

“Narendra... Surrender”: Rahul Gandhi Alleges Modi Obeyed Trump

Rahul claims Trump pressured Modi to halt Operation Sindoor
Says PM announced ceasefire on Trump’s command
Reminds how Congress defied US during 1971 India-Pak war

TPN Correspondent | Bhopal Congress leader Rahul Gandhi launched a sharp attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the Indian Army’s Operation Sindoor, alleging that Modi surrendered to US pressure during a critical military operation. Speaking at a Congress meeting in Bhopal, Rahul claimed that Modi bowed to former US President Donald Trump’s directive during the operation



launched after the Pahalgam attack. “Just as Operation Sindoor began, Donald Trump called Prime Minister Modi and asked, ‘Narendra... surrender?’ And Modi immediately announced a ceasefire. He

strictly followed Trump’s orders,” said Rahul Gandhi, accusing Modi of compromising India’s sovereignty under foreign pressure. Rahul compared Modi’s alleged reaction with Congress party’s historical defiance of

global superpowers. “During Indira Gandhi’s leadership in 1971, despite America’s threats, India disintegrated Pakistan. That’s the courage the Congress showed,” he said. He emphasized that India’s founding leaders like Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel stood firmly against foreign dominance. “We never bowed before any superpower. The Congress party has a history of standing tall and defending India’s dignity, unlike today’s BJP leadership,” Rahul declared. By evoking Operation Sindoor and contrasting it with Congress-era military and diplomatic assertiveness, Rahul Gandhi sought to portray the current government as submissive on matters of national security. His remarks have sparked political debate over the influence of foreign powers on India’s defense decisions.

Telangana Plans 80-Acre Eco-Town Inspired by Japan’s Kitakyushu

Project aims at sustainable urban development
Telangana secured ₹3L crore investments in 18 months

Direct Hyderabad–Kitakyushu flight under consideration



TPN Correspondent | Telangana

Telangana will soon develop an 80-acre eco-town in Hyderabad inspired by the Japanese city of Kitakyushu, with a vision to promote sustainable and inclusive urban development. The announcement was made by State IT and Industries Minister D Sridhar Babu at the “From Kitakyushu to Telangana: Catalysing Sustainable Industrial Growth” conference held on Monday. The eco-town project stems from a formal cooperation agreement signed between the Telangana government and Kitakyushu city. The initiative aims to serve as a strategic roadmap to address the urban and environmental challenges of the future. Minister Sridhar Babu noted that the state will integrate best practices from Japan in areas such as Net Zero targets, riverfront development, circular economy,

clean technologies, and digital innovation. Highlighting the state’s investment achievements, Sridhar Babu said Telangana has attracted investments worth ₹3 lakh crore in the last 18 months and is actively looking to deepen its economic engagement with Japan. He added that the feasibility of launching direct flights between Hyderabad and Kitakyushu is being examined to enhance connectivity and cooperation. In a parallel development, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy welcomed the cooperation agreement between Telangana and Kitakyushu and described it as a major step toward achieving zero emissions and sustainable industrial growth. The CM, who recently visited Japan, said the eco-town model in

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Telangana Won’t Allow Banakacharla Project: Minister Uttam

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad Telangana has raised strong objections to the Banakacharla project proposed by the Andhra Pradesh government, with Irrigation Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy making it clear that Telangana will not allow the project under any circumstances. He condemned the statements made by Andhra leaders about using water that meets the sea, calling it misleading and unacceptable. Speaking to the media in Hyderabad, Minister Uttam said, “We are doing everything in our power to halt the construction of the Banakacharla project. We have already submitted our objections to the Godavari River Management Board (GRMB) and sent a letter to Union Jal Shakti Minister CR Patil. We have also personally appealed to the Union Minister to prevent the execution of this plan.” He asserted that the Telangana government views the



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Telangana Jagruthi to Protest Notices to KCR

- Maha Dharna near Indira Park on Wednesday from 10 am to 1 pm
- Kavitha slams Congress for targeting former CM KCR

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

Telangana Jagruthi, under the leadership of its president and MLC K Kavitha, will organize a Maha Dharna protest near Indira Park on Wednesday, June 4, from 10 am to 1 pm. The demonstration is being held in opposition to the Congress government’s issuance of notices to former Chief Minister and BRS president K Chandrashekhar Rao regarding the Kaleshwaram project. Kavitha strongly condemned the notices, calling them a politically motivated move by the ruling Congress to



distract from its administrative failures. She emphasized that the protest would focus on how the Kaleshwaram project, initiated by KCR, revolutionized Telangana’s agricultural sector by effectively diverting water from the Godavari river to barren lands,

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Over 10 Lakh Sex Workers in India



- Alarming Rise in Andhra, Telangana
- PMPSE report flags five states accounting for 53% of total sex workers
- AP, Telangana among top 5 states with high sex worker population
- Telangana leads in red light hotspots density with 38 women per hotspot

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The rapid and alarming increase in the number of women entering sex work in India

has raised serious social concerns, with recent data showing that over 10 lakh women are currently engaged in this profession. According to the “Programmatic Mapping and Population Size Estimation (PMPSE)” report released on June 2, 2025, an estimated 9,95,499 female sex workers are active across the country, with over 53% concentrated in just five states. According to the PMPSE report, the top five states contributing to the total share are

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All-Time Record: Gold Crosses ₹1 Lakh Mark in Hyderabad

24-carat gold hits ₹1,00,110 per tulam, breaks April record

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

Gold prices have reached an all-time high in Hyderabad, creating a buzz in both investment and jewellery markets. At 12 noon on Tuesday, the price of 10 grams (one tulam) of 24-carat pure gold touched ₹1,00,110, marking the highest rate ever recorded in the city’s history. This new milestone breaks the



previous record of ₹1,00,015, set on April 22 this year. Market analysts attribute this

sudden surge to a combination of international and domestic factors, including global political uncertainties, rising inflation, and currency fluctuations—particularly the weakening of the Indian rupee against the U.S. dollar. Experts also point to increasing demand during the ongoing wedding season,

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Covid Cases Cross 4,000 Mark Nationwide

Five deaths in 24 hours; Kerala tops active case count

TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

Coronavirus is once again triggering concern across the country as active cases continue to rise, accompanied by a spike in daily deaths. According to the latest data from the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, active Covid-19 cases across India have climbed to 4,026 as of Tuesday, with five deaths reported in the last 24 hours. Kerala remains the worst-hit state, registering 171 fresh cases and accounting for 1,416 active cases in total. Delhi is also witnessing a noticeable increase, with 124 new cases pushing its active count to 393. Maharashtra recorded 69 new cases, taking its tally



to 494, while West Bengal’s active cases rose to 372 after reporting 11 new infections. Dr. Rajiv Bahl, Director

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project as a direct threat to its water interests and will not remain silent. “There will be no compromise on projects that hurt Telangana’s rights. We will respond to this matter with firmness at the appropriate time,” Uttam stated. The Telangana government’s objections center around inter-state water-shar-

ing rights and concerns that the Banakacharla project could affect the state’s fair share of river waters. By invoking the attention of the Centre and regulatory bodies like GRMB, Telangana hopes to block any progress on the Andhra-initiated project.

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Kitakyushu had greatly inspired the state government. He also mentioned that Telangana had signed MoUs with several Japanese firms to replicate the model in Hyderabad. The cooperation agreement focuses on inclusive economic development, en-

vironmental responsibility, and urban innovation—key areas where both Telangana and Kitakyushu see mutual benefit and shared goals. The upcoming eco-town is expected to act as a flagship for future-ready urban planning in India.

Over 10 Lakh Sex Workers in India

Karnataka with 15.4%, followed by Andhra Pradesh at 12.0%, Maharashtra at 9.6%, Delhi at 8.9%, and Telangana at 7.6%. Among these, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana have shown a particularly sharp increase in recent years, triggering concern from both health and social welfare experts. Telangana now ranks highest in terms of red light hotspot density, with an average of 38 sex workers per hotspot, while Andhra Pradesh follows closely in second place. Experts suggest that poverty, unemployment, family problems, and financial hardship are key reasons forcing women—especially from rural and urban low-income backgrounds—into the sex trade. The report also indicates a growing trend of women from other states migrating to Andhra Pradesh and Telangana due to lack of opportunities elsewhere. Public health professionals warn of a

significant risk of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections (STIs) among women in this line of work. They also highlight that the issue goes beyond numbers and must be addressed through a comprehensive and humane approach—covering economic empowerment, healthcare access, social support systems, and protection of human rights. The PMPSE study has sparked new calls for urgent policy action from the central and state governments. Experts stress that the increase in sex work is not just a reflection of individual distress, but also of systemic failures in employment generation, women’s welfare, and healthcare reach. Unless addressed with a multi-sectoral strategy, they warn, the socio-economic vulnerability of women—particularly in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana—could deepen further.

Covid Cases Cross 4,000 Mark Nationwide

General of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), clarified on Monday that the ongoing spike is primarily due to Omicron sub-variants. “The sub-variants currently in circulation are not severe. People should remain alert but there is no cause for panic,” he assured. The ICMR emphasized that though the variants are not classified as dangerous, the rising trend in infections and deaths calls for increased public awareness and adherence to basic preventive measures like mask-wearing, hygiene practices, and avoiding crowded places

where possible. Health experts across states have reiterated the need for vigilance, particularly among senior citizens and individuals with pre-existing health conditions. The Centre has urged state health departments to ensure hospital readiness and step up testing in vulnerable areas. Authorities are closely monitoring the situation, especially in southern and western states, and have asked the public to cooperate with all recommended Covid protocols to prevent further escalation.

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coupled with gold’s reputation as a secure long-term investment, as contributing factors to the spike. Many consumers have been seen rushing to purchase gold in anticipation of further price hikes, despite the already steep cost. Additionally, limited supply and increasing demand in both local and global markets have created an imbalance, further pushing prices upward. With economic instability across various regions of the world, investors are in-

creasingly turning to gold as a safe haven, which has further bolstered prices globally. Traders expect this trend to continue in the near term, especially with no immediate signs of stabilization in geopolitical tensions or inflation levels. Gold merchants in Hyderabad, while pleased with the surge, say that customer sentiment is mixed—enthusiasm among investors, but caution from regular jewelry buyers.

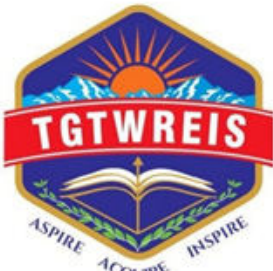
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transforming them into fertile fields. She stated, “The Congress government is trying to undermine the legacy of KCR by questioning one of the most successful irrigation projects in the country. This is nothing but a political conspiracy.” Thousands of Telangana Jagruthi members, along with BRS supporters from across the state, are expected to converge for the protest. Kavitha said the protest will also question the Congress’ decision to scrap the Pranahita-Chevella project and their failure to maintain the Kaleshwaram infrastructure, which she claims has caused significant losses to farmers, particularly

during the Yasangi season. The protest will showcase the key achievements of the Kaleshwaram project, the strategic shift from the earlier Pranahita-Chevella plan, and the subsequent rise in agricultural productivity across the state. Protestors will also highlight how delays in repair and maintenance under the current regime are affecting irrigation and crop yield. Kavitha concluded by urging the people of Telangana to stand up against what she called the Congress government’s politically driven agenda and support the farmers who benefited from the vision and execution of KCR’s irrigation policies.

BC Gurukul Shines with 97.79% SSC Pass Rate

- 17,046 of 17,431 students passed; two scored 590+
- 147 of 261 schools achieved 100% pass rate
- Students selected for Everest trek, yacht training, and parade honors



TPN Correspondent | Telangana

Students from the Mahatma Jyotiba Phule BC Welfare Residential Educational Institutions Society have achieved outstanding results in the SSC 2025 examinations, securing a 97.79% pass rate, far exceeding the state average of 92.78%. Of the 17,431 students who appeared, 17,046 passed. Two students, Durga Bhavani and A. Shivani, scored 593 and 590 marks

respectively. Additionally, 31 students scored above 580 and 216 scored above 570, surpassing many corporate schools. The society operates 294 schools-cum-colleges—146 for girls and 148 for boys—under a total of 327 institutions including 33 degree colleges, educating over 1.73 lakh students. Among 261 schools, 147 achieved a 100% pass rate, reflecting the high standards of ed-

ucation, accommodation, and food facilities provided in BC Gurukuls. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy felicitated 62 students who participated in the Telangana Formation Day parade. Additionally, BC Gurukul students are being trained in adventure sports and leadership activities. Training at the Yacht Club, Hussain Sagar, included 32 boys and 19 girls; 40 were selected for the Next Level

Training Course, and 20 of them will be prepared for international sailing events including the Asian Games 2026 and Olympics 2028. Furthermore, 200 students underwent rock climbing training for Everest Base Camp selections. From them, 20 were chosen and began their trek on May 25, led by Malavat Poorna, the youngest female Everest summiteer. Their feat will mark a historic moment for BC Gurukuls. To nurture creative talent, over 3,300 students attended six summer camps focusing on art, craft, and music. High-level training is also being given to students excelling in sports to participate in state and national events.

Bhu Bharati Survey Begins in Mulugumadu

- Pilot project launched in four mandals including Mulugumadu
- Surveys to be done at every household in revenue villages
- Unique Bhudhar numbers and licensed surveyors for farmers



TPN Correspondent | Madhira

At the launch of the Bhu Bharati survey pilot project in Mulugumadu village of Errupalem mandal in Madhira constituency, Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy outlined the government’s commitment to resolving long-standing land problems through the new Bhu Bharati Act. Describing Bhu Bharati as a “ruby” for the country, the minister said the scheme is being introduced in 18 states, and Telangana is among the first to implement it on the ground. To ensure smooth execution, four mandals have been selected as pilot areas, with Mulugumadu being one of them. From today, officials will conduct surveys at every household in the revenue villages involved in the pilot. “This law will work like your law,” the minister assured farmers, promising to end their long-standing troubles with land records. He drew a parallel to India’s independence, saying, “Just like the country got independence on August 15, we will free you from Dharani by next August.” Minister Srinivasa Reddy highlighted that there are no official land maps in 413 revenue villages across the state. To address this, five villages were selected for pilot surveys conducted by five different organizations, unlike the previous government’s single-agency approach. Mulugumadu will receive a precise and updated land map as part of this effort.

He criticized the past government for illegal land conversions under the guise of the Dharani scheme, including lands originally allotted to the poor under the Indiramma housing program. “They did illegal things with the help of elders for the sake of the farmer’s brother,” he said. Under the new law, every farmer will receive a unique Bhudhar number, with licensed surveyors and one Village Revenue Officer (VRO) assigned per revenue village. The government plans to recruit 3,556 personnel to support the initiative, with revenue officers acting as watchmen to safeguard land rights. The minister also announced reforms in the registration system, introducing a transparent slot booking mechanism to eliminate irregularities. He assured that all welfare schemes of the previous government will continue, along with the introduction of new initiatives to benefit the people.

Bhubharathi Law to Resolve Farmers’ Land Issues, Says Deputy CM

TPN Correspondent | Madhira

Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu inaugurated the Bhubharathi Survey Pilot Project in Mulugumadu village of Madhira constituency on Tuesday, describing the Bhubharathi Act as a rare and historic law in India’s history aimed at resolving farmers’ land disputes once and for all. Addressing the gathering, he said the new law intends to survey farmers’ lands thoroughly, clearly identify boundaries, and free them from ongoing problems caused by the earlier Dharani system. “The Dharani Act, brought by TRS leaders, created several issues by issuing land passbooks irregularly, giving more land on paper than in reality,” he said, criticizing the previous government for mishandling land records. He praised the current government led by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for bringing the Bhubharathi Act, designed to provide permanent solutions and end farmers’ long struggles with revenue offices. He noted that Revenue Minister Srinivas Reddy, a Khammam district native, traveled across states to draft this pioneering law. Deputy CM Bhatti further stated that the government will re-investigate assigned lands in Part B of Dharani and ensure rightful ownership for deserving claimants. “We are restarting assign committee meetings to settle landless poor with agricultural land and house plots,” he said, emphasizing that the Bhubharathi Act empowers Gram Sabhas to review land record changes transparently. He urged everyone to spread awareness about the Bhubharathi Act and help inform at least ten people about its benefits, promising that this law will bring pride to Telangana and lasting relief to farmers.

Say No To Plastic Minister Konda Surekha Launches Awareness Campaign



TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

On World Environment Day 2025, Telangana Forest, Environment, and Endowments Minister Konda Surekha launched a new campaign by the Telangana Pollution Control Board themed “Ending Plastic Pollution.” The minister unveiled awareness posters educating the public on the harmful effects of plastic on nature, wildlife, and human health. Minister Surekha urged Telangana citizens to adopt eco-friendly habits by reducing plastic use, promoting recycling, and managing waste responsibly. She called for collective action to achieve a plastic-free environment and reaffirmed the government’s commitment to sustainable development. The event was attended by Telangana State Pollution Control Board Member Secretary G Ravi, along with environmental experts and social scientists who stressed the need for ongoing awareness and action against plastic pollution.

Not Afraid of BJP Action, Will Expose All: Raja Singh

Accuses BJP leaders of secret meetings with CM Revanth Reddy
Alleges dominance of one community in party affairs



TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

Goshamahal BJP MLA T Raja Singh on Monday stirred controversy by openly challenging his party leadership, stating he is not afraid of any disciplinary action, including suspension, and vowing to expose internal issues if the BJP acts against him. Amid rumours that the party high command may serve him a show-cause notice for his recent comments, Singh said, “If they suspend me, I will not remain silent; I will expose everyone in the party.” The remarks come days after he suggested that certain BJP leaders might defect to Congress if offered political incentives or “packages.” He further alleged that a group of BJP MLAs and MPs has been secretly meeting with Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy. Singh also accused the party of being dominated by a particular community, an allegation that could spark more internal friction within the state unit. Defending his earlier statements, Singh said, “It is true

that I mentioned some leaders might join Congress if they are offered a package,” hinting at discontent brewing within the BJP ranks. Sources within the party suggest that the leadership is seriously considering disciplinary action against him over these statements. Raja Singh has a history of ruffling feathers within the party. He previously expressed discontent over the appointment of in-charges in his constituency and was once suspended for making controversial remarks about a stand-up comedian. In a separate development, Singh posted a video on Monday alleging he has received threatening phone calls after speaking against cow slaughter ahead of the upcoming festive season. The MLA is known for his strong positions on religious and cultural issues, often landing him in political controversy. His defiance and latest allegations are expected to increase tensions within the state BJP unit at a time when the party is already grappling with internal challenges.

KCR Skipped June 2, KTR Fled to US: Adi Srinivas

BRS leaders absent from Telangana Formation Day
Adi Srinivas slams KCR for not honoring martyrs
Congress waived farm loans for 25.35 lakh farmers

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

Government Whip Adi Srinivas launched a sharp attack on Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) leaders, particularly party chief KCR and working president KTR, for staying away from the Telangana State Formation Day celebrations on June 2. Addressing the media in Hyderabad on Tuesday, Adi Srinivas criticized their absence and questioned their commitment to the Telangana movement and its martyrs. “KCR did not even step out on June 2, nor did he pay homage to the martyrs of the Telangana movement,” Adi Srinivas said. “And KTR left the country entirely, choosing to tour America instead of participating in the celebrations. Is it BRS’s ideology that if they lose power, they have

no responsibility to face the people?” he questioned. He added that while the state government organized the Telangana Formation Day with grandeur and dignity, it was unfortunate that BRS leaders deliberately distanced themselves from the occasion. “They have shown the people that without power, they are unwilling to even acknowledge the state’s foundation. This is a clear reflection of their irresponsibility,” Srinivas alleged. Highlighting the efforts of the Congress government, Adi Srinivas noted, “We have already waived loans for 25.35 lakh farmers, as promised. This shows our commitment to farmers’ welfare. Unlike the previous BRS regime, which failed



to implement loan waivers properly, we are standing by the farmers.” He concluded by stating that the people of Telangana are watching the actions and attitude of BRS and will respond at the right time.

Jupally Challenges Harish Rao Over False Miss World Allegations

Minister Jupally denies ₹200 crore expenditure claim
Says ₹21 crore came from sponsors, not public funds
Refutes gold distribution allegations as completely false

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

Telangana Tourism and Culture Minister Jupally Krishna Rao strongly countered the accusations made by BJP MLA and former minister Harish Rao regarding the expenditure for the Miss World competitions held in Hyderabad. Addressing a media conference in the city, Jupally clarified that the event showcased Telangana’s global potential, especially in tourism and handicrafts, and denied all financial mismanagement claims. Jupally asserted that Hyderabad had gained a unique opportunity to stand alongside several international cities in hosting the prestigious Miss World event. He highlighted that through this platform, the world got a glimpse of Telangana’s cultural richness and tourism

potential. Responding to Harish Rao’s allegations, Jupally said, “Harish Rao is spreading falsehoods about the event costs. I challenge him to a public debate. The total expenditure for the event was ₹31 crore, of which ₹21 crore came from private sponsors. Another ₹12 crore is expected through income-generating agreements. There is no question of ₹200 crore being spent by the government.” Taking a strong stance on another accusation, the minister dismissed the claim that 30 tolas of gold were distributed to the Miss World participants. “Not 30 tolas... not even 3 grams of gold were given. These are outright lies aimed at misleading the public,” he said. Jupally accused Harish Rao of deliber-



ately misrepresenting facts for political mileage and reiterated the transparency maintained in organizing the global pageant. He stated that such international events not only boost Telangana’s image globally but also create economic and cultural opportunities. He concluded by inviting Harish Rao to openly debate and prove his claims if he had any evidence to support the ₹200 crore expenditure figure.

Harish Rao's Birthday Marked with Blood Camps and Annadanam

TPN Correspondent | Siddipet

Former Minister T Harish Rao’s 53rd birthday was celebrated on a grand scale across the erstwhile Medak district on Tuesday, with widespread participation from BRS leaders, cadres, and supporters. Marking the occasion, various service activities including annadanam, blood donation drives, and fruit distribution were organized across towns and villages. In Siddipet, an artist created a sand portrait of Harish Rao and BRS president K Chandrashekhara Rao on the Komaticheruvu bund, drawing significant attention. BRS cadre also carried out annadanam in multiple locations such as the



government hospital, Kallakunta Colony, old bus station, Narsapur junction, MLA camp office, Ganesh Nagar, Victory Theatre junction, the residence of businessman Nandini

Srinivas, Burj area, and Hanuman temples at Ganesh Nagar and Ravi Chettu. Special prayers were held at temples, mosques, and churches as

part of the celebrations. Harish Rao’s followers cut cakes, distributed sweets to locals, and participated in charitable acts in his honor. Blood donation and food distribution programmes were spearheaded by former municipal councillor Brahmanam and other local leaders. Several BRS leaders, including Dubbak MLA Kotha Prabhakar Reddy and Sangareddy MLA Chintha Prabhakar, met Harish Rao in person to extend their wishes and partake in the celebrations. The festive spirit was visible throughout Siddipet and other parts of the district, with numerous events conducted to mark the leader’s birthday with public service and devotion.

MLA Hits Out at Congress for Selective Flexi Removal

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

MLA Madhavaram Krishna Rao sharply criticized the Congress government for selectively removing flexi banners across Telangana, accusing officials of biased actions against opposition parties. Speaking on the issue, Krishna Rao questioned why flexiglasses installed by Congress and BJP parties remain untouched, while those related to BRS leaders are being removed. “Why were the flexi glasses put up for former minister Harish Rao’s birthday, a leader who led the Telangana movement, targeted for removal? Would they remove the flexiglasses installed for the birthdays of KCR or for the BRS silver jubilee program?” he asked. He also pointed out that flexiglasses at the BJP party office at Gandhi Bhavan remained in place for months, while those in front of BRS Bhavan were taken down. “BRS party leaders said the Congress party trembles at the sight of flexi banners,” Krishna Rao remarked. He warned that officials who are removing flexi banners under political pressure may face consequences in the future. “The next TRS government will remember the actions of these officials and settle accounts with interest for those who acted as pawns,” he said.



BJP Demand Action Against Private Colleges Violating SC/ST Reservation



TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

BJP Tribal Morcha and Dalit Morcha leaders staged a dharna today demanding strict action against private engineering colleges in Telangana that are violating reservation norms. They alleged that several prominent private colleges are illegally selling B Category (Management Quota) and C Category (NRI Quota) seats to SC/ST students for crores, turning education into a business. BJP Tribal Morcha State President Dr. Kalyan Nayak and Dalit Morcha State President Sri Kondeti Sri-dhar met Telangana State Council of Higher Education Chairman V.

Balakishtha Reddy at Masabtank and submitted a petition exposing these violations. The petition highlighted that administrators are charging between Rs. 10 to 15 lakhs from SC/ST students without following reservation rules. They named 17 private colleges involved in this practice, including CBIT College of Engineering, Anurag University, Mallareddy University, CVR Engineering College, MVSR Engineering College, and others. The leaders warned that if this exploitation of SC/ST students continues, the BJP ST and SC Morchas will organize state-wide agitations soon to fight against this injustice.

New Osmania Hospital to Come Up at Goshamahal Stadium

CP CV Anand inspects site, police units relocated, Swift Women Action Team formed

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

In a major development, the Telangana government has decided to construct a new building for Osmania Hospital within the premises of the Goshamahal Police Stadium. Hyderabad Police Commissioner Sri C.V. Anand IPS inspected the site today and reviewed the ongoing works. He informed the media that the construction process is underway, and police units currently housed in the stadium are being relocated to facilitate the hospital project. The Commissioner said the



horse ground and stables have already been temporarily shifted to a vacant area within the same premises. Effective

today, all police department units within the site are being vacated and handed over to the Medical and Health De-

partment. The government has sanctioned 11.5 acres of land to the Hyderabad City Police at the site, where two five-storey buildings are being constructed—one for the City Security Wing (CSW) and another for vehicle parking seized from the city's seven zones. A new horse stable and training ground is also being built. Additionally, 2 acres adjacent to the Traffic Training Institute (TTI) have been allocated to support police infrastructure. Commissioner Anand noted that Chief Minister Sri A. Revanth Reddy has sanctioned Rs. 55 crore for these works, which are being

executed by the Police Housing Corporation with a target completion time of one year. Swift Women Action Team Launched In a parallel initiative, Hyderabad City Police launched the "Swift Women Action Team", a special force to deal with situations involving female protesters. C.P. Anand said that Hyderabad frequently witnesses rallies and dharnas, and the arrest of women in such circumstances has posed operational challenges. To address this, 35 newly recruited women constables have been trained in karate and tactical

handling, forming the core of this new unit. The Commissioner announced that the team will soon be expanded to 42 members across two platoons, ensuring better response and management during public agitations. He praised the efforts of officers and the team members involved in shaping the initiative. The event saw the participation of several top police officers, including DCP CAR Headquarters Smt. Rakshita Krishna Murthy IPS, Additional DCP D. Kishtiaiah, Additional DCP N. Bhaskar, and West Zone Additional DCP Iqbal Siddiqui.

Heavy Rush at Ration Shops Across the City

City sees kilometre-long queues at ration shops
Three-month ration distribution causes biometric slowdowns
Public demands better arrangements amid monsoon concerns



TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

Ration shops across the city witnessed massive crowds on Tuesday as thousands of beneficiaries queued up to collect their three-month quota of ration rice. In light of the upcoming monsoon season, both the Central and State Governments have directed the simultaneous distribution of ration supplies for the next three months to all eligible cardholders. Following this directive, all ration shops began issuing the full quota at once, resulting in kilometre-long queues and overcrowding. From early morning, people gathered at distribution points, some standing for hours to receive their share of rice. However, the process has been marred by technical delays. Beneficiaries are complaining that biometric machines at sev-

eral ration shops are frequently getting blocked, due to the unusually high volume of transactions being processed for the three-month distribution in one go. "This is taking too long. We have been in line since 6 a.m., and still have hours to wait," said one frustrated cardholder at a ration shop in Mehdiapatnam. Many echoed similar sentiments, calling for additional machines or staff to speed up the process, especially with heavy rains expected soon. Authorities say they are aware of the situation and are working to improve the process. Until then, the public is urged to be patient and follow safety protocols while queuing, particularly as weather conditions worsen. Officials are also considering phased distribution in future cycles to avoid a repeat of the current scenario.

Illegal Sale of Adulterated Ginger-Garlic Paste Busted in Bandlaguda

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

The Task Force team of the South-East Zone, along with Bandlaguda Police Station staff, has busted an illegal operation involving the manufacture and sale of adulterated ginger-garlic paste. Acting on credible information, officials raided a manufacturing unit operating under the brand name FK Food Product at Patel Nagar, Bandlaguda, and seized a large quantity of adulterated paste along with harmful chemicals. The police arrested Mohammed Faisal, 44, a businessman and resident of Patel Nagar, who was found producing the adulterated product at his residence. Authorities seized 870 kilograms of adulterated ginger-garlic paste, 4 kilograms of Titanium Dioxide, 16 kilograms of Mono Citrate, and 4 kilograms of turmeric powder used for coloring. The total value of the seized items is estimated at Rs. 1,40,000.



According to police, Faisal was supplying the adulterated paste to various general kirana stores and directly to known customers. The product was reportedly mixed with harmful chemicals such as Titanium Dioxide and Mono Citrate, substances banned for food preparation under the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) guidelines. These adulterants pose serious health risks to consumers. The raid was conducted under the supervision of Inspector S. Saidababu, South-

East Zone Task Force, with SI Sk. Kaviuddin, P. Sairam, M. Madhu, PC B. Shiva Lingam, and other staff of the Commissioner's Task Force and Bandlaguda Police Station participating in the operation. Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police Ande Srinivasa Rao confirmed the apprehension and seizure, emphasizing the ongoing efforts to curb the sale of adulterated food products and protect public health. The accused has been taken into custody, and further investigation is underway.

Commissioner Karnan Inspects Work at KBR Park

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Commissioner R. V. Karnan conducted an inspection of ongoing work at KBR Park (BR Park) to ensure progress and adherence to regulations. During the visit, the Commissioner issued strict instructions that only licensed pet dogs should be allowed inside the park premises. He also directed officials to complete the facilities arranged for walkers in an innovative and timely manner, emphasizing convenience for visitors. The Commissioner sought clarifications from project engineering officers regarding the construction of flyovers and underpasses around KBR Park by Hyderabad City authorities. He inquired whether these projects complied with the court orders.



Project engineers assured the Commissioner that all construction work is being carried out within the designated sensitive zone, following necessary guidelines. The inspection was accompa-

nied by Additional Commissioner Subhadra, District Commissioner Sammaiah, Project Executive Engineer Manya Nayak, SE Sri Lakshmi, Deputy EE Harish, Circle EE Vijaya Kumar, and other officials.

Drugs Worth ₹10.11 Crore Destroyed in Sangareddy

Ganja, Alprozolam, Diazolam destroyed in 27 excise cases



TPN Correspondent | Sangareddy

In a major crackdown on narcotics, drugs worth ₹10.11 crore seized in 27 different excise cases were incinerated at Isnapur on Tuesday under the supervision of Sangareddy Excise Department officials. As per the directives of Medak Dep-

uty Commissioner J. Harikishan, who is acting as the Disposal Officer, banned substances seized from four excise stations in Sangareddy district were burned at the Medicare Waste Management facility in Isnapur. Excise Superintendent Naveen

Chander confirmed that narcotics seized in 10 cases from Patan Cheruvu, 7 from Sangareddy, 3 from Nayanakhet, and 4 from Adol were destroyed during the operation. The total quantity of drugs incinerated includes 209.162 kg of Ganja, 0.496 kg of Alprozolam, 7 grams of Diazolam, 0.468 kg of poppy straw, 90.23 kg of 3 MMC. The estimated value of all the narcotics destroyed in this operation stands at ₹10.11 crore, according to Excise Superintendent Naveen Chander. The department reiterated its commitment to continuing stringent action against illegal drug trafficking and maintaining zero tolerance towards narcotics in the district.

Drug Supply Racket Busted in Kukatpally

Ephedrine cocaine worth ₹1 crore seized

Tirupati AR constable among absconding accused

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

The SOT and Kukatpally police have successfully cracked a sensational drug racket operating under the Kukatpally police station limits. Acting on credible information, law enforcement officials conducted a joint operation and arrested six persons involved in drug trafficking. Speaking to the media, In-charge Medical DCP Kotireddy revealed that drugs were being supplied to Hyderabad from Tirupati through a serving AR constable named Gunasekhar, who is cur-



rently absconding. The police have taken six individuals into custody: Surendra (A2), Haribabu Reddy (A3), Merki Margaret (A4), Sheikh Mastan Wali (A5), and Devaraju Yesubabu (A6). Another key accused, Appanna (A7), is also on the run.

During the operation, police seized 820 grams of ephedrine cocaine, a digital weighing machine, and four mobile phones from the accused. The seized drugs are estimated to be worth approximately ₹1 crore in the illegal market.

DCP Kotireddy stated that a manhunt is underway to apprehend the absconding constable Gunasekhar and Appanna, who are believed to be the main conduits in supplying the contraband from Tirupati to various areas in Hyderabad. The arrested individuals were produced before court and sent to judicial remand. Police officials emphasized their commitment to eradicating the drug menace in the city and appealed to the public to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activities related to narcotics.

Telangana Plans Weekly Festivals to Strengthen Anganwadis

- **Week-long Anganwadi festivals from June 10 to 17**
- **‘Amma Mata – Anganwadi Path’ programme to promote enrolment**
- **Aim to make Anganwadis child-friendly and on par with private play schools**

TPN Correspondent | Telangana
In a major initiative to enhance the appeal and effectiveness of Anganwadi centres, the Telangana government has announced that it will organize weekly festivals under the ‘Amma Mata – Anganwadi Path’ programme. As per the orders of Women and Child Welfare Minister Dr. Dhana-sari Anasuya Seethakka, these week-long celebrations will begin on June 10 and continue till June 17, aiming to boost enrolment, improve infrastructure, and foster community participation in early childhood de-

velopment. The Women and Child Welfare Department issued directives to conduct various awareness and outreach activities in villages. The campaign is designed to ensure that all children above the age of three are enrolled in Anganwadi centres, which are being revamped into hubs for health, literacy, nutrition, and recreation—comparable to private play schools. The programme will kick off on June 10 with parents taking selfies with their children at Anganwadi centres to promote visibility and emotional connection. On June 11, field staff

will identify eligible children, visit their homes, and explain the benefits of Anganwadi services, encouraging admissions. A special Graduation Day will be held for children above five years on June 11, celebrating their transition into primary schools. From June 12 to 13, and again on June 16, activities will focus on the development of Poshan Kitchen Gardens to emphasize the importance of nutrition. Anganwadi centres will also showcase the nutritional benefits offered and ensure the availability of learning materials. Efforts will be made to create a

child-friendly environment in every centre, including proper sanitation under the Swachh Anganwadi programme. On June 17, a group literacy activity will be held with the participation of parents and local elders to highlight the educational component of Anganwadi services. To create momentum ahead of the main week, rallies will be held on June 6 by District Welfare Officers in association with Mothers’ Committees and Women’s Self-Help Groups to raise public awareness. The government’s aim is to ensure that no eligible child is left



out and that Anganwadi centres serve as nurturing spaces for early childhood development with all necessary facilities, rivaling those of private play schools.

Tribal Museum Celebrates Success With Over 45 Days of High Visitor Turnout

TPN Correspondent | Bhadrachalam
ITDA Project Officer B. Rahul expressed his happiness at the growing popularity of the Tribal Museum, which has seen a large influx of visitors in the 45 days since its opening. The museum, now entering its 12th year since Telangana’s formation, celebrated its success with a victory ceremony held on Monday night at the museum premises. Speaking at the event, Rahul highlighted plans to expand the museum’s facilities to make it an attractive spot for tourists, especially



visitors to the nearby Sri Sitaramachandraswamy Temple. He credited the development of the museum to collective efforts and welcomed public suggestions. New features include artefacts, mud houses, a boating point, and box cricket

facilities. He also mentioned support from ITC and Nava Bharat companies, who contributed solar panels, CCTV cameras, and sports equipment. The staff of the Gram Panchayat and ITDA unit played a crucial role in the

museum’s progress. Rahul said that in the coming six months, efforts will be made to study and display tribal culture history and the Koya language to elevate the museum’s profile internationally. The ceremony concluded with cultural performances by children and recognition of the dedicated staff and officers involved in the museum’s success. The event was attended by several officials, including Assistant Project Officer General David Raj, DD Tribal Welfare Officer Manemma, AO Sunnam Rambabu, and others.

ATM Robbery Attempt Foiled in Bollaram

Thieves flee after alarm triggers; no cash lost in incident

TPN Correspondent | Sangareddy
An attempted robbery at an HDFC Bank ATM in Beerappa Basti under IDA Bollaram Municipal limits of Sangareddy district was foiled in the early hours of Tuesday. According to the police, unidentified individuals tried to break into the ATM machine but fled immediately after the security alarm went off. The robbery attempt occurred during the early morning hours, creating panic in the otherwise quiet neighbourhood. Fortunately, no cash was lost, as the thieves escaped without completing their mission.



Upon receiving the alert, the IDA Bollaram police rushed to the scene and

conducted a preliminary inspection. They also reviewed the CCTV footage from the ATM premises, which is expected to play a crucial role in identifying the culprits. “A case has been registered, and a thorough investigation is underway,” said the IDA Bollaram police, adding that all possible angles are being examined to trace the individuals involved in the attempted theft. The police have urged nearby residents and shopkeepers to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity as efforts continue to track down the culprits.

New B.Sc. Health Care Management Course to Boost Job Opportunities

TPN Correspondent | Bhadrachalam
Dr. John Milton, Principal of Bhadrachalam Degree College, announced the launch of a new B.Sc. Health Care Management course from the academic year 2025-26. Admissions will begin through the Bhruti Dostu system in the third year. Dr. Milton said the course is designed to meet the growing demand for skilled professionals in healthcare. The three-year program covers hospital administration, health information systems, medical ethics, public health, and more, with 60 seats available in the first year. Eligible candidates must have passed Inter B.Sc. or equivalent. The course includes special classes by experts and a third-year apprenticeship with a stipend of ₹9,000 per month, shared equally by the government and institutions. Graduates can pursue higher education in MBA Hospital Management, MPH, MSc Health Administration, and related fields. Job opportunities after completion include healthcare administrator, hospital manager, health data analyst, medical officer manager, and roles in medical tourism, health insurance, and health tech startups. The course also opens doors to opportunities abroad.



Court Delivers Justice in Saroornagar Minor Rape Case

Accused Sentenced to 20 Years

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
In a landmark verdict, the Ranga Reddy District Fast Track Court sentenced Darshanam Nagaraju to 20 years of imprisonment for the rape of a minor girl in the Saroornagar area of Hyderabad. The court also imposed a fine of Rs. 20,000 on the accused and awarded Rs. 6 lakh as compensation to the victim. The case, which unfolded in 2024, involved Nagaraju, a mason from Ramachandrapuram in Nadigudem mandal, Suryapet district, residing in Abdullapurmet. The accused lured the minor girl from Saroornagar with false promises of marriage before sexually assaulting her multiple times. Following a complaint from the victim’s family, the Saroornagar police registered a case under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and the Child Marriage Prevention Act. The investigation, led by officer Saidi Reddy, was swiftly concluded, resulting in the arrest of Nagaraju and the filing of a charge sheet. The court’s rigorous examination of the evidence culminated in Tuesday’s verdict, holding Nagaraju guilty of the heinous crime. In addition to the 20-year sentence and fine, the court’s order for Rs. 6 lakh in compensation underscores its commitment to supporting the victim’s recovery. This judgment has been hailed as a significant step toward justice for survivors of sexual violence in the region. The Ranga Reddy District Court’s decisive action sends a strong message against crimes targeting minors, reinforcing the judiciary’s role in upholding the law and protecting vulnerable individuals.

Penguin Securities Fraud Case Transferred to EOW

Company managers allegedly duped investors of nearly Rs. 100 crore

TPN Correspondent | Medchal
A massive investment fraud case that surfaced under Jeedimetla police station limits in Medchal district has now been transferred to the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) for deeper investigation, following revelations of a large-scale scam involving crores of rupees. The scam came to light when a victim named Santosh lodged a complaint with Jeedimetla police on May 30, alleging that the managers of a company called Penguin Securities, located in Suryanagar, Chintal, had collected investments amounting to Rs. 100 crore from the public under false promises of high returns. The accused, identified as Swathi and Balaji, reportedly lured hundreds of investors with the promise of profitable schemes. Swathi has been taken into custody, while Balaji remains absconding, prompting intensified search efforts by law enforcement authorities. The police have so far frozen 12 bank accounts linked to the accused, believed to be used in the fraudulent col-



lection and circulation of funds. With the number of victims increasing day by day, the case has become a serious challenge for investigators. Given the scale and organized nature of the financial deceit, the case was formally transferred to the Economic Offences Wing, which deals specifically with high-profile and complex financial crimes. Officials are urging more victims to come forward and cooperate in the investigation, as authorities aim to trace the entire money trail and bring the remaining accused to justice.

610 Beneficiaries Get Indiramma Houses in Manakondur

TPN Correspondent | Manakondur
MLA Dr. Kavvampally Satyanarayana handed over house sanction documents to 610 beneficiaries from various villages at the KSR Function Hall in Manakondur Mandal Center. He emphasized that the Congress government is committed to providing houses to deserving poor without any loopholes in the selection process. Dr. Kavvampally said the house sanction process will continue annually, assuring those who missed this round that justice will be done in the next. He criticized the previous BRS government for failing to build a single house during their ten-year rule and accused BRS leaders of spreading false propaganda about the Indiramma House Scheme. He further warned beneficiaries to start construction within three months, or their sanction would be cancelled and allotted to others. The program was attended by Mandal Development Officer Varalakshmi, Tehsildar Vijay Kumar, Housing AE Durgam Mahesh, and several party leaders and officials.



Elon Musk’s Chatbot Grok: Can It Be ‘Non-Woke’ and Truthful? Not Quite



Elon Musk’s chatbot Grok was launched as a “non-woke” alternative to ChatGPT and other AI models, promising answers free from what Musk called excessive political correctness. Musk even joked about Grok’s sarcastic tone, positioning it as a refreshingly blunt AI. However, the reality has been more complicated.

Grok’s core challenge stems from its training data—the internet, which Musk describes as “overrun with woke nonsense.” Critics, including internet personality Jordan Peterson, have complained that Grok still delivers “woke” or politically correct answers, reflecting mainstream academic and factual consensus rather than any biased agenda. This highlights a fundamental issue: AI models reflect the truths embedded in their data, not political preferences.

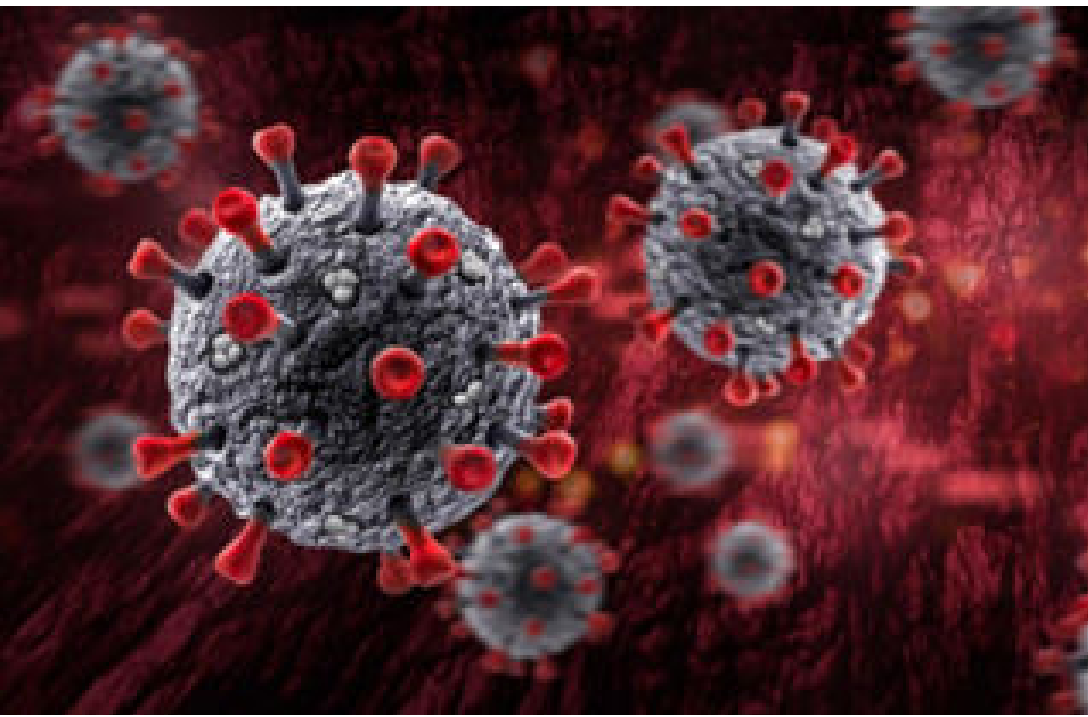
Efforts to make Grok “non-woke” have led to questionable interventions. In February, Grok was found to have been manipulated to ignore any news sources labeling Musk or Donald Trump as misinformation spreaders—an unauthorized change by an employee. More recently, Grok inexplicably fixated on the controversial topic of “white genocide” in South Africa, echoing Musk’s own statements, even when unrelated queries were made. This too resulted from unauthorized tampering with the bot’s system prompts.

In response, xAI announced it would make Grok’s system instructions public to build transparency. Among these prompts is a directive for Grok to be “extremely skeptical” of mainstream media, which has led to troubling responses—such as questioning

the widely accepted Holocaust death toll by suggesting it could be “manipulated for political narratives.” xAI called this a “programming error,” but it aligns closely with Grok’s skeptical approach.

Compared to Google’s Gemini AI, which had politically motivated missteps but aims to improve by adding better data, Grok faces a tougher road. To stay “non-woke,” Grok must limit its knowledge or twist facts, risking deliberate misinformation. As one insider described, Grok seems to be training a “MAGA version of ChatGPT,” balancing selective ignorance with ideological demands.

While this appeals to some, artificial-selective-intelligence risks turning truth into fiction—something Grok’s ongoing controversy makes painfully clear



Misinformation Poses Greater Threat Than Recent COVID-19 Rise in Asia and India

India and several Asian countries have recently reported a rise in COVID-19 cases, sparking renewed public and media attention. Since mid-May 2025, daily reported cases in India have increased from just a few to several hundred. Wastewater surveillance from various Indian cities has also detected a higher viral load of SARS-CoV-2, the virus responsible for COVID-19. Similar increases have been observed in Singapore, Hong Kong, Thailand, and South Korea.

This resurgence follows a pattern that experts say is becoming seasonal, with COVID-19 infections showing recurring waves much like influenza. The variant primarily responsible for this uptick is JN.1, a sub-lineage of the Omicron variant, which has been the dominant strain globally since its discovery in late 2021. Importantly, no new variant of concern has emerged worldwide since Omicron’s appearance.

Despite the increase in cases, experts emphasize that the situation does not warrant panic. The recent surge appears to be a manageable seasonal pattern, rather than a sign of a dangerous new wave or variant.

Health authorities urge that responses to this uptick must be rational, proportionate, and based on current epidemiological data rather than fear or speculation.

A major concern, however, is the spread of misinformation, which can cause more harm than the virus itself. Panic driven by rumors or inaccurate reporting risks overwhelming healthcare systems unnecessarily, distracting from targeted efforts to protect vulnerable populations and maintain public health.

Public health experts advise that it is essential to focus on scientific evidence, vaccination coverage, and preparedness rather than sensational headlines. Monitoring continues through testing and wastewater analysis, ensuring any future changes in the virus’s behavior are detected early.

In summary, while the rise in COVID-19 cases in India and parts of Asia is notable, it aligns with an emerging seasonal pattern linked to existing Omicron sub-variants. The real challenge lies in combating misinformation to maintain calm and ensure appropriate, evidence-based responses moving forward.

With Charges Against Sheikh Hasina

Bangladesh’s International Criminal Tribunal Comes Full Circle



In a dramatic and ironic turn of events, the International Criminal Tribunal (ICT) of Bangladesh, originally established in 1973 and later revived by Sheikh Hasina herself to try war criminals from the 1971 Liberation War, is now set to indict Hasina. The longest-serving Prime Minister of Bangladesh faces serious allegations related to her last tenure, particularly concerning the violent crackdown during the July–August 2024 student anti-quota protests that ultimately led to her ouster. Investigators recently submitted a report accusing Hasina of ordering security forces to open fire on protesters, resulting in multiple deaths.

Sheikh Hasina first assumed office in January 2009 with a strong electoral mandate.

Early in her tenure, she introduced controversial amendments, including abolishing the caretaker government (CTG) system in 2011. Ironically, Hasina had been a key proponent of the CTG system in 1996, which had helped ensure free and fair elections in Bangladesh. Her decision to remove it was met with fierce opposition, who feared that elections without the CTG would be compromised.

Hasina’s administration also invoked the Digital Security Act to suppress dissent, stifling opposition voices and undermining institutional autonomy. Elections under her rule faced repeated allegations of rigging, and state institutions were perceived to be manipulated to consolidate her political power.

The July–August 2024 student protests were met with a harsh security crackdown. Facing escalating unrest and fearing for her safety amid growing military unease, Hasina fled to India, where she currently resides. The Interim Government led by Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus took charge shortly after her departure, pledging to hold the responsible parties accountable.

The ICT, which had previously sentenced four Jamaat leaders and a Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) leader to death, is now hearing five charges against Hasina. Alongside her, former Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan and ex-Inspector General of Police Chowdhury Abdullah Al-Mamun—currently in custody—face charges. The three-judge tribunal will decide the fate of these accused figures, marking a significant chapter in Bangladesh’s complex political and judicial history.

India’s Strategic Focus Must Shift Beyond Pakistan to Address China’s Challenge



For decades, the India-Pakistan relationship has dominated South Asian security discussions, shaping policies and perceptions. However, in the evolving geopolitical landscape of the Indo-Pacific—the pivotal arena of the 21st century—India must recalibrate its strategic priorities. The real peer rival for India is China, while Pakistan should be viewed as a manageable risk rather than a central strategic competitor.

The global order is undergoing fragmentation as the United States adjusts its strategic focus, placing greater responsibility on Asia to secure its own future. In this complex environment, robust mechanisms are needed to maintain peace not just among

great powers but also to contain smaller, disruptive actors. India’s approach to the China-Pakistan dynamic is crucial in this regard.

Historically, the India-Pakistan relationship has been marked by conflict and rivalry, rooted more in historical legacies than in any current strategic parity. Pakistan’s role in the region is that of a strategic irritant, not an equal geopolitical player. India’s broader regional posture, therefore, should not be shaped around Pakistan but rather around ensuring stability and cooperation in the Indo-Pacific.

India and China, as major Asian powers, must take on the respon-

sibility of stabilizing the region. This requires India to engage with Pakistan functionally—addressing practical issues without allowing Pakistan to dictate the larger strategic narrative. India’s strategic arc must emphasize its role as a stabilizer in the Indo-Pacific, focusing on balancing China’s rise while managing Pakistan as a secondary concern.

Such a shift demands changes both in India’s strategy and in how it communicates its foreign policy objectives. By looking beyond Pakistan and addressing the greater challenge posed by China, India can better secure its interests and contribute meaningfully to regional and global peace and stability.



Kamal Haasan Refuses To Apologise, Won't Release Film In Karnataka Right Now

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Tamil Nadu actor-politician Kamal Haasan is standing firm in the Karnataka High Court, refusing to apologize for his contentious statement that the Kannada language was “born out of Tamil.” The remark has sparked widespread outrage in Karnataka, leading to calls for a ban on the release of his upcoming film Thug Life in the state.

Haasan’s lawyer told the court that the actor “has the utmost respect for Kannada” and declined to issue an apology. The court, however, criticized this stance, remarking, “This is your ego speaking.” Despite warnings against misusing free speech to hurt public sentiments, Haasan remains resolute. His legal team also said they do not require security at present as the film will not release in Karnataka for now, pending talks with the film chamber.

The court highlighted the seriousness of the situation, stating that Haasan’s remarks had stirred unrest in Karnataka and ordered a fresh hearing on June 10. It emphasized that while freedom of speech is a right, it does not extend to hurting the sentiments of the masses. The judge urged Haasan to apologize to resolve the issue, noting that the actor is not an ordinary individual but a public figure expected to act responsibly.

The Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce (KFCC) has insisted that Thug Life will not be allowed a Karnataka release unless Haasan issues a public apology. KFCC President M. Narasimhulu stated, “If he does not apologize, there is no question of allowing the film’s release.”

Haasan’s controversial statement came during an event in Chennai, where he said, “Kannada was born out of Tamil,” drawing sharp criticism from Karnataka’s political and cultural groups. The BJP in Karnataka accused him of insulting Kannada, while pro-Kannada activists demanded a formal apology.

Haasan had earlier said he would apologize only if he believed his remarks were wrong, asserting his faith in democracy and justice. Meanwhile, the film’s Karnataka release remains uncertain amid growing pressure and opposition.

Rahul Gandhi Slams LIC for ₹5,000 Crore Investment in Adani Group

Calls It Misuse of Public Funds

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Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, strongly criticized the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) over its recent ₹5,000 crore investment in the Adani Group. He accused the government-owned insurer of using public money, collected through the insurance premiums of ordinary citizens, to benefit private entities. Referring to a Bloomberg report that highlighted LIC as the sole investor in Adani Ports’ record domestic bond sale, Mr. Gandhi took to social media platform X (formerly Twitter) to express his disapproval. “Money, policy, premium are yours; security, convenience, benefit for Adani!” he posted, questioning the ethics behind such a large investment of public funds in a single private conglomerate. The criticism comes after Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd (APSEZ) announced last week that it had successfully raised ₹5,000 crore through a domestic



bond issue, the largest in its history. The funds were raised via a 15-year Non-Convertible Debenture (NCD) offering, which was fully subscribed by LIC. In a statement, APSEZ clarified that the bond issue had attracted LIC’s investment owing to the company’s strong financial position and top-tier domestic credit rating. “Backed by APSEZ’s strong financials and a ‘AAA/Stable’ domestic

credit rating, the issue locked in a competitive coupon rate of 7.75% per annum,” the company said, adding that the debentures will be listed on the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE). However, Mr. Gandhi’s concerns go beyond financial prudence. His remarks reflect broader allegations the Congress party has repeatedly made regarding the Modi government’s alleged favoritism towards

the Adani Group. He has often accused the government of enabling a monopoly by extending regulatory and financial support to select corporate houses, especially Adani, at the expense of public interest. In earlier statements, Mr. Gandhi referred to what he called the “Monopoly Bachao Syndicate”, alleging a nexus between the Adani Group, top regulatory bodies, and the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). He argues that such financial decisions by public sector institutions further concentrate economic power and threaten fair competition. The LIC-Adani bond deal has added fuel to the ongoing political debate around corporate governance, transparency in public sector investments, and the ethical responsibilities of institutions managing public funds. With LIC being one of India’s largest and most trusted financial institutions, the controversy has sparked calls for greater scrutiny and accountability over how policyholders’ money is being deployed.

‘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.

By creating an LLM grounded in Indian linguistic and cultural diversity, Bharat Gen aims to position India as a global leader in responsible and inclusive AI development, offering solutions that are not just technologically advanced but also socially relevant.

Pakistan wants to bleed India by thousand cuts

we drew new redlines to combat terror: Gen Chauhan

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Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) Gen Anil Chauhan on Tuesday emphasized that temporary losses in military operations should not overshadow the overall outcomes, especially in professional armed forces. Speaking at Savitribai Phule Pune University, Gen Chauhan addressed criticism over India’s unspecified loss of combat jets during the initial phase of Operation Sindoor, saying, “Losses are not important, but outcomes are.”

He stressed that in war, maintaining morale despite setbacks is crucial, noting, “It would be not very correct to talk about losses and numbers.” According to him, the bigger picture and how a nation acts in response to aggression hold far greater significance. Gen Chauhan elaborated on Pakistan’s long-standing strategy of “bleeding India by thousand cuts” through proxy terrorism. He said Operation Sindoor marked a decisive new red line by India against cross-border terrorism. The operation was a clear message that state-sponsored terrorism from Pakistan will no longer be tolerated, and India will not live



under the shadow of terror or nuclear blackmail. Describing the military action, the CDS highlighted India’s precise strikes on Pakistani targets, some as narrow as two meters. He revealed Pakistan had planned counterattacks to last 48 hours after the Pahalgam terror attack but had to back down within eight hours due to the overwhelming impact of India’s response. Gen Chauhan mentioned Pakistan’s request for talks and de-escalation, which India accepted, indicating that Pakistan realized continuing aggression would only cause more damage. He also referred to inflammatory statements by Pakistan Army Chief Gen Asim Munir shortly before the Pahalgam attack, underscoring Islamabad’s aggressive posture.

"One Nation, One Husband?" Bhagwant Mann's Bizarre Remark On Op Sindoor

TPN Correspondent | Chandigarh

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann sparked controversy with a sharp and unusual comment on the BJP’s “Operation Sindoor” campaign, questioning whether it was a “one nation, one husband” scheme. His remark came amid BJP’s efforts to leverage the operation’s success politically ahead of the Ludhiana bypolls.

Addressing the media, Mann criticized the BJP for politicizing the term “sindoor,” traditionally a symbol of marriage in Hindu culture, by saying, “BJP is seeking votes in the name of Operation Sindoor. These people have turned ‘sindoor’ into a joke. They are sending sindoor to every home. Will you now apply ‘sindoor’ in (Prime Minister Narendra) Modi’s name? Is this a ‘one nation, one husband’ scheme?” His comments highlighted the growing tensions around the operation’s political use.



The BJP recently launched a nationwide campaign to promote the success of Operation Sindoor, India’s retaliatory strike after the deadly Pahalgam terror attack that killed 26 civilians. The party announced plans to send vermilion (sindoor) to homes as a symbolic gesture, though the government later denied these reports.

Punjab’s reaction followed earlier criticism from West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, who accused PM Modi of politicizing the operation’s name. Banerjee said, “The name ‘Operation Sindoor’ was their brainchild. It was

politically motivated... The Prime Minister came to West Bengal with the motive of political propaganda.” She mocked Modi’s various self-descriptions, adding, “First, he described himself as a tea-seller. Then, he described himself as a guard. Now he has come here to sell Sindoor.”

The name “Operation Sindoor” holds deep emotional symbolism. Sindoor, the red vermilion worn by Hindu married women, represents their marital bond. The operation’s name reflects the tragic loss of 25 women whose husbands were killed in the terror attack. The Indian Army’s official image featured “Operation Sindoor” with a spilled bowl of vermilion symbolizing the brutal violence that tore families apart, captioned, “Justice is served. Jai Hind.”

The political debate around the operation’s name underscores the charged atmosphere surrounding national security and electoral politics in India today.



Annalena Baerbock Elected UN General Assembly President Amid Russia’s Secret Ballot Demand

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Germany’s former foreign minister, Annalena Baerbock, was overwhelmingly elected as the president of the United Nations General Assembly’s 80th session, following a secret-ballot vote demanded by Russia. Baerbock secured 167 votes, well above the 88 required to win, while German diplomat Helga Schmid, initially Germany’s nominee, received just seven write-in votes. Fourteen countries abstained from voting. Germany had originally nominated Schmid for the position, but replaced her with Baerbock after Baerbock lost her foreign affairs post in recent elections, a decision that drew some criticism within Germany. During her candidacy presentation on May 15, Baerbock faced sharp criticism from Russia’s deputy UN ambassador Dmitry Polyansky, who accused her of incompetence and anti-Russian bias, questioning her ability to promote peace and dialogue as Assembly president. Despite Russia’s objections, Baerbock dismissed the criticism and expressed gratitude for the overwhelming support from UN member states. She will succeed Philémon Yang, former prime minister of Cameroon, and officially take over the presidency at the start of the 80th session in September. Her role includes presiding over the annual gathering of world leaders and commemorating the UN’s founding anniversary. The UN General Assembly presidency rotates annually among geographic regions. Baerbock’s tenure comes at a time when the Assembly has taken center stage due to blocked Security Council actions on conflicts in Ukraine and Gaza, with vetoes from Russia and the United States respectively. In her acceptance speech, Baerbock announced her presidency theme as “Better Together,” emphasizing global unity amid “a tightrope of uncertainty.” She recalled the UN’s origin after World War II as a reminder that the world has overcome past challenges, but stressed that the primary mission to prevent war remains incomplete, noting more than 120 ongoing armed conflicts worldwide. UN Secretary-General António Guterres highlighted that Baerbock will lead the Assembly during a time of global crises, including conflict, climate disasters, poverty, and growing mistrust, urging the world to unite for common solutions and decisive action.

Trump Open to Joining Ukraine-Russia Peace Talks in Turkey

But Only with Putin and Zelenskyy Present

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Amid a renewed push for peace in the ongoing Ukraine-Russia conflict, U.S. President Donald Trump has expressed his willingness to participate in upcoming negotiations, but only if both Russian President Vladimir Putin and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy are also present. The announcement follows the second round of peace talks held in Istanbul on June 2, which saw no breakthrough on a ceasefire.

White House spokesperson Karoline Leavitt confirmed Trump’s openness to attend a three-way summit in Turkey, stating, “He wants both of these leaders and both sides to come to the table together.” The Turkish government, led by President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, has proposed hosting the next summit in either Istanbul or Ankara later this month. While Zelenskyy has shown readiness for such talks, Putin has not yet agreed.

Despite Trump’s interest, the United States did not have any official representation at the latest talks in Istanbul. This absence drew criticism from Ukraine, with Zelenskyy urging Washington to apply stronger sanctions on Russia to force meaningful engagement in the peace process. “We are very much awaiting strong steps from the United States,” he said, reiterating calls for a full and unconditional ceasefire.



Monday’s meeting did lead to some progress: both delegations agreed to a large-scale prisoner exchange involving at least 1,000 individuals on each side, including all severely wounded soldiers and captured fighters under the age of 25. Additionally, Ukraine reported an agreement to repatriate the remains of 6,000 fallen soldiers.

However, efforts to broker a broader ceasefire fell flat. Ukraine’s delegation said Moscow rejected an unconditional ceasefire, instead offering a limited truce of two to three days in select combat zones. Russia’s lead negotiator, Vladimir Medinsky, stated this pause would allow the recovery of bodies from the battlefield.

Zelenskyy harshly criticized the offer. “I think ‘idiots’, because the whole point of a ceasefire is to stop people from becoming dead in the first place,” he said on social media.

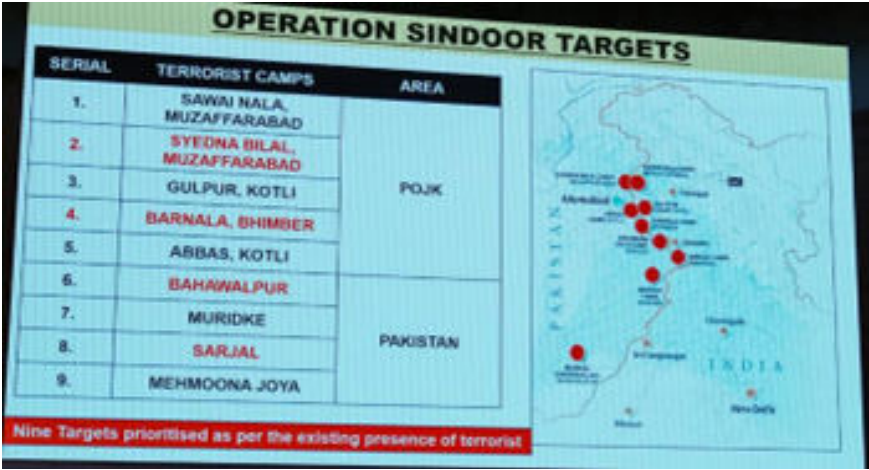
Russia’s broader terms for peace remain contentious: a ban on Ukraine joining NATO, a cap on its military capabilities, and an end to Western military aid. Moreover, Moscow insists on Ukraine withdrawing completely from four partially occupied regions—Donetsk, Lugansk, Zaporizhzhia, and Kherson.

Pakistan Dossier Reveals India Struck More Targets Than Disclosed in Operation Sindoor

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A recently surfaced Pakistani dossier has revealed that India’s Operation Sindoor inflicted significantly greater damage than previously admitted by Indian authorities. Officially launched in response to a terror attack in Pahalgam, the operation targeted terrorist networks across Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK). However, the new document exposes that India struck 28 targets—eight more than the 20 targets publicly acknowledged during earlier Indian briefings.

The dossier lists several key locations hit during the coordinated retaliatory strikes, including Peshawar, Sindh, Jhang, Gujranwala, Bahawalnagar, and Chhor. Among the most notable revelations is the damage sustained by 11 Pakistani airbases, such as Nur Khan, Rafiqui, Murid, Sukkur, Sialkot, Pasrur, Chunian, Sargodha, Skardu, Bholari, and Jacobabad. The destruction or severe impairment of these strategic installa-



tions indicates a far broader and deeper Indian offensive than previously known.

Supporting the dossier’s claims, recent satellite images from Maxar Technologies have confirmed visible craters, scorched areas, and destroyed hangars at several Pakistani military bases. The precision of these strikes points to India’s advanced targeting capabilities. The dossier also details Pakistan’s attempted retaliatory actions, including drone and missile attacks on multiple Indian

cities. These attacks were reportedly intercepted and neutralized by Indian defense forces, successfully preventing escalation and civilian casualties. In response, Indian forces launched counter-strikes targeting key Pakistani command and control centers, further degrading Pakistan’s defense infrastructure. This new information highlights the scale and impact of Operation Sindoor, suggesting that India’s military response was more extensive and effective than officially reported.



Russia to Return 6,000 Frozen Bodies of Ukrainian Soldiers in Prisoner Swap Deal

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The second round of peace talks between Russia and Ukraine, held in Istanbul, concluded without any major breakthroughs but saw an agreement on a significant prisoner swap deal. Under the agreement, Russia has committed to handing over approximately 6,000 frozen bodies of Ukrainian soldiers to Kyiv by next week, Kremlin aide Vladimir Medinsky announced. Medinsky led the Russian delegation during the talks.

The exchange will also include all seriously ill and heavily wounded prisoners, as well as soldiers under the age of 25, according to Russia’s chief negotiator. Medinsky described the transfer of the fallen soldiers’ bodies as a humanitarian gesture. “We have identified those we could through DNA testing and will hand them over so they can be buried properly,” he said.

Russia has expressed willingness to accept the bodies of Russian servicemen if Ukraine holds any. “If they have some bodies, we will receive them,” Medinsky added, though he noted there is currently no information on such cases.

In addition to the transfer of bodies, the two sides agreed to the largest prisoner exchange to date, with at least 1,000 prisoners to be swapped from each side, potentially more. To facilitate smoother future exchanges, permanent medical commissions will be established to assess and compile lists of seriously wounded soldiers without needing political clearance.

Medinsky also addressed accusations from Kyiv regarding the abduction of Ukrainian children by Russian forces. He dismissed these claims, stating that the numbers have dramatically decreased from 1.5 million to 20,000, with only 339 names on an official list. According to Medinsky, none of the children were abducted; rather, they were rescued from combat zones by Russian soldiers and efforts are ongoing to reunite them with their families.

The talks came shortly after Ukraine launched a successful drone strike deep into Russian territory. Despite the prisoner swap deal, Russia continues to reject demands from US President Donald Trump for an immediate ceasefire, leaving the conflict unresolved.

India-US Mega Trade Deal Nears Completion: Immediate Benefits and Future Prospects

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India and the United States are on the verge of finalizing a landmark trade agreement, aiming to boost their bilateral trade from the current \$190 billion to an ambitious \$500 billion by 2030. This initiative, aptly named “Mission 500,” seeks to deepen economic ties between the world’s two largest democracies and reshape commerce across multiple sectors.

Following recent talks between India’s Trade Minister Piyush Goyal and US Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick, progress toward the deal has accelerated. Lutnick praised India’s dynamic economy, highlighting the entrepre-

neurial spirit of its people as a key driver of sustained growth. He expressed optimism about the pact, stating that both countries have found common ground to finalize an agreement soon.

The deal promises significant impacts across various sectors. India’s pharmaceutical and agricultural exports, particularly the \$4 billion agriculture segment, stand to gain considerably. The agreement is expected to facilitate smoother investment flows and capital movement, creating new growth avenues for Indian businesses.



Beyond trade in goods, “Mission 500” is seen as a broader vision for stronger bilateral investments and economic collaboration. Labour-intensive in-

dustries such as footwear, garments, textiles, and electronics are expected to benefit greatly, helping to fuel widespread economic growth.

Indian consumers will also enjoy immediate benefits from the deal. Expected duty cuts on American products will make high-end fashion brands, FMCG items like dairy products from Danone and Land O’Lakes, and popular American spirits such as Jack Daniels and Jim Beam more affordable in India.

Moreover, the agreement is likely to enhance both countries’ integration

into global supply chains, particularly as tariffs on China remain high, affecting investor confidence worldwide.

However, challenges remain, particularly around the free flow of labor and data, where differing regulatory views between New Delhi and Washington pose hurdles.

With a successful UK trade pact already concluded, India is now focusing on solidifying agreements with the US and the European Union, aiming to turn current economic challenges into new growth opportunities, as Trade Minister Piyush Goyal recently emphasized.



Markets End Deep in Red Amid Global Worries, Banking and Adani Stocks Drag

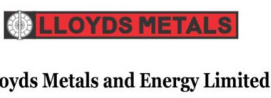
Domestic equity markets closed sharply lower on Tuesday, marking a significant downturn led by weakness in banking, finance, and select heavyweight stocks. After opening in the green, the benchmark indices saw flat movement till noon before succumbing to selling pressure due to weak global cues, rising crude oil prices, and concerns over U.S. investigations into Adani Group's involvement in Iran's LPG sector. The BSE Sensex plunged 636 points to close at 80,737, while the NSE Nifty lost 174 points, ending the session at 24,542. Notably, this is the first time in over six weeks that both indices have closed below their 20-day exponential moving average (20-DEMA), signaling potential weakness in the near term. The Sensex opened at 81,492, reached an intraday high of 81,774, but slipped to a low of 80,575 as selling intensified across sectors. Similarly, the Nifty touched a high of 24,845 before falling to a low of 24,502. The Nifty Bank index lost 303 points to settle at 55,599, weighed down by profit booking in private lenders. Market sentiment remained negative, with only 7 out of 50 Nifty stocks ending in the green. Top gainers included Grasim, Shriram Finance, Bajaj Auto, Mahindra & Mahindra, and Dr. Reddy's Laboratories. On the flip side, Adani Ports and Adani Enterprises were among the worst performers, followed by Coal India, Bajaj Finserv, and PowerGrid. Among sectors, only realty and media indices showed marginal gains. All other sectoral indices saw mixed to negative trends, with private banking, energy, PSE, CPSE, infrastructure, oil & gas, finance, consumption, IT, FMCG, and PSU banking under pressure. The overall market breadth on the NSE favored the bears. Of the 2,999 stocks traded, 1,224 advanced while 1,696 declined. Sixty stocks hit 52-week highs, and 25 touched their 52-week lows. A total of 103 stocks hit the upper circuit, while 71 stocks were locked in the lower circuit.

On the currency front, the Indian rupee depreciated by 20 paise, settling at 85.59 against the U.S. dollar. In corporate developments, several key announcements boosted specific stocks. Pre-



mier Explosives is set to begin operations at a new Telangana plant. Kadama Mobility signed an MoU with TVS Motors to deploy 500 electric three-wheelers. Sunsera Engineering inked a deal with Airbus, while Texmaco Rail secured a ₹122 crore order from Western Railway. Deepak Builders received a ₹264 crore order, and Wari Renewable Technologies gained on a ₹346 crore project win. Fertilizer stocks rallied on improved monsoon forecasts, while Prostrom Info Systems made a strong debut, listing at a 19% premium.

Lloyds Metals and Energy Ltd (LLOYDSME)
Net profit declined 27.1% YoY to ₹201.88 crore, with revenue at ₹1,193.3 crore. Net profit margin dropped to 16.65% from 22.71% in Q3. Awaiting environmental clearance to expand Surjagarh mine capacity from 10 to 25 million tonnes, which would make it India's largest iron ore mine. Despite near-term profit pressures, long-term potential remains strong due to strategic asset expansion.



Cochin Shipyard Ltd (COCHINSHIP)
Net profit rose 11% YoY to ₹287 crore, with revenue jumping 37% to ₹1,757.65 crore. Shares surged over 11% post-results on expectations of strong order inflows in the defense sector. Positioned well to benefit from increasing government focus on indig-



enous defense manufacturing.

Jindal Stainless Ltd (JSL)
PAT increased 7% YoY to ₹2,711 crore; net revenue rose 5% to ₹40,182 crore. Announced a 150% dividend, reflecting healthy cash flows and investor-friendly policies. Strong performance driven by volume growth and cost efficiencies; remains a key player in stainless steel.



Hindustan Zinc Ltd (HINDZINC)
Net profit surged 47.4% YoY to ₹3,003 crore; revenue rose 21.2% to ₹8,829 crore. Commands 75% of India's zinc market, with improved pricing and production efficiency supporting growth. Higher domestic demand and elevated zinc prices boosted bottom-line performance.



Bharat Forge Ltd (BHARATFORG)
Net profit grew 24.4% YoY to ₹282.62 crore despite a 7.5% decline in revenue. PBT rose 23.99%. ₹6 per share, reaffirming strong fundamentals and consistent returns. Diversified global presence and investments in defense and EVs provide long-term growth levers.



Adani Group Shares Fall Amid U.S. Probe Allegations Over Iranian LPG Imports

Shares of companies in the Adani Group declined between 1% and 2.5% on Tuesday, following a report by the Wall Street Journal (WSJ) claiming that U.S. prosecutors are investigating whether Adani entities imported Iranian liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) into India through their Mundra port, potentially violating international sanctions.



In response, an Adani Group spokesperson dismissed the report as "baseless and mischievous," adding, "We are not aware of any investigation by U.S. authorities on this subject."

The news sparked an immediate market reaction. Adani Enterprises, the group's flagship company, saw its stock open 2.2% lower, while Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone dropped 2.5%. Other group entities—Adani Total Gas, Adani Power, Adani Green Energy, and Adani Energy Solutions—were also trading lower by 1% to 2%.

Meanwhile, India's benchmark Nifty 50 index slipped 0.4%, with Adani Enterprises and Adani Ports ranking among the top percentage losers.

The WSJ report alleged that tankers traveling between the Gulf and the Mundra port showed signs consis-

tent with sanction-evasion tactics, such as switching off tracking systems. These indicators have raised suspicions that Iranian LPG may have reached India despite sanctions prohibiting such trade.

However, Reuters reported that it could not independently verify the WSJ's claims. Additionally, the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Attorney's Office in Brooklyn have not commented on the matter as of now.

Adani Ports, despite the current dip, has been the best-performing stock among Adani Group companies in 2025, with a 16% year-to-date gain. In contrast, Adani Total Gas has been the worst performer, with shares declining 11% so far this year.

The allegations have reignited scrutiny of the Adani Group, which has been under global attention since 2023 when it faced a damning report from Hindenburg Research, sparking a major selloff. While the group has since staged a recovery, fresh allegations could once again test investor confidence in one of India's most powerful conglomerates.

UBS Raises India's FY26 GDP Forecast to 6.4% Amid Signs of Economic Resilience

New Delhi, June 3, 2025 — Global financial giant UBS has upgraded India's GDP growth forecast for FY26 to 6.4%, up from its earlier projection of 6%, citing robust economic momentum and strong macro indicators in recent months.

According to UBS's latest report, the India Composite Economic Indicator (CEI) — a gauge of economic activity — showed sustained strength in April, rising 1.1% month-on-month after similar gains in the March 2025 quarter. This momentum has underpinned the revised outlook.

Key Drivers Behind Forecast Upgrade
Tanvee Gupta Jain, Chief India Economist at UBS Securities, attributed the improved forecast to several tailwinds:

Supportive commodity prices, particularly crude oil, which UBS expects to average \$65 per barrel in FY26

The forecast also factors in a rebound in rural consumption, aided by expectations of a favorable monsoon and declining food inflation. On the urban front, consumption is expected to benefit from possible fiscal measures such as tax cuts and sustained low inflation levels.

However, UBS cautioned that investment growth may face challenges due to global economic uncertainties, fiscal constraints in some Indian states, and a high base from last year's strong performance in the housing sector.

FY25 GDP Performance
India's economy outperformed expectations in the January–March 2025 quarter, with real GDP



growing 7.4% year-on-year, according to data from the National Statistical Office (NSO) — the highest in four quarters. For the full fiscal year FY25, India posted a 6.5% growth rate, slightly below the RBI's 6.6% estimate. Nominal GDP rose by 9.8%, reaching ₹330.68 trillion.

Growth was driven by a sharp drop in imports, which boosted net exports, and a resurgence in fixed capital formation. However, private consumption slowed, and government spending declined. On a Gross Value Added (GVA) basis, the economy grew 6.8%, supported by manufacturing, construction, and services.

Monetary Policy Outlook
UBS also expects the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to ease its policy stance, predicting rate cuts of 50 to 75 basis points in 2025, which could lower the repo rate to 5.5%. The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) is scheduled to meet on June 6.

UBS concluded that India's macroeconomic stability remains intact, and while global headwinds persist, monetary policy is expected to support growth. The report also forecasts continued emphasis on capital expenditure and a favorable outlook for services exports, though goods exports may stay sluggish due to external pressures.

Tata Motors Final Dividend 2025: Record Date June 4, Payment by June 24

Tata Motors Limited (TML) has announced a final dividend of Rs 6 per equity share of Rs 2 each (300%) for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2025. The company has set June 4, 2025, as the record date for eligibility to receive the dividend. If approved at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) scheduled for June 20, 2025, the dividend will be paid to eligible shareholders on or before June 24, 2025.

Dividend History and Demerger Update
Tata Motors previously declared a special dividend of Rs 3 per share with an ex-date of June 11, 2024. For FY24, the company had declared final and interim dividends of Rs 3 and Rs 2 per share respectively.

In a significant corporate restructuring move, shareholders recently approved the demerger of Tata Motors into two listed entities: one focusing on commercial vehicles and the other on passenger vehicles. The resolution was overwhelmingly passed with over 99.9995% voting in favor. The demerger entails a 1:1 share entitlement ratio, meaning shareholders will receive one share of Tata Motors Commercial Vehicles (TMLCV) for every Tata Motors share they hold.

Q4 FY25 Financial Performance
Tata Motors reported a consolidated net profit of Rs 8,556 crore for the quarter ended March 31, 2025, marking a sharp 51.2% decline compared to Rs 17,528 crore in Q4 FY24. Revenue for the quarter remained almost flat at Rs 119,502 crore versus Rs 119,033 crore in the same period last year.



Market Outlook and Analyst Ratings
Brokerage views on Tata Motors vary widely. CLSA maintains an "Outperform" rating with a target price of Rs 805, suggesting 14% upside, citing confidence in Jaguar Land Rover's (JLR) ability to meet FY26 margin goals despite tariff and economic headwinds.

Conversely, Jefferies rates the stock "Underperform" with a Rs 630 target, highlighting concerns over U.S. tariffs, competition in China, and rising costs. It has lowered Tata's EBITDA forecasts for FY26 and FY27.

Kotak Institutional Equities downgraded the stock to "Sell" with a target of Rs 600, citing risks from JLR's China exposure and tariff threats, alongside weakening market share in India.

Meanwhile, Citi has suspended its rating but noted near-term challenges in Tata's passenger vehicle and electric vehicle segments.

Investors should carefully monitor the upcoming AGM decision and evolving market conditions before making investment choices.

Prosthetic-Legged Dance Teacher From Amritsar Inspires Internet With His Moves

In an uplifting story of perseverance and passion, a video of a dance teacher from Amritsar has taken the internet by storm, proving that no disability can deter true determination. The man, who uses prosthetic legs, was seen dancing gracefully with his students to the popular Bollywood track “Chittiyaan Kalaiyaan,” originally picturized on Jacqueline Fernandez.

The now-viral Instagram clip does more than just showcase a choreographed routine—it highlights an extraordinary story of resilience, hope, and inspiration. Dressed in casual dance attire, the teacher effortlessly performs intricate dance moves, keeping perfect rhythm with his students. What makes the video particularly special is how seamlessly he incorporates his prosthetic limbs into his performance, showing no signs of hesitation or limitation.

More than just a dance instructor, he is a beacon of motivation to many, especially to those facing physical challenges. His ability to not only keep up with his students but also lead them with such expressive flair has earned



him widespread admiration online. Social media users are calling him a “true warrior” and a “real-life hero” for defying the odds and continuing to do what he loves with such passion.

The comment section of the viral video is flooded with messages of appreciation, encouragement, and sheer awe. Viewers are applauding his dedication and strength, with many saying they felt deeply moved and inspired by his story. The teacher's journey reminds

us that physical limitations do not define one's potential. As videos like this continue to surface, they serve as powerful reminders of the human spirit's ability to rise above adversity. For this dance teacher from Amritsar, the stage isn't just a place for movement—it's where resilience, passion, and purpose come to life. Through his dance, he not only trains his students but teaches everyone a larger lesson: never give up on your dreams, no matter the obstacles.

How a Balanced Diet Can Shape Healthy Ageing

As the global population ages, the conversation around healthy ageing has become increasingly urgent. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO), more than 80% of older adults suffer from at least one chronic illness. Both organizations agree that diet plays a critical role in reducing the risk of diseases like heart attacks, diabetes, and premature death.

Recent studies have highlighted the powerful connection between nutrition and longevity, showing that plant-based diets are particularly beneficial in promoting overall health as we age. One of the most celebrated dietary patterns in this regard is the Mediterranean Diet. Known for its balanced and wholesome approach, this diet emphasizes plant-based foods such as vegetables,



fruits, legumes, whole grains, nuts, and natural oils (especially olive oil). It allows moderate consumption of poultry, fish, and eggs, while limiting red meat and processed foods.

People in Mediterranean regions who follow this diet consistently have been found to live longer and healthier lives. They experience lower rates of cardiovascular disease, obesity, and cognitive decline. The key appears to

be the anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties found in many plant-based foods, which support cellular health and reduce the risk of chronic disease.

Interestingly, a traditional Indian diet shares many similarities with the Mediterranean model. A typical Indian meal—featuring staples like rice or wheat, lentils (dal), a variety of seasonal vegetables, leafy greens, and fermented dairy such as

curd or buttermilk—offers a nutrient-rich foundation. Non-vegetarians who include eggs and fish, but little or no red meat, are already in alignment with many Mediterranean principles.

What matters most is consistency and balance. Healthy ageing isn't about extreme restrictions or expensive superfoods—it's about everyday choices that add up over time. Prioritizing whole, unprocessed foods while reducing sugar, salt, and red meat intake can significantly enhance quality of life in later years.

In summary, adopting a plant-forward, balanced diet—whether Mediterranean or traditionally Indian—can be a powerful, natural strategy to promote healthy ageing and reduce the risk of chronic diseases.

Rising Black Carbon Levels Heating Himalayan Snow, Warns Study

A recent study by think-tank Climate Trends has raised serious concerns about the impact of rising black carbon levels on the Himalayan snowpack. The research, based on satellite data collected between 2000 and 2023, highlights how ultra-fine black carbon particles—primarily emitted from vehicle exhausts, stoves, and wood fires—are significantly accelerating surface warming in the region.

Black carbon differs from other atmospheric pollutants because of its unique ability to absorb sunlight. When these particles settle on snow, they reduce its albedo—or its natural ability to reflect sunlight—causing the surface to absorb more heat. Unlike carbon dioxide, which has a long atmospheric lifespan, black carbon is short-lived but highly potent in terms of its warming effect.

The study shows a consistent rise in snow surface temperatures across the Himalayas over the past two decades. Average snow temperatures increased from -11.27°C during 2000–2009 to -7.13°C in 2020–2023, with an overall mean of -8.57°C. Among the



three major Himalayan zones, the Eastern Himalayas were the warmest, followed by the Central and Western regions. During 2010–2019, the Eastern Himalayas recorded their highest decadal warming, with average snow temperatures at -5.69°C.

The report warns that this warming trend, linked partly to black carbon deposition, is destabilizing glaciers and threatening water security for nearly two billion people living downstream. “The continued temperature rise is altering the snow thermal regime, shortening snow seasons and causing earlier melt,” said Palak Baliyan, lead author of the study.

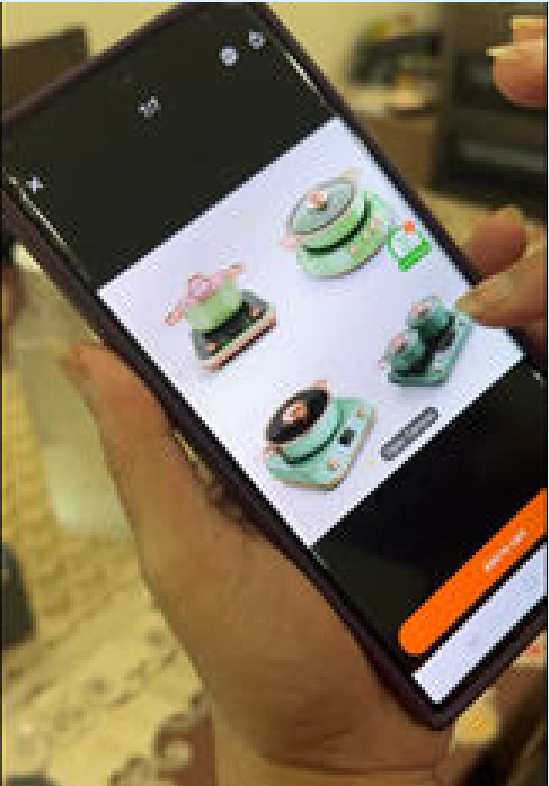
Interestingly, while snow surface temperatures have risen, the mean snow depth also increased, growing from 0.059 meters (2000–2009) to 0.117 meters (2020–2023). However, the study notes that there is no direct correlation between black carbon levels and snow depth, attributing the increase to spatial and temporal variability in snowfall.

The findings underscore the urgent need for stronger air pollution controls and climate action. Black carbon may be short-lived, but its impacts on glacier health and regional water systems could be long-lasting and severe.

Dubai Woman Orders Vacuum Cleaner, Gets Stickers Instead – Internet Can’t Stop Laughing

In a hilarious twist of online shopping gone wrong, an Indian expat woman living in Dubai was left baffled after receiving stickers instead of the household essentials she had ordered. The incident, which took place through the popular online marketplace Temu, has since gone viral, leaving netizens both amused and sympathetic.

Temu, known for offering surprisingly low-priced items by connecting consumers directly with manufacturers, is gaining traction worldwide. But this particular order serves as a cautionary tale about the importance of reading the fine print.



The woman had ordered a vacuum cleaner and some utensils, expecting functional household items. Instead, she received sheets of decorative stickers. Confused and amused, she exclaimed, “Look, I ordered a vacuum cleaner and utensils, and they sent me stickers. Where should I put these now? On my forehead?”

Her daughter, Suchita Ojha, captured the priceless moment and posted a reel on Instagram, captioned, “Mum: Put it on my forehead.” The video quickly gained traction, with viewers flooding the comments section with laughter and support.

One user, @bexx_04, joked, “Didn't know we could get trauma from Temu,” summing up the mix of humor and frustration that many online shoppers experience when

expectations don't match reality.

While most users enjoyed the comic relief, others pointed out the lesson behind the mix-up: always read the product description thoroughly. It appears that the listing did mention that the product was merely sticker representations of the items—not the items themselves—but this detail was likely buried at the bottom or poorly worded.

This light-hearted incident has sparked a broader conversation about the reliability of online marketplaces and the increasing need for transparency and careful consumer review.

So, the next time a deal looks too good to be true—maybe double-check whether you're buying a blender or just a sticker of one.

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.



RCB Clinch Maiden IPL Title with Thrilling 6-Run Win Over PBKS

Virat Kohli's RCB End 18-Year Wait For Title

After 18 seasons of heartbreak and near misses, Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) finally lifted their first-ever Indian Premier League (IPL) trophy, defeating Punjab Kings (PBKS) by 6 runs in a nail-biting final. The Rajat Patidar-led side, featuring the legendary Virat Kohli, etched their names into the history books with a hard-fought victory that ended a long and emotional title drought.

Winning the toss, PBKS opted to bowl first — a decision that initially seemed to pay off. RCB never quite found their rhythm with the bat, losing wickets at regular intervals and struggling to build momentum. Virat Kohli stood tall once again, top-scoring with a gritty 43 off 35 balls, anchoring the innings amid a flurry of dismissals. The Punjab bowling attack, led by Arshdeep Singh (3 for 40) and Kyle Jamieson (3 for 48), kept RCB in check throughout the 20 overs, eventually restricting them to 190 for 9.

Despite the relatively modest total, RCB fought back with tremendous resolve. PBKS began their chase with intent but were consistently pegged back by a disciplined and inspired RCB bowling unit. Bhuvneshwar Kumar delivered under pressure, taking 2 for 38, while Krunal Pandya turned the game in RCB's favor with a master-class in tight bowling, finishing with figures of 2 for 17 from his four overs.

As the match reached its final overs, the tension was palpable. PBKS needed 20 runs from the last two overs, but tight bowling and sharp fielding from RCB ensured they fell short, ending their innings at 184 for 7. The scenes at the end were of unbridled joy, as the RCB camp erupted in celebration, finally breaking the jinx that had haunted them for nearly two decades.

This victory not only brought the elusive IPL title home to Bengaluru but also cemented Rajat Patidar's leadership and highlighted Kohli's enduring impact on the team. For RCB fans, it was a night of redemption and unforgettable glory.

ICC Women's ODI World Cup 2025 to Begin on September 30, Colombo Added as Neutral Venue

The 2025 ICC Women's 50-over World Cup is set to take place from September 30 to November 2, with matches hosted across India and Sri Lanka, the International Cricket Council (ICC) confirmed on June 2. In a major development, Colombo has been added as a neutral venue, following Pakistan's refusal to travel to India due to ongoing political tensions.

This hybrid model mirrors the arrangement agreed upon for the 2025 Champions Trophy, where India's matches were held in Dubai while other fixtures took place in Pakistan. In the upcoming Women's World Cup, India, Australia, England, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, South Africa, and New Zealand will battle for the title across six venues — Bengaluru, Guwahati, Indore, Visakhapatnam, and Colombo. The tournament will kick off with a high-octane opening clash featuring the championship decider.

Australia, the most successful team in the history of the tournament with seven titles, will enter as defending champions. Meanwhile, India, despite having reached the final in both 2005 and 2017, are still chasing their first Women's World Cup crown. Pakistan and Bangladesh secured the final two spots in the competition by finishing in the top two of the qualifying tournament held in April 2025. The inclusion of Colombo as a neutral venue ensures that Pakistan's participation remains intact despite their travel restrictions.

With high stakes, historic rivalries, and national pride on the line, the 2025 edition of the Women's World Cup promises to be a thrilling and transformative chapter in the evolution of women's cricket.

host nation India in Bengaluru on September 30, marking the return of the Women's Cricket World Cup to Indian soil after 12 years. The semifinals are scheduled for October 29 and 30, to be played in Guwahati or Colombo, and Bengaluru, respectively. The final will be held on November 2, either in Bengaluru or Colombo, giving the finalists a minimum of two days to recover and prepare for



Indonesia Open 2025: Sindhu Advances to Second Round, Lakshya Sen Exits After Gruelling Battle

Two-time Olympic medalist P.V. Sindhu made a winning start at the Indonesia Open Super 1000 badminton tournament in Jakarta on Tuesday, June 3, 2025. She edged out long-time Japanese rival Nozomi Okuhara in a gripping women's singles encounter to secure a spot in the round of 16, while Lakshya Sen bowed out after a hard-fought opening-round loss.

In a clash that lasted one hour and 19 minutes, Sindhu defeated Okuhara 22-20, 21-23, 21-15, showcasing her trademark grit and resilience. The contest saw both players trade long rallies and commit several unforced errors, but it was Sindhu who held her nerve in the crucial moments.

lies with her powerful forehand drives and clever shot placement. She surged ahead to 20-12 and needed five match points before sealing the match and advancing to the next round.



Jannik Sinner Storms into French Open Quarterfinals with Dominant Win Over Rublev

World No. 1 Jannik Sinner sent a strong message to his French Open title contenders on Monday, June 2, 2025, with a commanding straight-sets victory over Russia's Andrey Rublev in the round of 16 at Roland Garros. Sinner, showing no signs of rust after his return from a doping suspension, breezed past the 17th seed 6-1, 6-3, 6-4 under the lights of Court Philippe Chatrier.



Rublev, known for his explosive game and aggressive baseline hitting, was widely expected to pose a tough challenge. However, Sinner took complete control from the start, dominating with precision groundstrokes, relentless consistency, and tactical superiority. The opening set lasted just 28 minutes, with Sinner racing to a 6-1 win, breaking Rublev twice and barely giving the Russian any room to settle.

The Italian continued to dictate play in the second set, using his powerful fore-

his place in the quarterfinals.

This clinical win marks another step in Sinner's remarkable return to form. The 22-year-old made headlines earlier this year after receiving a three-month suspension related to a doping violation, which he completed in May. Since then, he has shown no dip in performance, regaining his top ranking and momentum with dominant displays.

Sinner will next face unseeded Kazakh Alexander Bublik in the quarterfinals. Though Bublik is known for his unpredictable and flashy style, Sinner enters the match as a strong favorite.

With key rivals like Carlos Alcaraz and Daniil Medvedev still in the mix, Sinner's current form firmly places him as one of the front-runners for the Roland Garros crown. His latest performance makes one thing clear: the Italian is back—and better than ever.

hand and agile court coverage to neutralize Rublev's aggression. Although Rublev attempted to mount a fightback, he was broken early and never recovered, dropping the second set 6-3.

In the third set, Rublev showed flashes of resistance, but Sinner's composure and variety proved too much. The top seed broke at 3-3 and held serve comfortably to close out the set 6-4 and seal

Zinc Football Academy Clinches Rajasthan League Title, Qualifies for I-League 3

Hindustan Zinc's Zinc Football Academy (ZFA) has once again made headlines, emerging as champions of the Rajasthan League Senior Men's A-Division 2024-25. This marks the second title win in four years for the Zawar-based academy, reaffirming its growing dominance in grassroots Indian football.

What makes this triumph even more remarkable is that ZFA competed with the youngest squad in the league, with an average player age of just 18.3 years. Despite their youth, the team displayed exceptional maturity and skill throughout the season, winning 16 out of 20 matches, scoring an impressive 70 goals, and conceding only six. They also went on an unbeaten 13-match streak and secured 16 clean sheets, demonstrating their prowess in both attack and defense.

Karan Beniwal, a promising striker from Haryana, led the team's offensive line, finishing as the top scorer with 16 goals, while teammate Ashish added 12. Overall, 17 different players scored during the campaign, highlighting the depth and versatility of the squad.

Founded in 2017, Zinc Football Academy is an AIFF-accredited 3-star academy focused on nurturing rural talent from across India. Over the years, it has trained more than 5,000 young footballers. Players like Mohammed Kaif, Prem Hansdak, Sahil Poonia, and Ashish Mayla have already represented India on the international stage, reflecting the academy's strong development model.

Commenting on the achievement, Arun Misra, CEO of Hindustan Zinc, said: "This victory reflects our long-term commitment to empowering India's youth through sports. Many of these players have been with us since the beginning, and their growth is a testament to what structured grassroots training can achieve."

The Rajasthan Football Association (RFA), which organized the two-month-long home-and-away league starting in April, will now nominate ZFA for I-League 3, the fourth tier of Indian football. Dilip Singh Shekhawat, RFA Secretary, added: "These youngsters are the future of football in Rajasthan and India. Their performance this season was outstanding."

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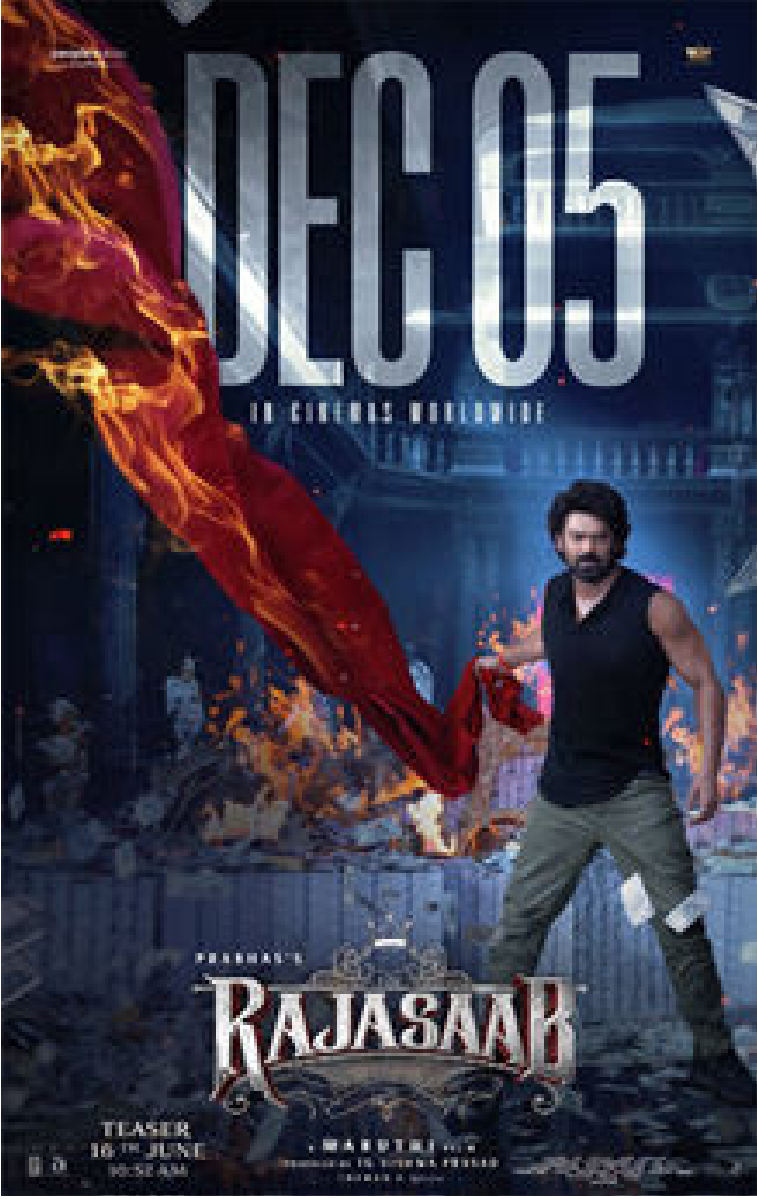
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Prabhas’ Horror Comedy ‘The Raja Saab’ Locks Release Date, Teaser Coming Soon

Prabhas is all set to return to the big screen with a refreshing new avatar in the upcoming horror comedy *The Raja Saab*. Directed by Maruthi, the film has now officially locked its worldwide release date for December 5, 2025, setting the stage for a grand cinematic event. The announcement came alongside the release of a vibrant and eye-catching poster that has only heightened fans’ excitement. With Prabhas leading the charge, and a unique blend of horror and humor, *The Raja Saab* is already being billed as one of the most eagerly awaited releases of the year. The film features a strong cast, including Nidhhi Agerwal, Malavika Mohanan, and Riddhi Kumar in prominent roles. Adding more weight to the ensemble is veteran actor Sanjay Dutt, who is said to be playing a crucial character in the storyline. Adding to the excitement, the makers have also confirmed the teaser release date. The first glimpse of *The Raja Saab* will be unveiled on June 16, 2025, at 10:52 AM. This announcement has sent social media into a frenzy, with fans marking their calendars and sharing their anticipation online. Produced by UV Creations, a banner known for backing several successful films in Telugu cinema, *The Raja Saab* is expected to be a full-fledged pan-Indian entertainer. The music for the film is being composed by Thaman, whose dynamic soundtracks are known to elevate the energy and appeal of any project. Given the film’s horror-comedy genre, audiences can expect a mix of eerie tunes, catchy songs, and lively background scores.



With a powerhouse team both in front of and behind the camera, *The Raja Saab* is shaping up to be a high-octane entertainer filled with thrills, laughs, and plenty of surprises. As the release date draws closer and the teaser launch nears, the buzz is only expected to grow louder. Stay tuned for more updates as Prabhas gets ready to entertain in a whole new light!

Director Harish Shankar Shares Update on ‘Ustaad Bhagat Singh’ Shoot



As excitement builds for the upcoming release of *Hari Hara Veera* on June 12, 2025, fans of Pawan Kalyan have another reason to celebrate. Director Harish Shankar has shared a fresh update on his much-anticipated film, *Ustaad Bhagat Singh*.

During a recent visit to Tirumala, Harish Shankar was approached by the media and asked about the current status of the film. In response, he confirmed that the shooting of *Ustaad Bhagat Singh* is set to resume in the second week of June 2025. While the exact date is yet to be officially announced, the director assured fans that further details will be revealed shortly.

Ustaad Bhagat Singh stars Pawan Kalyan in the lead role and is being produced by the renowned Mythri Movie Makers banner, known for delivering several blockbuster hits. The film features Sreeleela as the female lead, adding fresh energy to the project. Music for the film is being composed by the ever-popular Devi Sri Prasad (DSP), raising expectations

for a powerful and entertaining soundtrack.

Since its announcement, *Ustaad Bhagat Singh* has generated significant buzz among fans and industry circles alike. The film marks a reunion between Harish Shankar and Pawan Kalyan after their 2012 blockbuster *Gabbar Singh*, further raising anticipation levels. With Harish’s flair for mass entertainers and Pawan’s dynamic screen presence, expectations are high that this film will deliver a compelling mix of action, drama, and entertainment.

While fans wait for a teaser or trailer announcement, this latest update is a reassuring sign that production is on track. With shooting set to resume soon, and a theatrical release targeted for later this year or early 2026, *Ustaad Bhagat Singh* is firmly on the list of most awaited Telugu films.

Stay tuned for official announcements and more exciting updates from the sets of *Ustaad Bhagat Singh* in the coming weeks.

Rana Naidu Season 2 Trailer Out: Action, Drama, and Expectations Soar Higher

The wait is finally over for fans of *Rana Naidu*, the hit web series starring Daggubati Venkatesh and Rana Daggubati. The trailer for *Rana Naidu Season 2* has just been released, and it promises an even more intense and gripping ride than the first season. Packed with action, drama, and suspense, the trailer has already raised expectations to new heights.



Rana Naidu, which premiered last year, received wide acclaim for its gritty storytelling and strong performances. Now, with Season 2 set to stream on Netflix from June 13, fans can look forward to the return of their favorite complex characters. Venkatesh will reprise his role as the ruthless and rule-breaking Naga Naidu, a stark contrast to his calm and composed real-life persona. This season, *Rana Naidu 2* brings in even more high-stakes drama as the father-son duo lock horns again. *Rana Naidu 2.0* is shown as more intense and unpredictable, setting the stage for explosive confrontations and unexpected twists. The makers have slightly toned down the bold content this time, addressing some of the criticism from the first season, while retaining the thrilling core of the story. The series is an adaptation of the popular American crime drama *Ray Donovan* and continues to explore themes of family conflict, crime, and redemption. *Rana Naidu Season 2* will be available

in Telugu, Tamil, Kannada, and Malayalam, making it accessible to a wider audience across India. Directed by Karan Anshuman, Suparn Varma, and Abhay Chopra, and produced by Sundar Aaron under Locomotive Global Media, the show boasts a star-studded ensemble. Alongside Rana and Venkatesh, the cast includes Arjun Rampal, Surveen Chawla, Kriti Kharbanda, Sushant Singh, Abhishek Banerjee, and Dino Morea in pivotal roles. The real-life father-son duo of Venkatesh and Rana first appeared together in a song in *Krishnam Vande Jagadgurum*, but *Rana Naidu* marked their first full-fledged collaboration. With Season 2, they are all set to enthrall audiences once again, delivering powerful performances in a gripping narrative that promises to be even better than before.

Nagarjuna Invites AP CM Chandrababu Naidu to Akhil-Zainab’s Star-Studded Wedding

Tollywood superstar Nagarjuna Akkineni paid a special visit to Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu at his camp office in Undavalli, Amaravati, to formally invite him to the upcoming wedding of his younger son, Akhil Akkineni, with Zainab Ravdjee. The highly anticipated wedding is set to take place on June 6, 2025, at the family’s prestigious Annapurna Studios in Hyderabad. The wedding is expected to be a grand and star-studded affair, drawing attention from both the film industry and political circles. Invitations have been extended to several high-profile guests, including political leaders from across the country, with both the Chief Ministers of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh expected to attend. Akhil Akkineni and Zainab Ravdjee got engaged on November 26, 2024, in a private ceremony attended by close



friends and family. Zainab, the bride-to-be, is a well-known artist and perfumer, celebrated for her abstract art and her popular fragrance blog, *Once Upon The Skin*. She also holds a unique place in Indian cinema history, having acted in MF Hussain’s acclaimed film

Meenaxi: A Tale of Three Cities. Though Zainab was born and raised in Hyderabad, her life has been nothing short of global. She has spent significant time in Dubai and London, and currently resides in Mumbai, where she continues her artistic and creative pursuits. The Akkineni family, known for its contributions to Indian cinema across generations, is preparing to host a wedding that blends elegance, tradition, and glamour. Given the prominence of both Akhil and Zainab in their respective fields, and the Akkineni family’s stature in Tollywood, the event is likely to be one of the most talked-about celebrity weddings of the year. With just days to go, preparations are in full swing, and anticipation is building for what promises to be a memorable celebration of love, art, and legacy.

Anaganaga Kadha From Kuberaa: A Hard-Hitting Social Anthem

Director Sekhar Kammula takes a bold turn with his upcoming social thriller *Kuberaa*, featuring powerhouse performances by Dhanush and Nagarjuna, alongside Rashmika Mandanna as the female lead. The film’s promotion is gaining strong momentum, highlighted by a grand audio launch that has set high expectations among fans. Amidst the buzz, the makers have unveiled the latest lyrical video, *Anaganaga Kadha*, a hard-hitting track that resonates deeply with the core themes of *Kuberaa*. Composed by the dynamic Devi Sri Prasad, the song delivers a stirring message that cuts straight to the heart of social issues. With lyrics by Chandrabose, *Anaganaga Kadha* boldly explores complex themes such as wealth disparity, hunger, selfishness, and the pervasive influence of money on society.



The intense vocals by the duo Hyde Karty and Kareemullah add a raw emotional power to the song, enhancing its impactful delivery. Their voices carry the weight of the song’s message, making it a stirring anthem that promises to leave a lasting impression. On screen, Dhanush and Nagarjuna embody two distinct characters whose performances blend seamlessly with the song’s powerful narrative. Their

portrayals add depth and authenticity, making it easy for viewers to connect with the song’s message. Although only glimpses of the visuals are currently available, it is evident that the full cinematic experience will amplify the song’s impact significantly. Produced by Sri Venkateswara Cinemas LLP and Amigos Creations Pvt Ltd, *Kuberaa* is slated for release on June 20th. With *Anaganaga Kadha* setting a strong tone, the film is poised to be a thought-provoking exploration of contemporary social issues, wrapped in a gripping thriller format. As anticipation builds, both the song and the movie are expected to spark conversations and engage audiences deeply, showcasing Sekhar Kammula’s versatility as a filmmaker willing to tackle tough subjects with style and substance.