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# Polavaram Will Be Completed in 18 Months: CM Chandrababu

Centre has sanctioned ₹12,500 crore, project to be finished by 2027  
First step in good governance taken with NDA coalition support  
Calls on MLAs, MPs to spend a month among people



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Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has declared that the long-pending Polavaram project will be completed within a year and a half, with the full support of the central government. Addressing a wide-level Telugu Desam Party (TDP) meeting at the party's central office in Mangalagiri on Saturday, Chandrababu said that the project will be dedicated to the nation by 2027 under any circumstances.

“The Centre has already sanctioned ₹12,500 crore for the Polavaram project. We are committed to completing it swiftly,” he said. He emphasized that the NDA government at the Centre is fully supporting Andhra Pradesh in rebuilding key infrastructure projects and restoring governance systems derailed during the YSRCP tenure. He alleged that during the previous government's rule, central schemes were ignored and the state was pushed into

administrative disorder. “Now we are putting the system back on track by working together with the Jana Sena and BJP as part of the NDA alliance,” he stated. Calling the ongoing administration the “first step in good governance,” Chandrababu said that all leaders, including ministers, MPs, MLAs, MLCs, and constituency in-charges, must remain accessible to the public. He advised them to resolve people's issues regularly and communicate both past achievements and future goals clearly. Highlighting some of the key government initiatives, Chandrababu asked party leaders to inform people about the hike in pensions, fair price for crops, the ₹15,000 crore sanctioned for Amaravati construction, and the implementation of “WhatsApp Governance,” which allows nearly 500 services to be accessed digitally. He also revealed that ₹11,400 crore has been sanctioned for a steel plant in the state, apart from Polavaram and other key development projects. Reiterating his commitment to the state's revival, Chandrababu called upon the party cadre to reach out to every household and make the public aware of the government's vision and performance. **Don't Repeat Past Mistakes** Chandrababu warned against repeating earlier mistakes. “We implemented several welfare and development programs in 2014, but we failed to take them properly to the people.

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## Jagan Slams Govt Over Delay in ECET Admissions

Education system in chaos, future of 31,000 students at risk  
No ECET counseling 45 days after result declaration  
Jagan demands immediate action from state government  
Says education sector is being completely neglected

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YCP chief and former Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy has come down heavily on the state government over the inordinate delay in the ECET (Engineering Common Entrance Test) admission process. He said the situation clearly reflects the government's negligence towards the education system. Speaking on Monday, Jagan pointed out that despite the AP ECET results being declared on May 15, the government has not even released the admission schedule yet. “Classes for engineering students are set to begin from tomorrow, but the counseling process hasn't even started. The future of thousands of students is hanging in the balance,” he said. In a sharp rebuke, Jagan made strong remarks, saying, “Wake

up, Amatya... Wake up, Pappu”, targeting officials and ministers responsible for higher education. He said that the state's inaction at such a critical time is deeply worrying for students and their parents. Jagan reminded that around 34,000 polytechnic students appeared for the ECET this year, out of which 31,922 qualified. He accused the government of playing with their future by failing to ensure a smooth admission process. “This one incident is enough to show how chaotic the education system has become under the current regime. There is no planning, no urgency. Is this how you handle the hopes of thousands of young minds?” Jagan questioned. He demanded that the government immediately release the ECET counseling schedule and ensure that the admission process begins without any further delay.

## CM Hosts Global Tech Leaders Ahead of Quantum Workshop

Special dinner hosted for global IT, pharma, and innovation leaders  
Quantum Valley project pitched as India's first of its kind  
Workshop set for Monday in Vijayawada

**TPN Correspondent | Amaravati**  
Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu hosted a special dinner this evening at his residence for top executives from leading international IT and multinational companies visiting the state to attend the Amaravati Quantum Valley National Workshop, scheduled to take place in Vijayawada on Monday. During the evening, the Chief Minister shared his vision for the development of the pioneering Quantum Valley in Amaravati, a first-of-its-kind initiative in India. He highlighted that Andhra Pradesh is taking the lead in advancing quantum technologies through strategic collaborations with global technology giants such

as IBM, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), and Larsen & Toubro (L&T). The gathering included key industry leaders such as V. Rajanna, President and Global Head, Technology Business Unit, TCS; Rajiv Kumar, Managing Director, Microsoft India Development Center; Sridhar Sidhu, Corporate Vice President, AT&T; and Manish Verma, Head of the India Innovation Center at Warner Bros Discovery Media. Other distinguished guests included Suchitra K. Ella, Co-Founder and Joint Managing Director, Bharat Biotech; Jennifer Larson, U.S. Consul General in Hyderabad;

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## All Hopes Now on July as June Ends Dry

Deficit rainfall hits kharif cultivation  
No mandal in Kadapa received normal rainfall  
Sowing completed in only 2.6% of target area  
Groundnut, paddy, cotton cultivation hit severely  
Farmers plead for Krishna water release from Srisaillam

**TPN | Nagaraju Rayalaseema:** The story of June rainfall in Kadapa and Annamayya districts has ended in disappointment, leaving farmers anxiously awaiting the arrival of July showers. Despite the initial onset of the southwest monsoon and a few showers under the Rohini Karte, rainfall has been scarce and inconsistent, leading to a drastic drop in Kharif sowing. In Kadapa district, the Agriculture Department targeted 1.91 lakh acres for Kharif cultivation this season. But by the end of June, only 4,989 acres have been sown—just 2.6% of the target. In the same period last year, 8,478 acres were cultivated. Among major crops Paddy has seen sowing in only 701 acres out of a targeted 76,085 acres. Groundnut reached only 461 acres of the 14,760-acre target and Cotton achieved just 3,544 acres of its 59,368-acre target. Adding to the worry, not a single one of Kadapa's 36 mandals re-



corded normal rainfall this month, with 29% less rainfall compared to last year. Annamayya district fares no better. Of the planned 1.40 lakh acres, only 2,200 acres have been sown so far—just 3.97%. Groundnut, the district's main crop, is sown in 3,974 acres out of the targeted 93,892 acres. Of the 30 mandals, only one received normal rainfall. 20 mandals saw severe deficit, and eight were marked

as rainfall-deficient, with overall rainfall 18% below normal. **Farmers Wait with Hope** Farmers across both districts are now desperately hoping for rainfall in July. With their eyes turned to the sky and prayers on their lips, they remain uncertain whether this year's cultivation will turn out to be profitable or not.

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## CM Chandrababu

We forgot politics. The opposition spread lies and misled the public,” he said, citing examples like the Vivekananda Reddy case, the Kodikatti drama, and Gulakarai narrative, which he called classic instances of YCP’s political conspiracies. “We must counter such misinformation just as strongly as we highlight our good work,” he added. Emphasizing the importance of accessibility, he said, “Doing work is one thing, but being close to the people is another. Don’t avoid people. Tell them not just what was done, but why something couldn’t be done. If you stay close, they’ll support you. If not, they’ll say ‘Tata.’” Performance-Based Evaluation The CM said surveys are being conducted on MLA performances. “I’ll meet every MLA personally. I’ve already spoken to four. I’ll listen, give time to improve, but if there’s no change, I won’t hesitate to take a decision. Even heirs must earn their place,” he said sternly. Chandrababu urged leaders to remain accountable. “If there

are flaws in governance, correct them. The people and our cadre must be proud. It’s unfortunate to rely on money to win elections. Despite spending heavily, the opposition won only 11 seats. Money doesn’t work every time. Let’s do ideal politics,” he said. Stable Government Drives Development He said only a stable TDP government can bring sustained development. “The state’s image was damaged under the previous regime. But in just one year, we’ve signed MoUs worth ₹9,340 crore creating 8.5 lakh jobs. Polavaram, Amaravati, and Vizag Steel Plant works have resumed momentum,” he noted. Chandrababu listed key welfare programs—pensions for 64 lakh people, salute to mothers, free gas, Anna Canteens, and the upcoming free bus travel for women from August 15. “Implementation is key. My goal is victory in 2029—not with just hard work, but smart work,” he told party members, warning of threats from “economic terrorists and political rowdies.”

## Quantum Workshop

Dr. J.B.V. Reddy, Mission Director, National Quantum Mission; Phani Mitra B, Global Chief Digital and Information Officer, Dr. Reddy’s Laboratories; and Praveen Rao Akkinapally, Country President and Managing Director, AstraZeneca India. Representing IBM, Scott Crowder, Vice President for Quantum Adoption, participated in the discussions. From the Government of India, Prof. Abhay Karandikar, Secretary, Department of Science and Technology, and Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood, Principal Scientific

Adviser, were also present at the event. In addition, senior representatives from organizations such as Amazon, HCL, L&T, IIT Madras, IIT Tirupati, and Bank of America, as well as top officials from the Government of Andhra Pradesh, took part in the dinner. All guests who attended the evening’s gathering will participate in the Amaravati Quantum Valley National Workshop in Vijayawada on Monday, a major step forward in positioning Andhra Pradesh as a global hub for quantum research and innovation.

## June Ends Dry

Last year’s untimely rains are still fresh in their memory. Krishna Water a Ray of Hope As hilly region farmers wait for rains, those dependent on irrigated lands are banking on water from Krishna River. With rains lashing the upstream regions, Srisaillam reservoir is gradually filling. Farmers in both Kadapa and Annamayya are demanding early release of water through the Pothiredypadu and KC Canal systems to meet both drinking and irrigation needs.

Leaders from farmers’ associations and opposition parties are pressing the government to release Srisaillam water immediately, without waiting for the reservoir to reach full capacity or for Nagarjunasagar downstream levels to rise. As the Kharif season falters, all eyes are now on July. The failure of rains in June may have disrupted the rhythm of agriculture in the two districts, but the hope that Krishnamma or the skies will come to their rescue still keeps farmers going.



### CIO Green Drive Begins!

With the slogan “Hands in the soil, country in the heart,” CIO launches a nationwide sapling planting campaign with 10 lakh children from June 25 to July 26.

# AP Police Hackathon Concludes With Vision for AI Future

*DGP outlines ambitious roadmap to build AI-powered policing system*

**TPN Correspondent | Guntur**

The Andhra Pradesh Police Hackathon, a first-of-its-kind national innovation challenge hosted in Guntur, concluded on Sunday with an inspiring closing ceremony led by DGP Harish Kumar Gupta, IPS. Describing the event not as an end but as the beginning of a long journey, the DGP congratulated IGP C.H. Srikanth and his team for turning the hackathon vision into reality in just three months. With 160 teams registered and 60 shortlisted, the response reflected unprecedented enthusiasm nationwide. The DGP acknowledged key contributors, including RVR

& JC College and Dr. Kolla Srinivas, for their infrastructure and hospitality, and a dedicated IPS use-case team led by officers like Raj Kumari, Fakkirappa, Malika Garg, Vakul, Tushar, and Kishore. The newly launched Prism R&D unit was also highlighted, tasked with nurturing promising hackathon ideas into working proof-of-concepts and eventually deployable solutions. Local police, IT inspectors, logistics teams, and student interns were lauded for their behind-the-scenes work that kept the event running seamlessly. “Every participant here is a winner,” the DGP remarked, emphasizing that

Andhra Pradesh Police has boldly embraced GenAI and Agentic AI long before most private enterprises. Looking ahead, the DGP laid out a transformative roadmap toward building an AI-powered Police Operating System. Key steps include securing GPU clusters, building operational master datasets, setting legal-grade LLM guardrails, deploying domain-specific models, and creating a secure sandbox for rapid testing and deployment. The DGP also proposed forming a global AI Advisory Council led by Surya Kotha to guide the effort. With strong leadership, deep



context-building, and ambitious goals, Andhra Pradesh aims to become the first police force in India to run production-scale AI solutions.

# AP Natural Farming Model Goes Global with Sri Lanka Pilot

**TPN Correspondent | Amaravati**

Andhra Pradesh’s flagship Community-Managed Natural Farming (APCNF) programme has taken a significant step on the global stage with the launch of a pilot initiative in Sri Lanka. The pilot, which began on June 26, 2025, is part of the state’s growing international influence in promoting sustainable and agroecologically sound farming practices. Implemented by Rythu Sadhikara Samstha (RySS), the APCNF model has already enrolled over 1.13 million farmers across 4,000 villages in Andhra Pradesh. Known for its community-led and women-driven approach, APCNF is now expanding its reach beyond India with ongoing pilots in Indonesia and Zambia, and now Sri Lanka. The Sri Lanka pilot is being jointly implemented by RySS,

the Sarvodaya Shramadana Movement—Sri Lanka’s largest grassroots development organization—and NOW Partners, a global ally of APCNF. This collaboration was initiated after Sarvodaya leadership visited Andhra Pradesh in July 2023, followed by a farmer exposure visit in early 2025. These engagements laid the foundation for a formal partnership, driven by shared values and farming goals. A dedicated six-member RySS team, including technical experts and champion farmers, has been deployed in two key agro-ecological zones in Sri Lanka. During the current Yala agricultural season (May–August), the team is training ten local farmers—five in each zone—as future champions of natural farming. These trained farmers will, in turn, mentor ten more farmers each during the



Maha season (September–March), building a cascading, community-based model for scaling knowledge and implementation. The pilot, which will run through both Yala and Maha seasons until December 2026, is structured to ensure sustained technical, logistical, and institutional support from Sarvodaya and other lo-

cal partners. It is expected to play a key role in helping Sri Lanka transition towards resilient and low-cost farming practices while strengthening farmer capacity and local food systems. This international extension underscores Andhra Pradesh’s growing leadership in natural farming and its potential to influence global agricultural policy and practice.

# Andhra Pradesh Launches e-Crop Digital Survey for Kharif 2025

**TPN | Sumanth Jangam**

**Amaravati:** The Andhra Pradesh Government, in collaboration with the Central Government, is set to launch the e-Crop Digital Survey for the Kharif 2025 season, announced Sri Dilli Rao, IAS, Director of Agriculture. Starting in the first week of July, this initiative aims to digitize agricultural records for accurate crop data and efficient delivery of welfare schemes to farmers. The survey, supported by the National Informatics Centre (NIC), will cover only cultivable agricultural lands, excluding non-agricultural and government lands. It targets 100% crop registration, e-KYC completion, and accurate land details via Webland or Record of Forest Rights. The



process will classify lands as cultivated, uncultivated, fallow, aquaculture, or non-agricultural, with mandatory geo-tagged photos for land holdings below 0.25 acres. A new feature includes registering trees and crops along field bunds, boundaries, and

intercropped plantations. Perennial crops like banana, coconut, and mango must be re-geo-tagged and photographed. Land permissions will be verified, with special scrutiny for government, leased, or disputed lands. Mandal Agriculture Officers

and Horticulture Officers will review agricultural and horticulture crops, respectively, while Tahsildars will oversee government and non-agricultural lands. The survey aligns with the Secretariat Reorganization, mapping revenue villages to Rythu Seva Kendras. Sri Dilli Rao urged farmers to register crops with accurate details, including variety and cultivation status, and provide valid Aadhaar and mobile numbers. Farmers can seek assistance at Rythu Seva Kendras or local agriculture offices. He warned that field officers failing to ensure complete and accurate registration will face strict action, emphasizing the survey’s role in strengthening agricultural welfare policies.

# ACD Charges Waived for Power Consumers in AP

*Big relief for small users and PM Suryagarh beneficiaries*

**TPN Correspondent | Amaravati**

In a major relief to electricity consumers across Andhra Pradesh, the AP Central Power Distribution Company Limited (APCPDCL) has announced the waiver of Advance Consumption Deposit (ACD) charges for low electricity

consumers and beneficiaries of the PM Suryagarh scheme. The move comes after widespread opposition from consumers who had been burdened with these charges. Earlier, ACD charges were being levied even on low current users and residents who installed solar panels under the

PM Suryagarh rooftop solar initiative. Responding to this discontent, the APCPDCL has taken a pro-people decision to cancel these charges, thereby easing financial pressure on small and sustainable energy users. Officials noted that the waiver would benefit thousands of households,

especially those from middle and lower-income groups, and would also serve as an incentive for more people to adopt solar energy solutions under the central scheme. The decision has been welcomed widely, with consumer rights groups and solar energy advocates praising the power utility’s sensitivity to the public’s concerns.



# Don't Repeat YCP's Mistake: Nara Lokesh to TDP Cadre

- Launches 'Intintiki Telugu Desam' to take governance to people
- Warns cadre against arrogance after coming to power
- 'First step in good governance' campaign to run for a month
- Orders completion of party committees by July 5

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

State Minister and TDP National General Secretary Nara Lokesh has warned party leaders and workers not to become complacent after returning to power, drawing a sharp comparison with the downfall of the previous YSRCP government. Addressing the Telugu Desam Party's wide-level meeting chaired by Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu at the party's central office in Mangalagiri, Lokesh emphasized the need to stay connected with the people and work with humility.

"The YSRCP, which won 151 seats, was reduced to 11 seats because of its arrogance. We should not make the same mistake," Lokesh cautioned. "Even while in power, we must function with the same accountability and vigilance as when we were in the opposition. If we fail to do that, the people will not hesitate to teach us a lesson."

As part of this commitment, Lokesh announced a new initiative titled 'First Step in Good Governance - Intintiki Telugu Desam', a month-long program aimed at explaining the coalition government's policies, promises, and progress directly to the people through door-to-door campaigns. He instructed party workers to actively take part in the program and personally communicate the government's achievements to every household.

Lokesh reiterated that the coalition government, despite financial constraints, has already initiated the 'Thalliki Van-



danam' scheme and is determined to fulfill every promise step-by-step. He stressed that the government's work must reflect transparency and dedication, adding, "Every call from the party should be seen as a duty, not an option."

On the organizational front, Lokesh ordered that all party committee appointments be finalized by July 5. He stressed the need for a balanced approach—bringing together the wisdom of veteran leaders with the energy of the youth. He also underscored the importance of women's participation in all party activities and called for the strengthening of affiliated party wings.

Ending on a symbolic note, Lokesh said, "Even if we travel the world, we always return to the party office—it is like a sacred temple to us. We must never forget the days when such institutions were disrespected, and we must ensure that never happens again."

## High Tension in Tadipatri Over Kethireddy's Visit

JC faction blocks YSRCP leader's entry, police intervene

TPN Correspondent | Anantapur

Political tensions escalated once again in Tadipatri town of Anantapur district as clashes between rival factions of the YSR Congress Party and the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) nearly erupted on Saturday. Former MLA and YSRCP leader Kethireddy Peddareddy's visit to his residence triggered sharp opposition from the TDP camp, particularly the faction led by JC Prabhakar Reddy.

Kethireddy, who arrived at his residence in Tadipatri this morning, was met with protests from the TDP ranks. As news of his arrival spread, Tadipatri Municipal Chair-



man and senior TDP leader JC Prabhakar Reddy reportedly rushed to confront him. TDP supporters from nearby villages also gathered in large numbers, attempting to block Kethireddy from stay-

ing in town. The situation rapidly intensified as activists from both camps began converging near the residences of the two leaders. With tensions reaching a boiling point, local

police swung into action, deploying forces in large numbers to maintain law and order. Anticipating possible clashes, the police stopped TDP workers heading toward Kethireddy's residence and eventually escorted Kethireddy out of the town and shifted him to Anantapur. The renewed political unrest stems from remarks made by Kethireddy during the recent Assembly election campaign, where he controversially stated that he would continue the factional culture in Tadipatri, win or lose. These statements deeply angered the TDP cadre, who have since vowed to prevent him from re-entering the town.

## Congress Brought Degree College to Kuppam, Says Gopi

Credits Congress for development, questions Chandrababu's 40-year record

TPN | C Shekar

**Kuppam:** Congress Party Kuppam constituency in-charge Avula Gopi has asserted that the credit for bringing a government degree and ITI college to Kuppam belongs solely to the Congress Party. Speaking at a press meet held at the Kuppam Congress Party office, Gopi took strong objection to the claim that all development in the region occurred during Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu's tenure.

"It is laughable to say that any progress in Kuppam happened only under Chandrababu's rule," Gopi stated. He claimed that several key development initiatives were undertaken during the Congress regime, including the establishment of vital educational institutions. Gopi accused the Chief Minister of focusing only on private educational institutions in his home constituency. "In 40 years, Chandrababu has only managed to set up three private educational institutions here. There has been no real effort to expand public education facilities," he alleged. Raising the issue of the Handri-Nee-



va Sujala Sravanthi project, Gopi demanded that the Chief Minister provide clarity to the farmers of Kuppam about whether the project will ever be completed. He emphasized that people are still waiting for answers on the long-pending irrigation project, which is crucial for the region's agriculture. Congress Party Kuppam Municipal In-charge Nizam, along with mandal

in-charges Munaswamy, Nanjappa, Krishnappa, Subramaniam, Minority In-charge Irfan, and other senior party leaders and activists, were present at the event. The press meet saw a renewed push by the Congress to reassert its role in Kuppam's development and question the long-standing leadership of Chandrababu Naidu in the region.

## Venkataraju's Gram Darsini Wins Public Praise

MLA's Gandhian vision of village self-rule strikes a chord in Gopalapuram

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**Gopalapuram:** Maddipati Venkataraju MLA of Gopalapuram continues to make a strong impact through his people-centric governance, with the recently concluded Gram Darsini program emerging as a major success. Inspired by Mahatma Gandhi's dream of Gram Swarajya, the MLA is winning hearts by staying among the people and resolving grassroots issues with prompt action. The Gram Darsini initiative, carried out over 14 days, spanned nearly 85 panchayats across the four mandals of the constituency—Gopalapuram, Devarapalli, Nallajarla, and Dwarakathirumala. With a clear goal of strengthening village self-rule and transparent administration, Venkataraju's program focused on identifying local problems through direct interaction and solving them without delay. "We came to power... I became an MLA... but it's not about what I get from it," Venkataraju reportedly told locals during the visits, reinforcing his commitment to public service above all else. His sincerity and constant presence in the villages have earned him the admiration of people and respect from leaders and party activists alike. The MLA used Gram Sabhas to highlight the development achieved in each village during the past ten months under the new



government. At the same time, he received requests from locals on how they wish governance to be carried forward, making the entire initiative a two-way dialogue. The program also led to significant development works worth crores of rupees, with foundation stones laid for new projects. Additionally, financial support from the CM Relief Fund was distributed, bringing relief to many homeless and needy families. Through continuous monitoring, close coordination with officials, and active engagement with the public and party cadre, Maddipati Venkataraju is leaving a lasting mark as an MLA who leads with purpose and stays true to the spirit of grassroots democracy.

## Six Leaders in Race for AP BJP Chief Post



- New BJP president to be elected on July 1
- Notification for state BJP president election released

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

The process for the election of the Andhra Pradesh BJP state president has officially begun. Rajya Sabha MP and party's organizational election officer Paka Venkata Satyanarayana released the notification for the presidential election on Sunday. Along with the notification, the party also announced the voter list for the upcoming internal election. According to the schedule, nomination papers for the state president post will be accepted on Monday (June 30) between 11 am and 1 pm. The scrutiny of nominations will be conducted from 1 pm to 2 pm, followed by the withdrawal of nominations permitted until 4 pm the same day. If multiple nominations are received and not withdrawn, the polling will take place on July 1, and the new-

ly elected state BJP president will be announced on the same day. Karnataka MP PC Mohan has been appointed as the election observer for the entire process. This election has gained added significance following the recent election of the current BJP state president, Daggubati Purandeswari, to the Lok Sabha. With her elevation, the party is now set to get a new state-level leader, sparking speculation and interest within the cadre. Several senior leaders are being considered strong contenders for the top post. Former Chief Minister Kiran Kumar Reddy, senior BJP leader and ex-Rajya Sabha member GVL Narasimha Rao, former MLC PVN Madhav, sitting MLA Sujana Chowdhury, and key party figures Narasimha Reddy and Vishnuvardhan Reddy are reportedly in the race. With the NDA now in power in Andhra Pradesh, the announcement of the new president is being closely watched, as it will shape the BJP's direction in the state going forward.



# Bonalu Begins with Grandeur at Indrakiladri Temple

Telangana artists offer first Bonam to Durgamma in Ashada month  
Over 500 artists performed with traditional instruments  
Special arrangements made for Telangana devotees

**TPN | V.V.S Madhu Babu Vijayawada:** The annual Telangana Bonalu festival commenced with grandeur and devotion at the Kanaka Durga Ammavari Temple on Indrakiladri in Vijayawada. Upholding the rich tradition, members of the Hyderabad Joint Temples Festival Committee offered the first Bonam to Goddess Durga as part of the Ashada month rituals.

The festivities began with a vibrant cultural display as over 500 artists played traditional instruments like dappu, melam, and tala, setting a festive and devotional tone across the temple surroundings. Amid the rhythmic beats and chants, the Bonalu procession reached the sanctum of the deity with great reverence. It is a long-standing tradition to offer the first

Bonam to Durgamma at Indrakiladri before the celebrations begin in Telangana. The offering symbolizes a prayer for prosperity, health, and protection for the people of both Telugu states. Temple authorities made elaborate arrangements to accommodate the large number of devotees arriving from Telangana. Special queues, security mea-

sures, and facilities for the visiting devotees ensured a smooth and spiritually fulfilling experience for all. Bonalu, a festival deeply rooted in Telangana's culture, continues to strengthen the cultural bond between Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, as devotees from both states come together in devotion at the sacred Indrakiladri temple.



## Drusya Vedika showcases graceful Kuchipudi and thought-provoking drama

**TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada**

A blend of classical elegance and contemporary relevance marked the monthly cultural evening organised by Drusya Vedika, an audience club committed to promoting performing arts. The event featured a Kuchipudi dance performance followed by a social playlet, offering the audience a memorable experience.

In the first part of the evening, students of Jayasri Kuchipudi Kala Nritya Nilayam presented a series of classical dance pieces choreographed by Guru Chadalavada Anand. The young dancers including Ch. Naa-da Karthika, G. Amrutha Varshini, G. Jaya Satwika, Y. Satwika, Ch. Pavana Pratyusha, Y. Aswitha, P. Snigdha, M. Rashmika, Y. Pavani Meenakshi, and S. Bhavya Sri, enthralled the audience with performances of Vinayaka Kauthvam, Aanandatandavam, Ramayana Sabdam, Dasavatara Sabdam, and Vachanu Aleveelumaga. Their graceful movements and expressions earned them loud applause from clas-



sical dance enthusiasts.

The second half featured the playlet Sahiti Suktam, presented by Swarna Surya Drama Lovers from Hyderabad. Written and directed by Uday Bhagavatula, the play tackled hard-hitting social issues such as suicides, betrayal, and crime, reflecting how literature can become a mirror to society, offering not criticism but understanding and compassion.

Actors Ch. Karthika, Sunayana, Dwadasi Venkata Chandrasekhar, and Uday Bhagavatula brought emotion-

al depth to their roles, ensuring the play's message resonated with the audience. The production was supported by backstage contributions from Thomas and Venkateswara Rao (makeup), Ramana (background score), and Surabhi Uma Sankar (lighting). All participating artists were felicitated by Drusya Vedika for their commendable performances. The event was well anchored by Naren Borra, Kathi Syam Prasad, Ramesh, and Padmasri, who ensured a seamless flow of the program.

## DGP Harish Kumar Gupta Offers Prayers at Mopidevi Temple

**TPN Correspondent | Krishna**

Andhra Pradesh State Director General of Police (DGP) Harish Kumar Gupta visited the renowned Sri Valli Devasena Sametha Subrahmanyeshwara Swamy Temple in Mopidevi village of Mopidevi mandal, Krishna district, along with his family on Sunday. The visit was marked by spiritual fervor and traditional rituals. Upon his arrival at the temple, DGP Harish Kumar Gupta was warmly received with a Poornakumbha

welcome by the temple's Deputy Commissioner and Executive Officer Dasari Srirama Varaprada Rao, along with Vedic scholars, priests, and temple staff. He then offered special prayers and performed pujas to Lord Subrahmanyeshwara Swamy, accompanied by his family. In a gesture of respect, the temple authorities and Vedic scholars presented the DGP and the Deputy Commissioner with silk clothes and a portrait of the deity.



## Chandrababu's Politics Built on Lies and Betrayal: Sudhakar Babu

**TPN Correspondent | Tadepalli**

Former MLA and YSRCP SC Cell State President TJR Sudhakar Babu launched a scathing attack on Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, branding him as the "emperor of lies" and accusing him of building a 40-year political career on deceit, betrayal, and media manipulation. Addressing the media on Saturday, Sudhakar Babu alleged that Naidu had distorted reality through his media influence and betrayed the legacy of the TDP by seizing control from the Nandamuri family and sidelining its rightful heirs. "Naidu is a master manipulator. His leadership is rooted in falsehoods and empty promises," he said.

In stark contrast, he praised YSRCP president Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy for delivering on his promises and upholding social justice. "While Jagan

treats his promises as sacred and delivers on every commitment, Naidu loots votes through fake assurances," Sudhakar Babu asserted. Highlighting past controversies, he questioned Naidu's failure to ensure justice in high-profile cases during his previous term. "Why did Naidu fail to deliver justice to Sunitha in the Vivekananda Reddy murder case? Why was the 'Kodikathi' case ignored for a year despite his claims of being a high-tech CM?" he asked.

Sudhakar Babu also accused Naidu of orchestrating recent attacks to malign Jagan's image, including a stone-throwing incident in Vijayawada and an AI-generated fake video during Jagan's Sattenapalli tour. He alleged that during the same visit, a Dalit youth was murdered in a government-orchestrated plot, and the death of Pastor Praveen remained unresolved.

He criticized Naidu for allegedly disrespecting the Christian community and misusing Tirumala temple for political motives, warning that "this sin will haunt Naidu and his future generations."

He further charged Naidu with kidnapping councillors, filing false cases, and enabling violent attacks against YSRCP workers. He accused Naidu of failing to fulfil major 2014-19 promises, including DWCR loan waivers, job creation, and Polavaram project completion. He also blamed Naidu for the 2015 Godavari Pushkaralu tragedy in which 32 pilgrims died.

In contrast, Sudhakar Babu lauded Jagan Mohan Reddy's governance, citing successful initiatives like RBK centres and ensuring minimum support prices for farmers. "Jagan stands for equitable governance while Naidu's legacy is one of betrayal," he declared.

## AP MAUD Introduces Service-Level Ranking System for ULBs

**TPN Correspondent | Amaravati**

In a major administrative reform, the Andhra Pradesh Municipal Administration and Urban Development (MAUD) Department has rolled out a new performance-based ranking system to measure and improve service-level outcomes across Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in the state. The initiative aims to ensure efficient civic service delivery and resource utilization through strategic planning and measurable goals.

The ranking system, designed by MAUD Principal Secretary S. Suresh Kumar, evaluates ULBs on at least ten key service parameters. These include household tap water connections, door-to-door garbage collection, solid and legacy waste management, sewage treatment, storm water drainage systems, pucca roads, LED street lighting, income generation for women SHG members, and municipal revenue generation.

This is the first time the MAUD Department has introduced a systematic and outcome-driven approach to tackle civic challenges and align development works accordingly. The department has also initiated the development of a real-time dashboard for constant monitoring of service

quality and project progress.

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has lauded the initiative, calling it a model for good governance. He instructed officials to brief all MLAs, district Collectors, Mayors, deputy mayors, corporators, municipal chairpersons, vice-chairpersons, and councillors about the ranking mechanism and to ensure that future civic works align strictly with these service-level indicators. The CM emphasized timely completion of all development works under the new system. The MAUD Department has already completed the first round of rankings. The statewide average stood at 66.3%. Visakhapatnam topped the list with 74.4%, followed by NTR district with 72.6%. Other top performers included Tirupati (66.2%), Guntur (64.9%), East Godavari (64%), Anantapuramu (62%), YSR Kadapa (61.7%), Palnadu (61.4%), Annamayya (60.4%), and Kurnool (60.3%).

Anakapalli district ranked lowest with a score of 51.8%, signaling the need for intensified efforts in service delivery.

The state government is hopeful that this outcome-based model will drive improved civic governance and uplift living standards in urban areas.

## 25 gamblers caught with cash and vehicles in Task Force raid

**TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada**

In a swift operation, the Task Force police raided an illegal poker camp set up in a mango orchard near Mal-lela village, located in Thiruvur Rural Mandal of NTR district. The raid led to the arrest of 25 gamblers who were found indulging in a poker game.

Acting on a credible tip-off, the police conducted the raid as several bigwigs from the surrounding areas of Vijayawada were participating in the gambling activity. During the operation, the police seized ₹93,470 in cash, four cars, one auto, and one motorcycle

from the scene.

Officials stated that the poker camp was being conducted in a secluded orchard to avoid detection, but swift action by the Task Force team disrupted the illegal activity. The arrested individuals have been taken into custody and further investigation is underway to trace the organizers behind the operation.

Police have warned that strict action will be taken against those involved in gambling and illegal activities, especially in rural areas being used as hideouts.



# CM Chandrababu to Visit Malakapalli on July 1

CM to participate in NTR Bharosa Pension distribution in Tallapudi mandal  
Direct interaction with beneficiaries through Gram Sabha



**TPN | Ch. Sri East Godavari:** Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu will visit Malakapalli village in Tallapudi mandal of East Godavari district on July 1 as part of his official tour. The CM will participate in the NTR Bharosa Social Security Pension distribution program and later engage in a face-to-face interaction with beneficiary families through a Gram Sabha, District Collector P Prashanthi

announced on Saturday. In view of the CM's visit, a review meeting was conducted at the local RDO office with coordination department officials. Addressing the officials, Collector Prashanthi instructed them to ensure all arrangements are completed well in advance and emphasized that contingency plans must be in place to address any weather-related challenges. She stressed the need for field-level inspections of all arrange-

ments. Chief Minister's Programme Coordinator Pendurthi Venkatesh, Joint Collector S Chinna Ramudu, DRO T Seetharama Murthy, RDO Rani Susmita, CPO L Appalakonda, DRDA PD NVVS Murthy, DIPRO K Lakshmi Narayana, Housing PD S Bhaskar Reddy, DTC R Suresh, DMHO K Venkateswara Rao, R&B SE SBV Reddy, tehsildars, MPDOs, and other officials participated in the preparatory meeting. Officials from the Chief Minister's Office confirmed that Chandrababu Naidu will personally hand over pensions to beneficiaries at their homes and then attend a Gram Sabha where he will interact with villagers and mentors. Special arrangements, including a helipad, medical camp, fire safety systems, and a sound and digital infrastructure set-

up, are being prepared for the event. Collector Prashanthi instructed R&B officials to finalize the Sabha platform and helipad and report the details to the security personnel. The Information Department has been directed to oversee sound systems, live streaming, media coordination, and digital displays. She underlined the importance of ensuring all protocols are strictly followed in line with the CM's Office directives. Kovvur MLA Muppidi Venkateswara Rao, SP D Narasimha Kishore, Kovvur DSP, BJP constituency in-charge, and other public representatives also visited Malakapalli village to inspect the arrangements. All departments were ordered to work in close coordination to ensure the success of the CM's visit and program execution.

## Minister Durgesh Tours Undrajavaram

*Face-to-face with villagers, Swift Resolution of Issues*

**TPN Correspondent | Nidadavolu** Andhra Pradesh Tourism, Culture, and Cinematography Minister Sri Kandula Durgesh conducted an extensive tour of Undrajavaram village in Nidadavolu constituency, directly interacting with the people and listening to their grievances. As part of the visit, the Minister ordered immediate action on several local issues brought to his attention by the villagers. Durgesh was warmly welcomed by the locals during his visit. Residents raised several pressing concerns including shortage of drinking water, pensions for the chronically ill and widows, funds for harvested grain, space for embryo



donation, and permission to install a statue of Vangaveeti Mohana Ranga. The Minister assured the people that these issues would be resolved swiftly. He stated that the pending payments for the harvested grain would be credited soon and necessary steps would

be taken to strengthen infrastructure and welfare outreach in the village. Minister Durgesh emphasized that the coalition government is focused on resolving public issues proactively and that efforts will continue to make welfare schemes more acces-

sible. He outlined the development initiatives undertaken by the NDA coalition over the past year, reinforcing the government's commitment to rural development. Earlier, the Minister also visited the family of Janasainik Ratnam Venkata Rama Rao in Burrilanka, who passed away recently, and offered his condolences. Later, he attended the oath-taking ceremony of the Manavatha Executive Committee at ABS Town Hall in Nidadavolu. Concluding his tour, he met the family of Jana Sainik Duvvapu Satya Prakash in Undrajavaram, who also recently died due to illness, and offered support and encouragement to the bereaved family.

## Power Shortage Hits Farmers in Anantapur

**TPN Correspondent | Anantapur** Farmers in the Battuvaniipalli substation region of Kalyanadurgam constituency, Anantapur district, are grappling with a severe power shortage that is threatening their livelihoods. With crops already at a critical stage, the absence of power supply has left tomato, watermelon, and groundnut plantations wilting under the sun. The crisis intensified after an electricity pole collapsed near the substation, cutting off power to the surrounding farmlands. A heated altercation reportedly broke out between a farmer and electricity department staff following the incident, further complicating the restoration efforts. Farmer Ekanta Nayak expressed his anguish, stating that he had approached higher authorities for help, but no corrective action has been taken so far. "We are watching our crops die every day. We worked hard, invested everything in these fields, but now they're drying up before our eyes," he lamented. Farmers fear that the prolonged lack of irrigation will result in massive financial losses. They are now appealing to the district administration and the electricity department to take immediate steps to restore power and prevent further damage. The situation underscores the fragile dependence of agriculture on uninterrupted power supply in drought-prone regions like Anantapur. Farmers have urged officials to replace the damaged infrastructure swiftly and ensure uninterrupted supply, especially during critical cultivation periods.



## Goddess Thalupulamma Adorned with 1.4 Lakh Clay Bangles

**TPN | NV Surya Tuni:** On the first Sunday of the auspicious Ashada month, the famous Thalupulamma Lova shrine near Tuni witnessed a massive turnout of devotees as the presiding deity, Goddess Thalupulamma, was specially adorned with 1.4 lakh traditional clay bangles. A grand abhishekam was performed early morning, followed by the elaborate decoration that left devotees in awe during darshan. The temple wore a festive look, and the faithful were visibly emotional upon witnessing the dazzling form of the goddess. Devotees thronged in large numbers throughout the day, reflecting the deep spiritual significance the temple holds during Ashada Sundays.To manage the heavy footfall and vehicular congestion, local police, temple authorities, and revenue-endowment officials worked in coordination. Vehicle parking was streamlined by allotting space in temple cottages and unauthorized parking was strictly dealt with. Traffic and crowd control measures yielded positive results, ensuring a smoother experience for visitors than in previous years.Adding glamour to the divine atmosphere, actress Sridevi, who played the heroine in the film Court, visited the shrine and offered special prayers. She was presented with a framed photo of the goddess by Assistant Commissioner Penmatsa Viswanatharaju.Temple officials reported that 35,000 devotees visited the temple on Sunday alone, and the shrine collected ₹10,00,306 in offerings through various counters and services.The temple continues to attract lakhs of devotees during Ashada month, and with such large-scale spiritual and administrative coordination, the shrine is setting a model for crowd management during peak seasons.



## TIDCO Chairman Vemulapati Ajay Kumar Visits Padagaya Kshetram



**TPN | R. Srinubabu Pithapuram:** TIDCO Chairman Sri Vemulapati Ajay Kumar, accompanied by his wife, offered prayers at the sacred Padagaya Kshetram in Pithapuram Patnam of Kakinada district today. The couple was warmly welcomed by temple authorities with full honors upon their arrival. They had darshan of Sri Kukuteswara Swamy, Swayambhu Sri Dattatreya Swamy, and the revered Shakti Peetham deity Sri Puruhutika Ammavaru, along with Sri Rajarajeswari Devi. Special pujas were performed as part of their visit, and they received Vedic blessings from temple priests. Following the rituals, the As-

sistant Commissioner of Devasthanam and Executive Officer Katnam Jaganmohan Srinivas presented Sri Ajay Kumar and his wife with divine relics, a portrait of the Lord, and temple prasadam. Several dignitaries and public representatives were present during the visit, including Pithapuram Jana Sena Party in-charge Sri Marreddy Srinivas, Sri Muralasetty Sunil Kumar, Sri Surarapu Suresh, Marneedi Rangababu, Sri Telagamsetty Venkateswara Rao, and Sri Chelluboyana Satish. Pithapuram CI Sri G. Srinivas and SI Sri V. Manikumar also took part in the program, ensuring smooth arrangements for the spiritual visit.

## Jagannath Swamy Rath Yatra in Pasivedala

AP SC Commission Chairman K.S. Jawahar joins celebrations

**TPN | Thrinadh Kovvur:** The grand Jagannath Swamy Rath Yatra was held with religious fervor at the Shiva temple in Pasivedala village of Kovvur mandal. Andhra Pradesh State SC Commission Chairman and former Minister Shri K.S. Jawahar participated in the event, joining hundreds of devotees in the traditional procession. The sacred chariot procession drew large crowds as devotees pulled the Rath of Lord Jagannath Swamy, marking the auspicious occasion with bhajans and chants. The event reflected the community's deep

spiritual connection and was conducted with full devotion and enthusiasm. Prominent local figures also joined the Yatra, including Rajiv Krishna, son-in-law of former MLA Pendyala Venkatakrishna Rao, and Kothapalli Ashish Lal. Other notable attendees included Vegi Satyanarayana (Chinna) garu, Vemulapalli Srinivas garu, Vegi Lingeswara Rao garu, Koduri Prasad garu, Pasalapudi Subhash Chandra Bose garu, Ravipati Srikrishna garu, Vallabhaneni Sai Krishna garu, Mutyala Rambabu garu, and P.V.V. Bhadram garu.



## IDPS Tadepalligudem Hosts Grand Investiture Ceremony Student leaders take oath to uphold responsibility and school values

**TPN Correspondent | Tadepalligudem** The International Delhi Public School (IDPS), Tadepalligudem, held its prestigious Investiture Ceremony with great pride and solemnity, officially marking the induction of the new student leadership team for the academic year. The event, held on the school campus, was a vibrant celebration of leadership, dedication, and the spirit of responsibility.The ceremony began with a ceremonial procession, setting a dignified tone for the occasion. The school's principal, Mr. N Uma Srinivas, delivered a motivational speech highlighting the essence of leadership, teamwork, and discipline. He encouraged the newly elected leaders to carry forward the school's legacy by leading with integrity and becoming role models for their peers.A key moment in the ceremony was the solemn oath-taking. The Academic Coordinators, House Coordinators, and House Masters first pledged to guide and mentor the student communi-

ty with sincerity and commitment. Following this, the newly elected members of the student apex body – including the Head Boy, Head Girl, Sports Captain, Cultural Secretary, and the House Captains and Vice-Captains – took their oaths to fulfill their duties with diligence, responsibility, and honor.Each leader was presented with a badge and sash, symbolizing their new role and the expectations that come with it. The school grounds resonated with applause and admiration as students, teachers, and parents witnessed this significant milestone in the academic calendar. The ceremony concluded with a heartfelt vote of thanks delivered by the Academic Coordinator, followed by the national anthem, leaving everyone with a renewed sense of purpose and pride. The Investiture Ceremony at IDPS is not just a tradition; it is a powerful platform that empowers students, nurtures future leaders, and reinforces the school's commitment to excellence in holistic education.

# From 129 Million to 75 Million: Understanding India’s Poverty Recount



India continues to hold the unenviable distinction of having the largest number of poor people in the world, even as it competes with nations like Japan and Germany to become the third-largest economy globally. The World Bank’s latest poverty update has significantly revised India’s poverty numbers, sparking widespread discussion on the accuracy and implications of these figures.

In its 2024 report, the World Bank estimated that India had 129 million people living in extreme poverty, defined as surviving on less than \$2.15 per day (2017 PPP). However, the recent 2025 update drastically lowered this figure to 75.2 million, based on a higher poverty line of \$3 per day (2021 PPP). This sudden drop of nearly 54 million poor people within a year raises questions about the methodology and assumptions behind these statistics.

The key reason for this revision is the World Bank’s acceptance of India’s new consumption survey conducted in 2022–2023, which replaced the previous 2016–2017 survey deemed unreliable. India’s updated methodology, known as the Modified

Mixed Recall Period (MMRP), significantly reduces reported poverty levels compared to the older Uniform Recall Period (URP) method.

While the government has touted this drop as a major success, the World Bank cautions that the traditional extreme poverty benchmarks of \$2.15 and \$3 per day are not fully applicable to middle-income countries like India. Instead, a more realistic poverty threshold for such nations is \$6.85 per day (2017 PPP), which accounts for modern essentials like electricity, health-care, and digital access.

At this higher poverty line, India’s poor population remains staggering—over 1.17 billion people or 82% of its population in 2022. This means India still has the highest absolute number of poor people globally, surpassing even Sub-Saharan Africa.

In summary, while India’s extreme poverty figures have been revised downward, broader poverty challenges remain immense, underscoring the complexity of measuring poverty in a rapidly developing nation.

## Is Airbus Safer Than Boeing? The Truth Behind the Debate

Last week’s crash of a Boeing 787 Dreamliner in Ahmedabad shook the aviation world and reignited fears about Boeing’s safety. For Air India, it was a devastating blow to their brand revival. For Boeing, it reopened painful wounds from the 737 MAX disasters, which severely damaged its reputation due to flawed software and safety shortcuts. But does this mean Airbus is safer?

Globally, Boeing and Airbus dominate the aircraft manufacturing industry, shaping air travel for decades. Between 2013 and 2022, Boeing had 60 accidents and Airbus 50, but Boeing operates more planes. When adjusted for flight numbers, their fatality rates are almost identical. Aviation expert Richard Aboulafia sums it up: statistically, flying on either is

equally safe. The plane itself is rarely the problem.

Boeing’s recent troubles are not just technical—they’re moral. The 737 MAX crashes in Indonesia and Ethiopia, caused by faulty software, revealed a corporate culture prioritizing profits over safety. Airbus hasn’t been perfect either, with incidents like the 2009 Air France A330 crash and a \$4 billion corruption settlement. As one insider put it, “Airbus sins in boardrooms; Boeing sins in cockpits.”

Beyond safety, Boeing and Airbus are geopolitical rivals tied to the US and Europe respectively, fueling trade disputes and lobbying battles. Despite Boeing’s rough decade, including the 737 MAX crisis and other

incidents, its 2023 record was strong, with just 11 non-fatal accidents in over 31 million flights.

Flying remains incredibly safe: in 2023, there was one major accident for every 5.3 million flights. Most accidents stem from pilot error, not plane design. Modern aircraft, including Boeing’s Dreamliner and Airbus’s A320, are marvels built with multiple redundancies.

So while emotions flare after crashes, data shows commercial aviation is safer than ever. The choice between Boeing or Airbus is often less about safety and more about perception. In reality, flying any modern aircraft means trusting an industry that’s a technological wonder, despite its flaws.



## Is America Still Worth It? Indian Students Begin Looking Elsewhere

For decades, American universities have been the gold standard for Indian students seeking world-class education and global career opportunities. Names like Sundar Pichai, Raghuram Rajan, Indra Nooyi, and Amartya Sen owe a part of their global success to the academic grounding they received in the US. Indian students have not only studied at top American institutions, but also contributed to them through philanthropy and research. However, that long-standing appeal is now under pressure. The Trump administration’s crackdown on academic institutions—citing antisemitism, “anti-white racism,” and political activism—has created a hostile environment for both universities and international students. Elite campuses like Harvard and Columbia are facing political heat, while US embassies have halted student visa interviews, citing enhanced social media scrutiny. Indian applicants must now disclose years of online activity, leaving many uncertain about what could jeopardize their future.

For Indian families, where sending a child to the US is often a long-term investment, this is more than a policy change — it’s a dream deferred. The US had over 3.3 lakh Indian students in 2023, making them the largest international student group. They contribute significantly to STEM fields and university funding. But the political message is clear: global talent is no longer wel-



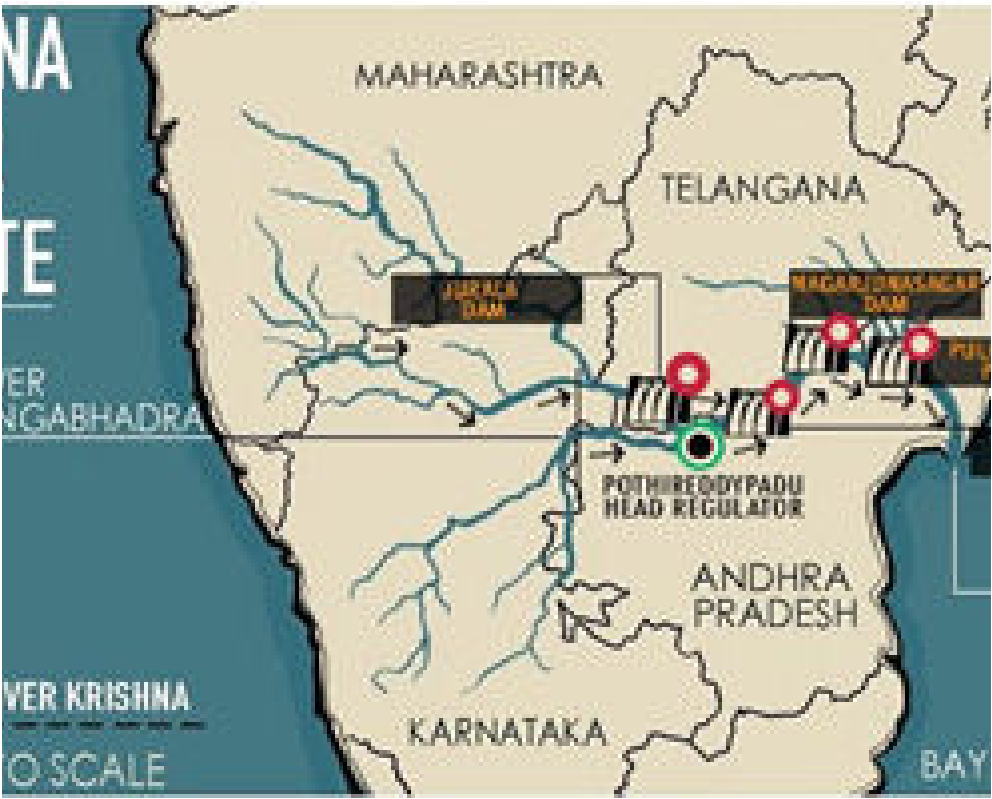
come without conditions. This has already sparked a shift. A 28% drop in Indian student enrolments is forecast for 2025, with more turning to the UK, Canada, and Australia. These countries may not offer the same prestige, but they aren’t undermining their universities or politicizing student mobility. India, in turn, finds an opportunity in this disruption. With institutions like IITs, IIMs, and emerging private universities like Ashoka, India can become an academic hub—if it invests in research, academic freedom, and global partnerships. The world may see fewer Indian success stories shaped in America in the coming years. But if India seizes this moment, it could become the new destination for intellectual ambition — not just for Indians, but for global talent disillusioned with America’s shifting values.

## A Decade Later, Telangana’s Battle for Krishna River Water Continues

More than ten years after Telangana split from Andhra Pradesh, the state’s struggle to secure its rightful share of Krishna river water remains unresolved, exposing deep political and administrative challenges. The Krishna river, flowing through Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Karnataka, is central to this dispute. Telangana and Andhra Pradesh share two major dams on the river: the Srisailem and Nagarjunasagar projects. The Srisailem dam regulates about 811 thousand million cubic feet (TMC) of water, with Telangana allocated 299 TMC and Andhra Pradesh receiving the remainder. At Nagarjunasagar, which holds 285 TMC, Telangana’s share is 90 TMC. Despite clear allocations, Andhra Pradesh has frequently been accused of exceeding its water share, hurting Telangana’s agricultural and developmental prospects. In November 2023, tensions escalated when Andhra

Pradesh authorities released over 2,000 cusecs of water from the Nagarjunasagar dam—beyond its entitlement—while Telangana was focused on elections. The incident sparked a police standoff, highlighting the fragile nature of water sharing between the two states.

The Centre established the Krishna River Management Board (KRMB) to oversee the equitable distribution of water between Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. The KRMB, comprising officials from both states and the central government, was expected to settle disputes and ensure compliance with the agreed 66:34 water-sharing ratio. Yet, a decade on, its effectiveness remains limited as disputes persist. Water issues are deeply intertwined with politics. At Telangana’s formation, the rivalry between Telangana’s first Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) and Andhra Pradesh’s



then-leader N Chandrababu Naidu added fuel to the dispute. Naidu’s party had to share Hyderabad, the joint capital, with Telangana for ten years after bifurcation, complicating relations.

Meanwhile, Andhra Pradesh continues to advance its own projects, such as the Polavaram irrigation project on the Godavari river, aimed at irrigating millions of acres and supplying drinking water to Visakhapatnam. With the Congress now in power in Telangana—a party historically opposed to Andhra Pradesh’s TDP—the political divide remains a significant barrier to resolving the water dispute. For a fair and lasting solution, the KRMB must be empowered and allowed to function effectively, ensuring both states receive their rightful share and protecting the interests of millions dependent on the Krishna river.

# ‘Mann ki Baat’: Those who fought Emergency should always be remembered: PM Modi

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On Sunday, June 29, 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi used his monthly Mann Ki Baat radio broadcast to reflect on the 50th anniversary of the Emergency declared in India in 1975. Without directly naming the Congress party or former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, Modi strongly condemned the Emergency-era excesses, calling it a time when the Constitution was “murdered” and the judiciary reduced to a puppet.

Modi revisited this dark chapter by playing audio clips of prominent anti-Emergency leaders, including Morarji Desai, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, and Jagjivan Ram. Desai described how fundamental freedoms were stripped away, newspapers censored, courts rendered powerless, and over 100,000 people imprisoned arbitrarily. Modi emphasized that the Emergency was an attempt to dismantle India’s multi-party democracy and crush the morale of the nation.

The Prime Minister also recalled the sufferings endured during the 21-month period, such as the shackling of George Fernandes, widespread arrests under the Maintenance of Internal Security Act (MISA), student harassment, and suppression of free speech. Despite these harsh measures, Modi praised the resilience and strength of the Indian people, who refused to bow to authoritarianism and ultimately reclaimed their democracy.



Marking the anniversary as ‘Samvidhan Hatya Diwas’ (Constitution Killing Day), Modi stressed the importance of remembering those who fought against the Emergency with courage and conviction. He said their sacrifices serve as a vital inspiration for citizens to remain alert and steadfast in protecting the Constitution.

Quoting Vajpayee’s words from 1977, Modi highlighted the Emergency’s end as a “peaceful revolution” where the people’s power overcame those who sought to destroy democracy. Modi concluded by urging the nation to honor the legacy of those defenders of democracy and stay vigilant to safeguard India’s constitutional values.

# Arvind Kejriwal Urges Slum Dwellers to Protest Demolitions

Labels BJP and Congress as ‘Brother and Sister’

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Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convener and former Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal called on slum dwellers to rise against the BJP-led government’s demolition drives during a protest at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi. He urged people to reject both the BJP and Congress parties in upcoming elections, accusing them of being closely aligned like “brother and sister.”



over.

Kejriwal criticized Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s slogan “Jahan Jhuggi, Wahan Makan” (Where there is a slum, there should be a home), saying Modi’s true message was “Jahan Jhuggi, Wahan Maidan” (Where there is a slum, there should be a ground for demolition). He described the promises as false and warned slum dwellers not to be deceived again.

Targeting the Rekha Gupta-led Delhi government, Kejriwal accused it of ruining the city in just five months, citing long power cuts, increased school fees, and alleged corruption by ministers and MLAs. He contrasted this with the condition left behind by his party, claiming that they had maintained a well-functioning Delhi before the BJP took

Kejriwal urged the estimated 40 lakh slum residents to unite and protest, saying, “If you take to the roads, they will be forced to stop the demolitions.” Drawing inspiration from the Anna movement, which started at Jantar Mantar and helped remove the Congress from power, he called for a new movement to shake BJP’s hold on governance.

He further accused the BJP government of targeting AAP leaders through false FIRs, highlighting ongoing investigations against senior AAP figures Manish Sisodia, Satyendar Jain, and Saurabh Bharadwaj related to alleged corruption in public projects. Kejriwal demanded an end to these actions, urging the government to focus on serving the people instead.

# Monsoon Arrives in Delhi, Covers Entire Country Nine Days Early



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The monsoon arrived in Delhi on Sunday, June 29, 2025, a day earlier than the normal expected date of June 30, according to the India Meteorological Department (IMD). More notably, the monsoon has covered the entire country nine days ahead of its usual schedule of July 8, marking one of the earliest full-country arrivals since 2020, when the monsoon reached all regions by June 26.

Typically, the monsoon begins its journey over Kerala by June 1 and advances to cover the rest of India by early July. It retreats from northwest India around September 17 and completely withdraws by October 15 each year. This year, the onset over Kerala was exceptionally early, starting on May 24—the earliest mainland arrival since 2009, when it came on May 23.

The rapid advancement was supported by strong low-pressure systems over the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal. These conditions helped the monsoon swiftly cover central Maharashtra, including Mumbai, and the entire north-eastern region by May 29. However, after this initial fast progress, the monsoon stalled for about 18 days from May 29 to June 16, causing a temporary slowdown.

Despite this stagnation, the monsoon gradually progressed across the rest of the country afterward. However, its arrival in Delhi and neighboring areas was slightly delayed due to anti-cyclonic winds over the region, which disrupted the usual flow of monsoon currents. These winds temporarily hindered the monsoon’s advance, but the rains finally reached Delhi on June 29.

People in Delhi welcomed the rain, seen as a relief from the summer heat, and the early arrival of the monsoon is expected to benefit agriculture and water reservoirs across the country. Overall, the early monsoon this year provides hope for a good rainy season after years of variable monsoon patterns.

# Don’t Be Surprised If India Repeats Action Upon Provocation: Shashi Tharoor

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Congress MP Shashi Tharoor stated on Saturday that India clearly conveyed to foreign governments during post-Operation Sindoor diplomatic outreach that any future provocation would be met with a similar response. Speaking at the Ahmedabad Management Association, Tharoor emphasized that Indian delegations, including the one he led, explained India’s restrained and targeted action against terrorist camps in Pakistan.

Tharoor said the global community was largely understanding of India’s position. Even countries like Colombia, which initially expressed condolences for casualties in Pakistan, later withdrew their statements. “Many leaders respected India’s



right to self-defence and appreciated the restraint shown. We made it clear that if such attacks happen again, India would not hesitate to respond similarly,” he said.

Tharoor underlined that India never intended to escalate the situation into a full-scale war. “Our aim was retribution against terrorist bases only.

We didn’t target civilians or military installations,” he explained, adding that India had always been willing to stop once Pakistan ceased hostilities.

He also noted that while India acted independently, Pakistan might have needed external persuasion to de-escalate. “If they stopped because of Ameri-

can influence, that’s fine by us,” he remarked.

Tharoor, who led one of seven Indian delegations to 33 global capitals, said his group’s role was to reinforce the government’s message on Pakistan’s involvement in terrorism. On the 50th anniversary of the Emergency, he urged all political leaders to recommit to the Constitution and democratic values rather than politicizing the moment. Acknowledging the Emergency as a difficult period, he said even Indira Gandhi accepted the people’s verdict when elections were called.

Reflecting on his recent Russia visit, Tharoor called it a valuable opportunity to engage with Russian leaders, including his longtime friend, Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov.

# India’s Ban on Ships Carrying Pakistani Cargo Raises Shipping Costs, Delays Freight

India’s ban on ships carrying Pakistani goods from docking at its ports, implemented after the Pahalgam terror attack, has caused significant disruptions in shipping times and increased freight charges, according to reports. The comprehensive ban, effective from May 2, 2025, prohibits both direct and indirect import or transit of goods originating from or destined for Pakistan.

Pakistani importers have reported delays of 30 to 50 days in receiving shipments due to the ban, forcing them to rely on feeder vessels instead of “mother vessels,” which has driven up costs. Javed Bilwani, President of the Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry, highlighted the longer shipping times and increased expenses faced by importers.

Exporters have also experienced higher shipping and insurance costs following the



ban, although they say the overall impact on exports remains limited. Aamir Aziz, a textile exporter, noted that while shipping charges had already risen before the ban, insurance costs have further increased.

Pakistan’s export sector heavily depends on imported inputs for value addition, and

with the government imposing strict controls on imports to conserve foreign exchange, disruptions in supply chains are having wider economic consequences.

Trade relations between India and Pakistan have been tense since the Pulwama terror attack, which led India to raise import duties on Pakistani goods to 200 percent. Formal bilateral trade has been effectively frozen since 2019, with trade volume dropping sharply from USD 2.41 billion in 2018 to USD 1.2 billion in 2024. Pakistan’s exports to India plummeted from USD 547.5 million in 2019 to just USD 480,000 in 2024.

The new ban further strains an already fragile economic relationship, complicating logistics and increasing costs for Pakistani businesses dependent on smooth shipping routes.

# “Utterly Insane”: Elon Musk Criticises Donald Trump’s ‘Big, Beautiful Bill’ Again

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Billionaire entrepreneur Elon Musk launched a fierce critique of the Senate’s latest draft of former President Donald Trump’s expansive tax-and-spending bill, just as the chamber prepared to debate the nearly 1,000-page proposal. Musk warned that the legislation would “destroy millions of jobs in America” and cause severe strategic damage to the country.

Calling the bill “utterly insane and destructive,” Musk criticized it for handing out support to outdated industries while harming sectors crucial to the future economy. His remarks added to growing tensions between Musk and Trump’s political circle, especially after Musk recently stepped down as head of the Department of Government Efficiency (Doge). Republican Senate leaders are under pressure to pass the bill by Trump’s self-imposed July 4 deadline, and Musk’s outspoken opposition complicates those efforts.



Earlier this month, Musk also condemned the House version of the bill, calling it a “disgusting abomination” filled with excessive spending. His

harsh comments triggered a public rift with Trump, though Musk has since attempted to reopen dialogue with the former president.

On Saturday, Musk doubled down on his opposition, highlighting concerns about the bill’s energy policies and

economic impact. He shared criticism from Princeton energy systems engineer Jesse Jenkins, who argued that the energy provisions in the bill are rejected by automakers, electric utilities, data centers, and manufacturers alike. Musk responded bluntly, “Good question. Who?”

Musk further criticized the bill for raising the US debt ceiling by \$5 trillion — the largest increase in history — warning this would accelerate the country’s “fast lane to debt slavery.”

The bill, spanning 940 pages, proposes major cuts to social programs like Medicaid and food stamps, while increasing defense and immigration enforcement funding. Central to the legislation is Trump’s \$350 billion border and security plan, including billions for border wall expansion, migrant detention facilities, and hiring thousands of new ICE officers, aimed at supporting a massive deportation initiative.

## Netanyahu Thanks Trump for Support Amid Corruption Trial

**Calls to ‘Make the Middle East Great Again’**



**TPN Correspondent | TelAviv**

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu expressed gratitude to former US President Donald Trump for his vocal support amid Netanyahu’s ongoing corruption trial. In a message posted on X, Netanyahu wrote, “Thank you again, Donald Trump. Together, we will make the Middle East Great Again,” echoing Trump’s signature campaign slogan.

Netanyahu has faced legal challenges since being indicted in 2019 on charges of bribery, fraud, and breach of trust, all of which he denies. The trial, which began in 2020, involves three separate criminal cases. Recently, an Israeli court rejected a request from Netanyahu’s legal team to delay his upcoming testimony, scheduled for Monday, despite ongoing diplomatic and security concerns after the recent 12-day conflict involving Israel and Iran.

Trump has repeatedly criticized the prosecutors pursuing Netanyahu’s case. On Truth Social, Trump described the trial as a “political witch hunt” and slammed the judicial process as “insanity.” He praised Netanyahu as a

“War Hero” and highlighted his strong partnership with the United States, particularly in addressing the nuclear threat posed by Iran.

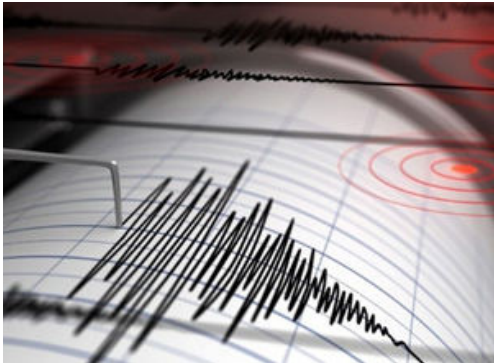
Trump also warned that the trial risks undermining Netanyahu’s ability to negotiate with Hamas and Iran, emphasizing that Netanyahu is currently working on a hostage deal with Hamas. Trump questioned the fairness of forcing the Israeli leader to spend time in court over what he called trivial accusations such as “Cigars” and a “Bugs Bunny Doll.”

Drawing parallels to his own legal struggles, Trump said the trial on Netanyahu is “very similar” to the “political witch hunt” he has faced. Trump further underscored that the US provides Israel with billions of dollars in aid annually and warned that such legal actions could damage the strategic relationship between the two countries. “We are not going to stand for this,” Trump declared, urging for the trial to be stopped so Netanyahu can focus on his critical role.

## 5.3 Magnitude Earthquake Strikes Balochistan, Pakistan; Five Injured, Homes Damaged

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An earthquake measuring 5.3 on the Richter scale jolted parts of Pakistan’s Balochistan province early Sunday morning, leaving at least five people injured and causing damage to several homes. The tremors were felt around 3:30 AM local time, with the epicentre located approximately 60 kilometres from Barkan town, according to the United States Geological Survey (USGS). Tauqeer Shah, an official from the paramilitary Levies force, confirmed the injuries and structural damage in the region. “We have reports of at least five people being injured, including a couple whose house roof collapsed in the Rara Shaim area near Barkan,” he said. Tremors were reported in nearby regions such as Kingri and Wastu,



in addition to Rara Shaim. Initial assessments suggest that around a dozen homes were damaged, with several developing structural cracks. Some media outlets reported the quake’s magnitude as slightly higher at 5.5, though the USGS has recorded it at 5.3. This seismic activity has raised fresh concerns in the region, which lies in one of the five identified seismic

zones in Pakistan. Experts attribute the country’s vulnerability to its position on the convergence of three major tectonic plates — the Arabian, Eurasian, and Indian plates — making it highly prone to earthquakes. While June has seen several minor tremors in Karachi, ranging between 2.2 and 3.5 in magnitude, no injuries or damage were reported from those incidents. However, Sunday’s quake in Balochistan has once again highlighted the fragile infrastructure and the urgent need for better preparedness in earthquake-prone areas.

Authorities are currently assessing the full extent of the damage and continuing to monitor for any potential aftershocks. Rescue and relief efforts have been initiated in the affected areas.

## Trump Reflects on Assassination Threats Amid Court Victory and Rising Political Tensions

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U.S. President Donald Trump, during an impromptu White House press conference on Friday, spoke candidly about threats to his life while celebrating a major Supreme Court victory that bolsters his administration’s power. The Court’s ruling significantly limits the ability of federal judges to impose nationwide injunctions, a move seen as a green light for Trump’s ambitious policy agenda. When asked about ongoing threats, Trump reflected on the July 13, 2024 incident in Pennsylvania where he was grazed by a bullet during a campaign rally. “I get that throbbing feeling every once in a while,” Trump said. “But you know what? That’s okay. This is a dangerous business.” The president described the role as riskier than many perilous profes-



sions. “Race car drivers, 1/10 of 1% die. Bull riders, same. But when you’re president, it’s about 5%. If someone had told me that, maybe I wouldn’t have run,” he remarked. Trump has faced multiple threats during his presidency. On September 15, 2024, he survived another assassination attempt while golfing in West

Palm Beach, Florida. The suspect in that case is currently facing five federal charges and has pleaded not guilty. The suspect behind the Pennsylvania rally shooting was killed by Secret Service agents. That incident left one attendee dead and two others injured. Additionally, U.S. officials have accused Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps of plotting to assassinate Trump—a charge Tehran denies, especially in the wake of recent U.S. strikes on Iranian nuclear facilities. Serving his second term, Trump has expanded presidential powers, often clashing with opponents and promising retribution. The U.S. continues to experience heightened political violence, with Reuters documenting over 300 politically motivated violent incidents since the Capitol riot on January 6, 2021.

## Tibetan Americans, U.S. Congress Mark Tibet Lobby Day and Dalai Lama’s 90th Birthday with Unity and Advocac

**TPN Correspondent | Washington**

Washington D.C. witnessed a powerful show of solidarity this week as over 200 Tibetan Americans and supporters from 25 U.S. states and the District of Columbia gathered at the Capitol for Tibet Lobby Day. The event, held in the lead-up to His Holiness the Dalai Lama’s 90th birthday on July 6, 2025, aimed to bring attention to Tibet’s struggle for freedom and advocate for stronger U.S. support.

Organized by the International Campaign for Tibet (ICT), the Office of Tibet, and the Capitol Area Tibetan As-



sociation, the two-day initiative saw participants visiting more than 100 Congressional offices. It concluded with a celebratory event hosted by Congressmen Michael McCaul and

Jim McGovern, and attended by key leaders including Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi, Congresswoman Nicole Malliotakis, and Congressman Michael Baumgartner. Actor and activist

Richard Gere, Chairman of ICT, participated virtually.

Congressman McCaul recounted a touching conversation with the Dalai Lama: “I asked him if he held resentment toward the Chinese. He said, ‘I cannot let negative emotions overwhelm my spirit.’” McCaul praised the Dalai Lama’s resilience and emphasized, “They may take your land, but they cannot erase your spirit.” Congressman McGovern expressed deep admiration for the Dalai Lama, saying, “He inspires millions through his messages of peace, tolerance, and human dignity. Let’s celebrate his next

birthday together in Lhasa, Tibet.”

Tencho Gyatso, President of ICT, thanked supporters, stating, “This success is a result of passionate individuals and lawmakers standing for those facing oppression in Tibet.” The efforts paid off, with four new Senate co-sponsors and six in the House signing onto the pro-Tibet resolution during Lobby Day. As part of ICT’s Compassion Rising campaign and the CTA’s Year of Compassion, the event underscored the ongoing global advocacy for Tibetan rights and celebrated the enduring legacy of the Dalai Lama.

# Markets Gain Momentum as Global Tensions Ease and FII's Return

Domestic stock markets are showing signs of improving this week. The situation in West Asia is improving, crude oil prices are falling, and Trump's statement that the trade deal with India is in the final stages are positive factors. Moreover, last week, Nifty crossed the key 25200 resistance and settled at 25637. Moreover, foreign institutional investors have resumed buying. Currently, shares of banking, finance, metals, ratings, refineries, and airlines sectors are bullish. Realty and IT shares are bearish. It is good for investors to follow the buy on dips method.



### Stock Recommendations

#### ACC Limited:

These shares have been in a downtrend for a few months. Currently, consolidation is underway. Short momentum and delivery volume are gradually increasing. Currently, they have once again found support at the key Rs. 1850 level. In this counter, which closed at Rs.1920 in the previous session, investors should take a position in the Rs.1900 range with a target price of Rs.2050/2120. Stop loss should be placed at Rs.865.



#### ICICI Bank:



These shares are currently consolidating at lifetime highs. Price action continues to be tight. Short, medium term momentum and volume are gradually increasing. In this counter, which closed at Rs.1462 last Friday, investors should enter the Rs.1430/1450 range with a target price of Rs.1600. Stop loss at Rs.1400 is mandatory.



#### Adani Enterprises:

These shares have been in a short-term uptrend since March this year. They broke the six-month high. Momentum and relative strength are gradually increasing. Investors should buy in the Rs.2600 range with a target price of Rs.2850 in this counter, which closed last Friday. Stop loss should be placed at Rs.2545.



#### Bharat Dynamic Limited:

These shares have corrected by 15% after touching a lifetime high. This is due to investors taking profits in



the defense sector. Relative strength is good. Short-term momentum is increasing. Investors should take a position in the Rs.1860 range with a target price of Rs.2500 in this counter, which closed last Friday. Stop loss is mandatory at Rs.1820.

#### Asian Paints:

These shares have been moving in a downtrend for a few months. Consolidation is currently underway. Short-term momentum is increasing. Investors are showing interest in this counter again as crude oil prices calm down. In this counter, which closed at Rs.2358 with a gain of 3% last Friday, investors should take a position at Rs.2320/2300 level with a target price of Rs.2500. Stop loss should be placed at Rs.2275.



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



Shares of the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) declined over 1% on Thursday after the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) imposed a ₹25 lakh penalty for breaching regulatory norms related to data dissemination and trading compliance. The stock fell 1.47% to ₹2,748 on the National Stock Exchange (NSE) following a weak opening, reacting to the regulatory action stemming from an inspection carried out between February 2021 and September 2022. In a detailed 45-page order issued on Wednesday, SEBI highlighted serious lapses in BSE's system architecture. It found that certain corporate announcements were made accessible to BSE's paid clients and its internal Listing Compliance Monitoring (LCM) team before the information was published on the public website. This created an unfair advantage, violating the principle of equal access to market information. The regulator concluded that BSE failed to comply with Regulation 39(3)

of the SECC Regulations, 2018, which mandates fair and transparent access to all stakeholders. SEBI also criticized BSE for not having a proper real-time information feed like an RSS (Really Simple Syndication) system, which could have prevented the information disparity. Additionally, SEBI identified deficiencies in how BSE monitored client code modifications. The stock exchange did not take disciplinary action against brokers frequently altering trade codes and failed to properly oversee 'error accounts'—raising concerns over potential misuse and insufficient due diligence, particularly in trades between unrelated institutional clients. While BSE eventually introduced corrective measures, SEBI noted that these actions came only after the inspection exposed the shortcomings. The regulator's penalty underlines the need for tighter oversight and a more transparent framework to uphold market integrity.

## JSW Paints to Acquire Akzo Nobel India for ₹12,915 Crore, Becomes 4th Largest Player in Paint Industry

JSW Paints, part of Sajjan Jindal's JSW Group, announced on Friday its acquisition of Dutch multinational Akzo Nobel's India unit in a landmark ₹12,915 crore deal. This acquisition will propel JSW Paints to the position of the fourth-largest player in the Indian paint industry.

As per the agreement, JSW Paints will acquire a 74.76% stake in Akzo Nobel India Ltd (ANIL) from its Dutch parent Akzo Nobel NV and affiliated entities for ₹8,986 crore. Following this, JSW, along with its group companies JTPM Metal Traders and JSW EduInfra, will make an open offer to acquire the remaining 25.24% stake from public shareholders for up to ₹3,929 crore.

The acquisition is based on an enterprise value of around ₹1.4 billion (approximately ₹12,915 crore), reflecting an EV/EBITDA multiple of 22x. The deal includes Akzo Nobel's liquid paints and coatings business in India, particularly the well-known Dulux brand.

However, the India Powder Coatings division and the International Research Centre currently under ANIL will remain with Akzo Nobel NV. This move marks the Dutch firm's exit from the Indian decorative paints segment, a



market that has seen intensified competition with new entrants like the Aditya Birla Group investing over ₹10,000 crore.

According to Akzo Nobel NV, the deal will yield net cash proceeds of approximately €900 million, with €500 million allocated to debt reduction. The company also plans a €400 million share buyback post-deal closure.

The acquisition is subject to regulatory clearances, including approval from the Competition Commission of India (CCI), and the successful completion of the mandatory open offer. Once finalized, this deal positions JSW Paints as a significant force in India's rapidly evolving paint and coatings sector.

## India's Oil Imports from US Surge Over 270% in Early 2025 Amid Trade Deal Talks

India's crude oil imports from the United States witnessed a sharp spike of over 270% in the first four months of 2025, highlighting the country's strategic push to diversify energy sources while reinforcing economic ties with Washington. From January to April, India imported 6.31 million tonnes of US crude, compared to just 1.69 million tonnes during the same period in 2024, according to official trade data.



This dramatic rise aligns closely with ongoing negotiations between New Delhi and Washington for an interim trade agreement, which both sides aim to finalize by July 9. The talks, now in their final phase, are expected to address key trade imbalances and facilitate smoother access to critical commodities, including energy products.

Energy experts see this development as a dual-pronged move by India — not only to reduce dependency on traditional oil suppliers from the Middle East but also to strengthen its geopolitical alignment with the US amid global uncertainties, including tensions in the Red Sea and fluctuating oil prices.

The surge in US oil imports also reflects a broad-

er trend in India's energy strategy, where price stability, reliability of supply, and long-term partnerships are increasingly prioritized. US crude, particularly light sweet crude, is seen as a cost-effective and environmentally favorable option for Indian refiners.

The deepening energy partnership between the two nations also complements broader diplomatic efforts, including growing cooperation in technology, defense, and supply chains. The trade deal under negotiation could further incentivize energy transactions, with lower tariffs or simplified regulatory processes for US crude exporters.

As India continues to expand its energy basket and strengthen bilateral trade partnerships, the steep rise in oil imports from the US signals not only a shift in trade patterns but also India's readiness to recalibrate its foreign economic policy in a rapidly changing global order.

## Father’s Day Cake Listed for Rs 5 Lakh Sparks Internet Frenzy: Glitch or Gourmet?

A Father’s Day surprise turned into an online sensation when a food delivery platform seemingly priced a 500-gram Hazelnut Chocolate Cake at an eye-watering Rs 5 lakh. The now-viral screenshot, which made rounds on social media platforms like X (formerly Twitter) and Reddit, left users stunned and amused. While most cakes on the same page were priced normally—such as a Butterscotch Cake at Rs 400 and a Red Velvet Cake at Rs 599—the Hazelnut Chocolate Cake stood out for its absurd cost. Many netizens believe the pricing was either a typo or a technical glitch, but that didn’t stop a flurry of hilarious online reactions. One user joked, “Do not complain. At least they gave you 40% off!” Another quipped, “For Rs 5 lakh, I could buy an entire bakery in my village!” Social media was flooded with comparisons—ranging from buying iPhones to starting a business—instead of



splurging on one small dessert. Some users rationalized it as a clear system error, while others couldn’t help but poke fun at the situation, even pointing out that the delivery charge listed alongside was Rs 8000+. The listing has since become a humorous case study in e-commerce mishaps, reminding users and developers alike how a simple error can take the internet by storm. Whether it was a test item, a back-end mistake, or someone having a bit of fun, the Rs 5 lakh cake has certainly earned its moment of viral fame—just not for its flavor. As Father’s Day approaches, this odd pricing saga proves once again that the internet never misses a crumb of absurdity.

## Believe It or Not: This French Restaurant Charges ₹1,500 Fine for No-Shows and Surprise Guests

A French restaurant’s strict new policy is stirring debate online after the owner announced fines for customers who don’t show up as expected. L’îlot, a cozy 20-seat restaurant in Amboise, is run by chef and owner Olivier Vincent, who recently introduced a ₹1,500 (15 euros) fine for any guest who arrives with a different number of people than stated in their reservation.

Vincent explained that this policy came about due to repeated frustrations caused by no-shows and unexpected extra guests turning up without prior notice. Such changes disrupt the restaurant’s smooth operation, seating arrangements, and food preparation, which are all carefully planned for each reservation.

In a Facebook post, Olivier Vincent made it clear that any change in party size without warning would result in a fine of €15 per missing or extra person. His caption read simply: “Without warning obviously.....”

Despite this strict stance, L’îlot en-



joys an impressive 4.7-star rating on Google, reflecting the high quality of its dining experience and the respect many customers have for the restaurant.

The fine aims to encourage responsibility and better communication from diners, helping the small restaurant avoid last-minute disruptions and losses. It also reflects a growing trend among popular eateries worldwide that face similar challenges with no-shows and unpredictable guest numbers.

While some patrons have supported the decision as fair and necessary, others have criticized it as too harsh. Still, Vincent remains firm, emphasizing that the policy ensures the restaurant can continue to provide excellent service to all guests without the stress of unexpected changes.

In a world where dining spots are in high demand, especially intimate ones like L’îlot, clear communication and respect for bookings have become essential — and this French chef is making sure his guests understand that.

## What Is the ‘Pizza Index’ Theory, and Why It’s Trending After Israel’s Strikes on Iran

As global attention turns to the escalating conflict between Israel and Iran, an unusual theory known as the “Pizza Index” is once again making waves on social media. The theory proposes a strange yet intriguing connection: a spike in pizza orders near the Pentagon could indicate an impending military action or global crisis.

The theory gained renewed attention after reports emerged that pizza orders from three restaurants near the U.S. Department of Defense in Washington, D.C., saw a sudden surge just before Israel launched airstrikes on Iran. The information was shared by a popular X (formerly Twitter) account called Pentagon Pizza Report, which has been tracking unusual food delivery patterns around the Pentagon.

The idea behind the Pizza Index is simple: when major decisions or operations are underway, staff and analysts working late at defense-related offices tend to order food—often pizza. Therefore, a noticeable uptick in orders could hint at high-level activity or imminent action.

While this theory might sound far-fetched, it’s not entirely new. Similar trends were observed before past international military operations, though the data has always been anecdotal and never officially confirmed.

The recent spike in deliveries before Israel’s reported airstrikes has led to a flurry of speculation and memes online. While some treat it as a humorous conspiracy theory, others view it as a quirky but possibly insightful indicator

of military movement.

In a world increasingly driven by open-source intelligence and unconventional data tracking, the Pizza Index adds an unexpected slice of speculation to the way we interpret geopolitical signals. Whether coincidence or pattern, it’s once again caught the internet’s attention in a big way.



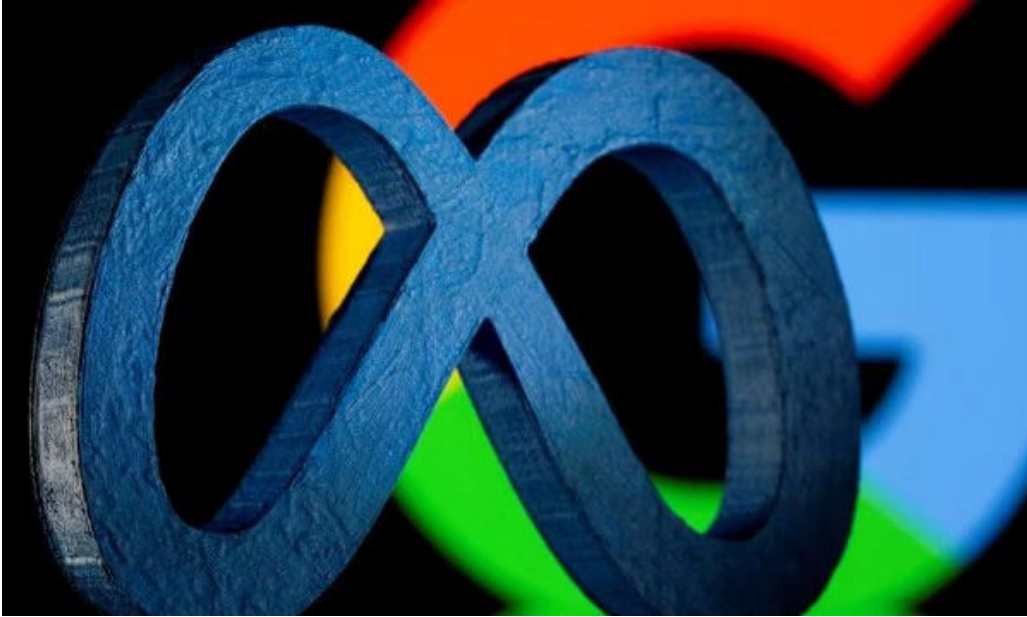
## Meta Sues Developer Behind AI ‘Nudify’ Apps Amid Surge in Misuse

Meta has taken legal action against Joy Timeline HK Limited, a Hong Kong-based company behind AI-powered “nudify” apps, in a bid to halt the spread of unethical content generated using artificial intelligence. These apps are designed to create fake, sexually explicit images of individuals—often without their knowledge or consent—by digitally removing clothing from photos.

The lawsuit, filed by Meta, is part of the company’s broader campaign to combat the abuse of generative AI, particularly tools that violate privacy and promote harmful or exploitative behavior. Meta stated that Joy Timeline’s CrushAI app and others like it were using its platforms—Facebook and Instagram—to advertise such services, which directly violate Meta’s community standards and advertising policies.

In its complaint, Meta accuses the company of leveraging deceptive practices and targeting users through misleading advertisements, posing significant risks to individuals’ privacy and dignity. The tech giant emphasized that it is not only removing the offending content and ads but also pursuing legal action to set a precedent for responsible AI usage.

The rise of nudify apps has sparked growing concern worldwide, with AI-generated deepfake content



becoming increasingly realistic and accessible. Lawmakers and tech leaders have voiced alarm about the psychological and reputational damage caused by such tools, especially when used to target women and minors.

Meta’s move reflects an increasing urgency among major platforms to implement stronger safeguards against AI misuse. The company also called for collaboration across the tech industry to combat the harmful use of generative technologies and to hold developers accountable.

This lawsuit may mark a turning point in how companies approach the legal and ethical responsibilities surrounding AI, as the lines between innovation and exploitation continue to blur.

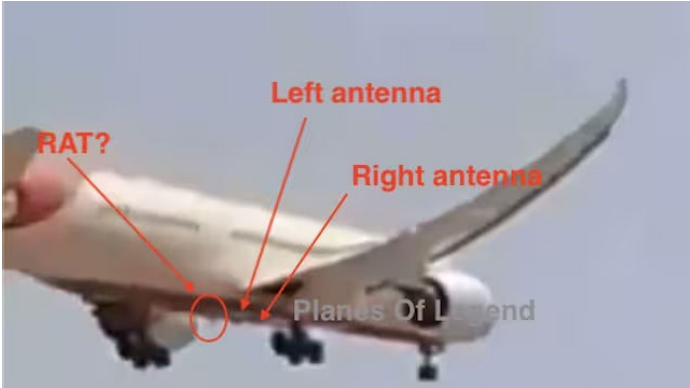
## Air India Crash: Netizens Spot Possible RAT Deployment as Investigation Probes What Went Wrong

The tragic crash of Air India Flight AI171, en route from Ahmedabad to London, has left the world in mourning after all 241 passengers on board were confirmed dead. The Boeing 787 Dreamliner went down shortly after takeoff, marking the first fatal accident involving this aircraft model and triggering an urgent investigation into what caused the disaster.

While authorities continue to examine the aircraft’s black box, theories are swirling online as netizens and experts alike analyze video footage of the crash. A prominent theory gaining traction involves the suspected deployment of the RAT (Ram Air Turbine) — a small emergency turbine that activates automatically in case of critical system failures.

A YouTube analysis by Captain Steve Scheibner, a former US Navy pilot and aviation analyst, has fueled the RAT theory. Initially skeptical of an engine failure due to the absence of smoke, fire, or sparks, Scheibner revised his stance after reviewing new visual and audio cues from crash footage.

On the Boeing 787, the RAT deploys in three extreme situations: electrical system failure, hydraulic system failure, or dual engine failure. Scheibner now



strongly leans toward the dual engine failure theory, stating, “The RAT’s presence points to a catastrophic systems breakdown — most likely both engines failed.”

He also previously considered other possibilities, including fuel contamination, bird strike, or incorrect flap settings, but now cites multiple indicators that suggest a more serious emergency took place.

As social media debates intensify, officials urge patience, emphasizing that the final cause will only be determined through black box data and a detailed technical investigation. Meanwhile, Air India and aviation authorities have yet to officially comment on the RAT theory.

The crash has sparked renewed focus on air safety, and the world waits for clarity on what went wrong aboard Flight AI171.

# England Women Fined for Slow Over-Rate in First T20I Against India

England Women have been fined 10% of their match fees for maintaining a slow over-rate during the first T20 International against India, held in Nottingham. The match, which saw a dominant performance by the Indian team, ended with a resounding 97-run victory for the visitors.

The fine was imposed by Helen Pack of the Emirates ICC International Panel of Match Referees after England were found to be two overs short of the required quota, even after considering the time allowances permitted under the ICC regulations. The penalty falls under Article 2.22 of the ICC Code of Conduct for Players and Player Support Personnel, which deals with minimum over-rate offences. According to the rule, players are docked 5% of their match fee for every over their side falls short.

England captain Nat Sciver-Brunt accepted the charge and the proposed sanction without contest, thereby avoiding the need for a formal hearing. The on-field umpires Jacqueline Williams and James Middlebrook, along with third umpire Sue Redfern and fourth umpire Anna Harris, were responsible for levelling the charge against the England team.

The match itself saw a sensational performance by India. Stand-in skipper Smriti



Mandhana led from the front, smashing her maiden T20I century — a brilliant 112 off just 62 balls — as India posted an imposing total of 210 for 5 after being asked to bat first.

England, in reply, faltered under pressure and were bowled out for just 113 in 14.5 overs, handing India a comprehensive win and a 1-0 lead in the five-match T20I series.

The slow over-rate penalty adds further disappointment for England, who will now look to regroup ahead of the second T20I, hoping to bounce back both in discipline and performance.

# Babita Phogat Expresses Disappointment Over Wrestling’s Exclusion from Commonwealth Games 2026

Former Indian wrestler and Commonwealth Games medalist Babita Phogat has voiced her disappointment over the exclusion of wrestling from the upcoming 2026 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow. Speaking during the ‘Fit India Sundays on Cycle’ initiative in New Delhi, Babita emphasized how crucial wrestling has been for India’s medal tally in past editions of the Games, especially in empowering women athletes.

Babita, who has clinched three Commonwealth Games medals, called the decision a setback for Indian sports. “It is very disheartening. Women’s wrestling faced a lot of challenges in its early days. Since 2010, we’ve fought hard to make a mark, and from 2010 to 2022, wrestling consistently brought medals for the country. Excluding it from the CWG 2026 programme is a sad development. If wrestling was included, India would surely have bagged more medals,” she said.

The 2026 Commonwealth Games, scheduled to be held in Glasgow from July 23 to August 2, will feature a significantly reduced sports lineup. Wrestling, along with other key sports for India such as cricket, field hockey, and badminton, has been dropped from the official program. This comes as a major blow to India, which has historically performed well in these disciplines.

The Glasgow 2026 edition will include only 10 sports: athletics, swimming, 3x3 basketball, track



cycling, weightlifting, lawn bowls, artistic gymnastics, netball, boxing, and judo. Additionally, para versions of athletics, swimming, basketball, cycling, and weightlifting will be part of the integrated para-sports programme.

The events will be held across four venues in Glasgow: Scotstoun Stadium, Tollcross International Swimming Centre, Emirates Arena (which includes the Sir Chris Hoy Velodrome), and the Scottish Event Campus (SEC). Compared to the 20 sports featured in Birmingham 2022, the trimmed-down schedule has sparked concern among athletes and fans alike, especially in countries like India where medal prospects now face significant challenges.

# India’s T20 World Cup 2024 Triumph: A year of glory



June 29, 2024, marked a golden chapter in Indian cricket history as India lifted the ICC T20 World Cup trophy for the second time, ending an 11-year ICC title drought. In a thrilling final at Barbados, India edged past South Africa by seven runs in a closely contested battle, scripting a memorable victory that also served as the swansong for two legends of Indian cricket — Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli — in the T20 format.

Captain Rohit Sharma, who had previously tasted T20 World Cup success as a player in 2007, finally claimed his first ICC title as captain. He led from the front, finishing as India’s top scorer in the tournament with 257 runs in eight innings, at an average of 36.71 and a blistering strike rate of over 155. His consistency was crucial to India’s campaign.

India’s journey to 176/7 in the final was not smooth. After a shaky start at 34/3, Virat Kohli, who had

endured a quiet tournament until then, stepped up when it mattered the most. Showing glimpses of his old magic, Kohli played a steady knock of 76 off 59 balls, laced with six fours and two sixes. His 72-run partnership with Axar Patel, who played a blistering 47 off 31 balls, helped India recover and post a competitive total.

In response, South Africa fought valiantly. A quick-fire 52 from Heinrich Klaassen threatened to take the match away, especially after his 24-run assault in a single over. However, Hardik Pandya’s crucial breakthrough and tight bowling from Arshdeep Singh — India’s highest wicket-taker in the tournament with 17 scalps — turned the tide.

The moment of the match came with Suryakumar Yadav’s sensational boundary-rope catch to dismiss David Miller, sealing India’s triumph and etching a perfect farewell for Kohli and Rohit in T20Is.

# Ayush Shetty Stuns World No. 6 Chou Tien Chen, Enters Super 300 Final After Epic Decider Rally

In a sensational display of grit and heart, India’s Ayush Shetty pulled off the biggest upset of his career by defeating World No. 6 Chou Tien Chen of Taiwan in the semifinals of the Super 300 Open. The 20-year-old secured his place in the final with a thrilling 20-22, 21-15, 21-14 victory, showcasing nerves of steel and exceptional athleticism throughout the contest held in Council Bluffs, Iowa. The defining moment of the match came at 4-3 in the third game, where Shetty played a jaw-dropping 39-shot rally that had the crowd roaring. In a test of endurance and heart, the lanky 6’4” Indian matched the legendary Taiwanese in every aspect of the rally — reflex, agility, and sheer willpower. The point included no less than eight pickups barely inches off the floor, lightning-fast midcourt exchanges, smashes, deceptive drops, and spectacular recoveries with both players sprawling on the court.

As the rally ended with Shetty levelling the score at 4-4, the crowd erupted, and commentators could only marvel, muttering, “Still going,” in disbelief. The moment felt like a symbolic passing of the torch, with the young Indian catching up to one of the



sport’s most resilient fighters. With this victory, Shetty now sets up a much-anticipated final against Canada’s Bryan Yang, scheduled for 1 a.m. IST on Sunday. It marks a milestone moment in Shetty’s career, as he prepares for his first major final on the BWF circuit.

India is also celebrating success on the women’s side, with 16-year-old Tanvi Sharma reaching the final to face seasoned American Beiwen Zhang, 34, signaling a powerful resurgence for Indian badminton at this midwestern U.S. tournament.

# Fabio Quartararo Snatches Assen Pole from Bagnaia in Thrilling Qualifying Showdown

Fabio Quartararo proved once again why he’s one of the most lethal riders in time attack mode as he stormed to pole position for the 2025 Motul Grand Prix of the Netherlands at Assen. The Monster Energy Yamaha MotoGP rider set a blistering lap of 1:30.651, edging out Ducati’s Francesco Bagnaia by just 0.028s in a thrilling Q2 session. Alex Marquez (BK8 Gresini Racing) completed the front row with a strong effort, while Marc Marquez (Ducati Lenovo Team) missed out on the front row for just the second time this season, qualifying P4.

Qualifying drama began early in Q1 when Ai Ogura (Track-

house MotoGP Team) crashed at Turn 8 but recovered to rejoin the session on his second bike. Raul Fernandez topped Q1 with a 1:31.517, while Fermin Aldeguer narrowly edged Joan Mir to grab the second Q2 spot.

Q2 brought even more action. Marc Marquez initially set the benchmark before being displaced by both Bagnaia and Alex Marquez. Alex laid down the weekend’s first sub-1:31 lap with a 1:30.811, but the lead didn’t last long. Quartararo pulled off a stunning final sector to reclaim pole position, while Bagnaia also improved, pushing his way back into P2.

With no further improvements in the final minutes, Quartararo sealed his 20th career pole with Yamaha, joining legends Valentino Rossi and Jorge Lorenzo in the elite club. Marc Marquez leads the second row alongside Marco Bezzecchi (Aprilia Racing) and Franco Morbidelli (VR46). Impressive rookie Fermin Aldeguer starts P7, followed by Fabio Di Giannantonio and KTM’s Pedro Acosta.

With the grid locked and the front runners evenly matched, Sunday’s Dutch GP promises an explosive showdown at the iconic TT Circuit Assen. Don’t miss the action live on Eurosport!

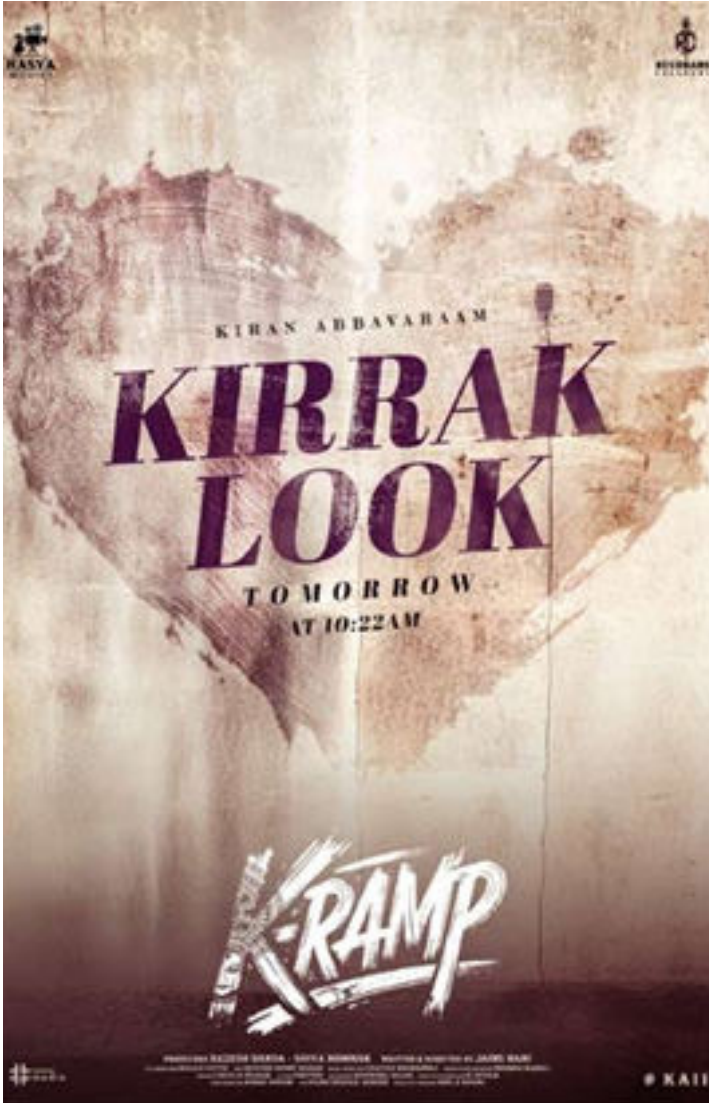




# Kiran Abbavaram’s ‘K-Ramp’ First Look and Release Date to Be Revealed Today

After facing a lukewarm response for his previous outing Dilruba, young Telugu actor Kiran Abbavaram is gearing up to bounce back with an exciting new project titled K-Ramp. This film is being produced under the Hasya Movies banner and marks the directorial debut of Jains Nani, who also doubles as the writer. The announcement of this collaboration has sparked fresh excitement among fans and industry watchers alike.

The makers have officially confirmed that the first look poster and the film’s title announcement will take place tomorrow at exactly 10:22 AM. This timed reveal has already stirred buzz on social media, with fans eagerly waiting to catch a glimpse of Kiran Abbavaram’s new avatar in what is being touted as a stylish and possibly genre-defying film. Joining Kiran in the lead is Yukti Thareja, popularly known for her role in Marco. Her casting as the female lead is expected to bring a fresh dynamic to the film’s narrative. With a promising cast and crew, K-Ramp is shaping up to be one of the most anticipated projects in Kiran’s career. The film is being bankrolled by Razesh Danda, known for his flair in backing unique stories. He is supported by co-producers Balaji Gutta and Prabhakar Burugu. Adding to the film’s potential is composer Chaitan Bhardwaj, who will be handling the music and is expected to deliver a chart-topping soundtrack that complements the film’s vibe. As anticipation builds, all eyes are on the official reveal tomorrow. Fans can expect a stylish



first look and possibly more insights into the film’s theme and release schedule. Stay tuned for further updates on K-Ramp, as Kiran Abbavaram sets the stage for his cinematic comeback.

# Dhanush-Starrer Kuberaa Crosses 1.5 Million Tickets on BookMyShow

The Telugu film Kuberaa, starring Dhanush, Akkineni Nagarjuna, and Rashmika Mandanna, is proving to be a major box office success. Directed by acclaimed filmmaker Sekhar Kammula, the movie has completed two successful weeks in theatres and has now entered its third week with impressive momentum.

One of the standout indicators of the film’s success is its ticket sales on BookMyShow, where Kuberaa has clocked over 1.5 million tickets sold — a significant achievement for a regional film in today’s competitive cinema landscape. This milestone highlights the film’s growing popularity and continued public interest well beyond its opening weekend.

With a strong ensemble cast that also includes Sayaji Shinde, Sunaina, Dalip Tahil, Hareesh Peradi, and Shravani, Kuberaa has managed to capture the attention of a wide audience. The film’s compelling storyline, powerful performances, and meaningful social themes have contributed to its strong word-of-mouth and repeat viewership.

Produced by Suniel Narang and Puskur Ram Mohan Rao, Kuberaa benefits from a high production value and thoughtful direction, hallmarks of Sekhar Kammula’s filmmaking style. Adding further depth and emotion to the film is its music and background score, composed by Devi Sri Prasad, whose work has once again struck a chord with audiences.



As Kuberaa heads into its third week, all eyes are on its performance during the weekdays, which will be crucial in determining its long-term success at the box office. With a strong start and continued audience interest, the film is well on track to becoming one of the notable Telugu hits of the year. Stay tuned for more updates as Kuberaa continues its theatrical run.

# ‘ENE Repeat’: Ee Nagaraniki Emaindi Team Reunites for a Promising Sequel

Director Tharun Bhascker, known for redefining Telugu cinema’s youth genre with his fresh storytelling, is all set to bring back the beloved gang from Ee Nagaraniki Emaindi with a sequel titled ENE Repeat. After making a striking debut with Pelli Choopulu, Tharun delivered Ee Nagaraniki Emaindi—a cult hit that resonated with the younger audience and became a trendsetter, especially among re-released films in theatres.



The official announcement of the sequel has sparked excitement among fans of the original. The quirky title reveal poster stays true to the film’s offbeat and humorous tone. It features a half-zipped suitcase spilling out a chaotic assortment of items—underwear, clothes, beer bottle, sunglasses, a headset, and a flight ticket—floating in mid-air. The poster cleverly incorporates Telugu script into the logo, showcasing the film’s creative flair. Adding to the intrigue is the cheeky tagline: “Elinaati Shani Ayyipoyindi, Kanyaraasi Time Ochindi,” suggesting another round of comic misadventures and a fresh chapter in the gang’s journey.

The core cast from the original film—Vishwak Sen, Sai Sushanth Reddy, Abhinav Gomatam, and Venkatesh Kaku-

manu—is set to return, much to the delight of fans. With the same camaraderie and chemistry that made the original a hit, expectations are naturally high for this sequel.

ENE Repeat is being produced by D. Suresh Babu, Srujan Yarabolu, and Sandeep Nagireddy under the prestigious banners of Suresh Productions and S Originals. Music is once again being composed by Vivek Sagar, whose soundtrack for the original played a key role in its success. Cinematography will be handled by AJ Aaron.

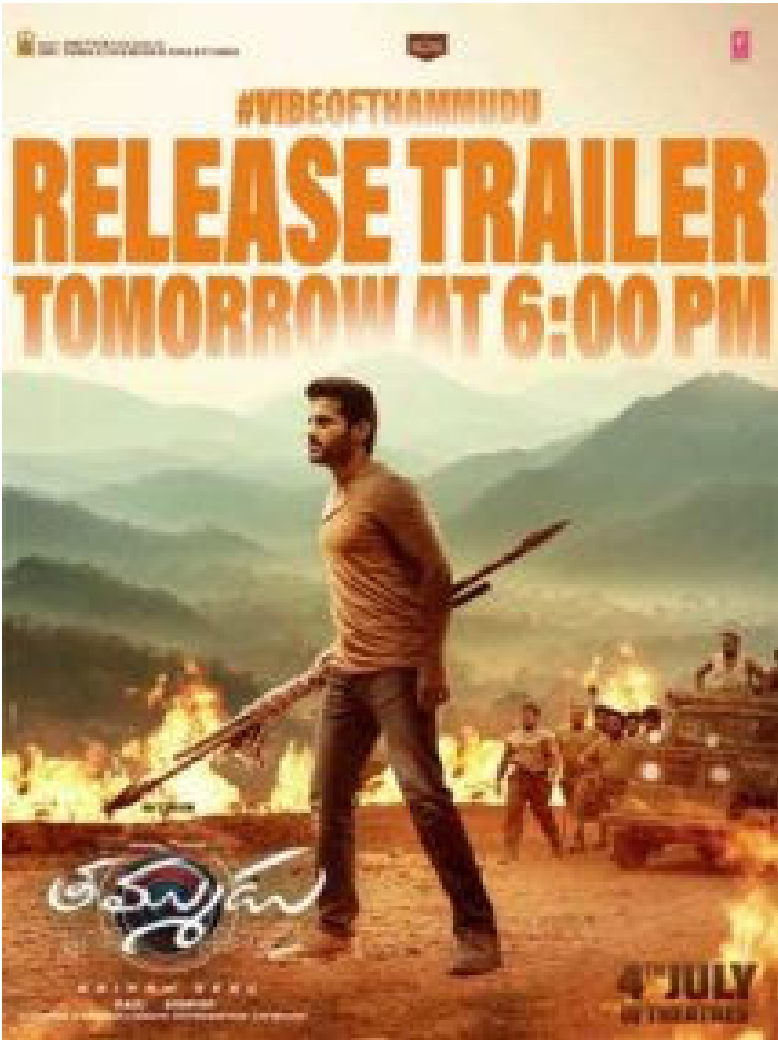
With Vishwak Sen eyeing a strong comeback and Tharun Bhascker back in the director’s chair, ENE Repeat promises to be an exciting and heartfelt continuation of a much-loved story.

# Nithiin’s Thammudu Release Trailer to Drop at 6 PM

With his back against the wall after a string of underwhelming releases, Nithiin is aiming for a strong comeback with his upcoming film \*Thammudu\*. Scheduled to hit theatres on July 4, 2025, this emotional action drama is helmed by director Venu Sriram and promises a gripping blend of intense storytelling and high-octane sequences. To further build anticipation, the makers have announced that the release trailer of \*Thammudu\* will be unveiled tomorrow at 6 PM. This move comes just days ahead of the theatrical release and is expected to elevate the buzz surrounding the film. The trailer is likely to give audiences a clearer glimpse into the film’s narrative depth, emotional weight, and action-packed moments. The film has already stirred curiosity with its A certifi-

cate from the censor board, suggesting mature content, emotionally charged themes, and intense action sequences. This tonal shift could mark a new chapter for Nithiin, who is known primarily for his romantic and light-hearted roles.

\*Thammudu\* boasts a strong ensemble cast, with Sapthami Gowda playing the female lead. The film also stars Laya, Swasika, Varsha Bollamma, and Saurabh Sachdeva in pivotal roles, adding both depth and diversity to the storyline. Each of these actors brings a unique presence, hinting at a layered, character-driven narrative. The musical score for \*Thammudu\* is composed by Ajaneesh Loknath, whose previous works have received critical acclaim for their atmospheric quality and emotional impact. The film is produced by Dil Raju, a name



synonymous with quality cinema in the Telugu industry, further raising expectations. As the release date approaches, the spotlight is firmly on Nithiin and the team of

\*Thammudu\* to deliver a film that connects with audiences both emotionally and cinematically. Don’t miss the trailer reveal tomorrow at 6 PM!

# Ram Pothineni & Upendra Begin Shoot for Andhra King Taluka in Rajahmundry

Ram Pothineni has kicked off the latest shooting schedule of his much-anticipated film Andhra King Taluka in Rajahmundry, alongside Kannada superstar Upendra. Directed by Mahesh Babu P and bankrolled by Mythri Movie Makers, the film has already stirred excitement among fans with its striking posters and intriguing title glimpse. The Rajahmundry schedule, which began today, will feature some pivotal scenes involving the lead cast. Both Ram and Upendra are actively participating in this leg of the shoot, which is expected to cover key emotional and dramatic sequences.



As per the teaser released earlier, Ram Pothineni plays a passionate movie buff, while Upendra takes on the role of Surya Kumar, a revered film superstar. The

evolving dynamic between these two distinct characters is said to be central to the storyline, promising a fresh and engaging cinematic experience.

Baghyashree Borse stars as the female lead in the film. The technical team boasts Siddhartha Nuni as the cinematographer, while the musical score is being composed by the energetic duo Vivek–Merwin. With its unique premise, talented cast, and experienced crew, Andhra King Taluka is shaping up to be a compelling entertainer. More updates and promotional material are expected to be released in the coming weeks as the production progresses.