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# People’s Aspirations Are Our Agenda; Cleansing Systems Is Our Goal

**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**  
Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has declared that his government's core agenda is to fulfill the aspirations of the people and to cleanse and restore systems that were neglected over the past decade. Speaking as the chief guest at the Telangana State Formation Day celebrations held at the Secunderabad Parade Ground, CM Revanth unfurled the national flag and addressed a packed gathering, outlining his government's achievements and future roadmap. “The economy was in deep turmoil when we took charge. We’ve begun reforms to fix the administrative, educational, medical, and social welfare systems,” said Revanth. He stated that the government is committed to transforming the state into a progressive, inclusive, and development-driven region.

**Women Empowerment at the Core**  
Calling women the “cornerstone of Telangana's economy,” the Chief Minister announced a comprehensive plan to make one crore women millionaires. “We

have already provided zero-interest loans amounting to ₹21,000 crore. Women's groups are now managing schools, running buses leased to RTC, and soon we'll launch QR code-based cards for free medical check-ups exclusively for women,” he said.

**Farmer Welfare Gets a Boost**  
Revanth highlighted a major farm loan waiver initiative, stating that his government has waived loans up to ₹2 lakh and deposited ₹26,000 crore directly into farmers' bank accounts. A ₹500 per quintal bonus for small grain cultivation has also led to a substantial increase in such farming, with the state now producing 2.75 lakh tonnes. To resolve land-related issues, the CM announced the ‘Bhu Bharati’ program.

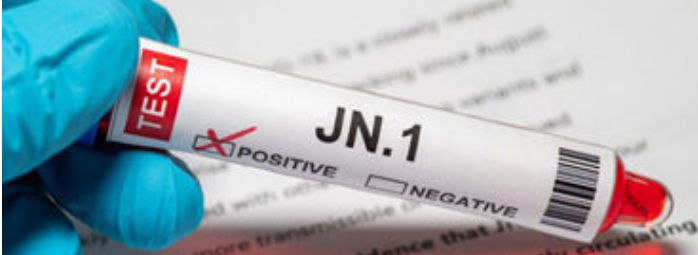
**Youth, Education, and Health in Focus**  
Revanth emphasized Telangana's lead in job placements and promised continued support for youth. “We are giving ₹1 lakh to civil services aspirants and have established Young India Skill University.

Young India Integrated Schools are being constructed in each constituency at a cost of ₹200 crore to bring all Gurukul students under one roof,” he said. He also pointed out immediate reforms in the education and health sectors. “We’ve raised the limit under Rajiv Aarogyasri to ₹10 lakh, and plans are in motion to revive Osmania Hospital. Hostel diet and cosmetic allowances are being increased for students.”

**Caste Census as a Revolutionary Move**  
CM Revanth termed the caste census a groundbreaking decision, stating that the Telangana government had taken a bold step that forced the Centre to act. “This long-overdue initiative has now pushed the Union government to announce that caste data will be included in the national census,” he explained. Revanth concluded by reiterating his commitment to the people: “We are not working with a political agenda, but with a people's agenda. Telangana will grow only when its people grow. Our mission is progress with integrity.”

# Covid Cases Rise in Telangana

- Omicron sub-variant JN.1 drives surge, accounting for 50% of new infections
- Telangana reports two new cases amid nationwide rise in infections
- Experts call for increased testing and genomic surveillance to track variants



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Telangana is witnessing a rise in Covid-19 cases amid a nationwide surge across several Indian states. The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) on Monday reported two new infections in Telangana, bringing the total number of active cases in the country to around 4,000. While most cases continue to present with mild

symptoms, public health experts emphasize the urgent need for Telangana to ramp up Covid-19 testing and initiate comprehensive genomic surveillance. This would help identify circulating SARS-CoV-2 variants, especially the Omicron sub-strains, and track their evolution to prepare for any shifts in transmissibility or severity. Currently, Telangana has yet to start a coordinated effort to provide free Covid-19 diagnostic testing and conduct variant monitoring. Experts warn that without such measures, it

will be difficult to respond effectively to the ongoing surge. Across India, several states are reporting significant increases in Covid-19 infections over the past two weeks. Kerala leads with 1,435 cases, followed by Maharashtra (506), Delhi (483), Gujarat (338), West Bengal (331), Karnataka (253), Tamil Nadu (189), Rajasthan (69), Uttar Pradesh (157), Puducherry (38), and Andhra Pradesh (30). Since January 1, 2025, the country has reported 32 Covid-related deaths, including four in recent days.

The current surge is primarily driven by the Omicron sub-variant JN.1, which accounts for approximately 50% of new infections. Other sub-variants, including NB.1.8.1 and LF.7, are also being closely monitored. Senior medical professionals suggest these variants may have higher transmissibility. Despite the rise in infections and fatalities, officials from the Union Health Ministry, Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), and Telangana's public health sector maintain that there is no immediate cause for panic as most patients experience mild illness. However, they stress the importance of surveillance and coordinated public health actions to manage the situation effectively.

# We Will Not Form an Alliance with Anyone: Harish Rao

- BRS will contest alone and win 100 seats, says former minister
- Harish Rao slams Revanth Reddy, calls him ‘number one in lying’
- Says KCR is the true architect of Telangana's development
- Vows to block Godavari-Banakacharla project to protect state interests



**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**  
BRS MLA and former minister Harish Rao has ruled out any alliance or merger with other parties, stating that the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) will contest the upcoming elections alone and secure 100 seats whenever they are held. Speaking at Telangana Bhavan after attending the state formation day celebrations, Harish Rao launched a scathing attack on Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and the Congress-led government. Harish Rao accused Revanth Reddy of misleading the public and declared, “If Revanth Reddy is the leader in ly-

ing, then KCR is the leader in development.” He challenged the CM to prove the claim of giving interest-free loans worth ₹21 crore to women and even offered to resign from his post if it turns out to be true. Highlighting the failures of the current

# AP Takes Key Step on Polavaram–Banakacharla Project

- Officials to present detailed proposal to Centre today
- Project worth ₹81,000 crore to be explained to Union Finance Secretary
- Officials prepared to respond to Telangana's objections
- AP CM Chandrababu personally pushed for Centre's support



**TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh**  
The Andhra Pradesh government is taking a decisive step forward in its efforts to finalize the much-anticipated Polavaram-Banakacharla water diversion project. In a crucial development, state officials are set to present the detailed project proposal to

Union Finance Secretary Ajay Seth in Delhi today at 3 pm. With an estimated cost of ₹81,000 crore, the Polavaram-Banakacharla project is being positioned as a game-changer for irrigation and agricultural development in the state. The project aims to divert surplus water from the Polavaram project to the drought-prone Ray-

alaseema region via Banakacharla, promising long-term benefits for farmers and the broader population. The presentation will be led by Andhra Pradesh Finance Secretary Piyush Kumar, Irrigation Advisor Venkateswara Rao, and other senior





## Kaleshwaram inquiry Change in date of KCR’s appearance...



- **KCR to appear on June 11 instead of June 5**
- **Commission changes date at KCR’s request**

**TPN Correspondent | Telangana**  
Former Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) is now set to appear before the Judicial Commission probing the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project on June 11. This marks a change from the originally scheduled date of June 5, with the Commission adjusting its calendar following a formal request from KCR citing prior commitments. The Judicial Commission, led by retired Justice PC Ghosh and appointed by the Telangana government, is investigating alleged irregularities and decisions taken during the planning and execution of the multi-crore Kaleshwaram project. The commission had initially summoned KCR to appear on June 5 to provide clarifications regarding his role and the administrative deci-

sions taken during his tenure. However, upon receiving a request from KCR seeking a rescheduling of the appearance, the Commission examined the request and agreed to defer the date. Subsequently, June 11 was finalized for his appearance. KCR is now expected to present his version and provide details related to various aspects of the Kaleshwaram project, which has come under intense scrutiny following reports of structural failures and financial overspending. The project, considered a flagship irrigation initiative under his administration, has become a focal point in the state’s political and administrative debates. This inquiry is part of a broader investigation aimed at ensuring transparency and accountability in one of India’s most ambitious irrigation ventures. All eyes are now on KCR’s testimony on June 11, which is expected to shed light on key decisions that shaped the controversial project.

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government, Harish Rao questioned what projects the Congress had initiated during its tenure. “Did Revanth Reddy build even one project or dig a single pond? He failed to implement Rythu Bandhu, Rythu Bima and didn’t complete the loan waiver as promised,” he said, alleging that development had come to a standstill in the state. Dismissing speculation about a merger between BRS and BJP, Harish Rao clarified, “Some are spreading false rumours that BRS will join BJP. KCR has already made it clear—BRS will not form an alliance with anyone.” Addressing regional concerns, Harish Rao raised serious objections to the Godavari–Banakacharla project, warning that BRS would go to any extent, even approach the Supreme Court, to protect Telangana’s water rights.

“We will block the project. The silence of BJP leaders on this issue is telling,” he remarked. He also accused certain government officials of overstepping their roles, warning that their names were being documented in a ‘Red Book’ and they would face consequences at the right time. On a different note, Harish Rao condemned the recent controversy over the mismanagement of a beauty pageant in the state. “The government has damaged Telangana’s reputation. It should immediately respond to Miss England’s allegations and release the relevant CCTV footage,” he demanded. The event at Telangana Bhavan saw the participation of several key BRS leaders and party workers.

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officials. They will explain the economic viability of the project, the proposed water distribution network, land acquisition concerns, and the expected impact on local communities. The state government has prepared a comprehensive set of responses to anticipated objections from Telangana, which has expressed concerns over water-sharing implications. This move comes after Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu personally met with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in Delhi last month, where he underscored the strategic importance of the Polavaram–Banakacharla project for Andhra Pradesh. The Centre responded positively and requested

a detailed technical and financial report, prompting today’s scheduled presentation. According to sources, the state will argue that the project is not only viable but will become self-sufficient over time, generating its own economic returns. Officials believe that the Centre is likely to respond favourably, especially given the state’s proactive engagement and the projected benefits for agriculture, employment, and regional balance. With the state government actively addressing concerns raised by Telangana and demonstrating detailed preparedness, this meeting is expected to be a turning point in securing central clearance and funding support for the ambitious project.

## “Telangana is a model of inclusive growth” – Uttam Kumar Reddy

- **Rs 20,617 Cr loan waiver for 25.35L farmers**
- **3.10 Cr people get free rice, housing for 4.5L families**
- **Suryapet sees ₹755 Cr paddy procured from 50K+ farmers**

**TPN Correspondent | Suryapet**  
Telangana Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister Capt. N. Uttam Kumar Reddy said the Congress government is working with a clear vision to make Telangana a model state of inclusive growth, social justice, and prosperity by 2047. Addressing the 12th Telangana State Formation Day celebrations at the Integrated District Office Complex in Suryapet, he unfurled the national flag and paid tribute to Telangana martyrs whose sacrifices laid the foundation for the state’s development. The Minister highlighted the “Telangana Rising – 2047” roadmap prepared under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, focusing on green energy, innovation, industry, tourism, and transparent governance. Policies on welfare, social justice, and sustainable growth are



being implemented across the board. Farmers remain central to this vision. Uttam Kumar Reddy noted that over the past 18 months, 25.35 lakh farmers had received Rs 20,617 crore in crop loan waivers. Paddy procurement was done at MSP with payments made within 24 hours, and a Rs 500 bonus per quintal was given for fine paddy. Telangana has produced a record 2.9 crore tonnes of paddy, making it a leading state in agricultural output. Irrigation infrastructure is being strengthened through modernisation of canals like the Nagarjuna Sagar Left Canal and other branch canals and lift irrigation schemes.

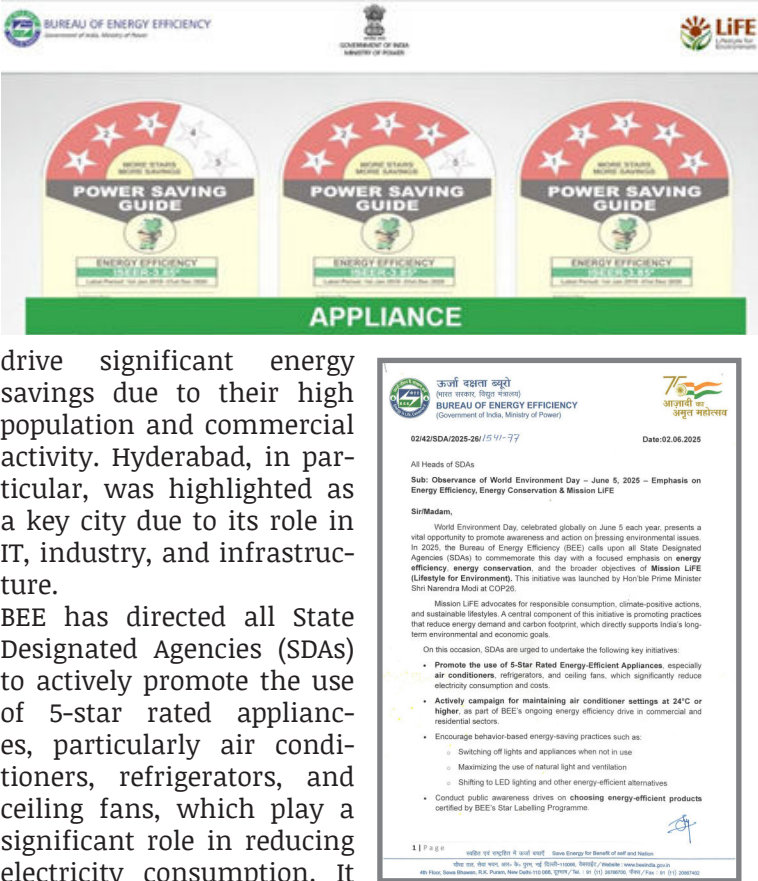
Water supply is ensured through Nagarjuna Sagar, Musi, and SRSP Stage 2 projects. The Bhu Bharathi Act is being rolled out to digitize and modernize land records, with phase-wise implementation starting June 3. On the welfare front, the Mahalakshmi scheme has enabled 2.85 lakh women in Suryapet to save Rs 153.8 crore through free RTC travel. Subsidised LPG cylinders at Rs 500 reached 1.62 lakh families, and 4.61 lakh cylinders were distributed. Gruha Jyothi is providing 200 units of free power to 1.8 lakh households. The free fine rice scheme, covering 3.10 crore people across the state, ensures 6 kg of rice per person per month.

In Suryapet alone, 3.26 lakh ration cardholders received three months’ rations (18,766 metric tonnes). Out of 22,913 new ration card applications, 9,529 were approved. In housing, 4.5 lakh Indiramma houses are being built with phased Rs 5 lakh support. Health services were expanded under the Rajiv AarogyaSri scheme with Rs 10 lakh annual coverage per family. In Suryapet, 20,063 patients benefited from Rs 23.41 crore in medical aid. TGMSIDC is building new hospitals and critical care units with Rs 257.85 crore in investment. Agricultural subsidies include free fertilizers, seeds, and drip irrigation for 607 farmers on 1,876 acres, with Rs 3.58 crore in assistance. Free electricity reached 1.54 lakh farm connections, backed by Rs 116 crore investment in substations and transformers. Reiterating the Congress government’s commitment, Uttam Kumar Reddy said, “From irrigation and education to welfare and health, every scheme reflects our resolve to build an inclusive and prosperous Telangana by 2047.”

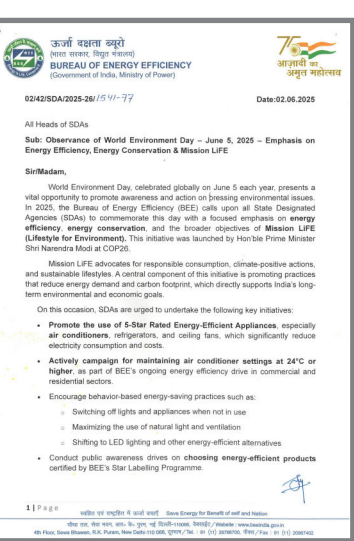
## BEE Pushes for Energy Efficiency on Environment Day

- **Focus on Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Chennai, Vizag, Thiruvananthapuram**
- **States urged to promote 5-star appliances and AC temp at 24°C**
- **TS REDCO asked to lead awareness in Telangana**

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Ahead of World Environment Day on June 5, the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), under the Ministry of Power, has urged all State Designated Agencies (SDAs) to lead special drives promoting energy efficiency across India. In a letter to all states, BEE Secretary Milind Deore called for strong campaigns aligning with the central government’s Mission LIFE initiative, which encourages responsible consumption and sustainable lifestyles. The letter emphasized the vast potential in major Southern cities such as Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Chennai, Visakhapatnam, and Thiruvananthapuram to



drive significant energy savings due to their high population and commercial activity. Hyderabad, in particular, was highlighted as a key city due to its role in IT, industry, and infrastructure. BEE has directed all State Designated Agencies (SDAs) to actively promote the use of 5-star rated appliances, particularly air conditioners, refrigerators, and ceiling fans, which play a significant role in reducing electricity consumption. It also emphasized the importance of maintaining air conditioner settings at 24°C or above to ensure better energy efficiency. Additionally, BEE urged states to encour-



age simple energy-saving habits such as switching off unused lights and appliances, and maximizing the use of natural light and venti-

lation in homes and offices. Public awareness campaigns should be conducted to highlight the benefits of BEE’s Star Labelling Programme, guiding consumers to choose certified energy-efficient products. The agency also recommended promoting the adoption of solar water heaters, CNG or electric vehicles, and eco-friendly building practices to reduce carbon emissions and reliance on conventional energy sources. According to BEE estimates, behavioral changes under Mission LIFE can lead to a total annual energy saving of 22.5 billion kWh. TS REDCO, Telangana’s energy agency, has been urged to take up targeted awareness campaigns using print, electronic, and social media, and to organize events and pledges involving the public. Secretary Deore concluded, “Let us use this World Environment Day to renew our commitment to a greener and more energy-efficient India.”

## BJP Played Crucial Role in Telangana Statehood, Says Etala Rajender

**TPN | Srikanth Gurram**

Telangana: BJP senior leader and MP Etala Rajender, speaking at the Telangana Formation Day celebrations held at the BJP State Office, highlighted the party’s historic role in the creation of the state and criticized the Congress government for attempting to distort the legacy of the Telangana movement. Addressing party workers, Rajender recalled the multi-decade-long sacrifices that led to the formation of Telangana. “This is not just a day of celebration, but a remembrance of a movement built on the sacrifices of three generations,” he said. He noted that the Telangana movement began with the “Idli Sambar Go Back” protests at City College in Hyderabad, where seven students were killed in police firing. Rajender also paid tribute to the 369 students who lost their lives during the 1969 protests under the leadership of Chenna Reddy, blaming the Congress government of that time for the bloodshed. Slamming the Congress for claiming credit, Etala said, “Today they say ‘we gave Telangana.’ If they had truly wanted to give, they wouldn’t have allowed such a bloody history to unfold.” “Even before the second phase of the movement,

BJP had put forward the two-state theory,” he said. He also lauded the support of leaders like Rajnath Singh and the late Sushma Swaraj, who stood by Telangana even when the movement was at its lowest. “Despite having only two MPs, TRS needed national support. It was the BJP that stood firmly in Parliament, setting aside politics and offering unconditional support to the cause of Telangana,” Rajender stated. Taking aim at the current Congress-led government under Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, Rajender said the state is being driven into economic and moral decline. “This government is insulting the very martyrs who gave their lives for water, funds, and jobs. They are rewriting history and ignoring the values of sacrifice,” he lamented. “With support from Prime Minister Modi, neighbouring Andhra Pradesh is growing fast. Telangana, too, can grow if governed correctly,” he added. Rajender concluded by stating that the people of Telangana now trust the BJP as the only party that can uphold the dignity and development of the state. “We remember the martyrs and pledge to work towards justice, righteousness, and democracy. BJP will lead Telangana into a new era,” he said.



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**TPN Correspondent | Dallas**  
Telangana Working President of Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS), K. Tarakarama Rao (KTR), led an unprecedented political gathering on American soil to commemorate Telangana Formation Day and BRS’s Silver Jubilee. The grand event was held at the Dr Pepper Arena (Comerica Center), Dallas, drawing an overwhelming crowd of over 12,000 Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) from various U.S. states. Addressing the gathering, KTR hailed Telangana as India’s most successful startup state, emphasizing its remarkable progress under the leader-

ship of K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR). “No other state in India has achieved what Telangana has in just a decade,” he said. KTR urged NRIs to invest in Telangana and contribute to the state’s continued development, while also committing to support Telugu students facing immigration challenges in the U.S. through a new legal cell. KTR reminisced on Telangana’s 14-year struggle for statehood, praising KCR’s unwavering dedication to transforming Telangana from a neglected region into an economic powerhouse. “From droughts and despair,

Telangana is now a lush, prosperous land contributing 5% to India’s GDP with just 2.5% of the population,” he stated proudly. KTR called Telangana the “most successful startup state” of India and credited Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) for the state’s remarkable growth in just 10 years. He urged the diaspora to invest in Telangana and announced a new legal cell to support Telugu students facing immigration issues in the U.S. KTR assured that BRS would return to power in three years with KCR as Chief Minister once again, promis-



ing to continue the journey of growth and pride for Telangana. “In power or opposition, Telangana is first,” he declared, winning loud cheers from the audience. The event not only celebrated Telangana’s successes but also strengthened the bond between the state and its global diaspora. NRIs expressed their pride in being part of Telanga-

na’s growth story and their resolve to contribute to its future. The historic gathering in Dallas marked a milestone in Indian political outreach abroad and showcased the passion of Telangana’s people worldwide. With KTR’s inspiring leadership, the Telangana spirit shines brighter than ever, promising new heights for the state and its people.

## BJP celebrates Telangana Formation Day

BRS, Congress pushed Telangana into debt, only BJP will honour aspirations: Kishan Reddy



**TPN Correspondent | Telangana**  
Grand Telangana Formation Day celebrations were held at the BJP Telangana state office on Monday morning, where Union Minister and BJP State President G. Kishan Reddy unfurled the national flag and addressed a large gathering of party workers. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from leaders and activists across the state. Speaking on the occasion, Kishan Reddy extended heartfelt wishes to the people of Telangana and recalled the sacrifices made by thousands in the struggle for a separate state. “Over 1200 students and young women laid down their lives. The movement, known for its non-violent nature, stretched from Osmania University to the Parliament in Delhi. BJP was the first national party to join the Joint Action Committee (JAC),” he said. He criticized both BRS and Congress for betraying the dreams of Telangana activists. “The people fought for a golden Telangana, but only KCR’s family turned golden. BRS ran its government like a private company, and Congress has no moral ground to speak on Telangana after years of neglect. Revanth Reddy once called Sonia Gandhi a ‘devil’ and now hails her as a ‘goddess’—this shows his hypocrisy,” Kishan Reddy stated. The Union Minister alleged that the state, which began with a surplus budget, has now plunged into a debt of ₹10 lakh crores, blaming the past regimes of both BRS and Congress. “They have looted the state in the name of irrigation projects. Neither water, nor jobs, nor funds reached the people,” he said. Kishan Reddy also recalled how BJP MPs had supported Telangana students during police crackdowns in the agitation years. “It was BJP that stood by the youth when rubber bullets were fired at Osmania students. Today, the same BJP promises ethical, transparent governance aligned with the aspirations of Telangana’s martyrs,” he said. Declaring BJP as the only genuine alternative, he said the party under Prime Minister Narendra Modi is committed to rebuilding Telangana on principles of honesty and justice. “This is the word of BJP, the word of Narendra Modi. Let’s end the exploitative rule of the BRS and Congress and raise the BJP flag across Telangana,” he urged the people.

## Kavitha Is A Lady Don says Madhuyashki

Kavitha is a planted arrow by BJP to damage BRS  
Alleges she is being protected by Modi, Shah to escape cases  
Jagruti is a money-making setup, not a welfare body, he claims

**TPN Correspondent | Telangana**  
BRS MLC Kalvakuntla Kavitha’s recent political statements have triggered a sharp backlash in Telangana politics, especially after her remarks hinting at a BRS-BJP alliance. Senior Congress leader and former MP V. Hanumantha Rao Madhuyashki Goud has now made explosive allegations, describing Kavitha as a “lady mafia don” and accusing her of being a tool used by the BJP to destabilize her own party, the BRS. “Kavitha is not a political force but an arrow dropped by the BJP to split anti-BJP votes and benefit the saffron party,” Madhuyashki alleged. He accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit

Shah of closely monitoring her actions and claimed that there’s a deep political strategy behind her sudden overtures. He launched a scathing attack on Kavitha’s Telangana Jagruti organization, alleging that it was used for financial gains under the guise of cultural and welfare activities. “Jagruti was a revenue collection mechanism even before Telangana’s formation. After statehood, they promised to help BCs and SCs — has even a rupee been spent for them?” he questioned. He challenged Kavitha to hand over control of Jagruti to backward classes if she genuinely cared about their welfare. Calling her a “lady don,” Madhuyashki further alleged, “There’s no business that she

hasn’t done and no scam she hasn’t touched.” He accused her of hiding behind the cultural symbol of Bathukamma to gain public sympathy, while amassing wealth through corrupt means. He went on to say that her new political stance is aimed at getting protection from BJP in order to evade prosecution in pending cases. The Congress leader also demanded a government investigation into the finances and activities of Telangana Jagruti. He claimed that crores of rupees were swindled in the name of skill development schemes. “When Rajiv Pratap Rudy was a Union Minister, Rs 800 crore was looted. Kavitha collected massive funds from companies like Phoenix through Jagruti,”



he alleged. Madhuyashki concluded by accusing the KCR family of looting Telangana under the banner of ‘Jai Telangana’ and challenged Kavitha to reveal what business she had done to justify the wealth she allegedly possesses.

## Telangana state was formed only due to KCR's leadership, says Kavitha

Criticises CM for not saying ‘Jai Telangana’ on Formation Day

**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**  
MLC Kalvakuntla Kavitha made strong remarks on Telangana State Formation Day, asserting that the state was formed solely due to the relentless struggle and visionary leadership of former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao. Speaking at the inauguration of the new Telangana Jagruti office in Banjara Hills, Hyderabad, Kavitha paid tribute to the sacrifices of thousands who took part in the Telangana movement. After unfurling the national flag and the Jagruti flag for the first time at the new premises, Kavitha recalled the emotional cost of statehood, particularly for the mothers who lost their children in the agitation. She extended heartfelt greetings to all the Jagruti activists and families of the martyrs who laid down their lives for Telangana’s formation. However, Kavitha strongly criticised the current Chief Minister for what she termed as a complete disregard for Telangana’s sentiment. “It is the misfortune of Telangana that we have a Chief Minister today who cannot even say ‘Jai Telangana’. This is an insult to the martyrs and the movement,” she stated. She accused the Revanth Reddy-led government of under-



mining Telangana’s self-respect and said that Telangana Jagruti would launch a sustained protest until the Chief Minister officially pays tribute to the martyrs of the statehood movement. “Our fight will not stop. Jagruti will lead the charge to expose every conspiracy being hatched against Telangana and its resources,” she declared. Kavitha reiterated that Telangana Jagruti will remain active in safeguarding the identity and dignity of the state. “This movement will continue until justice is done to the spirit of Telangana,” she affirmed.



## Women Congress Workers Meet TPCC Chief at Gandhi Bhavan

**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**  
A review meeting of women Congress workers was held at Gandhi Bhavan under the leadership of TPCC President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud, along with Telangana Women Congress President Sunita Rao. The meeting focused on the representation of women in party committees and their active role in the Telangana Congress structure. During the interaction, several women workers appealed to the TPCC leadership for greater inclusion in party committees. Responding to their concerns, TPCC Chief Mahesh Kumar Goud assured them that the party is committed to giving due recognition to senior women leaders. He affirmed, “We will definitely provide a place to senior women workers. We will also discuss women’s roles and positions with Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and ensure that appropriate opportunities are given.” He emphasized that hard work would not go unnoticed within the party and assured that those who contribute sincerely would be rewarded with rightful positions. He also warned that involvement alone was not enough—without regular participation in training and activities, those members may face removal from the party. Mahesh Kumar Goud further stressed the importance of patience and discipline in politics. He also pointed out that the Pradesh Congress Committee (PAC) had given fair representation to all castes, reflecting the party’s inclusive approach. The meeting served as a platform for open dialogue, with women leaders sharing their expectations and the TPCC reaffirming its intention to strengthen women’s role in the party machinery.



# Telangana Formation Day

CM Revanth, Miss World Opal Suchatha Attend Governor’s Tea Party  
CM Revanth Reddy, ministers, IAS-IPS officials present

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Marking the Telangana State Formation Day, Governor Jishnu Dev Varma hosted a grand tea party at Raj Bhavan in Hyderabad on Monday. The event witnessed the presence of prominent state dignitaries, including Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and other key ministers, alongside international celebrities who added a special sparkle to the celebrations. The presence of Miss World 2024, Opal Suchatha from Thailand, and

her fellow titleholders turned many heads at the gathering. First runner-up Hassett Dereje from Ethiopia, second runner-up Maya Klyda from Poland, and third runner-up Aurelie Joachim from Martinique were also present, making the event internationally vibrant. Among the state leaders, Ministers Ponnam Prabhakar and Jupalli Krishna Rao accompanied the Chief Minister. Chief Secretary, Director General of Police (DGP), and other senior IAS and IPS officials were also in atten-

dance, reflecting the significance of the occasion. Film producer Dil Raju and his wife were among the notable personalities from the film industry who took part in the tea party, adding a touch of glamour from the Telugu cinema world. The Raj Bhavan lawns were abuzz with interaction, celebration, and cultural pride as Telangana marked its formation with a symbolic display of progress, diversity, and international camaraderie.



## Telangana Formation Day Celebrations at GHMC Headquarters

- Mayor calls for collective efforts for city's growth
- Major civic projects like H-City, SRDP, SNDP highlighted

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Telangana Formation Day celebrations were held with patriotic fervour at the GHMC headquarters on Monday. Mayor Gadwal Vijayalakshmi, accompanied by Deputy Mayor Mothe Srilatha Shobhan Reddy and GHMC Commissioner R.V. Karnan, hoisted the national flag and received the ceremonial police salute. The program witnessed the participation of several senior officials, including Additional Commissioners Sneha Shabarish, Raghu Prasad, Venugopal, Subhadra Devi, Nalini Padmavati, and others. Addressing the gathering, Mayor Vijayalakshmi extended greetings to the citizens of Hyderabad, freedom fighters, Telangana activists, corporators, and all public representatives. She paid tributes to those who sacrificed their lives in the struggle for statehood, stating, “Many people gave up their lives for Telangana without hesitation. We must honour their sacrifice through our work.” She urged everyone to work with dedication for the development of Telangana and the Greater Hyderabad region. On this occasion, the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Commissioner distributed PPE kits to sanitation, veterinary, and entomology workers. She also outlined the ongoing and upcoming development initiatives by GHMC aimed at transforming Hyderabad into a world-class city. **Among the major initiatives:**  
**H-City:** An ambitious project to control traffic congestion, H-City (Hyderabad Innovative and Transformative Infrastructure) is planned with a budget of ₹7,032 crore. It includes 58 proposed works — 28 flyovers, 13 underpasses, 4 RUBS, 3 ROB,



and 10 road widening projects. Tenders have been issued for these works. **Strategic Road Development Plan (SRDP):** Of the 42 total works taken up under SRDP, 37 have been completed. The Shilpa Layout Phase-2 flyover from Gachibowli ORR to Kondapur, costing ₹178 crore, is nearing inauguration and expected to ease traffic woes in the area. **Strategic Nala Development Programme (SNDP):** The city saw no major flooding last monsoon due to SNDP Phase-1. This phase benefited 150 colonies and nearly 5 lakh citizens with 62 works undertaken at a cost of ₹1,008 crore. Of the 39 GHMC-area works, 29 are complete. The second phase will include 415 works to develop 451.23 km of drains at an estimated cost of ₹5,135 crore. **Engineering Maintenance:** GHMC is executing 10,154 works worth ₹2,668 crore in FY 2024–25. Over 5,300 works have been completed, and the rest are in progress.



**Roads:** GHMC has undertaken 3,806 road development works at a cost of ₹1,046.91 crore. Of these, 1,680 projects worth ₹485.05 crore are completed. **Water Logging Points:** To address water stagnation and traffic problems, GHMC undertook 10 water logging projects, some with capacities up to 10 lakh litres, at a cost of ₹13.99 crore. Works worth ₹1.70 crore are still in progress. **Beautification Works:** Efforts to enhance the city's image are ongoing, including artistic installations, mural paintings, and beautification of flyovers and junctions across Hyderabad. Mayor Vijayalakshmi concluded her address by reaffirming GHMC's commitment to the city's inclusive and sustainable development, while remembering the spirit of Telangana's formation and the continued role of civic institutions in honouring that legacy.

## Cygnnet Superspeciality Clinic Inaugurated in Hyderabad

Commissioner Ranganath and Suman TV CMD  
Suman inaugurate the clinic

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad  
A new chapter in accessible healthcare began in Hyderabad with the grand inauguration of Cygnnet Superspeciality Clinic on Sunday. Located beside the Erragadda Metro Station, the clinic was inaugurated by Hyderabad HYDRAA Commissioner Sri A.V. Ranganath IPS and Sri Dudi Suman, Chairman and Managing Director of Suman TV, in the presence of several esteemed medical professionals and dignitaries. The brainchild of Dr. Raghu Kishore, a renowned cardiologist and the clinic's Managing Director, the Cygnnet Superspeciality Clinic aims to provide affordable and high-quality medical care, especially to the underprivileged. Dr. Susmitha, a specialist nephrologist, and a dedicated team of doctors joined Dr. Kishore in launching the clinic with a strong focus on service and medical excellence. Commissioner A.V. Ranganath, speaking at the event, commended Dr. Raghu Kishore's decade-long dedication to the medical field. “I’ve observed his sincere service for over 15 years. During the COVID-19 crisis, he worked tirelessly in rural Telangana as part of government health camps. His passion is admirable, and this clinic will surely serve many in need across Hyderabad,” he stated. Sri Dudi Suman, CMD of Suman TV, praised the young cardiologist's efforts, saying, “Dr. Raghu, at such a young age, has set an inspiring example through his commitment to the people. I believe this clinic will become a trusted name across Hyderabad and Telangana.” Former public service member Mr. Vital expressed confidence in the clinic's future. “This is just the beginning. With this level of commitment and expertise, I believe the clinic will soon grow into a full-fledged superspeciality hospital,” he noted. The clinic will focus primarily on cardiology and nephrology, but also offers a range of other medical specialties. It promises to bring world-class healthcare within reach for economically weaker sections, ensuring that quality medical attention is not a privilege but a right. Cygnnet Superspeciality Clinic stands as a new beacon of hope in the city's healthcare landscape—anchored in compassion, service, and clinical excellence.



## Premium Homes Hold Strong as Hyderabad Sees Dip in Sales



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Hyderabad's residential property market witnessed a decline in April 2025, registering a 12% year-on-year (YoY) drop in the number of residential property transactions, according to Knight Frank India's latest monthly report. The total value of these registrations also fell by 4% compared to April last year, standing at ₹4,148 crore. Despite the moderation in volume, the premium housing segment—homes priced above ₹1 crore—remained a key

pillar of the market, contributing 51% of the total registered value. The number of such premium units grew by 2% YoY and made up 20% of overall registrations in April 2025, compared to 17% in the same period last year. The report highlighted a noticeable tilt toward high-end property purchases in districts like Medchal-Malkajgiri, Rangareddy, and Sangareddy. This growing preference for luxury homes reflects buyer confidence in long-term value assets, especially in prime areas.

In terms of size, homes in the 1,000–2,000 sq. ft. range dominated April's registrations, accounting for 67% of all transactions. Homes larger than 2,000 sq. ft. also saw growing interest, representing 18% of total registrations—up from 15% in April 2024. District-wise, Rangareddy emerged as the leader with 48% of total registrations, followed by Medchal-Malkajgiri at 36%, and Hyderabad district trailing at 15%. The comparative monthly registration data indicates a declining trend in the first four months of 2025 versus 2024. April 2025 saw 5,886 units registered against 6,696 units in April 2024. The value of registrations also slipped from ₹4,310 crore in April 2024 to ₹4,148 crore this year. Commenting on the trends, Shishir Bajjal, Chairman and Managing Director of Knight Frank India, stated, “While there was a marginal decline in sales volumes, the demand for premium homes continues to be resilient, indicating underlying market strength.” These figures suggest that even as the broader market sees fluctuations, the premium housing segment is acting as a stabilizing force in Hyderabad's real estate landscape.

## Telangana State Formation Day Celebrations in DGP Office

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On the occasion of Telangana State Formation Day, celebrations were held with great respect and patriotism at the Director General of Police (DGP) office on Monday morning. On this occasion, CID and In-charge Coordination Inspector General of Police Sri M. Srinivasulu IPS, hoisted the national flag. Telangana state song was sung and the national flag was saluted. On the occasion of Formation Day, the IGP spoke to the officers, recalling the progress achieved by the state and the role of the police department. On this occasion, IGP Shri M. Srinivasulu said – “The struggle for the formation of the Telangana state was full of sacrifices. IGP said that the police department plays a key role in the development achieved by this state. He believed that development can happen only when law and order is in order. AIG Admin Sri Nagaraju, Additional SPs, DSPs, DGP office officials and staff were present and participated in these celebrations.





# President, PM Extend Greetings on Telangana Formation Day

Telangana celebrates 11<sup>th</sup> Formation Day with grand events  
AP CM Chandrababu, Dy CM Pawan Kalyan express special wishes

TPN Correspondent | Telangana

Telangana is celebrating its 11th Formation Day today, commemorating its emergence as India's 29th state on June 2, 2014. Grand celebrations are underway across the state to mark the occasion. Political leaders, national dignitaries, and celebrities took to social media to extend their heartfelt greetings to the people of Telangana. President Droupadi Murmu conveyed her wishes by highlighting the state's cultural strength and rapid progress. "This young state has a rich cultural heritage and a powerful modern ecosystem for economic and technological development. I wish the people of Telangana to move forward on the path of progress and prosperity," she posted on X (formerly Twitter). Prime Minister Narendra Modi also extended his

greetings, praising Telangana's contributions to the nation. "Telangana is known for making countless efforts for national progress. In the last decade, the NDA government has taken many steps to increase the 'ease of living' of the people of the state. I wish that God blesses the people of the state with success and prosperity," he said. From Andhra Pradesh, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu shared a thoughtful message emphasizing unity among Telugu people despite bifurcation. "My best wishes to the people of Telangana who are celebrating their 11th Statehood Day. The two Telugu states should compete in development and reach the top by Vikasith Bharat-2047," he wrote. Deputy Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh and Jana Sena Party chief Pawan



Kalyan struck an emotional chord in his message. Calling Telangana the land that gave him "rebirth" and fueled the spirit of his political movement, he remembered the sacrifices of students and youth in the formation of the state. "As the state completes 11 years, I extend my greetings wishing the people to move forward on the path of welfare and development," he stated.

Telangana CM Revanth Reddy and former CM K. Chandrashekar Rao also conveyed their wishes, joining the chorus of voices honoring the state's journey since its inception. The day remains significant not just for Telangana, but also for Telugu-speaking people everywhere who reflect on the region's rich history and aspirations for future growth.

# Khammam Set for Major Transformation Under Telangana Vision 2047

TPN Correspondent | Khammam  
Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka addressed the public at Khammam district headquarters on the occasion of Telangana State Formation Day. He paid tribute to the martyrs who sacrificed their lives for statehood and highlighted key achievements and development plans under the leadership of CM Revanth Reddy. Calling the Telangana Rising-2047 Vision Document the "Bhagavad Gita of Telangana," the Deputy CM said it will be a guiding light for transforming the state's future. He stated that Telangana has reached a new milestone in power consumption, with the peak demand touching 17,162 MW in 2024, compared to 16,877 MW previously. The state expects demand to rise to 24,215 MW by 2030, for which a five-year power action plan is already in motion with new substations and transmission lines underway. Highlighting the Telangana Clean and Green Energy Policy 2025, introduced on January 11, he said that green energy projects with a combined capacity of 20,000 MW will be established by 2030. Additionally, under the Indira Mahila Shakti program, 1,000 MW of solar power capacity will be set up by women's self-help groups, starting with a pilot phase of 64 MW across dis-



tricts. The government is also extending free electricity to households consuming under 115 units per month, benefiting 50.73 lakh families at a cost of ₹2,293 crore. As part of the Indira Solar Girijala Vikasam scheme, solar panels will be installed on lands belonging to 10,000 farmers annually. In Achampeta mandal alone, solar plants are being installed for 42,000 agricultural connections. "This will ensure farmers not only get free power but also a monthly income," he said. He concluded by emphasizing that under the leadership of CM Revanth Reddy, Khammam and the entire state are on a path of inclusive growth and long-term vision.

## Youth ends life after Father denied to buy BMW

TPN Correspondent | Siddipet

A heart-wrenching tragedy has unfolded in Chatlapalli village of Jagadevpur mandal in Siddipet district, where a 21-year-old youth ended his life after his father refused to buy him a BMW. The deceased, identified as Johnny, son of Kanakaiah, reportedly consumed insecticide out of frustration when his father offered to buy a Maruti Swift instead of the luxury vehicle he had asked for. According to police and family sources, Johnny had recently expressed a strong desire to own a BMW. His father, unable to afford such an expensive car, tried to reason with him and instead offered to purchase a Swift within their financial means. A few days ago, Kanakaiah even took Johnny to a car showroom in Siddipet to show him the Swift model. However, Johnny was reportedly disappointed with the car and returned home dejected. In a tragic turn of events, he later consumed insecticide in a fit of emotional distress. His family members, upon discovering his condition, rushed him to RVM Hospital in Mulugu for emergency treatment. Despite medical efforts, Johnny succumbed to the poisoning and passed away while undergoing treatment. Local police have registered a case and have launched an investigation into the incident.

## Farmers Panel Reviews Seed Issue

TPN Correspondent | Mulugu

A Zoom meeting was held under the chairmanship of Farmers Commission Chairman Kodanda Reddy to discuss the pending compensation for farmers affected by seed production activities in Mulugu district. The meeting witnessed the participation of key officials including Agriculture Director Gopi, Seed Corporation Chairman Anvesh Reddy, ITDA Project Officer Chitra Mishra, Director of Seeds Keshavulu, Farmers Commission Member Bhumi Sunil, Commission Advisors Ramanjaneyulu, Donthi Narasimha Reddy, M. Srinivas Reddy, Advocate Ramachandra Reddy, and other commission officials. Chairman Kodanda Reddy expressed serious concern over the prolonged delay in compensating the farmers who suffered due to faulty seed production practices. He criticised the attitude of multinational seed companies and stated that the commission is growing increasingly impatient with the lack of accountability shown by these corporations. During the review, the Farmers Commission pointed out the lack of progress in resolving the issue, especially in finalising compensation and completing selection processes. The delay was described as unacceptable, and the commission stressed the urgent need to uphold farmers' rights. The Mulugu Collector participated in the session and briefed the commission on the developments made so far in the case. However, the commission was reportedly dissatisfied with the current pace of action.



# 5 Tons of Fish Die After Poisoning in Suryapet Pond

TPN Correspondent | Suryapet

A shocking incident has come to light in Sheetla Thanda of Chilukuri mandal, Suryapet district, where unknown miscreants poisoned a fish pond, resulting in the death of nearly 5 tons of fish. The pond, owned by local Congress leader and farmer Banoth Krishna, had been a source of livelihood under the employment guarantee scheme for the past three years. Krishna had set up the fish pond in a 30-kunta area on his farmland, investing close to ₹3 lakh in fish farming. On Sunday night, unidentified persons reportedly sprayed toxic pellets into the pond, leading to a massive loss. By Monday morning, all the fish were found dead, floating on the

surface of the water. Devastated by the incident, Krishna lodged a complaint with the local police, seeking swift action. He appealed to authorities to identify and punish those responsible for the act and to provide him with justice and compensation. Local villagers and supporters believe the attack may have been politically motivated. Krishna, who is currently the village president from the Congress party, is known for his active involvement in local politics. Some villagers suspect that rivals who were unable to accept his growing influence may have carried out the act out of spite and vengeance. The police have registered a case and begun an investigation.



Meanwhile, the incident has sparked tension in the area, with locals demanding justice for the farmer and stricter measures to prevent such sabotage of livelihoods in the future.

# Sridhar Babu salutes martyrs, outlines CM's 2047 vision

TPN Correspondent | Karimnagar

Hon'ble Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu extended warm greetings to the people of Karimnagar on the occasion of Telangana State Formation Day, addressing a large gathering of citizens, public representatives, students, and officials. Paying homage to the martyrs of the Telangana movement, he praised their sacrifice and reaffirmed the government's commitment to fulfilling their dreams. The Minister highlighted the visionary "Telangana Rising - 2047" plan, presented by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy at the recent NITI Aayog meeting. The plan aims to transform the state into a global development model with a focus on welfare, inclusive policymaking, world-class infrastructure, and transparent governance. Telangana is marching forward on this roadmap with progressive initiatives in every sector. One of the key missions he elaborated on was women empow-



erment through the Mahalakshmi scheme. Free RTC travel for women, subsidised LPG at ₹500, 200 units of free electricity, and construction of Indiramma houses are among the benefits already reaching lakhs of women. In Karimnagar alone, 4.3 crore women availed free travel, saving ₹158 crore. Over 7,600 SHGs received ₹785 crore, and nearly ₹66 crore in Streenidhi loans helped women start ventures in food, dairy, and poultry sectors.

The Minister noted that in just eight months, the Congress government waived ₹20,617 crore in farm loans for 25.35 lakh farmers. In Karimnagar, ₹605 crore was waived for over 77,000 farmers. Under Rythu Bharosa, ₹132 crore was disbursed to 1.65 lakh farmers. Telangana also achieved record paddy procurement, with 3.08 lakh metric tonnes purchased through 328 centres and ₹716 crore credited to nearly 52,000 farmers in the district.

He also spoke on social justice reforms, including the caste census and implementation of Scheduled Caste categorisation. The proposal for 42% BC reservations stands as a national first. For youth, 60,000 government jobs have been given in one year, and ₹3 lakh crore worth of private industrial investments are set to create one lakh new jobs. Karimnagar students are receiving free coaching and resources for competitive exams, and a new Young India Model School is coming up in Manakondur. Other achievements include the sanction of 11,575 Indiramma houses from 77,000 applications, free surgeries worth ₹22.33 crore under Aarogyasri for over 7,800 people, and 200 units of free power to 1.64 lakh families, costing ₹74 crore to the government. He concluded by thanking CM Revanth Reddy and all contributors to Telangana's progress, reiterating the state's resolve to move forward with pride, purpose, and people-first governance.



# India's GDP Growth Slows to 6.5% in 2024-25

Missing \$5 Trillion Target and Overstated Economic Rankings



The National Statistical Office (NSO) recently released India's GDP estimates for 2024-25, revealing a real GDP growth of 6.5%, significantly down from 9.2% in 2023-24—a sharp 30% loss of momentum in just one year. Despite claims by Indian officials like NITI Aayog CEO B.V.R. Subrahmanyam and G20 Sherpa Amitabh Kant, echoed by the Prime Minister, that India has overtaken Japan to become the world's fourth-largest economy, this assertion is premature and inaccurate.

The slowdown signals a tough start to Modi 3.0 (2024-2029) after the mixed results of Modi 2.0 (2019-2024). While the previous five years saw an overall GDP growth of just 4.75%, the last two years showed promise with average growth of

8.4%. However, this momentum has faltered in 2024-25, with growth expected to hover around 6-6.5% in 2025-26 as well.

Several worrying trends emerge from the data. Manufacturing growth has tumbled to 4.5%, down from 12.3% the previous year, while trade, commerce, financial, and real estate sectors are also slowing. Moreover, the artificial boost from net taxes (high tax growth and subsidy cuts) is waning. Investment growth is moderating too, which could affect construction and related sectors.

These signals suggest India's GDP growth may remain stuck in the 5.5-6.5% range during Modi 3.0, far from the high expectations.

India's ambitious \$5 trillion GDP target for 2024-25, set in 2019, has clearly been missed. The country's GDP in dollar terms stood at \$3.91 trillion in 2024-25, far short of the goal. While India is projected to surpass Japan's GDP around 2026-27, it remains a lower middle-income country with a per capita income of \$2,540, much poorer than high-income nations like Japan and Germany.

Despite optimistic IMF forecasts, India still faces significant challenges before realizing its \$10 trillion economy dream by the mid-2030s. The popular vision of a 'Viksit Bharat' (developed India) remains elusive, underscoring the need for realistic goals and sustained economic reforms.

## The Future of Warfare: Armies and Algorithms



The face of war is rapidly evolving. The next conflict may no longer begin with jets or missiles but with a few lines of code. Artificial intelligence (AI) is already transforming battlefields globally, with AI-powered drones and automated systems changing how conflicts are waged.

Unlike traditional weapons, AI is accessible, decentralized, and adaptable. A single machine-learning model can be repurposed for surveillance, misinformation campaigns, or even targeted strikes. This diffusion of military power beyond nation-states to data centers and cloud servers marks a fundamental shift in warfare.

Conflict today extends beyond physical borders. AI tools manipulate digital spaces—deepfake videos stir unrest, social media bots inflame tensions, and cyberattacks threaten critical infrastructure such as power grids and hospitals. The battlefield now includes information systems and public discourse, blurring the line between peace and conflict. This transformation poses serious challenges for law and security. International humanitarian laws like the Geneva Conventions were designed for conventional warfare and are ill-equipped to govern AI-driven conflicts. Questions about accountability arise—who is responsible if an autonomous drone causes civilian casualties? The commander, programmer, or the machine itself?

Moreover, AI's dual-use nature means it can serve both civilian and military purposes. Domestically, politically motivated groups can exploit AI to disrupt elections or cripple infrastructure without physical weapons, raising internal security concerns.

AI also redefines power dynamics. While large governments and corporations currently dominate AI, its open-source development threatens traditional monopolies. AI can decentralize innovation but also concentrate power through surveillance capitalism and militarization. India must lead in shaping ethical AI governance. With its strong IT sector and democratic values, India should advocate for bans on fully autonomous lethal weapons, clear accountability, and cyber resilience. Military forces need deep AI literacy to avoid overreliance on opaque technologies vulnerable to errors or manipulation.

The wars of the future will be fought not just on battlefields, but in algorithms and digital platforms.

## Kamal Haasan's Linguistic Gaffe: Popularity Of Language Not Gauged By Antiquity But Usage

During the audio launch of his upcoming film Thug Life in Chennai, veteran actor Kamal Haasan stirred controversy by stating, "Kannada was born out of Tamil." This remark triggered sharp criticism from pro-Kannada groups in Karnataka, highlighting the sensitivity surrounding language identity in the region.

Haasan began his speech by declaring, "My life and my family are the Tamil language." He then addressed Kannada actor Shiva Rajkumar, saying, "Your language (Kannada) was born out of Tamil, so you too are a part of it (my family)." While Haasan's intention seemed to promote cultural unity between the neighboring states of Tamil Nadu and Karnataka, the statement backfired and ignited tensions instead.

This comment comes amid ongoing protests in Tamil Nadu against the three-language policy under NEP 2020, where many fear the imposition of Hindi. The protests emphasize that no language should be considered superior or imposed on others. Haasan's assertion that Kannada originated from Tamil appeared to place Tamil on a higher pedestal as the "source" language, which runs counter to the very essence of these protests advocating for linguistic equality.

The strong reaction from pro-Kannada groups must be understood in the context of historical and social tensions. During the 1990s, there was growing unease among Kannadigas over Tamil migration into Bengaluru. Many Kannadigas felt Tamils were not making sufficient efforts to learn Kannada, raising concerns about the survival and respect for Kannada lan-



guage and culture. Pro-Kannada organizations demanded government action to protect and promote Kannada within Karnataka.

In reality, linguistic experts agree that Tamil and Kannada are sister languages, both evolving separately over thousands of years. Languages naturally evolve and take diverse forms, each with their own distinct history and community of speakers. Debates about which language came first are largely unproductive and ignore the complex and intertwined histories of the Dravidian languages.

Ultimately, Kamal Haasan's statement, though likely intended as a gesture of unity, sparked a debate that many believe wastes time better spent on fostering mutual respect among languages and cultures.

## Limiting Screen Time: Balancing Traditional Teaching with Controlled Digital Use

In today's digital era, smartphones have become an inseparable part of daily life, especially influencing communication within families and among adolescents. With India's adolescent population now reaching 253 million, it is vital to understand how digital media affects their social relationships and emotional well-being.

This generation of adolescents is the first to grow up fully immersed in digital technology. Research data shows that 86% of Indian teens own smartphones, and over 30% spend more than six hours a day online. Social media platforms like Instagram dominate their digital usage, with 72% of adolescents exhibiting signs of social media addiction.

While digital connectivity al-

lows teens to stay in touch with friends—81% use social media for this purpose—the downside is significant. Only 61% communicate regularly with their family members. This growing dependence on virtual interactions is contributing to a decline in meaningful face-to-face communication, leading to weaker family bonds and increasing emotional distance between parents and children.

Parents are increasingly concerned about their children's screen dependence, noting challenges such as difficulty in maintaining eye contact and engaging in deep, meaningful conversations. These changes in communication patterns highlight the need for a balanced approach that integrates traditional teaching methods with controlled digital

exposure. Limiting screen time is not about cutting off technology altogether but about finding a healthy middle ground. Encouraging adolescents to engage in offline activities and family interactions can help restore the emotional connection that digital communication sometimes lacks. Schools and parents can work together to promote digital literacy while emphasizing the importance of real-world relationships.

In conclusion, combining traditional teaching with mindful use of digital media offers a way forward. By managing screen time effectively, families can nurture stronger bonds and support adolescents in developing healthy communication skills in both digital and real-world environments.





# PM Modi to Convene High-Level Meeting on India's Diplomatic Outreach

Regarding Pahalgam Attacks and Operation Sindoor

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to hold a high-level meeting with members of the multi-party delegations that were recently dispatched to 33 countries. This strategic initiative forms part of India's diplomatic effort to brief the international community on the recent Pahalgam terror attacks and Operation Sindoor, a critical security operation.

According to sources familiar with the matter, the meeting is expected to take place in New Delhi on either June 9 or 10. The gathering will bring together a cross-section of India's political and diplomatic leadership to assess the progress of these diplomatic missions and plan further steps.

The multi-party delegations sent abroad comprise members of Parliament from various political parties, senior government officials, and experienced diplomats.



These teams were entrusted with the sensitive task of engaging foreign governments, international organizations, and influential stakeholders to present India's perspective on the recent developments related to national security.

India's outreach aims to highlight the gravity of the Pahalgam terror

attacks, which shook the region and drew widespread condemnation, as well as to provide detailed insights into Operation Sindoor — a decisive action taken to counter terrorism and restore peace. By briefing global partners, India hopes to strengthen international cooperation against terrorism and build support for its security pol-

icies.

Officials indicate that the upcoming meeting will be a platform for the Prime Minister to receive detailed reports from the delegation members regarding their interactions, feedback received, and any concerns raised by the countries visited. It will also serve to align future diplomatic efforts to maintain a unified and robust international response.

This high-level meeting underscores India's proactive diplomatic approach in addressing terrorism and ensuring its narrative reaches a broad global audience. It reflects the government's commitment to safeguarding national security while fostering collaborative partnerships worldwide. The outcomes of this session will likely shape India's diplomatic strategy in the weeks to come, reinforcing its stance against terror and its resolve to uphold peace and stability in the region.



## Kamal Haasan Approaches Court for 'Thug Life' Release Protection Amid Kannada Language Row

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Actor-politician Kamal Haasan has moved the Karnataka High Court seeking protection to ensure the smooth release of his upcoming film Thug Life, scheduled to hit theatres on June 5, amid rising protests over his recent comments regarding the Kannada language.

The controversy erupted during the film's audio launch in Chennai on May 24, where Haasan remarked that "Tamil gave birth to Kannada." This statement triggered a sharp backlash across Karnataka, with pro-Kannada groups staging protests in cities like Bengaluru, Belagavi, Hubballi, and Mysuru. Demonstrators demanded a public apology, calling Haasan's remarks disrespectful and historically insensitive.

The Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce (KFCC) responded with a stern warning, stating that Thug Life would not be permitted to release in Karnataka unless Haasan issues a formal apology. The controversy further escalated when Karnataka's Kannada and Culture Minister, Shivaraj Tangadagi, wrote to the KFCC recommending a ban on all Kamal Haasan films in the state if he fails to express regret.

Despite the uproar, Haasan, 70, has stood by his comments while offering clarification. Speaking in Chennai, he stated, "I think what I said was said with a lot of love. Historians have taught me the language's history... I didn't mean anything offensive." His remarks were intended to reflect historical linguistic connections, he claimed, not to disparage Kannada.

However, the clarification has done little to pacify cultural activists and political leaders in Karnataka, many of whom argue that the comment is emblematic of Tamil linguistic chauvinism. "Despite the actor's stature, the people of Karnataka cannot tolerate his remarks on their land, water, and language," Minister Tangadagi asserted.

Faced with a potential ban on his film, Haasan has now turned to legal channels, requesting judicial protection for Thug Life's theatrical release in Karnataka. The court is expected to hear the plea later this week, just days before the scheduled premiere.

The row underscores the fragile nature of inter-state linguistic sensitivities in southern India and raises broader questions about artistic freedom, historical interpretation, and regional identity.

# Paraguay President Santiago Pena Palacios Begins First State Visit to India

To Strengthen Bilateral Ties

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President of Paraguay, Santiago Pena Palacios, arrived in New Delhi on June 2, 2025, for his first-ever state visit to India. He was accorded a ceremonial welcome with a Guard of Honour at Palam Air Force Station and warmly received by Minister of State Harsh Vardhan Malhotra, underscoring the growing friendship between the two nations.

The visit, which will continue until June 4, aims to deepen and expand cooperation across political, economic, and cultural domains. At the invitation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, President Pena is accompanied by a high-level delegation including ministers, senior officials, and business leaders.

During his stay in Delhi, President Pena will hold high-level talks with Prime Minister Modi and other senior Indian officials



to review the full spectrum of India-Paraguay relations. As part of the visit's formalities, Prime Minister Modi will host a lunch in his honour, while President Droupadi Murmu is also expected to meet the visiting dignitary and host a banquet. Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar and External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar are scheduled to meet with President Pena, reflecting

the importance India places on this diplomatic engagement.

Following the official engagements in the capital, President Pena will travel to Mumbai, where he will interact with state political leaders, business representatives, startups, innovators, and technology experts. This leg of the visit aims to foster economic ties and promote innova-

tion and industry collaboration between the two countries.

India and Paraguay have enjoyed warm bilateral relations since establishing diplomatic ties in 1961. Their cooperation spans sectors such as trade, agriculture, health, pharmaceuticals, and information technology. Paraguay remains a key trading partner for India in Latin America, with several Indian companies actively engaged in the Paraguayan automobile and pharmaceutical industries. Similarly, Paraguayan enterprises, often through joint ventures, maintain a presence in India, bolstering economic links.

Both countries share aligned views on global challenges, including United Nations reforms, climate change, renewable energy, and counterterrorism efforts. President Pena's visit is expected to reinforce this partnership and explore new avenues for collaboration on regional and international issues.

# 'Bharat Gen': India Launches Indigenous AI Model for Multilingual Innovation

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In a significant step toward strengthening India's AI capabilities, Union Science and Technology Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh on Monday launched 'Bharat Gen', an indigenous AI-based Large Language Model (LLM) tailored for Indian languages. The launch marks a pivotal moment in India's digital transformation journey, with a focus on inclusivity, ethics, and cultural relevance.

Developed under the National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems (NM-ICPS), Bharat Gen has been implemented through the TIH Foundation for IoT and IoE at IIT Bombay. The initiative is supported by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) and involves collaboration with a consortium of premier academic institutions, researchers, and tech innovators across the country.

Speaking at the launch, Dr. Singh described Bharat Gen as a "national mission to create AI that is ethical, inclusive, multilingual, and deeply rooted in Indian values and ethos." The platform supports 22 Indian languages and integrates text, speech, and image modalities, offering a comprehensive suite of AI capabilities that can be deployed across diverse sectors. "This initiative will empower key sectors like



healthcare, education, agriculture, and e-governance by providing AI solutions that are region-specific and linguistically accessible," Dr. Singh said. He added that the model is designed to democratize AI, ensuring its benefits reach even the remotest corners of the country.

Citing a real-world application from his constituency in Udhampur, Dr. Singh shared a success story where an AI-powered virtual doctor provided medical consultations in local dialects. "This not only builds trust among rural patients but also has a placebo-like psychological effect, significantly improving healthcare outcomes," he said.

Bharat Gen also plays a transformative role in grassroots governance. The minister highlighted the integration of multilingual feedback systems with public grievance platforms like CPGRAMS, enhancing citizen participation and transparency in administrative processes.

# India Sees Nearly 4,000 Active COVID-19 Cases as Kerala and Maharashtra Lead Surge

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

India currently has 3,961 active COVID-19 cases, according to the Health Ministry's latest data, with 203 new cases reported since Sunday. The recent rise in cases is primarily driven by Kerala and Maharashtra, which are witnessing the highest numbers of active infections.

Kerala tops the list with 1,435 active cases, followed by Maharashtra at 506 cases. Maharashtra has reported three recent COVID-related deaths, including a 67-year-old man suffering from severe pneumonia and a 21-year-old with diabetic ketoacidosis. The national capital, New Delhi, has recorded 483 active cases and two deaths—a 60-year-old woman recovering from intestinal surgery and a 22-year-old woman with pre-existing lung disease due to tuberculosis.

Other states showing significant numbers include Gujarat with 338 cases, West Bengal with 331, Karnataka at 253, and Tamil Nadu with 189 cases and two deaths involving patients with comorbidities. Northern states such as Uttar Pradesh have 157 active cases, Punjab six (including one death), Rajasthan 69, Puducherry 38, and Haryana 28.



Hospitals are reinforcing preparedness measures. At Delhi's Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, Dr. Pawan Kumar, head of the COVID-19 unit, confirmed they have a dedicated 9-bed isolation ward and have recently discharged four recovered patients. He reassured the public that most cases remain mild and stressed the importance of consulting a doctor and getting tested if symptoms appear.

Union Minister of State for Health and AYUSH, Prataprao Jadhav, emphasized that the central government is fully prepared to manage any escalation. He noted that infrastructure established during earlier COVID waves—such as oxygen plants and ICU beds—has been reviewed and enhanced to ensure readiness. While the case load remains manageable, health authorities continue to closely monitor the situation across states.





## Indian-Origin Restaurateur Asma Khan Features in Guinness World Record-Setting Song ‘195’

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India-born British chef and restaurateur Asma Khan has joined an extraordinary global initiative that set a new Guinness World Record for the most nationalities contributing vocals to a single musical recording. The song, titled “195”, features women from all 195 countries and aims to raise awareness about gender equality while sparking a worldwide movement focused on healing through sound frequencies.

“195” was produced by The Frequency School, a collaboration of US Grammy-nominated producer Maejor alongside Martina Fuchs, Kingsley M, Brandon Lee, and Aaron Dawson. The song premiered at the 55th Annual Meeting of the World Economic Forum (WEF) held in Davos-Klosters, Switzerland, in January 2025. Martina Fuchs, the executive producer, shared her vision of uniting ordinary women worldwide to promote women’s rights and support mental health through this pioneering musical project.

Asma Khan stands out not only as a key contributor to this landmark recording but also as one of the UK’s most influential female chefs. She is the founder and owner of Darjeeling Express, a popular London restaurant celebrated for its all-female kitchen and authentic homestyle Indian cuisine inspired by Khan’s family recipes and Kolkata heritage.

Khan’s culinary journey has received global recognition. In 2024, *TIME* magazine named her among the 100 most influential people in the world. Beyond her work in the kitchen, she is a passionate advocate for the United Nations World Food Programme. She has also been honored with fellowships from prestigious institutions such as Queen’s College, Oxford, and King’s College London, where she completed her PhD in British Constitutional Law.

This powerful collaboration through “195” highlights the transformative potential of music to unite diverse voices in advocating for equality and peace. Asma Khan’s participation underscores her ongoing commitment to creating positive social impact both inside and outside the culinary world.

# Bangladesh Unveils New Taka Notes Without Bangabandhu’s Image

### Highlights Hindu and Buddhist Heritage

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In a major symbolic shift, Bangladesh’s interim government on Monday unveiled new currency notes that do not feature the image of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the founding father of the nation widely known as ‘Bangabandhu’. The new banknotes, introduced by Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus, mark the first time since Bangladesh’s independence in 1971 that Mujib’s portrait will be absent from the Taka.

The redesigned currency instead showcases prominent cultural and historical landmarks from across the country, including Hindu and Buddhist temples, in what authorities describe as an effort to “depoliticise” national symbols. This decision has sparked criticism from several quarters, with opponents accusing the Yunus-led interim government of attempting to erase or undermine Sheikh Mujibur Rahman’s legacy.

Since the birth of Bangladesh following the liberation war against



Pakistan, Mujib’s image has been featured on all denominations of the national currency. The sudden departure from this tradition has been seen by many as part of a broader move to reduce the political influence of the Mujib legacy, particularly the Awami League, the party traditionally aligned with

his vision.

Critics also point to recent government actions such as the revision of history textbooks, the removal of Bangabandhu statues from key public spaces, and a diminishing focus on his role in official narratives as evidence of a deliberate

campaign to sideline his contributions to Bangladesh’s independence.

However, government officials have defended the change, claiming it is intended to foster national unity and reflect Bangladesh’s diverse cultural heritage, especially amid growing concerns over the treatment of religious minorities. The inclusion of Islamic, Hindu, and Buddhist sites on the new notes, they argue, reflects the country’s pluralistic identity and architectural richness.

Chief Adviser Yunus shared a preview of the new currency on social media platform X, stating that the notes aim to highlight “historical and archaeological architecture” significant to Bangladesh’s identity. While supporters of the move view it as a progressive step toward inclusive national symbolism, opponents argue that sidelining Sheikh Mujibur Rahman sends a troubling political message during a period of instability and rising international scrutiny.

## Indian-American MIT Student Banned from Graduation Ceremony After Pro-Palestinian Speech

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Megha Vemuri, the 2025 class president at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), was barred from attending her graduation ceremony following a speech condemning the war in Gaza, sparking widespread controversy. Vemuri, an Indian-American student and double major in computation and cognition and linguistics, delivered the speech during the OneMIT Commencement event on May 29, 2025, wearing a keffiyeh, a symbol of pro-Palestinian solidarity.

In her speech, Vemuri praised her peers for protesting the Gaza conflict and criticized MIT’s alleged ties to Israel. However, school officials



said her speech differed significantly from the version she had submitted in advance, accusing her of deliberately misleading organizers and leading a protest from the stage.

As a result, MIT informed Vemuri that she was prohibited from attending the undergraduate cere-

mony on May 30 and barred from campus until the event concluded. The university maintained it supports free expression but stood by its decision, emphasizing that the punishment was warranted due to Vemuri’s actions. She will still receive her degree, which her family confirmed would be mailed to her.

Vemuri expressed disappointment not in missing the ceremony but at MIT’s decision to penalize her without clear policy violations or due process. “I see no need for me to walk across the stage of an institution that is complicit in this genocide,” she stated. Her father highlighted her academic achievements and criticized the university’s actions as hypocritical regarding free

speech. The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) condemned MIT’s move, calling for respect of academic freedom and student voices speaking out against genocide and in support of Palestinian rights.

The incident is part of a broader pattern of campus tensions across the U.S., where students at universities like New York University, Harvard, and Columbia have faced disciplinary actions over pro-Palestinian protests since the Gaza conflict intensified in 2023. This year, MIT introduced stricter rules on protests, reflecting a more stringent approach to unsanctioned demonstrations compared to previous years.

## Australian Deputy PM Richard Marles to Visit India in Key Indo-Pacific Security Push

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Australian Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister Richard Marles will visit India this week as part of a broader four-nation tour aimed at strengthening Canberra’s security and diplomatic ties across South and Southeast Asia. His visit to India marks the first by a senior Australian minister since Prime Minister Anthony Albanese secured a second term in office following the recent parliamentary elections.

Marles’ trip, scheduled from June 2 to 5, will include high-level meetings in India as well as visits to the Maldives, Sri Lanka, and Indonesia. The timing coincides with the fifth anniversary of the Australia-India Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, a key framework underpinning the close cooperation between the two nations in the Indian Ocean region.

“Australia values our relationships with neighbours in the Indo-Pacific. Our deepening cooperation is at the heart of Australia’s approach to ensure the Indo-Pacific remains open, inclusive, and resilient,” Marles said in a statement ahead of the visit. He expressed eagerness to engage with regional leaders and explore ways to collaboratively foster peace, security, and prosperity in the Indo-Pacific, while respecting each country’s sovereignty.

India and Australia have steadily expanded their strategic and economic ties in recent years. The two countries signed the Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA) in 2022, a significant milestone in boosting bilateral trade. Currently, both nations are negotiating a more comprehen-



sive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA) to further deepen economic integration.

Marles’ visit underscores Australia’s commitment to strengthening regional partnerships amid growing geopolitical challenges in the Indo-Pacific. It also reaffirms the importance of the Australia-India relationship within the broader framework of regional security and economic collaboration.

The Deputy Prime Minister’s engagements in India and other key regional capitals reflect Canberra’s strategy to build resilient partnerships, ensure regional stability, and promote shared values in an increasingly complex geopolitical environment.

## South Korea’s Presidential Race Marred by Personal Attacks and Controversies

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South Korea’s presidential election has been overshadowed by bitter personal attacks and controversies, detracting from meaningful policy discussions. The race between the Liberal frontrunner Lee Jae-myung and conservative candidate Kim Moon Soo has turned increasingly hostile, following the ousting of former president Yoon Suk Yeol amid a martial law scandal.

During the final debate, Lee called Kim “Yoon Suk Yeol’s avatar,” while Kim labeled Lee a “harbinger of monster politics and dictatorship.” Trailing in the polls, Kim has focused on criticizing Lee’s economic promises and legal troubles. A seemingly casual comment by Lee about the profitability of coffee shops sparked outrage, with Kim’s party accusing Lee of alienating small business owners. Lee had explained that during his tenure as Gyeonggi governor, he encouraged unlicensed food vendors to transition to legal businesses, using coffee shops as an example of higher profitability.

The election has also been rocked by scandals involving Yoon’s wife, Kim Keon Hee, who is under investigation for allegedly receiving luxury gifts from a Unification Church official. Lee accused Yoon of acting as a “shadow ruler” behind Kim, while Kim avoided directly addressing whether he would pardon Yoon if elected.

Another hot topic is the “room salon” controversy—a symbol of South Korea’s male-oriented nightlife. Lee’s party alleged that a



judge involved in Yoon’s rebellion trial frequented such a bar, raising questions about judicial impartiality. The judge denied wrongdoing, calling his outings ordinary social activities.

Conservative attempts to unify behind a stronger candidate failed, as efforts to replace Kim with former Prime Minister Han Duck-soo were rejected. Kim, calling the move a “political coup,” has since tried to ally with another conservative contender, but Lee has dismissed these overtures.

As Tuesday’s vote approaches, the campaign remains chaotic and contentious, reflecting deep divisions within South Korean politics.



## Markets Trim Losses to End Slightly Lower Amid Positive Cues and Selective Buying

Domestic stock markets closed moderately lower on Monday. The benchmark indices, which started with a huge gap-down due to mixed signals internationally, gradually covered their losses. Nifty 180 and Sensex recovered from an intraday fall of 600 points. This was due to the impact of the GDP print, the possibility of RBI cutting interest rates, and the rupee strengthening against the dollar. Investors bought attractive stocks. Overall, Sensex fell by 77 points and Nifty 34 points.



The BSE Sensex, which closed at 81,451 in the previous session, opened at 81,214 on Monday. It touched an intraday low of 80,654. It reached an intraday high of 81,474. It finally closed at 81,373, down 77 points. The NSE Nifty, which opened at 24,669, touched a low of 24,526 and a high of 24,754. It closed at 24,716, down 34 points. The Nifty Bank rose 153 points to settle at 55,903.

In the Nifty50, 20 companies gained while 30 lost. Adani Ports, Mahindra & Mahindra, Eternal, Power Grid, Hindustan Unilever were the top gainers. Hero Moto, Tech Mahindra, JSW Steel, HDFC Life, Tata Steel were the biggest losers. Realty, PSU Bank, FMCG, Consumer, PSE, Private Bank and Energy indices rose. IT, Metal, Consumer Durables, Pharma, Oil and Finance indices rose.

Market breadth on NSE today was equal for buyers and sellers. Out of a total of 3014 shares traded, 1529 gained and 1402 lost. 68 shares touched their 52-week high and 38 touched their 52-week low. Upper circuit reached 109 and lower circuit reached 103.

Frontier Springs Limited received orders worth Rs. 92 crore from Kapurthala Rail Coach Factory. SPML Company got a project worth Rs. 258 crore from Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply Board. SML Isuzu sold 1543 units in May 2025. Mahindra & Mahindra sold 84,110 units with a growth rate of 17%. Tata Motors sold 70,187 units. Titagarh Rail Systems' revenue was Rs.1035 crore

and net profit was Rs.64 crore. Solar Industries received an order worth Rs.402 crore from Coalindia. Reliance Power and Intellect Design registered new 52-week highs. AstraZeneca Pharma and Indian Bank touched new lifetime highs.

### Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC)

IRFC reported a 4.1% YoY rise in revenue to ₹6,723 crore for Q4 FY25. However, net profit slightly declined by 1.15% YoY to ₹1,681.87 crore. The company's operating margin remains strong at over 99%, reflecting its efficient business model. The board approved a plan to raise ₹60,000 crore in FY26 through various financial instruments.



INDIAN RAILWAY FINANCE CORPORATION

### AU Small Finance Bank

AU Bank posted robust growth in Q4 FY25, with net interest income (NII) up 56.6% YoY to ₹2,093.93 crore. Net profit rose 35.86% YoY to ₹503.7 crore. However, loan loss provisions surged nearly 4x YoY to ₹635 crore, indicating rising credit costs. The bank still maintained healthy profitability, supported by strong growth in advances and a low-cost deposit base.



### Bank of Baroda

Bank of Baroda reported net profit growth of 5.6% YoY to ₹5,419.7 crore

in Q4 FY25. However, NII fell 5.4% YoY to ₹12,072 crore due to margin pressure from rising deposit costs. Despite this, the bank declared a final dividend of ₹8.35 per share. The market reacted negatively to the NIM squeeze, resulting in a significant drop in the share price post-results.



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### Glenmark Pharmaceuticals

Glenmark posted revenue growth of 6.3% YoY in Q4 to ₹3,256.2 crore and a return to profit with ₹4.65 crore, after a loss in the same quarter last year. However, the results missed analyst expectations due to weak performance in key segments. This led to a 3% drop in share price after the results were announced.



### United Breweries Ltd. (UBL)

UBL reported a 7.5% YoY decline in revenue to ₹4,427.2 crore, but net profit rose 20.2% YoY to ₹97.6 crore. The improvement in profitability was driven by cost control and increased beer demand, especially in urban markets. Operating profit rose nearly 52% YoY, and the company remains optimistic about future growth despite industry-wide pricing pressure.



## Tata Motors Reports 8.6% Sales Decline in May 2025, Sells 70,187 Units Amid Profit Drop



Tata Motors on Sunday announced an 8.6% year-on-year decline in vehicle sales for May 2025, continuing the trend of softness in its core domestic market. The company sold a total of 70,187 units in May this year, down from 76,766 units during the same period in 2024, according to an official statement.

The domestic market bore the brunt of the slowdown, with sales falling 10% to 67,429 units in May 2025 from 75,173 units a year ago. Commercial vehicle sales also dipped by 5%, with 28,147 units sold last month compared to 29,691 units in May 2024.

Within the commercial vehicle segment, the domestic sales of medium and heavy commercial vehicles (MH&ICV), including trucks and buses, declined slightly to 12,406 units in May 2025 from 12,987 units in May 2024. However, when exports were factored in, total MH&ICV sales showed a marginal rise to 13,614 units from 13,532 units year-on-year.

These sales figures encompass

the performance of Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Limited and Tata Passenger Electric Mobility Limited, both subsidiaries of Tata Motors Limited.

This sales update follows Tata Motors' recent financial report revealing a sharp 51% drop in consolidated net profit for the fourth quarter (Q4) of FY25. The company reported a net profit of Rs 8,470 crore for January-March 2025, down significantly from Rs 17,407 crore during the same quarter last year. This decline came despite steady revenues and improved performance by its luxury subsidiary, Jaguar Land Rover (JLR).

Tata Motors also declared a final dividend of Rs 6 per equity share for FY25, which is subject to shareholder approval.

On a positive note, JLR's robust demand in North America and Europe offered some respite, delivering a 1.1% increase in sales volume and 2.4% growth in revenue, partially cushioning the overall impact of the sales slump in Tata Motors' domestic business.

## Steel and Aluminium Stocks Drop Up to 2.5% After US Doubles Import Tariffs to 50%

Shares of Indian steel and aluminium companies fell sharply on Monday, following the announcement by US President Donald Trump that the United States will double import tariffs on steel and aluminium products from 25% to 50%, effective June 4, 2025. This move triggered a significant decline in metal stocks, reflecting investor concerns over the impact on exports and profitability.



Among the metal stocks, Hindalco experienced the steepest intraday fall, dropping 2.4% to a low of Rs 633.35. Other major players also saw notable losses: NALCO and Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) slipped 2.2% to Rs 176.40 and Rs 126.40 respectively. JSW Steel and Tata Steel shares declined around 2%, with JSW Steel touching Rs 993.80 and Tata Steel falling to Rs 157.65. Jindal Stainless and NMDC also registered losses of 1.6%, closing at Rs 633.35 and Rs 70.04, respectively.

The tariff hike poses a serious challenge to India's export-oriented metal sector. According to government data, India exported USD 4.56 billion worth of iron, steel, and aluminium products to the US in fiscal year 2025. This includes USD 587.5 million from iron and steel, USD 3.1 billion from articles made of iron or steel, and USD 860 million from aluminium and related products. The increased tariffs threaten to undermine the

competitiveness of these exports in the crucial US market.

The move by the US government is seen as part of broader protectionist trade policies aimed at boosting domestic production but risks sparking retaliatory measures and disrupting global metal supply chains. Analysts warn that Indian metal companies may face reduced demand from the US, impacting revenues and margins, especially in a market already grappling with fluctuating commodity prices and rising input costs.

Investors are closely monitoring the situation as the tariff changes come into effect, with the possibility of further volatility in metal stocks in the coming weeks. The government and industry bodies are expected to engage with US authorities to seek relief and explore alternative markets to mitigate the impact of the tariff increase.

## Rs 2000 Notes Worth Rs 6,181 Crore Still Circulating Two Years After RBI Withdrawal

Despite the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) announcement in May 2023 to withdraw Rs 2000 denomination banknotes from circulation, high-value notes worth Rs 6,181 crore remain in use, official data revealed on Monday. This marks a significant decline from Rs 3.56 lakh crore in circulation at the time of the withdrawal announcement but shows that a small portion of these notes are still legally valid.



On May 19, 2023, the RBI declared the Rs 2000 notes would be withdrawn from circulation. Since then, the total value of these notes in public hands has dropped dramatically, with 98.26% of the currency already returned to the central bank. As of May 31, 2025, Rs 6,181 crore worth of Rs 2000 notes continue to be legal tender and remain in circulation.

The RBI initially allowed the deposit and exchange of Rs 2000 notes at all bank branches up to October 7, 2023. Even after that deadline, the facility remains available at 19 RBI issue offices across the country, enabling holders of these notes to deposit or exchange them.

Moreover, since October 9, 2023, the RBI has permitted individuals and entities to deposit

Rs 2000 notes into their bank accounts through these issue offices. In addition to physical deposits, people can also send Rs 2000 banknotes via India Post from any post office within India directly to RBI issue offices for credit to their bank accounts.

This extended facility aims to ease the process of returning high-value currency, ensuring those holding Rs 2000 notes have ample opportunity to exchange or deposit them legally. The RBI continues to encourage the public to return the remaining notes to the banking system.

The phased withdrawal of Rs 2000 notes was part of the RBI's efforts to manage currency circulation and reduce risks related to unaccounted cash. With over 98% already returned, the move has seen substantial success, even as a small volume remains in circulation.



## Will AI Lead to Humanity’s Decline? Indian-Origin Expert Issues Stark Warning



As artificial intelligence rapidly integrates into everyday life, concerns about its long-term impact on humanity are mounting. Indian-origin computer science professor Subhash Kak, based at Oklahoma State University, has issued a dire warning about the future, predicting that AI could eventually “replace everything” — from jobs to decision-making roles — potentially leading to societal collapse. In an interview with The Sun, Professor Kak predicted a dystopian future where AI renders much of human labor obsolete. He warned that as machines become capable of doing nearly everything humans currently do, birth rates could plummet. “Raising children will seem impractical in a world where jobs are scarce,” he said. If current trends continue, Kak forecasts that by the year 2300 or 2380, the global population could shrink to just 100 million — down from today’s 8 billion — turning once-bustling cities like London and New York into ghost towns. Kak emphasized that while AI will not become conscious, it will still be able to perform most tasks currently done by humans, including complex office

work and decision-making. This transformation, he believes, will be socially devastating and could lead to widespread unemployment and a sense of purposelessness. This projection aligns with earlier warnings from tech figures like Elon Musk, who has expressed concern over declining birth rates and humanity’s reliance on AI. Musk has even suggested that establishing colonies beyond Earth could serve as a safeguard against global catastrophe. Professor Kak’s conclusions draw from his recent book *The Age of Artificial Intelligence*, in which he analyzes how emerging AI tools are already reshaping industries and personal lives. While some, like Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the recent AI Action Summit in Paris, remain optimistic — arguing that technology creates new jobs even as it eliminates old ones — Kak’s perspective offers a sobering counterpoint. As the world grapples with AI’s rise, voices like Kak’s raise critical questions about whether society is prepared for the profound changes ahead.

## Chinese Paraglider’s 8,000-Meter Ascent Video Likely AI-Generated: Investigation Reveals



A viral video that claimed to show a Chinese paraglider accidentally soaring to over 8,000 meters has come under scrutiny, with evidence now suggesting the footage was at least partially generated using artificial intelligence. The incident, initially believed to be an extraordinary real-life survival story, is now being questioned after digital forensics indicated synthetic manipulation. The video in question features Peng Yujiang, a 55-year-old paraglider, allegedly being lifted from 3,000 to nearly 8,000 meters due to unusual wind conditions. According to initial reports, Peng braved freezing temperatures of -40°C and dangerously low oxygen levels, fighting off hypoxia and frostbite to land safely. The remarkable feat quickly captured global attention, with many applauding his resilience and composure under extreme circumstances. However, a deeper investigation by NBC News and AI-verification firm GetReal Labs revealed inconsistencies. A version of the video uploaded to Facebook on May 25 contained a watermark from Doubao AI — a content generation tool owned by ByteDance — raising suspicions about its authenticity. The first five seconds of the video,

showing Peng gliding at high altitude with his legs dangling, were identified as likely AI-generated. “Our Inspect platform analyzed extracted frames and confirmed that certain images are synthetic,” said GetReal Labs, noting that the first few seconds differed significantly in quality and content from the rest of the footage. While the authenticity of the remaining portion of the video is still unclear, several news agencies have taken action. Reuters, which had distributed the clip without the AI watermark, has since removed it. Other outlets followed suit, with some stating they are working to eliminate the footage from circulation due to AI concerns. Peng reportedly used second-hand paragliding gear during the flight, adding to the skepticism surrounding the story’s credibility. Despite initial admiration for his supposed calm under life-threatening conditions, the emerging evidence suggests that the viral video may not reflect reality. The incident serves as a stark reminder of how convincing AI-generated content can be, and underscores the growing need for verification in the digital age.

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## PhD Required for Canteen Manager Job at Top Chinese University Sparks Debate

A leading Chinese university has stirred online buzz after listing a job opening for a canteen office manager — with an unusual requirement: applicants must hold a PhD. Southeast University, a top-tier institution based in Nanjing, Jiangsu province, posted the vacancy on its official website on May 22. While the position itself seems typical — managing food services, overseeing contractors, ensuring food safety, and handling administrative duties — the qualifications listed go far beyond expectations for such a role. Applicants are required to possess a doctoral degree, be proficient in English and office software, and ideally have relevant experience. Preference will also be given to candidates who are members of the Communist Party of China. This hiring choice has spotlighted a growing issue in China’s job market — credential inflation. In recent years, job postings across the coun-



try increasingly demand higher academic qualifications for positions that previously required only undergraduate degrees. What was once a bachelor-level job now often requires a master’s or even a PhD. Southeast University is part of China’s elite “985” and “211” projects — a group of the nation’s top 39 universities, which includes institutions like Tsinghua and Peking. These universities are seen as breeding grounds for China’s academic elite and offer prestigious, secure career paths often referred to as the “golden rice bowl.” A study in Humanities and Social

Sciences Communications noted that Chinese universities have raised the bar for new faculty hires, demanding more advanced degrees and academic achievements. Similarly, research in *Nature* highlighted a marked rise in educational qualifications, especially at elite institutions. This surge in overqualified candidates is a symptom of a larger issue: China produces millions of graduates annually, but the job market is failing to create enough high-skilled roles to accommodate them. As a result, many postgraduates are settling for positions well below their qualifications, leading to underemployment. A BBC report described the resulting tension — young professionals stuck in a market mismatch, chasing job security in an economy that doesn’t match their academic investment. This PhD-for-canteen-manager requirement may be extreme, but it reflects a larger trend reshaping China’s workforce.

## Tinder’s New Height Preference Filter Sparks Controversy Among Users

Tinder is testing a new feature that’s causing quite a stir — a height preference filter that allows users to set their desired height range for potential matches. While still in the testing phase, the feature is being rolled out to a limited group of Tinder Gold and Platinum subscribers, according to a report by TechCrunch.



The update was first spotted by a Reddit user, who found the height option under the app’s Discovery Settings. While the concept seems simple, it’s already sparked debate across social media about the implications of filtering matches based on physical traits — particularly height.

Tinder’s Vice President of Communications, Phil Price Fry, addressed the move, saying it was part of the app’s broader goal to help users “connect more intentionally.” He emphasized that the feature isn’t designed to work as a “hard filter,” meaning

it won’t completely exclude users outside of a person’s set preference. Instead, it’s intended to help surface matches that align more closely with a user’s interests.

“We’re always listening to what matters most to our Tinder users,” Fry said. “Testing the paid height preference is a great example of how we’re building with urgency, clarity, and focus.”

Despite Tinder’s reassurances, the feature has received mixed reactions

online. Critics argue that it encourages superficiality and could reinforce unrealistic dating standards, particularly for men, who often face pressure over their height in online dating scenarios. Others defend the update, saying preferences are a natural part of dating and that similar filters for age, distance, and lifestyle habits already exist.

“This is part of a broader effort to enhance intentional dating,” Fry added. “Not every test becomes a permanent feature, but each one teaches us how to deliver smarter, more personalized experiences.”

Tinder has not confirmed whether the height preference setting will roll out globally or remain exclusive to premium users. For now, the test reflects the app’s ongoing effort to evolve based on user feedback — even if that means courting a little controversy along the way.



## Indian Junior Women’s Hockey Team Falls 2-4 to Argentina in Four Nations Tournament Finale



The Indian junior women’s hockey team concluded its campaign at the Four Nations Tournament with a 2-4 loss to hosts Argentina, in a high-paced match that saw early fireworks and dominant play from the home side.

India’s standout performer was Kanika Siwach, who continued her impressive form by scoring both goals for her team in the 11th and 45th minutes. Despite her efforts, India couldn’t overcome Argentina’s early momentum and attacking prowess.

The match began at a blistering pace, with four goals scored in the first quarter alone. Sol Guignet Gunazu gave Argentina the lead in the 5th minute, followed by Sol Ollala De Labra, who doubled their advantage just two minutes later in the 7th. India responded through Kanika in the 11th minute, narrowing the deficit with a sharp and well-timed finish.

However, Argentina quickly regained control. Milagros del Valle Alastra found the net in the 13th minute, re-establishing the two-goal cushion and ending a

frantic opening quarter with the score at 3-1 in favor of the hosts.

The second quarter saw a dip in tempo, with both teams focusing more on structure and possession, resulting in no goals during the period. Argentina struck again in the third quarter, this time through Maxima Duportal, who extended the lead to 4-1 in the 37th minute.

India showed signs of a comeback late in the third quarter, when Kanika scored her second goal in the 45th minute, bringing the score to 4-2 and offering a glimmer of hope for a late fight-back. However, the Argentine defense held firm during the final quarter, effectively shutting down India’s attacking efforts and securing the win.

With this result, India wrapped up its participation in the tournament, showing flashes of promise but ultimately falling short against a well-drilled Argentine side. Kanika Siwach’s performances remain a bright spot, and her consistency will be a key asset as India continues to build toward future international competitions.

## Glenn Maxwell Retires from ODI Cricket to Focus on T20 World Cup

Australian cricket star Glenn Maxwell has officially announced his retirement from One Day Internationals (ODIs) to focus on T20 cricket, including preparations for the 2026 ICC Men’s T20 World Cup in India and Sri Lanka. The 36-year-old all-rounder said he wanted to step aside “not for selfish reasons” but to allow the next generation to step up as his body struggles with the physical demands of the 50-over format.



Maxwell, known for his explosive batting and handy off-spin, played 149 ODIs for Australia. He will forever be remembered for his iconic 201-run innings against Afghanistan at the 2023 World Cup — a knock hailed as one of the greatest in ODI history. Battling intense cramps in Mumbai’s heat with Australia reeling at 91/7, Maxwell staged a miraculous recovery to guide his team to victory. Australia went on to lift the World Cup, defeating India in the final in Ahmedabad.

Speaking on the ‘Final Word Podcast’, Maxwell reflected, “I felt like I was letting the team down with how my body was reacting. I told George Bailey (Chair of Selectors) that I wouldn’t make it to the 2027 World Cup, and it’s better for someone else to take the spot

and make it their own.”

Maxwell recently returned from the IPL with Punjab Kings, though a broken finger cut his campaign short. He emphasized that he never wanted to “hold on” to his spot just for the sake of staying in the team.

With a strike rate of 126 — second only to Andre Russell in ODI history — Maxwell finishes his ODI career with four centuries, 23 fifties, and 77 wickets, and was a crucial part of two World Cup-winning squads.

Cricket Australia praised Maxwell’s contribution, with CEO Todd Greenberg calling him one of the “most exciting and influential ODI players.” Chief selector George Bailey added, “He’ll go down as one of the one-day game’s most dynamic players. Thankfully, he still has a big role to play in T20s.”

Maxwell’s retirement follows teammate Marcus Stoinis, who also stepped away from ODIs earlier this year.

## RCB’s Virat Kohli Seeks to End 18-Year Wait Against Tenacious Punjab Kings

The IPL 2025 final, set to take place on June 3 at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad, promises a thrilling showdown between Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) and Punjab Kings (PBKS). This summit clash is not just a battle for the coveted trophy but also a deeply emotional moment as Virat Kohli aims to end his 18-year wait for an IPL title with RCB. Meanwhile, Punjab Kings, led by the astute Shreyas Iyer, are determined to claim their maiden IPL crown.

Kohli, playing in his fourth IPL final, will have the backing of thousands of fans donning his jersey number 18, making the occasion even more special. Recently retired from Test cricket and with India’s next ODI series still months away, this final might be Kohli’s last major appearance on the big stage for some time. His consistent form throughout the season, scoring 614 runs, has anchored RCB’s batting lineup, supported by key players like Phil Salt, Mayank Agarwal, Rajat Patidar, and Jitesh Sharma.

RCB cruised into the final with an emphatic eight-wicket win over Punjab in Qualifier 1, showing greater depth and balance in their batting than in previous years. The fitness of powerful



hitter Tim David, who missed recent matches due to injury, remains uncertain but could be crucial in the final overs.

On the other hand, Punjab Kings, despite a heavy loss to RCB in Qualifier 1, bounced back strongly by defeating five-time champions Mumbai Indians in Qualifier 2. Under Iyer’s leadership, PBKS have transformed from perennial underachievers to genuine title contenders. Iyer’s remarkable record of leading three different teams to IPL finals underscores his tactical acumen

and hunger for success.

Punjab’s bowling unit, though missing Marcus Jansen, showed resilience on a batting-friendly pitch. The return of spinner Yuzvendra Chahal to full fitness could be a decisive factor against his former team.

With measures like an extended playing window and a reserve day in place to avoid weather disruptions, fans can expect an intense, uninterrupted contest as both teams chase IPL glory.

## Gukesh Defeats World No.1 Carlsen in Norway Chess Thriller

Reigning world chess champion D Gukesh achieved a major career milestone on Sunday, June 1, 2025, by defeating Magnus Carlsen, the world number one, for the first time in a classical game during Round 6 of the Norway Chess tournament in Stavanger. The 19-year-old Indian prodigy, who recently celebrated his birthday, managed to turn the tables on the five-time world champion in a dramatic four-hour encounter.



The win came just days after Carlsen had handed Gukesh a tough defeat in the tournament’s opening round, denting his early momentum. On Sunday, however, the teenager showed remarkable resilience. Despite appearing to be on the brink of another loss, Gukesh fought back brilliantly and secured victory after 62 intense moves, earning a crucial three points.

The result propelled Gukesh to third

place on the leaderboard with 8.5 points, just one point behind co-leaders Magnus Carlsen and Fabiano Caruana of the United States. It marks not only a personal triumph for Gukesh but also a psychological breakthrough, as he now knows he can beat the world’s top-ranked player under the toughest conditions.

While Gukesh chose not to speak to the

media after the win, his coach, Grzegorz Gajewski of Poland, expressed pride and optimism. “It gives him a huge pump of confidence because once you’ve done it, you know you can do it again,” said Gajewski. He added that this victory could spark a shift in mindset among other Indian players, proving that Carlsen is no longer invincible.

“This is a confidence boost for the rest of the tournament, and we hope to break another unbreakable margin,” Gajewski said.

The game’s significance goes beyond just the scoreboard. It symbolizes a changing of the guard in world chess, with the young Indian star asserting himself as a worthy world champion and a genuine rival to Carlsen in classical formats. The victory is likely to inspire a new generation of Indian chess players and adds even more excitement to the remaining rounds of the Norway Chess tournament.

## Satwik-Chirag Lead India’s Charge as Shuttlers Aim for Glory at Indonesia Open

India’s top badminton duo, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty, are back in action and eager to continue their inspiring comeback at the USD 1,450,000 Indonesia Open Super 1000 tournament starting Tuesday at the iconic Istora Senayan arena. The former world No.1 pair, who reclaimed some momentum with a semifinal finish at last week’s Singapore Open after recovering from injuries, are looking to go all the way and defend the title they won in 2023.

Currently ranked 27th, Satwik and Chirag hope to climb closer to the top 20 following their recent performances. Their opening match pits them against Indonesia’s Leo Rolly Carnando and Bagas Maulana, and a win could set up a clash against Malaysia’s Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi Yik, a pair that has been a tough rival for the Indians.

Satwik’s recent health issues and Chirag’s back injury sidelined them for weeks, but their tactical brilliance was on full display last week as they upset the world No.1 Malaysian duo Goh Sze Fei and Nur Izzuddin en route to the Singapore semifinals.

Meanwhile, two-time Olympic medallist P.V. Sindhu is aim-



recovering from a back injury and faces a tough opener against world No.1 Shi Yu Qi. Women’s singles players like Anupama Upadhyaya, Rakshitha Sree Ramraj, and Malvika Bansod also gear up for challenging matches.

In doubles, Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand take on Japan’s top pair, while India fields four mixed doubles pairs eager to make their mark in the tournament.

With a strong Indian contingent ready to fight, the Indonesia Open promises thrilling badminton action and a chance for India to shine on one of the sport’s biggest stages.

ing for a strong run after a difficult start to 2025, hampered by a hamstring injury and early exits from tournaments. Last week, she showed signs of resurgence before narrowly losing to Tokyo Olympic champion Chen Yu Fei. With new coach Irwansyah Adi Pratama guiding her, Sindhu faces former world champion Nozomi Okuhara in a highly anticipated match that could reignite her campaign.

Other Indian shuttlers in action include HS Prannoy, fresh from a 2023 World Championships bronze, and Lakshya Sen, who is





## Squid Game Season 3 Trailer Drops: Will This Deadly Game Finally End?

Netflix has officially released the much-anticipated trailer for Squid Game: Season 3, setting the stage for what promises to be the most intense chapter yet. After the explosive global success of Season 1 and the somewhat polarizing reactions to Season 2, all eyes are now on the upcoming finale, premiering on June 27, 2025.

The trailer picks up where the second season left off, with protagonist Gi-hun still determined to put an end to the brutal and manipulative games once and for all. Haunted by loss and driven by justice, he continues his mission to dismantle the sinister organization behind the deadly contest — despite being warned, watched, and hunted.

Season 2 ended on a dark note with the shocking death of Jung-bae at the hands of the Front Man, and Season 3 teases a direct confrontation between Gi-hun and his masked nemesis. The emotional weight of the past two seasons carries over into the new one, but this time, the stakes are even higher.

According to the trailer, viewers can expect a brand-new set of games, with none repeated from previous seasons. The visuals hint at even more elaborate and psychologically tormenting challenges, designed not just to test physical endurance but also morality and



trust.

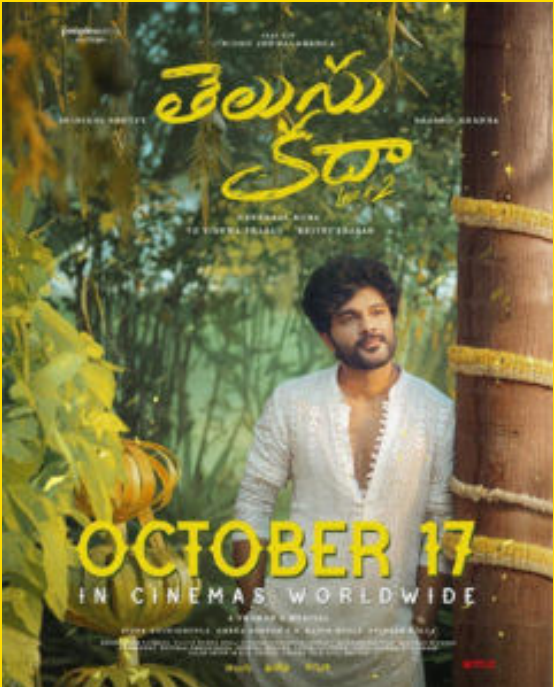
Netflix has also labeled Season 3 as “the final season,” with the tagline: “Every game must come to an end.” This suggests that the long-running mystery of who controls the game — and whether it can be stopped — may finally be answered.

The cast of Squid Game: Season 3 is stacked with talent, including Lee Jung-jae, Lee Byung-hun, Yim Si-wan, Kang Ha-neul, Wi Ha-jun, and Park Gyu-young, among others. The series also features a special appearance by Park Hee-soon. As with the previous seasons, the show is directed by Hwang Dong-hyuk.

With heightened drama, fresh games, and a final showdown looming, Squid Game fans are eagerly counting down to June 27. Will justice prevail, or will the game claim more lives before it ends?

## Siddhu Jonnalagadda’s Telusu Kada Locks Diwali Release Date

Star Boy Siddhu Jonnalagadda is all set to charm audiences once again with his upcoming romantic drama Telusu Kada. The film, which marks the directorial debut of renowned stylist Neeraja Kona, now has an official release date — it will hit theatres on October 17, 2025, as a special Diwali release. To mark the announcement, the makers dropped a lively and colorful video featuring the film’s lead trio — Siddhu Jonnalagadda, Srinidhi Shetty, and Raashi Khanna. The promotional clip teases the film’s upbeat tone, hinting at a vibrant and emotionally rich journey packed with romance, humor, and feel-good moments. Produced by People Media Factory, Telusu Kada is positioned as an emotional yet entertaining film that explores love and relationships through a fresh lens. Known for his boy-next-door charm and effortless screen presence, Siddhu appears to be stepping into a role that blends heart and humor, a combination his fans have always loved. Joining him are Srinidhi Shetty, known for her impactful roles in action-dramas, and Raashi Khanna, who brings her signature charm and energy to the screen. The trio’s chemistry is expected to be a major highlight of the film. Adding to the buzz is the music by celebrated composer Thaman S, who is known for delivering hit soundtracks that resonate deeply with audiences.



His compositions are expected to play a significant role in shaping the emotional core and vibrant mood of Telusu Kada. Neeraja Kona, who has been a stylist for several major South Indian stars, steps into the director’s chair for the first time. With her strong visual sense and industry experience, expectations are high for her debut film. As Diwali approaches, Telusu Kada promises to offer a heartwarming cinematic treat. With a talented cast, a fresh directorial vision, and a festive release window, the film is already generating significant anticipation among movie lovers.

## Stranger Things Season 5 Set for Three-Part Release This Year, Premiere Dates Announced

The wait is finally over for fans of the hit sci-fi series Stranger Things. Netflix has officially announced that the highly anticipated fifth and final season will be released in three parts later this year, with premiere dates confirmed for November, December, and New Year’s Eve.

At the recent Tudum fan event held at the Kia Forum in Los Angeles, Netflix revealed the exciting schedule. The first part of Stranger Things 5 will debut on November 26, 2025, followed by the second installment dropping on Christmas Day, and the series finale arriving just in time for New Year’s Eve. The announcement was made amidst a nostalgic look back at the series with stars Finn Wolfhard, Caleb McLaughlin, and Noah Schnapp.

Creators Ross and Matt Duffer provided some insight into the scale and emotional weight of the final season. Ross shared, “We spent a full year filming this season. By the end, we’d captured over 650 hours of footage. So, needless to say, this is our biggest and most ambitious season yet. It’s like eight blockbuster movies. It’s pretty insane.”



Matt added, “At the same time, we think it’s our most personal story. It was super intense and emotional to film — for us and for our actors. We’ve been making this show together for almost 10 years. There was a lot of crying. There was so much crying. The show means so much to all of us, and everyone put their hearts and souls into it. And we hope — and believe — that passion will translate to the screen.”

Stranger Things Season 4 premiered in two parts during the summer of 2022, with episodes released separately in May and July. The series stars a talented ensemble cast including Millie Bobby Brown, Finn Wolfhard, Noah Schnapp, Gaten Matarazzo, Caleb McLaughlin, Priah Ferguson, Natalia Dyer, Charlie Heaton, Maya Hawke, Joe Keery, David Harbour, Winona Ryder, and Brett Gelman.

With the final season promising an epic conclusion split across three festive releases, Stranger Things fans can prepare for an intense and emotional ride as the beloved series wraps up nearly a decade of storytelling.

## Anushka Shetty’s ‘Ghaati’ Release Date Announced: A Riveting Action Thriller Set for July 11

Director Krish is gearing up to deliver another gripping action thriller, Ghaati, starring Anushka Shetty in the female lead role and Vikram Prabhu as the male lead. Fans eagerly awaiting this intense drama now have a date to mark on their calendars—Ghaati is set to hit theatres on July 11, 2025.

The official release date poster has already sparked excitement with its evocative imagery. It features Anushka, Vikram, and their group crossing a river, burdened with heavy jute bags strapped to their backs. The backdrop of the rugged hills adds a sense of scale and grandeur to the film’s narrative, hinting at the challenges the characters might face.

The movie’s tagline—“Victim. Criminal. Legend.”—succinctly captures the essence of Ghaati, suggesting a complex storyline filled with shades of morality and intense action. The film is produced by Rajeev Reddy and Sai Babu Jagarlamudi, and is presented by the renowned production house UV Creations.



The visual narrative of the film will be brought to life by cinematographer Manojh Reddy Katasani, while the music score is composed by Nagavelli Vidya Sagar, adding to the film’s immersive experience.

In the lead-up to the release, the makers have already rolled out two distinct glimpses introducing the principal characters played by Anushka Shetty and Vikram Prabhu. These teasers have helped build intrigue around their roles and the storyline. Audiences can expect regular updates

and promotional content as the release date approaches, aimed at heightening the anticipation and buzz around Ghaati.

With Director Krish’s reputation for crafting intense, well-rounded narratives and a powerful cast, Ghaati promises to be a thrilling cinematic experience. As July 11 draws nearer, excitement is sure to build among fans of action-packed films and those eager to see Anushka Shetty take on another challenging and dynamic role.

## Tourist Family: A Heartfelt Family Drama Now Streaming on Jio Hotstar

Tourist Family, the Tamil family entertainer, is now available in Telugu on Jio Hotstar from June 2, 2025. Directed by debutant Abishan Jeevinth, this simple yet emotional drama has already won hearts at the box office. Here’s a quick look at what makes the film worth your time.

The story follows Dharmadas (M. Sasikumar), his wife Vasanthi (Simran), and their two children, Nithushan (Mithun Jai Sankar) and Mulli (Kamalesh Jagan), as they flee worsening inflation in Sri Lanka and illegally cross into Rameshwaram, Tamil Nadu. With help from a relative, Prakash (Yogi Babu), they settle in a colony where they rent a house from inspector Raghavan (Bagavathi Perumal). However, a bomb blast in the city triggers suspicion towards Sri



Lankan refugees, leading to tension and uncertainty. The film explores their struggle for survival and dignity

amid mistrust.

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The film’s emotional scenes, from heartfelt family moments to the

struggles of everyday life, resonate strongly with middle-class audiences. Technical aspects such as Aravind Viswanathan’s cinematography and Sean Roldan’s soothing music complement the narrative beautifully. Editor Barath Vikraman keeps the pacing tight and engaging.

On the downside, the story is straightforward with few twists, and some supporting characters, like Nithushan, could have been better developed. Despite minor flaws, Tourist Family is a touching, well-crafted film that will leave you with a smile and a lump in your throat.

Rating: 3.5/5  
Watch Tourist Family with your family for a wholesome, emotional experience.