwanatha Swamy Temple with Bhaja Bhajantri and Dappu Vaidhya and installed in the temple. The goddess will be worshipped in various forms over nine days. The Bonalu offering will take place on Sunday, July 20, followed by Shanti Kalyanam in the night praying for world peace. The festival will conclude on July 21 with the welcome of Potharaju, Rangam, and a grand procession of the goddess.
In the national capital Delhi, the Bonalu festival reflecting Telangana's culture and traditions has been organized annually for the last 10 years at Telangana Bhavan. This year, the 11th Bonalu festival will be celebrated from June 30 to July 2 under the Lal Darwaja Simha Vahini Sri Mahaankali Temple Committee. The celebrations will begin with a photo exhibition inauguration on June 30 at Telangana Bhavan. On July 1, the Goddess's Ghatam will be taken in a procession from India Gate and installed at Telangana Bhavan. The final day, July 2, will feature the welcome of Potharaju, Bonalu offerings, special pujas by dignitaries, and a closing ceremony at Ambedkar Auditorium. The Central and State Governments will present gold Bonam and silk clothes to the goddess during the event.

Two Narcotic Drug Peddlers Apprehended in Hyderabad

Two men caught with 1.6 kg ganja in separate police operations

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
Based on credible information, the Commissioner's Task Force North Zone Team, along with Marredpally and Gandhinagar Police Stations, apprehended two ganja peddlers — Bandhal Ganapathi Lakhan @ Chinna and Jerripothula Teja @ Nikhil. Authorities seized a total of 1.6 kilograms of ganja during the operations under Cr.No: 107/2025 and Cr.No:147/2025, registered under various sections of the NDPS Act.
Bandhal Ganapathi Lakhan, a 28-year-old electrical worker from Risala Bazar, Airforce Gate, Alwal, resorted to selling ganja to support his lavish expenses. He conspired with his friend Jerripothula Teja, a 25-year-old electrical shop worker from Chachanagar, Bansilalpet, Secunderabad, who financed the initial purchase of ganja with Rs. 20,000. Lakhan traveled to Nagpur and bought the ganja from two main suppliers—Sk. Shabbir and Guddu—who are currently absconding.
On 30th May 2025, Teja was caught with 0.5 kg of ganja, and the next day Lakhan was apprehended near Jubilee Bus Station, Secunderabad, with 1.1 kg of ganja. Both suspects were handed over to their respective police stations for further legal action. Two mobile phones worth Rs. 65,000 were also seized from the accused.
The operation was led by Inspector P. Raghavender of the Task Force, along with Inspector N. Venkatesh of Marredpally PS, Inspector N. Bose Kiran of Gandhinagar PS, and their respective teams.
Y.V.S. Sudheendra, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Task Force Hyderabad City, confirmed the arrests and ongoing investigations.



Massive ATM Heist In Suryapet: ₹20 Lakh Stolen, ATM Set Ablaze

Robbers use gas cutters to break into SBI ATM in Huzurnagar



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In a dramatic and brazen theft, unidentified robbers looted approximately ₹20 lakh from an SBI ATM located on Lingagiri Road in

Huzurnagar, Suryapet district, late on the night of May 31. The incident has sent shockwaves across the region and raised serious concerns about ATM security.

According to local police, the gang targeted the ATM after midnight, using gas cutters to forcibly access the cash dispenser. After securing the money, the suspects allegedly set the ATM on fire, completely destroying the kiosk. The deliberate arson is believed to have been an attempt to erase fingerprints and CCTV footage. The crime came to light when locals noticed the burning ATM and alerted authorities. Police teams responded swiftly, cordoned off the area, and conducted a detailed inspection of the site. Forensic teams were also deployed to gather potential evidence from the remnants of the crime scene. A formal case has been registered, and police officials stated that preliminary evidence sug-

gests the involvement of a professional and well-organized gang. The use of sophisticated tools like gas cutters, along with the planned arson, points toward a coordinated effort. Efforts are now underway to retrieve nearby surveillance footage and question residents in the area. Authorities are also coordinating with SBI officials to assess the exact amount stolen and review internal ATM security protocols. The daring robbery has triggered demands for better surveillance and round-the-clock security around isolated ATM kiosks, especially in semi-urban and rural areas. Police assured the public that they are actively pursuing leads and will bring the culprits to justice.

RV Karnan Inspects Drainage Works to Prevent Traffic Jams in Malakpet

Work progressing on RDP and drainage projects to ease congestion

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Despite Sunday being a holiday, GHMC Commissioner RV Karnan personally inspected ongoing works aimed at preventing traffic jams caused by drainage overflow in Malakpet. The inspection included the RDP (Regional Development Plan) works stretching from Necklace Road Railway Station to Kundan Bagh. The Commissioner also reviewed the progress of drainage work being carried out at night to minimize traffic disruption. He instructed officials to accelerate the pace and complete the work as quickly as possible.

When SC Maheshwar Reddy inquired about the status, the SE and CE assured that there are currently no temporary traffic jams and emphasized that completing the work on a war footing will provide a permanent solution to future issues. Commissioner Karnan directed engineering officers to increase manpower and implement round-the-clock work to speed up completion. Maintenance CEO Sahadev Ratnakar, Zonal SE Maheshwar Reddy, Water Board officials, and others accompanied the Commissioner during the inspection.



305 Arrested for Drunk Driving in Cyberabad; Miyapur Leads with 52 Cases



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Over the weekend, Cyberabad police arrested a total of 305 individuals for drunk driving offenses, with Miyapur traffic police registering the highest number of arrests at 52. Balanagar and Chevella police stations followed with 30 arrests each, while Shamshabad accounted for 27 cases. No women were among those apprehended.
The age distribution showed that most offenders were young to middle-aged adults: 116 were between 31 and 40 years, 92 aged 21 to 30, 74 between 41 and 50, and 20 offenders were in the 51 to 60 age bracket. Only two senior citizens were booked.
Regarding vehicles involved, 242 two-wheelers topped the list, followed by 16 three-wheelers and 47 four-wheelers. No heavy vehicles were involved in the arrests.
Drunk driving is an offense punishable under Section 185 of the Motor Vehicles Act, which includes penalties such as a fine up to Rs. 10,000 and/or imprisonment for up to six months. Repeat offenders face stricter consequences, including suspension or permanent cancellation of their driving licenses.
The Cyberabad traffic police reiterated the dangers associated with driving under the influence, warning that alcohol impairs vision, reduces alertness, and encourages risky behavior—factors that significantly increase the likelihood of accidents, some of which can be fatal. Authorities urged motorists to avoid drinking and driving to ensure road safety for all.



Traffic Restrictions at Malakpet Extended Till Monday Due to Pipeline Repairs

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Hyderabad: The Hyderabad Traffic Police have extended the traffic restrictions near Malakpet till Monday, June 2, owing to ongoing pipeline repair works around the Akbar Plaza building and Old Malakpet area. Earlier, restrictions were imposed from 10:00 pm on May 31 to 6:00 pm on June 1, but due to continuing repair work, the curbs have now been prolonged by an additional day. As per the advisory, traffic coming from MGBS (Mahatma Gandhi Bus Station) and Chaderghat Bridge will not be permitted to proceed towards Chaderghat X Roads and Malakpet. Similarly, vehicles traveling from Koti and Rangamahall via Chaderghat will face restrictions when heading towards Chaderghat Rotary, Chaderghat Chota Bridge, and Malakpet.
For RTC buses exiting MGBS and heading towards Vijayawada, Suryapet, Nalgonda, and Khammam, diversions have been arranged at Chaderghat Rotary.

These buses will be rerouted through Chaderghat X Roads, Nimboliadda, Amberpet new flyover, Ramanthapur, Uppal, and LB Nagar before reaching the Vijayawada highway. Buses bound for Dilshuknagar, LB Nagar, Saibabad, and Ibrahimpatnam will be diverted at Chaderghat X Roads, passing through Nimboliadda, 6 No Junction, New Golnaka bridge, Musarambagh RTA, and Musarambagh X Roads. Vehicles from the left will divert towards Dilshuknagar, while those from the right will turn towards Nalgonda X Roads, Chanchalguda, Saidabad, and IS Sadan. Authorities have warned commuters to expect heavy traffic congestion at key points including MJ Market, Koti, Rang Mahal X Roads, Chaderghat, SJ Rotary, Nimboliadda, and Golnaka during these diversions. Commuters are therefore advised to plan their journeys accordingly and use alternative routes where possible to avoid delays.

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.

Lorry Drivers Face Hardship at Sand Ramps in Pinapaka

- Contractors violating sand extraction rules in Godavari catchment area
- Lorry drivers forced to pay illegal charges despite government orders
- Drivers stranded for days without loading, food, or water



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Lorry drivers in Pinapaka constituency of Bhadradri Kothagudem district have been facing severe difficulties for the past four days at the sand collection ramps. Though the gov-

ernment has granted permits to extract sand from the Godavari catchment area following rules, contractors with heavy machinery and lorries have taken control of the sand quarries from society members and are dumping sand in the river,

violating regulations. Locals allege that large dams have been constructed to block the flow of water in the Godavari, allowing sand extraction beyond permitted limits, but authorities remain indifferent. There are accusations that TGMDC and mining officials are accepting huge bribes and ignoring the situation. Despite clear instructions that no charges should be collected from lorry owners, drivers report being forced to pay between Rs. 500 to Rs. 2,000 at sand ramps in Anantaram, Padmagudem, Annaram, and Veerapuram. Additionally, they are charged Rs. 500 extra for laying tracks. The drivers ex-

press their frustration at being harassed and complain that even after paying these fees, lorries have not been allowed to load sand for over a week. Many are struggling without food and water and fear being forced to walk away without their cargo. The lorry drivers say they have been waiting in vain in front of the ramps for a week, having exhausted their money for road expenses. They report that no officials have visited the site or responded to their calls. The drivers are now appealing to the District Collector to immediately arrange for sand loading or to transfer them to another sand society to ease their hardships.

All Set for Telangana State Formation Day Celebrations: Jitesh V. Patil

TPN Correspondent | Bhadradri Kothagudem
District Collector Jitesh V. Patil confirmed that all necessary arrangements have been completed to celebrate Telangana State Formation Day on June 2 with grandeur and cultural pride. During a teleconference held with officials from all departments, he reviewed the planned events and issued clear instructions to ensure smooth coordination and execution. The Collector said that the celebrations will take place at Pragati Maidan, Kothagudem, beginning at 9:45 a.m. with tributes to the Telangana martyrs followed by a national flag hoisting ceremony by the police. A series of cultural programs reflecting the rich traditions of Telangana will follow the formal proceedings. State Agriculture, Marketing, Cooperation, and Handlooms Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao will be the chief guest and address the gathering. He is expected to highlight the development and welfare programs currently being implemented and future initiatives planned in the district. Stalls showcasing government welfare schemes and a comprehensive



exhibition from various departments will be featured at the venue. In a unique initiative to promote regional heritage, cultural performances and development messages will be organized simultaneously across all five assembly constituencies at 4 p.m., with local public representatives participating as chief guests. The Collector instructed all departments to ensure no lapses occur and to work together for the successful execution of the events.

Revenue conferences from June 3 to 20 Collector Patil also emphasized the effective organization of village-level revenue conferences scheduled from June 3 to 20. He directed officials to inform villagers two days in advance regarding the date, location, and required documents for each session. These conferences will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in each village, with help desks, application forms, and other materials to be arranged in advance. The Collector stressed that ap-

plications must be filled with complete and accurate information and entered into the online system. He also underscored the need to protect government lands and ensure land-related applications are properly verified and recorded. He directed that acknowledgment slips be issued to applicants upon submission and special staff be deployed to assist villagers in filling the forms. Coordination among all departments was highlighted as the key to the success of these conferences.

KCR Extends Warm Wishes on Telangana State Formation Day

KCR celebrates 10 years of Telangana's progress and welfare

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On the occasion of Telangana State Formation Day on June 2, K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR), the first Chief Minister of Telangana and leader of the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS), extended his heartfelt greetings to the people of Telangana. KCR recalled the peaceful, parliamentary struggle that led to the state's formation and emphasized the significance of achieving self-rule after years under a joint state. He praised the progress made over the past decade, stating that Telangana has flourished in all fields and has become a model for the rest of the country. He stressed the importance of the state government prioritizing governance that enhances the quality of life for people from all walks of life. KCR expressed his hope that Telangana continues to advance, especially in sectors like dairy farming, and that the lives of farmers and citizens from all communities remain filled with happiness and prosperity. Concluding his message, KCR wished Telangana greater development and unity as the state moves forward into its next phase of growth.



Tenders Invited for Supply of Food Items for Tribal Welfare Schools

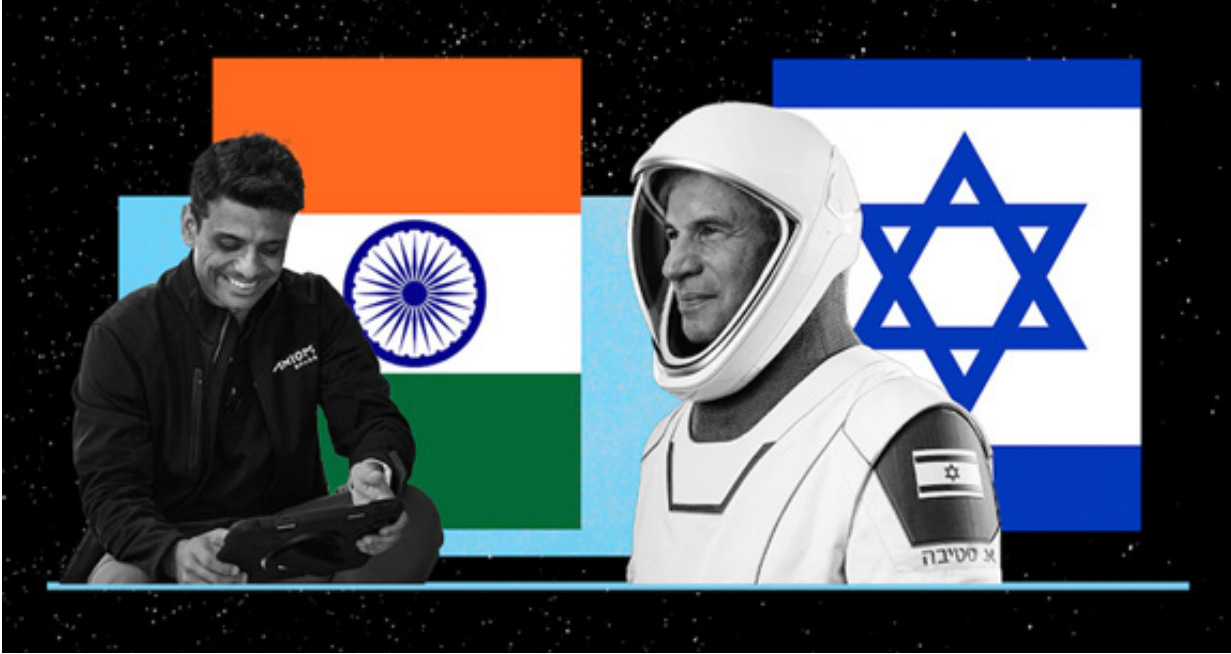
TPN Correspondent | Bhadrachalam
Sealed tenders are being invited from interested vendors for the supply of eggs, vegetables, bananas, and skinless chicken required for the schools and hostels under the Tribal Welfare Department of Bhadradri Kothagudem district for the academic year 2025-26, ITDA Project Officer B. Rahul said in a statement on Sunday. Interested vendors can submit the tender form after paying Rs. 2,000 as the tender form price through a Demand Draft in the name of Deputy Director (G.S.) ITDA Bhadrachalam, valid at SBI Bhadrachalam. The tender form can be obtained from the office of the Deputy Director (G.S.) ITDA Bhadrachalam from June 2 to June 9. The tender form along with the Demand Draft for vegetables Rs. 50,000, fruits Rs. 50,000, eggs Rs. 50,000, and skinless chicken Rs. 50,000 should be submitted in the tender box along with the tender form. SC and ST suppliers have a 20% concession on the security deposit, and their forms should also be submitted in the tender box by 5 pm on June 9. The bidders should possess PAN card, TIN card numbers, own a shop, have a bank account, and be residents of Bhadradri Kothagudem district. The sealed tenders will be opened at 11 am on June 10, and the final decision will be taken by the Project Officer and ITDA Bhadrachalam, said Deputy Director of Tribal Welfare Officer Manemma.



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 Saubh 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

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

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.

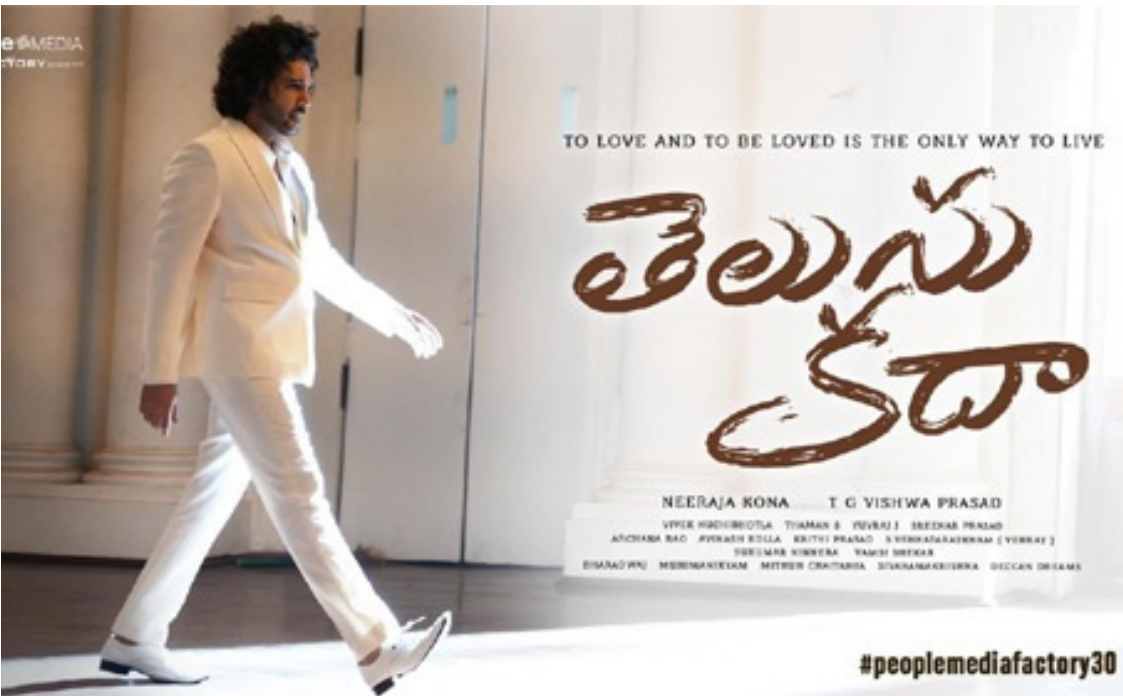
The track is expected to be filmed in the coming months and will likely be one of the most talked-about portions of the film once promotional content rolls out. The music is being composed by Bheems Ceciroleo, who is known for his energetic and catchy numbers. Given the talent involved, expectations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