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Union Home Minister inaugurates National Turmeric Board

“Congress has become Delhi’s ATM, shielding BRS scams”

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Centre aims for \$1 billion turmeric exports by 2030

Says Modi fulfilled 40-year-old dream of Telangana turmeric farmers

Farmers to receive training, geo-tagging, and export support

TPN Correspondent | Nizamabad

Union Home Minister Amit Shah fired a political broadside at both Congress and BRS on Sunday, stating that while the BRS government may have fallen in Telangana, corruption continues under Congress rule. He made these remarks during the inauguration of the National Turmeric Board headquarters in Nizamabad, a moment that fulfilled a long-pending demand of the turmeric farming community. Addressing a massive gathering of farmers and BJP workers, Amit Shah accused both ruling and former regimes of plundering Telangana’s resources. “Power may have changed hands, but the corruption model has not. Telangana has now become an ATM for Delhi high command. Why is the Congress government silent on KCR’s corruption? Because they’re both cut from the same cloth,” Shah thundered.

Calling out the alleged scams during the BRS era, Shah referred to irregularities in the Dharani land portal and Kaleshwaram lift irrigation project, questioning why no investigation had been initiated. “The Congress came to power promising accountability, but all they’re doing now is transferring Telangana’s money to Delhi bigwigs, just like the BRS family used it for their own benefit,” he charged.

Final Warning to Naxals: 2026 Deadline

In a fiery national security statement, Amit Shah set a deadline of March 30, 2026, to eliminate Naxalism from the country. “We crushed terrorism with determination. Now, it’s Naxalism’s turn. Put down your weapons and join the mainstream or face the consequences,”

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Are You Drinking this Water...??

Boreholes in the Sunnam Cheruvu...

Pollution Control Board officials say drinking it can be fatal...

TPN | V. Krishna Kumar

Special Desk: In the heart of Hyderabad’s bustling tech corridor—Madhapur, Hi-Tech City, Kondapur, and Kakatiya Hills—where government officials, ministers, and even the Chief Minister frequently pass through, a silent danger is spreading. Despite soaring real estate values and thriving IT parks, residents and office-goers face a basic crisis: access to clean drinking water. It’s not like you can just dig a borewell and expect water. That’s why people in the area rely heavily on private water tankers. But the real question is—how safe is that water? The water supplied by these tankers to Madhapur, Hi-Tech City, Kondapur, and Kakatiya Hills has turned poisonous. This is not an

exaggeration—it’s absolutely true. Recently, Hydra officer Ranganath visited the Sunnam Cheruvu in Madhapur. He also halted the encroachments taking place there. A report was sent to the government recommending restoration of the tank, and cleaning activities were initiated. However, during his inspection, shocking facts emerged. Ranganath discovered that some local traders were secretly digging boreholes into the Sunnam Cheruvu and selling the water as “fresh.” He requested the Pollution Control Board officials to test the water quality. After analysis, the officials declared the water to be dangerously unsafe for human consumption. Following this, Hydra cracked down on the deadly water trade and handed over monitoring responsibilities to the concerned officials. For a few days, the illegal business was checked. But after officials were allegedly bribed, the racket resumed. Despite the pond being cleaned, the tanker business has resurfaced and is now booming again. The Pollution Control Board found

that the lead content in the bore water ranged from 0.073 to 0.122. Experts warn that this level of lead can damage children’s brain development, reduce memory, cause anemia, and even affect kidney function during childhood and adolescence. Doctors have clearly stated that this water must not be used under any circumstances. Even filtered, it could still harm the kidneys and may even cause cancer. Skin diseases are just another addition to the list. Despite repeated warnings from officials and health experts, the residents and office managers are turning a blind eye. With no alternative source of water, they are forced to rely on tanker supply—unknowingly encouraging illegal traders. There is an urgent need for the authorities to put a full stop to the hazardous water trade happening in the Marina Sunnam Pond area. If not, this dangerous business will continue unchecked. Many believe it’s better to live without water than live with one foot constantly in the hospital.

Govt to hold detailed presentation on Godavari-Banakacharla project impact

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In a significant move to address growing concerns over the Godavari-Banakacharla project proposed by Andhra Pradesh, the Telangana government has decided to organize a high-level PowerPoint presentation on the matter. The event will be held at 3 PM on Tuesday, July 1, at Dr. Jyothirao Phule Praja Bhavan in Hyderabad. Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhattachi Vikramarka, and the entire state cabinet will be present as chief guests for the session. The PowerPoint presentation, supervised by State Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister Captain N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, aims to inform Telangana’s public representatives about the implications of the proposed project on the state’s water interests.

CM Revanth Reddy, full cabinet to attend event

Program supervised by Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy



The program is expected to provide an in-depth overview of the project and how Telangana’s share of Godavari waters could be impacted. Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy is also conducting special reviews with irrigation officials to ensure that a comprehensive technical explanation is presented. Participants will include Members of Parliament from the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, Legislative Council members, MLAs, and various Corporation Chairpersons, Directors, and Commission members from across the state. The Telangana government is keen on building a united front against any move that threatens the state’s rightful share of water resources, and this presentation is seen as a key step in mobilizing support from all elected and nominated representatives.

Final Battle in Dandakaranya: Madvi Hidma on Radar

- Most-wanted Maoist leader Madvi Hidma under intense surveillance
- Hidma believed to be moving with 300 Maoist fighters
- ₹1.5 crore reward on his head;
- Security agencies use drone tracking at 1,500 ft altitude

TPN | Avinash Reddy

Chhattisgarh: The Dandakaranya forest is once again witnessing a heightened state of alert, as security forces have launched a decisive mission — Operation Hidma — targeting the country’s most-wanted Maoist leader, Madvi Hidma. A key Central Committee member and the commander of PLGA Battalion-1, Hidma is accused of orchestrating some of the deadliest attacks against Indian security forces over the past decade. Highly placed sources revealed that Hidma, accompanied by 300 heavily armed Maoists, is



operating between National Area Park and the Abujmad corridor, a deep forest zone spanning parts of Chhattisgarh. His current alliance includes Battalion-2 Commander Deva, Central Committee members Sujatha and Pulluri Prasad Rao, indicating a consolidated Maoist leadership on the move. Security agencies including the NIA, SIB, and Intelligence Bureau have intensified their search using high-resolution camera drones flying at 1,500 feet, thermal imaging, and advanced ground coordination. Despite nearly being caught during Operation Karigutta, Hidma managed to escape, adding urgency to the ongoing mission. Hidma is reportedly responsible for hundreds of ambushes, including massacres of jawans by inviting them into pre-set traps. He is also a key player in the Maoist arms supply chain, with pending cases in

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Not Just ‘Make in India’ – Our Call is ‘Invent in Telangana’

Minister
Duddilla
Sridhar Babu at
IITEX 2025

- Telangana’s industrial growth outpaces national average with 2.9% CMGR
- ₹40,000 crore investments in Life Sciences alone; 51,000 direct jobs created
- Government targets \$1 trillion economy by 2035, \$3 trillion by 2047

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Minister for IT and Industries, Sri Duddilla Sridhar Babu, declared that Telangana’s new vision is not limited to ‘Make in India’ but extends to ‘Invent in Telangana’, reflecting the state’s mission to lead in innovation-driven growth. He made these remarks at the valedictory session of IITEX 2025, organized by the Federation of Telangana Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FTCCI) at HITEX on Sunday.
“Our vision goes beyond ‘Make in India’. Under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, the people’s government of Telangana is focused on ‘Invent in Telangana’—a bold mission that reflects our commitment to innovation-driven growth,” said Minister for IT and Industries, Sri Duddilla Sridhar Babu. Addressing the valedictory session of the Industrial Innovation and Technology Expo (IITEX) 2025, organised by the Federation of Telangana Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FTCCI) at HITEX on Sunday, the Minister highlighted Telangana’s focused efforts to transform into a global innovation hub.
“In the first quarter of the current financial year, Telangana’s Index of Industrial Production (IIP)



recorded a Compound Monthly Growth Rate (CMGR) of 2.9%, far surpassing the national average of just 0.52%. The state’s Gross State Value Added (GSVA) from industry touched ₹2.77 lakh crore in 2024–25. We also witnessed growth of 15.6% in power consumption, 9.8% in GST collections, and 13.9% in payroll enrollments—all of which point to robust industrial momentum.”
Zoning Telangana for Future-Ready Growth
“Contrary to misinformation that industries are moving out of Telangana, the truth is the oppo-

site: In just the last 18 months, we have attracted over ₹3 lakh crore in investments, including ₹40,000 crore in the Life Sciences sector alone. We have launched 150 new projects, creating employment for over 51,000 people directly and 1.5 lakh people indirectly,” the Minister said. To decentralize and balance industrial growth, Telangana is developing Future City, AI City, Life Sciences City, and Green Industrial Corridors, all adhering to international standards. Special zoning strategies are also underway:
Inside the Outer Ring Road (ORR): Focus on technology and services zones

Between ORR and the Regional Ring Road (RRR): Manufacturing zones
Beyond RRR: Agricultural and Rural Innovation zones
“These steps are part of a well-planned ecosystem designed for sustained economic expansion,” he added.
Planning Beyond Five Years — For Future Generations
“We are not designing policies for just five years—we are building a future for generations to come. Our economic vision is to grow Telangana’s economy to \$1 trillion by 2035 and to \$3 trillion by 2047,” the Minister declared. He extended gratitude to the Tony Blair Institute for partnering in the Telangana Rising 2047 vision, adding, “Our doors are open to all stakeholders willing to collaborate for the state’s inclusive development.”
Empowering MSMEs — Backbone of the Economy
Minister Sridhar Babu emphasized the government’s focused efforts to strengthen Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), which form the backbone of India’s economy. “In the past 18 months alone, over 15,000 new MSMEs have been established in Telangana. Our goal is to increase MSMEs’ contribution to Telangana’s GDP to 10%,” he said. To achieve this, a dedicated MSME policy has been formulated and is being actively implemented. The government is also developing MSME parks in every district, with priority support for women, SC, and ST entrepreneurs. The event was attended by FTC-CI President Dr. Suresh Kumar Singhal, Senior Vice President R. Ravi Kumar, Vice President K.K. Maheshwari, and IITEX 2025 Convenor Vimallesh Gupta, among other prominent industry leaders.

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he warned, asserting that this was Modi’s guarantee to the nation.
Fulfilling the Turmeric Dream of Farmers
The union home minister also celebrated the launch of the Turmeric Board, praising Nizamabad MP Dharmapuri Arvind for standing by his electoral promise. “Nizamabad turmeric will now go global. Modi ji has kept his word. Alongside the Turmeric Board, we are establishing Bharat Organic and Bharat Export companies here to support farmers and boost exports,” he added.
“Nizamabad is like the turmeric capital of India,” Shah remarked, expressing happiness over launching the board in a region so synonymous with the crop. He acknowledged the efforts of BJP MPs who continuously pushed for the formation of the board, and stated that in recognition of Telangana’s role, Kethireddy Gangareddy—was appointed as chairman of the board.
“Turmeric is not just a crop; it is a divine herb with antiviral, antibacterial, and anti-cancer properties,” Shah said. He revealed

that the Centre is targeting turmeric product exports worth one billion dollars (approximately ₹8,300 crore) by 2030. The Turmeric Board will focus on improving cultivation techniques by providing training to farmers, and Shah added that geo-tagging has already begun to distinguish the unique identity of Nizamabad turmeric. He further assured that the government will assist farmers through Bharat Co-operative Societies to ensure they receive better financial benefits. Shah claimed these efforts would double farmer income, transforming Nizamabad into a key agro-export hub in India. The event witnessed participation from several key BJP leaders, including Union Minister Bandi Sanjay, BJP State President G. Kishan Reddy, MLAs, MLCs, and thousands of enthusiastic farmers who hailed the announcement with chants of “Bharat Mata Ki Jai”. The event marks a significant step in BJP’s aggressive push in Telangana, especially with GHMC elections and a possible Jubilee Hills by-election on the horizon.

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Telangana, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, and Odisha. His capture is considered critical to dismantling Maoist command structures in the Red Corridor. Security forces, who have already neutralized over 550 Maoists and secured the surrender of thousands in the past 18 months, are now splitting into small units to search the rugged terrain. With the PLGA (People’s Liberation Guerrilla Army) in defensive mode and the forces enjoying

a strategic upper hand, Dandakaranya could witness the final showdown with Hidma, who has remained elusive for over a decade. The operation is being seen as a revenge mission by Indian forces, aiming to close the chapter on the bloodshed caused under Hidma’s command. High-ranking officials believe this mission could be a game-changer in breaking the Maoist backbone in central India.

BJP MP Raghunandan Rao Receives Fresh Death Threats

- Threat calls demand halt to ‘Operation Kagar’ in Chhattisgarh
- Calls made via internet; attackers say “we can’t be caught”



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Telangana BJP MP Raghunandan Rao has once again received serious death threats, intensifying the security concerns around him. The threats were issued via internet phone calls on Sunday, even as he continues to recover from a recent leg surgery at Yashoda Hospital, Hyderabad. According to sources, two phone calls were received, claiming to be from the Andhra Pradesh Maoist Committee. The callers demanded an immediate halt to ‘Operation Kagar’, a counter-Maoist initiative in Chhattisgarh. “Our five special groups have already

entered Hyderabad. We will eliminate you soon. If you have the guts, try to protect yourself,” they reportedly threatened. The assailants further claimed that despite police attempts, they couldn’t

be traced as the calls were made using internet-based services. They made it clear that there’s no scope for escape, warning the MP that they will act soon. This is the second threat received by Raghunandan Rao in less than a week. He first received a similar threat on June 23, after which he filed a formal complaint with the State DGP and district SPs of Medak and Sangareddy. In response, additional security personnel and escort vehicles were provided. Despite the enhanced security, the repeated threats have raised concerns. On Sunday, Rao filed a fresh complaint from his hospital bed, following which police launched an investigation into the incident. Sources indicate that cyber teams are actively tracking the origin of the internet calls and verifying the authenticity of the Maoist claims.

Attack on Maha News...

- Gellu Srinivas Arrested,
- Cases Filed Against Madhusudanachari and Balka Suman

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Tensions escalated in Telangana’s political landscape after an attack on the Jubilee Hills office of Telugu news channel Maha News. Police arrested BRS student wing president Gellu Srinivas Yadav on Sunday in connection with the incident and filed cases against former speaker S. Madhusudanachari and former MP Balka Suman for allegedly obstructing the police during the arrest. The attack, which took place on Saturday, has drawn strong condemnation from media and political circles. Police, in their preliminary report, stated that a group stormed the Maha News office, damaging property and threatening staff. Following this, officials visited Telangana Bhavan, the BRS central office, to detain Srinivas. However, resistance from BRS leaders led to a fresh case being registered at Banjara Hills police station under multiple sections of the Indian Penal Code for obstructing public servants in duty.

Phone Tapping Impossible Without KCR, KTR’s Knowledge: TPCC Chief
TPCC chief Mahesh Kumar Goud visited the channel’s office on Sunday, offering support to the journalists. He lashed out at the BRS, accusing them of orchestrating the assault out of fear that the phone tapping scandal during their regime would soon be exposed. “Not just opposition leaders, even the phones of their families, celebrities, judges, and women officers were tapped. This disturbed countless families,” Goud stated. He also pointed to KTR’s social media post made just before the incident, where the BRS working president targeted cer-



tain journalists. “Some scoundrels disguised as journalists have been spewing venom... I know who is behind this and will deal with them,” KTR posted. Congress leaders claim this post was a veiled threat and directly linked to the attack. The Congress party emphasized that no matter how critical the media may be, political parties should never resort to physical intimidation. “We too have faced smear campaigns, but never raised a hand against media persons,” Goud noted. He demanded a thorough probe and immediate action against all those involved. The Hyderabad police, meanwhile, confirmed that the investigation has been intensified, and further arrests are likely in the coming days. The cases filed cover charges ranging from criminal intimidation to unlawful assembly and obstruction of duty.



Prepare for GHMC and Jubilee Hills by Poll...

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Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) chief Mahesh Kumar Goud called upon the party cadre to focus on strengthening the Congress in Hyderabad, keeping in view the upcoming GHMC elections and the Jubilee Hills by-election. He was speaking at a review meeting of Hyderabad Congress leaders held at Gandhi Bhavan, where he was the chief guest. State Minister Ponnam Prabhakar was also present during the meeting.

Mahesh Kumar Goud said that All India Congress Committee (AICC) president Mallikarjun Kharge will visit Hyderabad on July 4, and the meeting to be held on that occasion must be made a grand success. He emphasized that key Congress leaders from all constituencies in Hyderabad should participate in the meeting and also contribute actively to the preparations.

Addressing local political matters, Mahesh Kumar Goud stated that several issues in Hyderabad were brought to his notice, including protocol issues in temple committees, and irregularities in the distribution of Kalyana Lakshmi, Shaadi Mubarak cheques, Bonalu funds, and others. He stressed the need to streamline these matters and ensure that the benefits reach the people without political bias.

He also assured that those working hard for the party at the grassroots level would be considered for nominated posts. Asserting that the party must begin working for the future, he said, “We have to start planning from now for the GHMC elections. Congress must win the Mayor’s post.”

Regarding the upcoming Jubilee Hills by-election, Mahesh Kumar Goud exuded confidence that Congress will emerge victorious. “From now on, we must work at the ground level for this bypoll. Our focus should be clear and strong,” he said.

The meeting served as a strategic session for urban leadership to align efforts toward electoral preparedness, party strengthening, and grassroots issues.

KTR came from movement, not shortcuts Like Babu

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BRS senior leader RS Praveen Kumar has launched a scathing attack on Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, Jana Sena Party chief Pawan Kalyan, and other opposition leaders, accusing them of double standards in their reactions to recent incidents involving the media.

Reacting to the condemnations pouring in over the attack on Maha News office, Praveen Kumar questioned the silence of the same leaders when BRS Working President K. T. Rama Rao (KTR) was allegedly defamed by the same channel in the past. “Why didn’t Chandrababu say a word when offensive thumbnails were circulated against KTR by Maha News? Why the sudden concern now?” he asked.

He also drew a sharp contrast between KTR and Chandrababu, stating, “KTR is a leader who emerged from the Telangana movement and is still facing cases related to the agitation. He didn’t enter politics in a roundabout, opportunistic way like Chandrababu.”

RS Praveen Kumar alleged selective outrage by opposition leaders, recalling that no such uproar was made when TDP activists reportedly attacked the Deccan Chronicle media office in earlier years. “It’s ironic that Chandrababu, Pawan Kalyan, Deputy CM Bharti Vikramarka, and CPI leaders are all up in arms now,” he said.

He went on to question Chandrababu’s silence when KTR’s image was under attack and referenced the emotional moments when Chandrababu cried in the Assembly and at a press conference over derogatory remarks made about his wife. “If he could cry for his family, why is he silent when KTR’s character is being maligned?” Praveen asked pointedly.

The comments from the BRS leader come at a time of heightened political tension between Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, especially following incidents involving media and inter-party rivalries.



Everyone Was Given a Chance... Now Give Power to BJP

Dharmapuri Arvind Became “Pasupu Arvind”: Bandi Sanjay
Indhur Farmers are Heros to Achieve Turmeric Board

TPN Correspondent | Nizamabad

Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar made a strong appeal to the people of Telangana, urging them to give the BJP a chance to form the government in the state. Speaking at the Indore Farmers’ Mahasammelan Sabha held at the Polytechnic College grounds in Nizamabad, he emphasized that every other party had been given a chance before, and now the BJP should be given the opportunity to prove its governance. The massive farmers’ meet was organized following the inauguration of the National Turmeric Board regional office in Nizamabad. The event saw the participation of key leaders including Union Home Minister Amit Shah, BJP State President G. Kishan Reddy, MPs Dharmapuri Arvind, Etala Rajender,

MLCs Malka Komaraiah, Anji Reddy, local MLA Dhanpal Suryanarayanagupta, and Turmeric Board Chairman Palle Gangareddy. The assembly erupted in applause the moment Bandi Sanjay’s name was announced, and Amit Shah watched the public response with a smile as Sanjay began his speech. In his fiery address, Sanjay lauded the Indhur farmers’ relentless fight for the Turmeric Board, hailing them as “heroes.” He remarked, “Everyone now calls Dharmapuri Arvind as Pasupu Arvind because of his efforts.” He stated, “The past slogan was to make the farmer a king, but the Modi government’s slogan is to make the farmer a king, queen, and even a maharaja.” Stressing that it is a farmers’ government at the center, San-



jay called upon the people of Telangana to reward the BJP for their efforts and give them full power in the state. He concluded with a resounding call of “Bharat Mata Ki Jai”, energizing the crowd and reinforcing the BJP’s commitment to farmer welfare. The event marked a significant moment in Telangana politics as BJP leaders sought to build momentum ahead of future electoral battles, using the fulfillment of the long-pending turmeric board demand as a rallying point.

Mynampally Slams BRS Over Maha News Attack

Accuses BRS of phone tapping, misuse of power during their rule



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Congress leader and former MLA Mynampally Hanumantha Rao came down heavily on the BRS leadership during a press conference held at his residence in Doolapalli, Medchal district. Strongly condemning the recent attack on the Maha News Chan-

nel office, he warned BRS leaders against provoking Congress party workers and misusing media power. Speaking to reporters, Mynampally accused KCR, KTR, and Harish Rao of behaving as if the BRS was still in power. “Let me warn you again—don’t provoke our party workers or give

them unnecessary trouble. The Congress party has a legacy, and we know how to protect our people,” he said. Referring to the targeted attack on Maha News, he stated that media is the fourth pillar of democracy and assaults on such institutions are unacceptable. He questioned the silence of BRS-backed outlets like T News and Namaste Telangana, suggesting double standards when it comes to press freedom. In a startling revelation, Mynampally alleged that during the BRS regime, phones of several political leaders, including his own and those of his family, were tapped. “They even listened in when husbands and wives were talking privately, breaking families apart. My phone, my wife’s phone, and other family members’ phones were tapped,” he claimed. He demanded that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy conduct a full-fledged investigation into the phone tapping scandal and ensure that those responsible are brought to justice. Mynampally also acknowledged internal issues within the Congress, saying, “Some members are acting in a way that’s damaging party unity. Senior leaders must address this immediately.” Concluding his remarks, he issued a stern warning to BRS: “Stop provoking Congress and its workers. This is not the time to play old tricks. People have given their verdict.”

Congress Rift Deepens in Warangal Over Konda Murali’s Comments

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Internal politics within the Warangal district Congress intensified on Sunday as a group of senior leaders opposed to Konda Murali convened a crucial meeting in Hanumakonda. The developments come in the wake of a controversial letter released by senior Congress leader Konda Murali, which has triggered discontent among party leaders in the undivided Warangal region. An emergency meeting of Congress leaders, including MLAs, MLCs, and key office bearers, was held at the camp office of Hanumakonda District Congress President and MLA Naini Rajender Reddy. Sources said that the gathering was aimed at reviewing and responding to the issues raised by Konda Murali in his letter and to address growing unrest among district-level leadership over his recent activities. Among those who attended the meeting were Warangal West MLA Revuri Prakash Reddy, MLC Baswaraju Saraiah, KUDA Chairman Inugala Ven-

katrami Reddy, and former Warangal Mayor Errabelli Swarna. The group reportedly expressed dissatisfaction over Konda Murali’s unilateral actions and comments, which they felt were damaging the image of the party in the district. According to internal sources, the faction believes that Konda Murali’s behavior is sidelining core Congress leadership in the region and causing rifts at a time when unity is crucial ahead of the upcoming elections and party reorganizations. Party insiders say that the Congress leadership in the district is determined to bring the matter to the attention of the high command if the situation escalates further. Efforts are likely to be made to ensure internal discipline and coordination among all key leaders going forward, sources said. With factionalism now out in the open, all eyes are on how the Congress central leadership will respond to the Warangal turmoil.





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.



BRS Corporators Protest Renaming of Annapurna Canteen



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Tension prevailed at the GHMC headquarters in Liberty on Saturday as BRS corporators and party activists staged a protest opposing the renaming of Annapurna Canteen to Indira Canteen. The protestors gathered in large numbers to voice their objection to the government's move. With dozens of activists arriving at the GHMC office, police forces were deployed heavily to prevent any untoward incidents. As the protest intensified, authorities denied the BRS delegation entry into the premises, forcing them to demonstrate outside the gates. The protestors raised slogans demanding that the original name of Annapurna Canteen be retained, alleging that the renaming was politically motivated and disregarded public sentiment. Despite the restrictions, the Bharasa corporators continued their protest peacefully at the entrance, holding placards and shouting slogans, demanding the reversal of the name change decision. Police remained on high alert as the situation unfolded.



Meerpet Police detain 122 individuals found roaming at night

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As part of a late-night crackdown, police under Meerpet Police Station limits of Rachakonda Commissionerate conducted Operation Chabatra and detained 122 individuals found loitering on the roads past midnight. The operation was carried out in the areas of Nandanavanam, R.N. Reddy Nagar, and Bhupesh Gupta Nagar.

All those caught were taken into custody and later given counseling in the presence of their parents. Police explained the risks and legal consequences of night-time loitering, while also sensitizing the youth about the dangers of drugs, road accidents, and cybercrimes. Officials made it clear that any repeat of such behavior would lead to jail time. The initiative was aimed not only at

ensuring safety and law and order at night but also at instilling a sense of awareness and discipline among the youth. The operation saw active participation of Meerpet Police Station staff along with the Circle Inspector. Authorities emphasized that such operations would continue to ensure the safety of residents and curb unlawful activities during late-night hours.



Tension Erupts at Borabanda PS After NSUI Protest

Inspector's remark to NSUI president sparks outrage, lathi-charge follows

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High tension prevailed at the Borabanda Police Station on Sunday after NSUI activists stormed the premises, protesting the alleged illegal detention of one of their members. The situation escalated quickly, leading to a mild lathi-charge by police to disperse the agitators. According to reports, the controversy began when NSUI activist Shiva was allegedly taken into custody by the Borabanda police in connection with a local issue related to the T. Anjaiah Nagar Basti elections. The news sparked immediate reaction from the student wing of the Congress



party. NSUI State President Venkataswamy, who was informed about Shiva's detention, called Borabanda Inspector for clarification. However, the response he allegedly received from the officer added fuel to the fire. "You too come inside, I'll put you in as well," the Inspector

reportedly told Venkataswamy over the call, triggering strong protests from the NSUI ranks. Soon after, Venkataswamy, along with several NSUI activists, reached the police station demanding Shiva's release and an explanation for the Inspector's remarks. The situation turned chaotic as slogans

were raised against the police and heated arguments broke out. With the crowd refusing to disperse, the police resorted to a mild lathi-charge to control the situation. The confrontation between the student leaders and the police has now become a political flashpoint, with NSUI alleging highhandedness by the police and demanding action against the Inspector for his undignified response to a state-level leader. As the situation calms, Congress and NSUI leaders are expected to raise the issue at higher levels, calling for accountability and respect for democratic protest. Further developments are awaited.

Poorna Surrenders in Journalist Swetcha Suicide Case

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In a dramatic development in the suicide case of journalist Swetcha, the prime accused Poorna Chandra Rao surrendered at Chikkadapalli police station around midnight on Saturday. His surrender comes after several days on the run, during which the case drew sharp public and media attention. Contrary to earlier reports, Swetcha did not leave any suicide note. However, a letter allegedly written by Poorna emerged, in which he denied responsibility and instead blamed Swetcha's parents for her death. In the letter, Poorna claimed that her mental condition was affected by her parents' negligence, attempting to shift the blame away from himself. The case intensified after Swetcha's parents filed a formal complaint against Poorna, holding him responsible for their daughter's death. Swetcha, who worked as an anchor for T News, was found dead at her home earlier this week. Her sudden demise shocked the media community and raised serious questions about emotional abuse and mental health struggles.

After his surrender, Poorna was taken into custody for preliminary questioning. Police are likely to produce him in court on Monday and seek judicial remand.



Solve Water Crisis in Borabanda...

BJP demand fixed water supply, end to pollution and sewage overflow

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BJP leaders staged a symbolic protest at the Borabanda Division Site-2 Colony Water Board office on Saturday, demanding urgent resolution of the drinking water crisis in Borabanda and surrounding areas. Led by BJP Hyderabad Central District President Lanka Deepak Reddy, the protest highlighted issues such as irregular water supply, contamination of drinking water, and sewage overflow on roads. Addressing the gathering, Deepak Reddy demanded that water be supplied at fixed times and that necessary steps be taken to ensure clean and safe drinking water. He also urged the Water Board to take immediate



action to restore roads dug up for pipeline works in Balahi Navargala Colony and SPR Hills areas. The leaders stressed that the condition of the roads and lack of proper water supply were causing daily hardships for local residents. Following the dharna, BJP representatives submitted a formal petition to Water Board DGM M.D. Wahab and SPR Hills Division Manager Rajender, urging them to re-

solve the issues without delay. BJP Borabanda Division President Kotha Venkatesh, along with several city and division leaders including Kilari Manohar, Atluri Ramakrishna, Kolan Satyanarayana, Sharmila Jadhav, Katraj Raj Kumar, T. Lakshman, Krishnamohan, Pujari Charan Reddy, Teegala Krishna, Puli Ram, Gyaneshwar, and Srinivas actively participated in the protest.

Congress Demands Dissolution of Balkampet Temple Committee

Row erupts over BRS leaders in newly formed governing body

TPN | V. Krishna Kumar
Hyderabad: A major controversy has erupted over the formation of the new governing body committee for the historic Balkampet Yellamma temple, with Congress leaders strongly objecting to the inclusion of BRS leaders in the panel. The issue has sparked internal dissent and protests, with demands for immediate dissolution of the committee.

As part of preparations for the upcoming Ashadhamasam Bonalu and Yellamma Kalyanam, the Congress-led government had decided to dissolve the old committee formed during the BRS regime. A proposal for the new body was submitted by Sanathnagar Congress in-charge Kota Neelima, Ameerpet Congress President SS Rao, and other local leaders. The list, finalized after review

by Minister Ponnam Prabhakar, MP Anil Kumar Yadav, and Minister Konda Surekha, was forwarded to the Endowment Department. However, tensions erupted when the officially released list did not reflect the one proposed by the Congress leaders. Instead, names of BRS leaders Umanath Goud and Sridhar Goud featured prominently, sidelining local Congress repre-

sentatives. This triggered outrage within party ranks, with Kota Neelima, MP Anil Kumar Yadav, and Ponnam Prabhakar publicly criticizing the department's move. Congress leaders questioned how BRS loyalists, who had been politically opposed and allegedly disrespectful towards temple sanctity, were appointed to key positions. They recalled how BRS leader Talasani Srinivas Yadav



had courted controversy in the past for smoking gutkha inside the temple premises during a previous Kalyanam. Despite objections from ministers and MPs, Endowment Department officials proceeded to send out invitations for the upcoming Kalyanam, ignoring calls for reconstitution. Congress leaders are now demanding immediate

action against officials who they allege acted under external pressure and undermined the party's local leadership. The row has now escalated into a full-blown political storm, with the Congress determined to have the current governing body dissolved and a new committee formed in line with party consensus.

Free Cancer and Eye Treatment Camp Held in Bhadrachalam

MLA Dr. Tellam Venkatrao urges public to make use of free health services

TPN | Avinash Reddy
Bhadrachalam: A mega free medical camp was conducted at Maruti Nursing College premises on Kunavaram Road, Bhadrachalam constituency, offering free cancer diagnosis and eye surgeries. The initiative, organized jointly by the Indian Red Cross Society, Maruti Nursing College – Vikasa Tarangani Bhadrachalam, Lions Club of Bhadrachalam, Lions Club Jatayuvu, NRI Vasavi Association USA, MNJ Cancer Hospital, and Pushpagiri Eye Hospital, saw the participation of hundreds of locals. Local MLA Dr. Tellam Venkatrao inaugurated the camp by cutting the ribbon and extended his appreciation to all the organizers for their collective efforts in serving the public. He emphasized that such camps play a vital role in reaching healthcare to remote populations, especially for economically weaker sections who may not have access to specialized medical services. Dr. Venkatrao appealed to the people of Bhadrachalam constituency to take full advantage of the free health screenings and surgeries being offered. He thanked the partnering organizations for their selfless

service and expressed hope that more such initiatives would be held regularly. The camp offered free eye check-ups and surgeries, along with cancer screening services, handled by professionals from MNJ Cancer Hospital and Pushpagiri Eye Hospital. Medical experts from Hyderabad and other parts of the state volunteered for the camp. The event was attended by mandal-level leaders, Youth Congress members, social activists, and former public representatives, all of whom appreciated the noble cause behind the initiative. The camp witnessed overwhelming participation, underlining the pressing need for accessible healthcare in the region.



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 short-listed, 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.

State-Level Homeopathy Conference Held in Karimnagar

TPN | Srikanth Gurram
Karimnagar: The state-level homeopathy conference was conducted in a grand manner on Sunday at Hotel Prakruti Banquet Hall, Siricilla Road, Karimnagar. The event was organized under the auspices of the Indian Institute of Homeopathic Physicians (IIHP), Telangana State Branch – Karimnagar Unit. The conference witnessed the enthusiastic participation of around 300 homeopathic doctors and students from across the country. Distinguished guests and practitioners gathered to discuss advancements in the field and share their experiences. Local MLA Gangula Kamalakar graced the event as the chief guest. During his address, he assured support to the homeopathic fraternity by agreeing to allocate land for the construction of a dedicated building for homeopathic doctors in Karimnagar, which was met with wide appreciation. As part of the day's proceedings, the IIHP Telangana State Branch elections were held in the evening session. Dr. Chandrasekhar was unanimously elected as the **State President, and Dr. Harikrishna as the State General Secretary for the term 2025–2027. The election process was overseen by Dr. Nishikant Thap, who served as the election in-charge, representing the state of Gujarat. The conference concluded with a vote of thanks and renewed commitment towards strengthening the role of homeopathy in public health.



Orange Travels Bus Overturns in Adilabad, 25 Injured

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A serious road accident occurred near Gudihatnur in Adilabad district at midnight when an Orange Travels bus overturned, leaving 25 passengers injured, with one of them reported to be in a critical condition. The private bus was reportedly traveling from Hyderabad to Amaravati in Maharashtra when the incident took place. According to initial reports, the bus lost control while navigating a curve near Gudihatnur and overturned, causing panic among the pas-

sengers onboard. Emergency services responded quickly to the scene. Local authorities, along with 108 ambulance staff, shifted all the injured passengers to RIMS Hospital in Adilabad for treatment. Doctors have confirmed that most of the injuries are minor, but one passenger's condition remains serious. Police have begun an investigation into the cause of the accident. Preliminary findings suggest overspeeding or possible driver fatigue may have led to the mishap. Authorities are working



to identify all passengers and ensure they receive the necessary medical attention and support.

Thugs Steal Debit Card in ATM Fraud in Tekulapalli

TPN Correspondent | Bhadradi-Kothagudem
A case of ATM fraud has come to light in Tekulapalli of Kothagudem district, where thugs cleverly stole a debit card from a youth under the guise of helping him. According to police, a young man named Suryateja visited an ATM to withdraw cash and was simultaneously engaged in a phone conversation. Taking advantage of his distraction, two unidentified men entered the ATM kiosk, pretended to assist him, and discreetly replaced his original debit card with an invalid one

before leaving the scene. The victim only realized the fraud after the thugs used his original debit card at a different ATM and withdrew cash. Suryateja immediately lodged a complaint with the local police. Based on the complaint, the Tekulapalli police have registered a case and launched an investigation. CCTV footage from nearby ATMs is being reviewed to trace the culprits. Authorities have advised the public to remain alert while using ATMs and avoid distractions like mobile phone usage during transactions.



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-



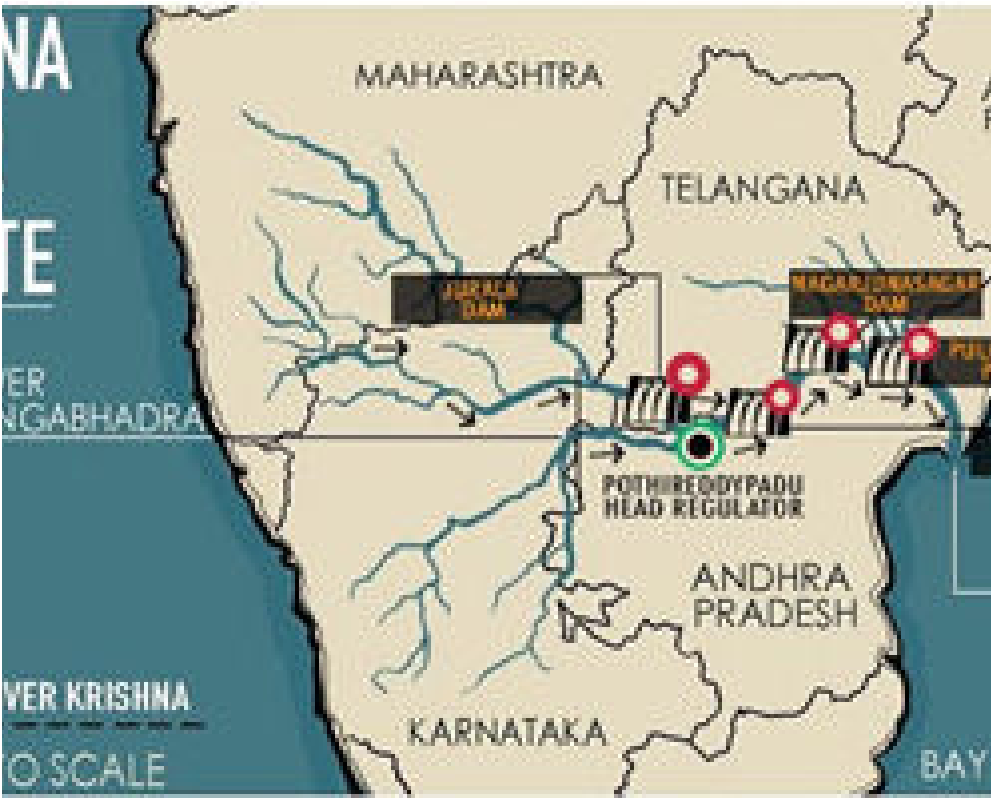
come without conditions. This has already sparked a shift. A 28% drop in Indian student enrolments is forecast for 2025, with more turning to the UK, Canada, and Australia. These countries may not offer the same prestige, but they aren’t undermining their universities or politicizing student mobility. 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.”



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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

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

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 | TelvAviv

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.

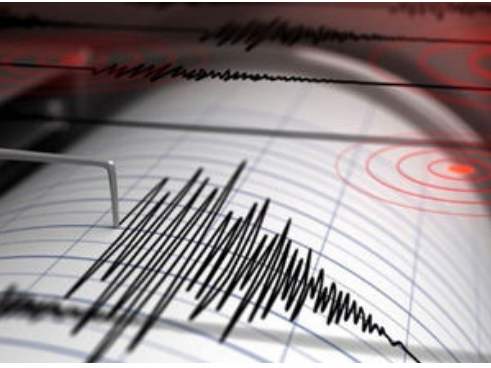
Trump also warned that the trial risks undermining Netanyahu’s ability to negotiate with Hamas and Iran, emphasizing that Netanyahu is currently working on a hostage deal with Hamas. Trump questioned the fairness of forcing the Israeli leader to spend time in court over what he called trivial accusations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

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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

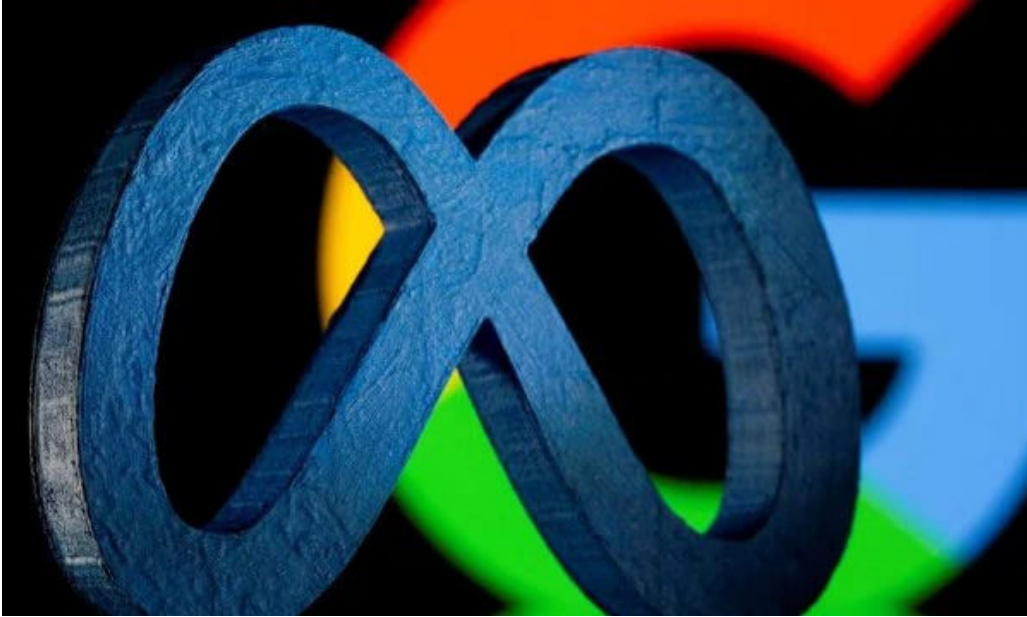
of military movement.

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

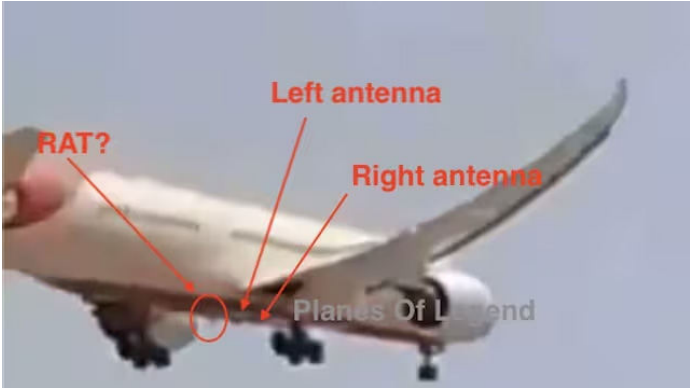
becoming increasingly realistic and accessible. Lawmakers and tech leaders have voiced alarm about the psychological and reputational damage caused by such tools, especially when used to target women and minors.

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!

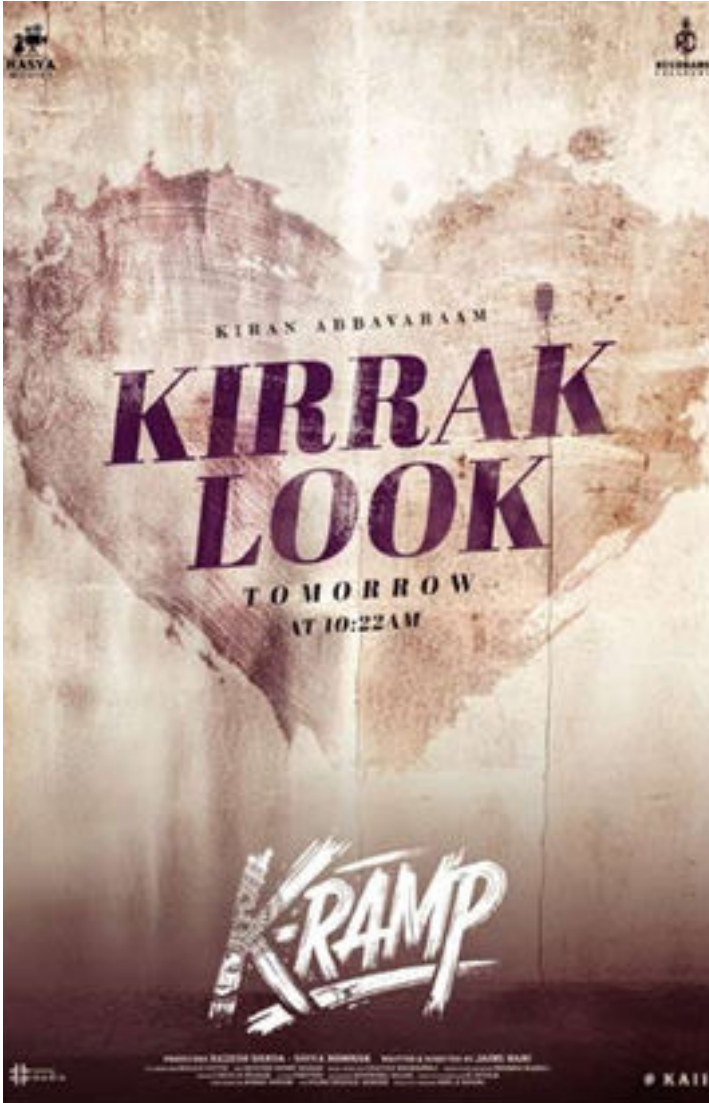




Kiran Abbavaram’s ‘K-Ramp’ First Look and Release Date to Be Revealed Today

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 head-set, 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.

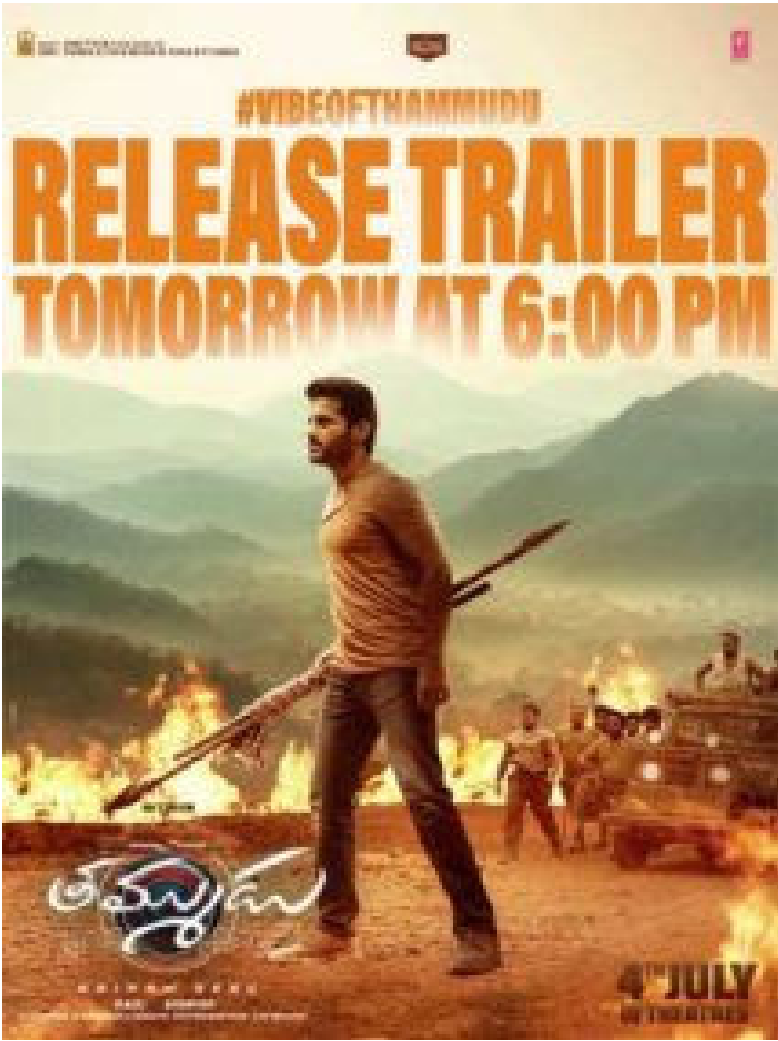
With Vishwak Sen eyeing a strong comeback and Tharun Bhascker back in the director’s chair, ENE Repeat promises to be an exciting and heartfelt continuation of a much-loved story.

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.