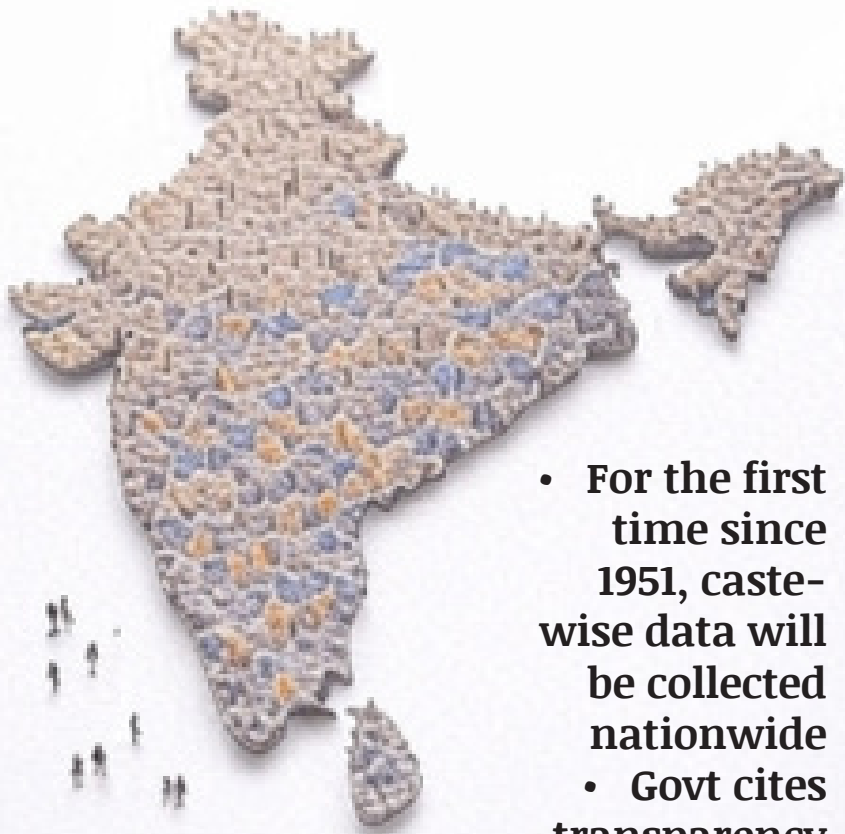




Census 2027: Date Fixed for Nationwide Population Census



- For the first time since 1951, caste-wise data will be collected nationwide
- Govt cites transparency and uniformity as key reasons for caste census

- Census to begin March 1, 2027

TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

The Government of India has officially announced that the next nationwide population census will commence on March 1, 2027. This census will mark a significant change, as caste-wise data will be collected for the first time in nearly seven decades. The process will be carried out in two phases in accordance with the Census Act, 1948, and

Census Rules, 1990. Special regions such as Ladakh, parts of Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, and Uttarakhand—where snow and other conditions prevent simultaneous data collection—will begin their census operations earlier, starting in October 2026. The reference date for these areas is set for midnight on October 1, 2026. For the rest of the country, the reference date will

be midnight on March 1, 2027. An official notification with these dates is expected to be published in the Official Gazette on June 16, 2025. Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnav confirmed the decision after the Cabinet Committee on Political Affairs meeting held on April 30. He emphasized that collecting caste data aims to enhance transparency and bring uniformity across the country. "Some states have conducted caste surveys transparently, while others have not, leading to discrepancies that risk social harmony," Vaishnav stated. The last national census was conducted in 2011. Although preparations for the 2021 census were completed, the fieldwork was indefinitely postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The 2011 census was conducted in two phases: the house-to-house survey took place between April and September 2010, and the population count occurred in February 2011. The reintroduction of caste-wise data collection is regarded as a historic step. The last comprehensive caste census was conducted during British rule, between 1881 and 1931. While the UPA government conducted the Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC) in 2011, the data was never fully published or officially utilized. Experts like Poonam Muttreja, executive director of the Population Foundation of India, have underscored the importance of caste census to reveal entrenched social inequalities and enable the creation of more inclusive government policies. This upcoming census is expected to provide critical insights for policymaking and resource allocation across India, potentially shaping social and economic development for years to come.



'That's Why We Are Observing Vennupotu Day Today': Jagan

- Jagan slams Chandrababu for failing to fulfil even one promise
- Says YSRCP's Vennupotu Day got massive response from public
- Vows to continue the fight for justice and people's rights

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

Marking exactly one year since the Telugu Desam-led coalition came to power, YSRCP chief and former Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy strongly criticized the government, accusing it of betraying the people. Asserting that none of the promises made by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu have been fulfilled, Jagan declared that June 4 would be observed as 'Vennupotu Day' (Backstabbing Day) to highlight the ruling coalition's alleged failure and deception. Taking to social media, Jagan said, "Exactly a year ago, Chandrababu Naidu came to power on the strength of grand promises.



Janasena's 100% Strike Rate Marks One Year

- Deputy CM praises NDA alliance's historic win
- Credits historic victory to strong leadership and people's support
- Commitment to 'Swarnandhra 2047' development plan

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

Jana Sena Party chief and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan marked the one-year anniversary of the NDA alliance's historic victory in Andhra Pradesh. He described June 4, 2024, as a landmark day when the people decisively ended the previous tyrannical regime and restored democratic values through their powerful mandate. In a statement released on Wednesday, Pawan Kalyan recalled how the people rejected five years of anarchic rule and authoritarianism with their votes, ushering in a new era of governance and hope. He highlighted the strong leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, along with the unwavering spirit of Jana Sainiks and brave women who fought relentlessly for change.

Stampede at RCB Victory Celebrations... 11 people confirmed dead, more than 50 Injured...



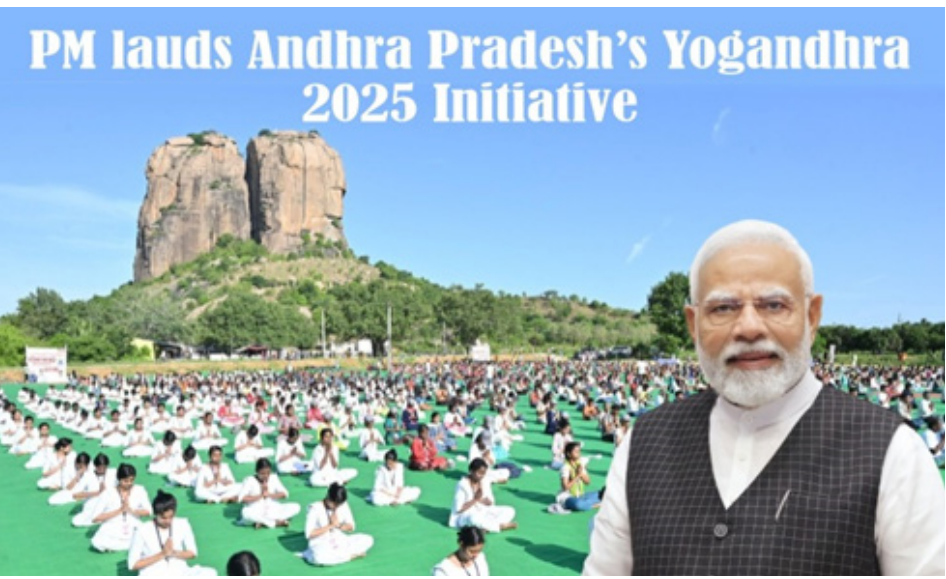
World-Class Cricket Stadium in Amaravati... Minister Lokesh Focuses on Jobs and Investments



SIT Tightens Probe in Tirumala Laddu Ghee Adulteration Case

SIT issues notices to top TTD staff, including ex-chairman's PA
15 arrested; suppliers created fake documents to win contracts

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PM lauds Andhra Pradesh's Yogandhra 2025 Initiative

Praises massive public participation, looks forward to June 21 celebrations

Andhra Pradesh: Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed happiness and appreciation for the large-scale public participation in the on-going YogaAndhra 2025 programs being held across Andhra Pradesh. He responded to visuals shared by Union Minister of State for AYUSH, Pratap Rao Jadhav, who posted photos from a mass yoga session held at the scenic Puligundu Twin Hills in Chittoor district. The event, held under the state government's flagship YogaAndhra 2025 campaign, saw more than 2,000 yoga enthusiasts performing asanas in unison amidst the natural surroundings of Puligundu.



Chief Minister of AP Sri.N.Chandra Babu Naidu in the presence of Union Housing, power & Urban development Sri.Manohar Lal Katar and Union Minister of State for Industries Sri Bhupati Raju Srinivasa Varma and CS.K.Vijayanand is presenting Energy Efficient Induction Stove to the Beneficiary during inaugural program.. recently in Vijayawada.. - File Photo:

India's the largest Clean Cooking Program... under Good Electric Campaign of MOP... EESL Parternship with AP Govt.. A role model in India'

- **Distribution of energy-efficient induction stoves in 11,400 AWCs**
- **Move to save ₹24 crore annually and cut 28,000+ tons of CO₂ emissions**

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada

The Andhra Pradesh government is all set to roll out one of India's largest energy efficiency distribution programs on the occasion of World Environment Day, June 5. As part of this initiative, 11,400 Anganwadi Centers (AWCs) across the state will receive energy-efficient induction cooktops and compatible utensils in the first phase. This landmark project is being implemented under the National Efficient Cooking Programme (NECP) with support from the Ministry of Power, Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), and Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL), in collaboration with the state's Department of Women and Child Welfare. Hon'ble Minister for Women, Child Welfare, and Tribal Welfare, Smt. G. Sandhya Rani, will formally launch the program in Vijayawada on Thursday, joined by public representatives and officials. The initiative coincides with World Environment Day and symbolizes Andhra Pradesh's commitment to sustainable development, clean energy, and women's welfare. The program was initially launched by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu in the presence of Union Minister for Housing, Power, and Urban Development Shri Manohar Lal Khattar. Both leaders voiced strong support for clean cooking technologies to promote climate resilience and better health outcomes at the grassroots level. Union Secretary for Women and Child Development and BEE, Shri Anil Malik, praised Andhra Pradesh's leadership in implementing NECP at scale. Experts who studied best practices from 12 major states have also recognized the AP-EESL model as exemplary in clean energy reform.

Key Benefits of Switching to Induction Cooking:

- **Efficiency:** 30% more efficient than traditional LPG cooking
- **Cost Saving:** ₹24 crore annual savings by reducing LPG usage
- **Environmental Impact:** 28,327 tons of CO₂ emissions avoided yearly
- **Safety:** No open flame; reduces fire risk and indoor air pollution
- **Comfort:** Ensures a cleaner, cooler, and safer cooking space for Anganwadi workers



The BEE acknowledged this as a milestone and has assured its full support in helping scale the project nationally. It also lauded the South Central Railway for its parallel achievements in energy efficiency. Plans are already underway to extend the initiative to all 55,607 AWCs across Andhra Pradesh. EESL CEO Shri Vishal Kapoor, CGM Shri Animesh Mishra, and state-level officials are closely monitoring the program's execution. Smt. Surya Kumari (Secretary, Women and Child Welfare) and Director Shri

M. Venu Gopal Reddy extended their gratitude to CM Naidu, Union Minister Khattar, and Chief Secretary Shri K. Vijayanand for their proactive leadership. The program not only contributes to India's climate action goals but also empowers women and enhances the working conditions in rural childcare facilities. With national recognition and scalable impact, Andhra Pradesh's clean cooking initiative is poised to become a replicable model for the entire country.

Amaravati farmers to receive returnable plots via e-lottery on June 5

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

The Andhra Pradesh Capital Region Development Authority (AP CRDA) will conduct an e-lottery for the allotment of returnable and alternative plots on Thursday to fulfil the promises made to farmers who gave their lands for the construction of Amaravati. The event will take place at the Ground Floor Conference Hall of the AP CRDA Headquarters, Vijayawada. A total of 304 plots will be allotted to 119 farmers from 15 villages through a transparent online random system. These plots are being distributed as part of the land acquisition and returnable plot scheme under the Amaravati capital development project. The e-lottery will be held in two sessions. From 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, plots will be allotted to farmers from Krishnayapalem, Navuluru 1 & 2, Kuragallu 1 & 2, Nidamaru 1 & 2, and Penumaka villages. The afternoon session, from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm, will cover farmers from Thullur 1 & 2, Nekkallu, Anantavaram, Rayapudi 1 & 2, Kondamarajupalem, Sakhamuru, Venkatapalem, Velagapudi, Mandam 1 & 2, and Pichukalapalem. CRDA officials have requested that all eligible farmers from these villages attend the e-lottery programme to witness the process firsthand. The allotment marks a step forward in restoring trust and delivering benefits to those who contributed land to the ambitious Amaravati capital city project.

Vana Mahotsavam in Amaravati

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

As part of the World Environment Day celebrations, a grand Vana Mahotsavam program is set to take place today in Anantavaram, the heart of the developing capital city Amaravati. Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan will participate in the event and plant saplings near Anantavaram Park, marking the government's commitment to sustainable and eco-friendly urban development. State Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister Dr. P. Narayana, along with local MLA Shravan Kumar, visited the site today to inspect the arrangements and ensure smooth conduct of the event. Speaking to the media, Minister Narayana emphasized the state government's long-term environmental vision for Amaravati. "Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu aims to transform Amaravati into one of the best cities in the world. While most cities in the country plan for just 10% blue and green cover, Amaravati is being designed with a 30% blue and green ratio," said Narayana. He further highlighted that the CM has directed officials to consult urban design experts from Singapore and Japan to implement global best practices in afforestation and environmental planning. "In these countries, plants are not just planted randomly. They are selected and placed based on scientific analysis. We are following a similar approach in Amaravati," he added.

SIT Tightens...

TPN Correspondent | Tirupati

The Special Investigation Team (SIT) has intensified its investigation into the sensational ghee adulteration case linked to the sacred Tirumala Srivari Laddu Prasadam. The probe, which has drawn national attention, now targets senior officials of the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) and ghee suppliers suspected of serious irregularities. The scandal erupted earlier this year after it was discovered that the ghee used in the preparation of the famed Tirumala laddu prasadam contained adulterants such as animal fats and fish oil. Outrage from devotees and the general public followed, prompting swift action from investigating agencies. As part of the ongoing probe, the SIT has served fresh notices to Appanna, personal assistant to former TTD Chairman Y.V. Subba Reddy. Appanna has been under questioning for the past two days. Alongside him, six other TTD staff members are also being interrogated over their roles in the procurement and tendering process. So far, 15 individuals have been arrested in the case, including the owners and employees of dairies that supplied the adulterated ghee. The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) had earlier arrested four key accused in February 2025. Those taken into custody include the managing director of AR Dairy in Tamil Nadu, two representatives of Bhole Baba Dairy from Uttarakhand, and an executive from Vaishnavi Dairy based in Srikalahasti. The investigation has revealed that the accused had submitted forged documents to win contracts and bypassed eligibility norms, despite lacking the capacity to supply the required quality and quantity of ghee. Alarmingly, SIT suspects that certain TTD officials may have facilitated these contracts in violation of tendering rules.

Praises massive...

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The initiative is part of a statewide effort to promote yoga ahead of International Yoga Day on June 21. Sharing the minister's tweet, Prime Minister Modi wrote on X that he was glad to witness the overwhelming enthusiasm of Andhra Pradesh's people for yoga. He commended their efforts in promoting yoga through the YogaAndhra 2025 initiative, calling it a commendable step toward building a healthier society. He further stated that he is eagerly looking forward to the state-level celebrations of Yoga Day on June 21. Modi also appealed to the public to participate in large numbers and make yoga a part of their daily routine, highlighting its significance in leading a balanced and stress-free life. The Andhra Pradesh government has been organizing yoga programs on a regular basis as part of YogaAndhra 2025, aiming to integrate the practice into people's everyday lives and spread awareness about its benefits. Public representatives, officials, and citizens have been actively taking part in these events being held at schools, hills, temples, and open grounds across the state.

'That's Why We...

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Since then, he has not fulfilled even one. Instead, he has deceived the people who trusted him with empty words and broken assurances." Jagan emphasized that the observance of Vennupotu Day had received an overwhelming response across the state, with people from various walks of life participating to express their discontent. "Today, the voices of pain, betrayal and resistance were heard loud and clear. This is not just a protest—this is a powerful message from the people that they will not tolerate deception," he said. According to Jagan, the turnout for the protests across the state reflected the disappointment and anger of the common man, who he said had been left behind by the Naidu-led government's neglect. He further stated that this movement is not a one-time event, but the beginning of a larger struggle for justice, self-respect, and the protection of people's rights. "I thank every YSRCP leader, worker, and citizen who stood with the people today to amplify the truth. Our fight will continue with even greater intensity until the people's problems are addressed," he said. Jagan also claimed that the people of Andhra Pradesh have been "plunged into despair" due to unfulfilled promises such as the Super Six guarantees and lack of welfare implementation. "This is not just a political failure; it's a moral failure. And people have realized it," he added.

Janasena's 100%...

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Pawan Kalyan expressed pride in the Jana Sena Party's performance, boasting a perfect strike rate in the electoral battle that contributed to the NDA coalition's success. He pledged to shoulder the responsibility entrusted by the people and focus on correcting past mistakes to build a prosperous future. He outlined a vision for Andhra Pradesh's development under the joint leadership of Jana Sena, Telugu Desam, and BJP, aimed at achieving "Swarnandhra 2047" and aligning with the national goal of "Vikasith Bharat 2047." The Deputy CM emphasized that the coalition government will work beyond political divides to deliver public administration reflecting the people's aspirations.

Pawan calls Yuvagalam a weapon against Jagan’s misrule

Lokesh shares book with Pawan, cabinet colleagues
Dy CM hailed as turning point in Andhra politics

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh
Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan lauded the ‘Yuvagalam’ march led by Nara Lokesh, describing it as a powerful movement that exposed the “demonic rule” of the previous YSRCP government. The remarks came during a special cabinet interaction at the State Secretariat where Lokesh presented a book documenting the Yuvagalam Padayatra to Pawan Kalyan and other ministers. Calling it a “turning point in Andhra Pradesh politics,” Pawan Kalyan said the Yuvagalam march succeeded in awakening the public to the failures and alleged anarchy of the then Jagan-led government. “The march made people realize the extent of misrule they were living under. Even a year after that regime ended, people still shudder at those memories,” he remarked. He praised Nara Lokesh for not only completing the challenging Padayatra but also for compiling those intense political and personal experiences into a book. “This documentation is not just a record; it is a reminder of the fight against oppression and misgovernance,” Pawan noted. On this occasion, Lokesh shared some key moments and hardships from the Yuvagalam Padayatra with Pawan Kalyan and explained the motivation behind chronicling it. He emphasized that the march was rooted in people’s aspirations and their need for a transparent, accountable, and development-driven government.



The book presentation at the cabinet meeting comes at a time when the new alliance government is completing one year in office, with ministers reflecting on the political shift that followed the fall of the previous regime. Many leaders present also echoed Pawan Kalyan’s sentiments and commended the effort to preserve the spirit and story of the Yuvagalam movement. The march, which covered thousands of kilometers and touched numerous constituencies, is widely credited with galvanizing public sentiment and mobilizing support for the current government. As Pawan Kalyan put it, “Yuvagalam wasn’t just a walk—it was a battle cry.”

June 4 Marked the Rise of People’s Power: CM Chandrababu

Vows continued welfare and development in coming four years

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

Marking the first anniversary of the historic 2024 Andhra Pradesh election results, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu described June 4 as a turning point in state politics. In a heartfelt message shared on the social media platform ‘X’ (formerly Twitter), the CM expressed deep gratitude to the people of Andhra Pradesh for the overwhelming mandate that brought the TDP-Jana Sena-BJP alliance to power, ending what he called a “psycho regime.” Chandrababu hailed the public verdict as a revolution that restored democracy in the state. “June 4... a day that created history in the politics of Andhra Pradesh... a day when dictatorial rulers were swept away by the people’s revolution... a day when the people drove away the madness that was rampant in the name of power... a day when democracy was restored,” he



wrote. He praised the alliance cadre—referring to TDP, Jana Sena and BJP party workers—as warriors who paved the way for victory through their relentless struggle. “With the help of Pasupu Sainiks, Jana Sainiks, and Kamal Nadhu, the state won,” he added, thanking the alliance for restoring order and direction to a state he claimed was devastated by government excesses. Chandrababu stated that the coalition government has worked diligently in its first year to live up to the people’s

expectations, focusing on rebuilding governance, welfare implementation, and developmental initiatives. “We have taken the verdict given by the people as a responsibility to rebuild the state,” he said. Looking ahead, he promised that the coming four years would see the rollout of several key welfare and development programs. Reiterating his government’s commitment to serving the people, he ended his message with a powerful note: “Jai Andhra Pradesh... Jai Jai Andhra Pradesh!”

Ambati Rambabu's Clash With Police Goes Viral

Back-Stab Day protest sparks heated exchange between YCP leader and officer

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh
A tense altercation between senior YSR Congress Party (YCP) leader Ambati Rambabu and a police officer during a protest in Andhra Pradesh has gone viral on social media, drawing public attention and sparking debate. The incident took place during YCP’s attempt to organize a ‘Back-Stab Day’ protest across various parts of the state on Wednesday. The protests were intended to mark what the party claims as a betrayal by political opponents. However, police forces were deployed to prevent any unauthorized gatherings, leading to friction between law enforcement and party leaders. At one protest site, Ambati Rambabu was seen arguing with police personnel who tried to stop the demonstration. According to visuals circulating online, Rambabu engaged in a heated verbal exchange with a police officer, pointing fingers and using harsh language in defiance of the police instructions. The confrontation intensified as the officer stood his ground firmly, refusing to back down despite the political pressure. Bystanders and party supporters captured the exchange on video, which quickly went viral on social media platforms. Viewers noted the officer’s calm but firm demeanor even as the situation escalated. “An officer who never gives up,” some netizens praised, sharing clips of the face-off widely. YCP has claimed the protest was their democratic right, while authorities argue it was unauthorized and could disturb public order. Meanwhile, political analysts say the clash may further strain relations between the opposition and police in the state. As the video continues to spread, it remains to be seen whether any official action or response will follow from either side.

YSRCP Leader Botsa collapses during rally in Vizianagaram

MLC collapses at event in Cheepurupalli; rushed to hospital



TPN Correspondent | Vizianagaram

YSR Congress Party senior leader and MLC Botsa Satyanarayana fell seriously ill while participating in a party rally in Cheepurupalli, Vizianagaram district on Wednesday. The incident occurred during a “Back-Stab Day” program organized by the YSRCP, drawing concern among party leaders and workers. According to eyewitnesses, Botsa collapsed while addressing the gathering from the stage. Party members and local leaders reacted swiftly, rushing him to a nearby hospital for immediate medical attention. Initial reports suggest that he may have suffered from heat-related exhaustion or a spike in body temperature. Videos of the incident have gone viral on social media, showing the moment Botsa stumbled and fell, alarming onlook-

ers. Hospital sources stated that he is currently under medical supervision and undergoing necessary tests to determine the cause of the illness. Preliminary indications suggest it is a minor condition, but further tests are underway for confirmation.

Party sources confirmed that Botsa, who previously served as a minister in Andhra Pradesh and held the post of AP Congress Committee president before joining YSRCP in 2015, had been dealing with mild health issues in recent days. The intense heat during the outdoor rally may have aggravated his condition. Botsa Satyanarayana remains a prominent figure in Andhra Pradesh politics, known for his experience and influence, especially in North Andhra. News of his sudden illness has prompted concern among supporters, with several senior YSRCP leaders reportedly contacting the hospital for updates on his condition. As of now, doctors are monitoring his health closely, and an official health bulletin is expected soon. Party cadres across the district are praying for his speedy recovery.

Brand Ambassador of 'Back Stabbing' Is Known to All: Sharmila

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

APCC president YS Sharmila launched a scathing attack on both YSR Congress chief Jagan Mohan Reddy and Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, calling out their failures and accusing them of betraying the people of Andhra Pradesh. On the occasion of what YSRCP has dubbed ‘Back Stabbing Day’, Sharmila dismissed the program as political gimmickry, asserting that the real brand ambassador for ‘backstabbing’ is well-known to the people. “Jagan is not only the brand ambassador of ‘Back Pain’ but also deserves patent rights for the term,” Sharmila said, ridiculing her brother’s political stance. She accused him of using blood ties and padayatras as tools to achieve personal ambition while ultimately betraying the people’s trust. “He should have been raising his voice against the government’s failures, especially regarding the unfulfilled Super Six promises. Instead, he’s comfortably addressing press conferences from his home, seeking opposition status without holding the government accountable,” she said. Taking on the TDP-led coalition, Sharmila criticized the government’s lack of action on key poll promises. She dubbed June 4 as the “Day of Andhra Pradesh Public Deception,” saying the trio of Modi, Chandrababu, and Pawan Kalyan had tricked voters into believing in reconstruction and reform. “After a year in power, they are blaming the debt situation and offering excuses for stalled welfare programs. The Super Six promises have been shelved, and people are burdened with soaring electricity bills,” she said. Sharmila slammed Chandrababu for not raising the issue of special category status with the Centre and failing to deliver on partition promises. She also condemned the BJP-led Centre for reducing the Polavaram project height and neglecting its commitment to Visakhapatnam Steel Plant. “They claimed to save Vizag Steel but have instead left 4,000 workers jobless. Their support for the controversial Waqf Bill is another betrayal to the Muslim community,” she added. Taking a final dig at Jagan, she said his protests on issues like the liquor scam were nothing but empty noise. “You cry thief while knowing who actually initiated the liquor scam. You won’t even come forward to testify in the assembly,” she said, accusing him of hypocrisy and self-preservation.



The Day the Button Broke...

MLA Sudheer Reddy Celebrates One Year of Swarnandhra’s Rise



TPN | C Shekar

Tirupati: Commemorating the completion of one year since the people of Srikalahasti elected him, local MLA Bojjala Sudheer Reddy on Tuesday celebrated the occasion with gratitude

and strong political statements. The celebrations began with his homage to party icons and ended with a fiery retort against the opposition. Marking the day as the moment “the button broke and Swar-

nandhra’s development began,” Bojjala thanked Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu for giving him the opportunity to contest, and expressed heartfelt gratitude to the voters of Srikalahasti. “Exactly one year ago, people delivered their verdict for change and prosperity,” he said. The MLA first anointed the statue of late Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao with milk as a tribute to the Telugu Desam Party’s founding figure. Later, he took part in a cake-cutting ceremony at the party office, celebrating one year of the alliance government with senior TDP leaders. Lashing out at YSRCP chief Jagan Mohan Reddy, Bojjala said, “He was the first to backstab the Congress, used his father’s death for political mileage, and now has the audacity to organize a pro-

gram like ‘Back Pain Day’. It’s not just ironic—it’s a mockery.” He emphasized that under the leadership of CM Chandrababu Naidu and Minister Nara Lokesh, the alliance government had initiated crucial welfare schemes and kickstarted several development programs despite facing a heavy budget deficit. “The credit for balancing welfare and development amidst economic crisis belongs solely to our CM and Minister Lokesh,” he noted. Bojjala also drew inspiration from his late father and former MLA Bojjala Gopalakrishna Reddy. “Just like my father once brought milk to Srikalahasti, today I am striving to bring prosperity to this constituency—whether in industries, education, trade or agriculture,” he said.

NDA Govt Marks One Year of Good Governance

State freed from YCP’s misrule; NDA to provide stable governance for 30 years

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada

Marking the completion of one year since the NDA coalition came to power in Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada MP Kesineni Sivanath (Chinni) declared that the people have been freed from the “demonic rule” of the previous YSRCP regime. He asserted that the NDA government, led by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, will ensure good governance for the next 30 years.

MP Kesineni, along with Minister Nadendla Manohar and MLA Gadde Rammohan, participated in a grand public gathering organized at the Screw Bridge ISKCON Temple Grounds in Vijayawada by Jana Sena Parliament Coordinator Ammisetti Vasu. The event was held as a celebration of the completion of one year of “people’s governance” after defeating the previous YSRCP-led government. The program featured cultural performances, classical dances by children, and a special showcase of women representing the unity of the NDA alliance through traditional



attire. As part of the celebrations, the leaders cut a cake and extended their wishes to the public. Speaking to the media, MP Kesineni said, “It has been a year since the state was liberated from the clutches of drugs, rowdiness, and deception. This day marks the end of that Narakasura-like regime.” He went on to accuse former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy of being responsible for criminal activities, including allegedly encouraging drug mafias and shielding rowdy elements. “Cases were filed against rowdy sheeters during Jagan’s rule, and now he’s crying foul about peace being disturbed,”

Kesineni stated. He also said that Jagan will “definitely go to jail” in the liquor scam case and accused him of orchestrating his own father Y.S. Vivekananda Reddy’s murder for political gain. “People will no longer fall for his drama,” he asserted. Minister Nadendla Manohar said the celebration was a reflection of the public’s trust in the NDA leadership. “On this day last year, people stood in long queues, overcoming temptations and threats, and gave a historic verdict,” he said. He added that the unity within the NDA was evident as three women from different parties in the alliance stood

together during the celebrations, symbolizing strength and unity. MLA Gadde Rammohan praised the public’s role in changing the political landscape and pledged continued efforts for development and clean administration. Janasena East Constituency Coordinator Ammisetti Vasu, Agnikula Kshatriya Corporation Chairman Chilakalapudi Paparao, Shalivahana Kumari Corporation Chairman Perepi Eeshwar, 16th Division Corporator Uddi Setty Radhika, TDP leader Ganne Prasad, APIIC Director Mandal Rajesh, and leaders from BJP and other alliance parties also attended in large numbers.

MP Sivanath meets DRM Narendra A. Patil along with MLAs

Issues of Central, West, and Mylavaram constituencies discussed
Railway officials assure speedy action and joint meetings with civic bodies

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada

NTR district MP Kesineni Sivanath (Chinni) on Wednesday led a high-level delegation to the Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) Office in Vijayawada to address pressing railway infrastructure issues affecting the constituencies of Vijayawada Central, West, and Mylavaram. Accompanied by MLAs Bonda Umamaheswar Rao and Vasanta Krishna Prasad, the MP held extensive discussions with DRM Narendra A. Patil, who welcomed and felicitated the public representatives. During the meeting, MP Kesineni handed over detailed representations and photographs of problematic sites, gathered during his personal inspections with the respective MLAs. The key issues discussed included long-pending Road Under Bridges (RUBs) and Road Over Bridges (ROBs), drainage concerns, and passenger amenities. In Vijayawada Central, MP Kesineni and MLA Bonda



Umamaheswar Rao brought up the delay in starting the Gunadala ROB works at LC Nos. 7, 8, and 316, where Detailed Project Reports were completed way back in 2009. They pointed out the high accident risk at Vambe Colony-Devi Nagar Katta due to the absence of a proper underpass and emphasized the need for a second ROB at Singh Nagar to ease traffic congestion. The MP assured railway officials of full cooperation in obtaining required state permissions. In the West constituency, accompanied by TDP State Official Nagul Mira, MP Kesineni highlighted the need to improve the road stretch from Meesala Rajeshwar Rao Bridge

to the railway station and to widen the Errakatta Bridge. He stressed the urgency of cleaning railway drains before the onset of monsoon. For Mylavaram, along with MLA Vasanta Krishna Prasad, MP Kesineni appreciated the Railway Department for developing Rayanapadu Station as a satellite terminal under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, reducing pressure on Vijayawada Junction. He also urged full modernization of Kondapalli Railway Station, addressing the lack of proper platforms and poor drainage at Kondapalli ST Colony. He called for early action on ROB at LC 140 (Kondapalli) and LC 147, 148 (Eelaprolu), and flagged issues in drainage

works at Gollapudi LC 150 ROB. DRM Narendra A. Patil responded positively and immediately contacted relevant railway departments. He assured that a joint coordination meeting involving railway and municipal officials would be conducted soon to address several issues collaboratively. He also instructed officials to expedite pending works. Senior railway officials including Additional DRM P.E. Edwin, Chief Project Managers Manohar Reddy (Gati Shakti) and Vishnuvardhan Rao (RLDA), Senior DEN Varun Babu, Senior DCM V. Rambabu, and Senior DOM D. Narendra Verma participated in the review meeting.

Free Mega Eye Camp Begins in Gunadala

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada

A free mega eye treatment camp has been launched in Gunadala, Vijayawada, in association with Shankara Nethralaya, Chennai, offering vital eye care services to the public. The camp is being held in memory of Late Sri Kamineni Subrahmanyeshwara Rao and Late Smt. Basava Kutumba Maruthi Bai, and is jointly organized by their sons, Sri Kamineni Sarath and Sri Kamineni Sampath, along with their family members. The camp was formally inaugurated on Monday, June 2, at the Kamma Seva Sangam Vidyarthi Vaasthi Griham student hostel in Gunadala. The management team, including Sri Prabhas, Sri Sampath, Sri Suri Babu, and Sri Kamineni Sampath, participated in the opening ceremony. As per Sri Bhanuprakash Reddy Eddula, Project Coordinator and Incharge of the Mobile Eye Surgical Unit from Shankara Nethralaya, eye testing will be conducted daily from June 2 to June 8,

between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM, at the Kamma Seva Sangam hostel. Eligible patients identified with cataract issues will be offered free surgeries from June 6 to June 11 at Ram Cinemas, Gunadala. Additionally, free spectacles and medicines will be provided to those in need. Sri Kamineni Sampath urged the residents of Gunadala and surrounding areas to take full advantage of this initiative. “We are organizing this free mega eye treatment camp in memory of our beloved parents. We sincerely thank the members of Kamma Seva Sangam Vidyarthi Vaasthi Griham and Sri Elamanchili Ramachandra Rao garu, Proprietor of Ram Cinemas, for their cooperation and support in making this camp possible,” he said. The event is expected to benefit hundreds of individuals suffering from various eye conditions and reinforces the commitment of the organisers to social service through healthcare outreach.



Yoga for wellness, unity for a drug-free society

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NTR District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha underscored the global significance of yoga and its roots in Indian heritage during a special program held on Wednesday as part of Yogandhra-2025 celebrations. At the BRTS Yoga Street, he performed yoga asanas alongside ex-servicemen and pensioners in an event organized by the Ayush Department, District Administration, and Vijayawada Municipal Corporation. Dr. Lakshmisha said that yoga practice should be integrated into daily life, noting that modern lifestyles often lead to stress and various health problems, which can be alleviated through yoga. He announced that by June 21, thousands of trainers had been appointed to teach yoga asanas to approximately 10 lakh people across NTR district. He explained that special yoga programs were being conducted daily from village to district levels, encouraging lifelong commitment to yoga. According to Dr. Lakshmisha, scientific research has proven that yoga helps overcome daily stress and restores energy to the body, making everyday tasks more invigorating. The district administration had also prepared venues in every village, mandal, town, and city to organize International Yoga Day celebrations on June 21. During the event, the District Eagle Team unveiled ‘No Drugs Bro’ posters aimed at raising awareness about drug addiction. The Collector appealed to parents and community members to support the state government’s Eagle Team (toll-free number 1972) in efforts to keep youth away from drugs, which he described as a ‘terrible disease’ that destroys families. He noted that awareness seminars were being organized from school to university level to inform students about the harmful effects of drug use and urged everyone to report drug-related information as a social responsibility. Vijayawada RDO Kavuri Chaitanya, District Military Welfare Officer Surgeon Lieutenant Commander (Retd) Kalyanaveena K., ex-soldier Jagan Mohan, Subedar K.K. Narasimha Rao (Retd), Naib Subedar Moturi Shankara Rao (Retd), and numerous ex-soldiers and family members participated.

15 students and 19 headmasters honoured with awards by Profit Shoe Company

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Fifteen outstanding Class 10 students from government schools and 19 dedicated headmasters were honoured by the Profit Shoe Company as part of their Community service initiative held at the company’s conference hall in Hanumanpet, Vijayawada, on Wednesday. The awards recognised the exceptional academic achievements of poor students and the ef-

forts of headmasters in nurturing talent in government schools. The event, graced by Eastern Constituency MLA Gadde Rammohan Rao and Central Constituency MLA Bonda Umamaheswara Rao, celebrated toppers from four mandals of Vijayawada division. Gadde Rammohan Rao called the students ‘rubies in the soil’ and highlighted education as a powerful tool for societal change. Bonda Umamaheswara

Rao urged students to study well and bring pride to their families and society, stating that poverty should never hinder development. Top scorers like Gaddamsetty Sai Charan (593/600) of STB English Medium MCHS, Kompalli Praneeth Kumar (592/600) of AKPK MCHS, and Bandaru Nehapriya (590/600) of GDET MCHS Patamata were felicitated with mementoes, certificates, college bags, lunch

boxes, water bottles, Abdul Kalam’s autobiography Vijetha Atmakatha, notebooks, and shoe coupons. Each student received a gift package worth approximately Rs 5,500. The honoured headmasters were presented with mementoes, certificates, shawls, luggage bags, lunch boxes, water bottles, and Rs 1,500 gift vouchers in recognition of their commitment to academic excellence.

Profit Shoe Company MD and Forum for Child Rights Director B.S. Koteswara Rao said the initiative was both a personal and corporate responsibility, aimed at encouraging children to overcome obstacles and succeed. The event featured cultural performances and songs by R. Pichaiyya, Koti Prakash Kumar, and Ramesh, adding a festive touch to the inspiring occasion.

World-Class Cricket Stadium in Amaravati...

Minister Lokesh Focuses on Jobs and Investments
₹9.5 lakh crore investment agreements signed in 11 months, says Lokesh
Goal set to generate 8.5 lakh jobs through new industries and MSMEs

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati
Andhra Pradesh Minister for IT, Education, and Electronics Nara Lokesh has directed officials to accelerate the construction of a world-class cricket stadium in Amaravati, with support from the BCCI. The stadium is expected not only to elevate the state's sporting infrastructure but also open new employment avenues, he stated during a meeting of the Committee of Employment Ministers and senior officials held at his residence in Undavalli. Presiding over the meeting, Lokesh highlighted that the Praja Government led by Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu has made remarkable progress in attracting investments. He revealed that in just 11 months, the state has signed investment agreements worth ₹9.5 lakh crore, a feat

the previous YSRCP government failed to achieve in five years. Of the total, 78 major industries worth ₹9.20 lakh crore and 1,19,580 MSMEs worth ₹13,895 crore have committed to invest, which is expected to create 8.5 lakh jobs across the state. Minister Lokesh emphasized the need for skill training for youth to match the workforce demands of the incoming industries. He proposed the creation of a comprehensive skill ecosystem in the state and suggested special Project Monitoring Units (PMUs) in the Economic Development Board (EDB) to oversee large investments from companies such as NTPC, BPCL, Reliance, and Tata Power. He also recommended streamlining the approval process for industrialists, integrating WhatsApp governance, and speeding up infra-

structure provisions for renewable energy projects. Tourism was also a key focus area. Lokesh noted that Andhra Pradesh's extensive coastline holds great potential for beach tourism, and directed officials to grant quick permissions for the construction of luxury hotels like Oberoi and Varun Beach Sands in Visakhapatnam. He stressed the need for infrastructure such as electricity and water to be provided on priority. In mining, Lokesh urged officials to explore opportunities in beach sand and coal gasification sectors, highlighting their potential for both investment and employment. Recognizing the significant role of MSMEs in job creation, he advised linking them with the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Pro-



gramme (PMEGP) for financial assistance. With the Chandrababu-led government nearing one year in office, Lokesh insisted on quick implementation of already sanctioned projects and reinforced the government's commitment to 'Speed of Doing Business' and 'Investor Friendly' policies. The meeting was attended by Ministers Ponguru Narayana, Kan-

dula Durgesh, TG Bharat, Kondapalli Srinivas, Kollu Ravindra, and Gottipati Ravikumar, along with senior officials including Industries Secretary N. Yuvraj, Tourism Special Secretary Ajay Jain, EDB CEO Saikanth Verma, IT Secretary Katamaneni Bhaskar, APIIC MD Abhishek Kishore, NREDCAP VC Kamalakara Babu, and Mines Secretary Praveen Kumar.

June 4 Gave a New Direction to Democracy: Atchannaidu
Minister says NDA Govt implemented 700+ promises in 1st year



TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh
State Agriculture and Animal Husbandry Minister Kinjarapu Atchannaidu said that June 4 will be remembered as a historic day that gave a new direction to democracy in Andhra Pradesh. On the occasion of completing one year of the NDA coalition government's formation, he issued a special statement on Wednesday, calling the day a landmark in public empowerment. "This is not just a political victory but the strength the people gave to a government determined to serve," he remarked. Atchannaidu said the NDA government, led by Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, took charge when the state was in deep financial distress. "Debts and pending dues were visible in every department, but thanks to Chandrababu's experience and credibility, we could implement more than 700 promises in just one year," he stated. Highlighting key achievements, he said pensions were raised from ₹3,000 to ₹4,000 within the first month, and 204 Anna cantens were revived to serve the poor. The government issued DSC notifications to fill 16,347 teacher posts and procured a record 54 lakh tonnes of paddy, paying farmers within 24 hours. Additionally, 20,000 km of roads were repaired, and construction of Amaravati was restarted. Atchannaidu noted that the controversial land titling act was repealed and the agriculture sector revitalized with modern tools. Fishermen are receiving a ₹20,000 allowance under the Fisheries Assurance Scheme, and aqua farmers are getting electricity subsidies. "Drip irrigation is now available at a 90% subsidy and seeds at 80%," he added. He claimed that the state attracted ₹9.40 lakh crore in investments, creating 6 lakh jobs. "We're not just fulfilling our manifesto promises but also addressing areas we didn't initially mention," he said. According to Atchannaidu, villages are now witnessing a festive atmosphere with farmers smiling, women returning home safely at night, and youth moving away from drugs. Students are getting quality education and citizens better healthcare. He also cited new initiatives like Mitra-WhatsApp governance and drone technology in agriculture. The minister concluded by thanking the people for their support and participation in the state's development. "This people's government under Chandrababu Naidu will continue to work relentlessly. Let's restore the glory of Telugus by making Andhra Pradesh a model state," he urged.

BSF Jawan's Land Issue Resolved Within 24 Hours: Nara Lokesh

TPN Correspondent | Sri Sathya Sai
The land dispute faced by a BSF jawan serving in Jammu and Kashmir was resolved within a day, thanks to the immediate intervention of Andhra Pradesh Minister Nara Lokesh. The incident involved D. Narasimha Murthy, a BSF soldier from Udukur village, Amarapura mandal, Sri Sathya Sai district, whose wife's parents' two-acre land in K. Shivaram village was allegedly occupied illegally by a local political figure during the previous

YCP government. Frustrated by the injustice and unable to address the issue while posted on the border, Narasimha Murthy recorded a heartfelt selfie video appealing to the government for justice. Upon learning about this, Minister Lokesh acted swiftly, expressing deep concern for the soldier and instructing district authorities to resolve the matter immediately. Following Lokesh's orders, the Sri Sathya Sai District Collector, SP, Am-

arapura Tahsildar, and police officials promptly visited K. Shivaram village. They conducted a thorough survey, examined land records, and demarcated the land boundaries in the presence of law enforcement. Consequently, the two acres of land were officially handed back to Narasimha Murthy's family, ending the long-standing dispute. Minister Lokesh, addressing the matter on social media, emphasized the government's commitment to the welfare of soldiers

and their families. He stated, "It is unfortunate that a soldier risking his life on the borders has to worry about his land. As soon as I was informed of Narasimha Murthy's plight, I directed the authorities to act immediately. Our government prioritizes the welfare of our soldiers and will always stand by them." This prompt resolution reflects the government's resolve to support armed forces personnel and ensure their families are protected from injustice.

Govt Cheated People with False Promises: MLC Parvatha Reddy

TPN Correspondent | Nellore
The YSR Congress Party staged a massive protest in Nellore City on Wednesday under the banner of Back Pain Day, slamming the coalition government for failing to fulfill the promises made to the people. Led by MLC and YSRCP Nellore City In-charge Parvatha Reddy Chandrasekhar Reddy, over 5,000 party activists and citizens took part in a large-scale rally from the VRC Center to the Collectorate.

Beginning with floral tributes at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's statue, the protestors raised slogans against the government, accusing it of betraying public trust. Despite alleged police attempts to disrupt the protest, a massive crowd reached the Collectorate, where MLC Parvatha Reddy, along with YSRCP Nellore Parliament Observer Janke Venkata Red-



dy and other leaders, submitted a petition to the AO. Speaking to the media, MLC Parvatha Reddy said, "Exactly one year ago, the coalition government made big promises to mislead the public and grab power. But today, none of those promises have been kept. Instead, the government is making excuses and avoid-

ing accountability." He accused the ruling alliance of making life unbearable for the common man by increasing house taxes, power tariffs, and prices of essential commodities. "People are suffering, yet when we come to the Collectorate to voice these issues, the Collector, Joint Collector, and DRO are unavail-

able. This shows the arrogance of the government," he said. The MLC criticized the government for trying to suppress democratic protest and warned that if officials file cases against opposition leaders trying to raise people's issues, it would set a dangerous precedent. "If the same continues, TDP leaders will face the same treatment when the YSRCP returns to power," he cautioned. He reiterated that under the leadership of YS Jaganmohan Reddy, the YSR Congress Party would continue to fight for the people's rights and intensify the agitation if the government fails to implement the promises made. A large number of YSRCP workers, leaders, and members of the public participated in the protest, turning the Back Pain Day into a major show of strength in Nellore.

NDA's One-Year Victory Celebrated with Festive Spirit in Sullurpet

TPN | C Shekar Tirupati: Marking one year since the historic victory of the NDA alliance in Andhra Pradesh, the Jana Sena Party organized a grand celebration in the Sullur area of the Sullurpet constituency on Wednesday. In a gesture of gratitude and festivity, a series of women's competitions were conducted under the guidance of Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Shri Pawan Kalyan, drawing enthusiastic participation from local women. The occasion was also a symbolic celebration of the people's verdict that ended what the party described as a "dictatorial rule" and brought about the Janata Uprising in the state. Sullurpet Constituency Incharge of the Jana Sena Party, Praveen, expressed heartfelt thanks to the people of Andhra Pradesh and especially to the voters of Sullurpet who contributed to the NDA's decisive win.

"Thanks to the unity and determination of the people, the NDA alliance achieved an unprecedented mandate. On behalf of the Jana Sena Party, we are particularly thankful to the people of Sullurpet constituency for electing Dr. Nela-vala Vijayasri with a resounding majority," Praveen said in his statement. The celebratory event featured traditional Sankranthi competitions exclusively for women. Winners were felicitated with prizes as part of the cultural program, which aimed to blend community participation with festive cheer. The program was efficiently coordinated by Sullurpet Constituency IT Coordinator Tulasi Reddy, Mandal President Aval Ramana, and Veera Mahila leader Padmaja Kamakshi. Senior Jana Sena leaders including Atla Krishna Rao, Nakka Haribabu, Vallur Kiran, Veera Mahila Sujatha, along with several enthusiastic



Jana Sainiks, played an active role in making the event a grand success. The event not only marked a year of

governance under the NDA alliance but also reflected the party's commitment to grassroots engagement and cultural celebration.

Film celebrities Should Unite the Nation , Not Divide

Tamil actor and the Language Debate

Celebrities in India wield immense influence — far beyond cinema or entertainment. Their words shape public opinion, their actions set cultural trends, and their platforms reach millions. This is why it's deeply unfortunate when someone of Kamal Haasan's stature chooses to rake up divisive issues like language for what appears to be personal or political mileage. The Responsibility of Celebrity Influence

India is a diverse country, home to hundreds of languages and dialects. Language has long been a sensitive subject, especially in states like Tamil Nadu, where resistance to Hindi imposition is deeply rooted in history. That history should be handled with care, not exploited for attention. When a figure like Kamal Haasan — respected not just as an actor but also as a politician and public intellectual — makes provocative statements about language, it doesn't just spark debate. It risks reigniting tensions that could have real-world consequences.

For example, when Haasan criticized the Union government's

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NOT DIVIDE



ACTORS AND CELEBRITIES— YOUR POPULARITY CAN DUILD BRIDGES, INSPIRE CHANGE, AND UPLIFT LIVES. DON'T USE IT TO DIVIDE THE NATION FOR YOUR POLITICAL GAINS.

LEAD WITH PURPOSE. UNITE WITH INTEGRITY. REFORM WITH COURAGE.

ONE NATION. MANY VOICES. ONE RESPONSIBILITY.



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push for Hindi as a national language, instead of focusing on constructive dialogue, his tone and framing suggested confrontation. He knows the emotional weight the language issue carries in Tamil Nadu, and yet, instead of calming the waters, he chose to stir them. Sensationalism Over Substance

This is not a new phenomenon. Several celebrities have used controversy to stay relevant in public discourse. Whether it's actors making provocative social

media statements or jumping into hot-button issues without offering meaningful solutions, the goal often seems to be visibility, not value.

Take for instance, the way certain celebrities insert themselves into regional debates during election seasons. Their goal is often not to bridge divides but to leverage polarization for political or personal gain. In doing so, they dilute the seriousness of the issues at hand and reduce them to sound bites.

Sunil Dutt redefined stardom through service. A role model

Sunil Dutt's life is a powerful blueprint for how actors can extend their influence beyond entertainment. By using their visibility to serve society, actors like him demonstrate that celebrity status comes with a responsibility to uplift others. He remains a beacon for future generations who seek to blend art, compassion, and activism.

Sonu Sood, who during the COVID-19 crisis used his resources to help migrant workers return home, organize oxygen supplies, and support struggling families. These are examples of celebrities using

their platform for reform, not disruption.

A Call for Sensible Leadership from film stars

Kamal Haasan is not just an entertainer. He has founded a political party. He speaks frequently about corruption, governance, and reform. With this platform comes a higher expectation of responsibility. Language and identity should never be tools for self-promotion — especially in a country as culturally layered as India.

At a time when the country needs unity and cooperation, celebrities must rise above the temptation to chase headlines through controversy. They should work to uplift, educate, and inspire — not polarize.

Public figures must remember that their influence carries weight. When they speak, people listen — not just fans, but policymakers, media, and future generations. If they truly care about the nation's development, they must choose their battles wisely and their words even more carefully. Let celebrities use their fame not to divide, but to build a better, more inclusive India.

One Nation, One Election: A Visionary Reform by BJP and PM Modi for a Stronger India

Introduction

India, the world's largest democracy, is known for its vibrant electoral system. Elections are the backbone of democracy, ensuring the representation of the people's voice. However, the current electoral system, where Lok Sabha (Parliamentary), State Assembly, and Local Body elections occur at different times, has led to several administrative and financial challenges. Frequent elections not only result in massive financial expenditure but also disrupt governance, policy implementation, and economic growth.

To address these challenges, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) have proposed a revolutionary electoral reform: "One Nation, One Election" (ONOE). This initiative aims to conduct all elections simultaneously across the country, thereby saving public money, reducing administrative burden, and fostering national unity. This reform will not only strengthen governance but also empower India's youth by accelerating developmental policies and economic growth.

Historical Context: How Elections Became a Burden

In the early years of independent India, elections for Lok Sabha and State Assemblies were held together in 1952, 1957, 1962, and 1967. However, due to political instability, many state governments collapsed before completing their full term, leading to mid-term elections and political disruptions. As a result, India entered into an era of frequent elections, where different states and the central government held elections at different times. Problems in the Current Electoral System

1. Frequent Elections Lead to Governance Disruptions

Every few months, some part of the country is going through elections. This leads to the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) being imposed repeatedly, which halts new policy decisions,

projects, and welfare schemes.

2. Huge Financial Burden on the Nation

Conducting elections multiple times leads to enormous government expenditure. The 2019 Lok Sabha elections alone cost ₹60,000 crore, and state elections add another ₹5,000 - ₹10,000 crore per election. Over ₹1.5 lakh crore is spent in a 5-year cycle, which could be invested in education, healthcare, and infrastructure.

3. Security and Administrative Challenges

Elections require massive security deployment, causing a burden on paramilitary forces. Government officials are frequently engaged in election duties, affecting their regular administrative responsibilities.

4. Disruption of Development Programs

Political parties focus more on elections than governance. Frequent elections lead to populist policies instead of long-term development plans. PM Modi's Vision for One Nation, One Election

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has always been a visionary leader who believes in strong governance, national unity, and efficient administration. Under his leadership, the BJP government has launched several successful reforms like Swachh Bharat, Make in India, Digital India, Ujjwala Yojana, and Skill India. Now, with One Nation, One Election, he is set to redefine India's electoral system for the greater good.

Key Benefits of One Nation, One Election

1. Massive Reduction in Election Expenses

By conducting elections only once in five years, the government can save thousands of crores that can be redirected toward education, healthcare, infrastructure, and employment generation. Political parties will also



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save on campaign expenses, allowing them to focus on real governance rather than electoral battles.

2. Continuous Governance Without Disruptions

A single election cycle means that there will be no frequent imposition of the Model Code of Conduct, ensuring that development projects and welfare schemes continue without delay. Ministries can focus on policy implementation rather than election management.

3. Strengthening National Unity & Political Stability

When all states and the central government are elected together, it will foster a sense of political stability and national integration. This will reduce regional political conflicts and ensure that governance remains focused on national priorities rather than election-driven agendas.

4. Improved Security and Law Enforcement Efficiency

Currently, security forces are frequently deployed for elections across states, affecting their regular duties. One Nation, One Election will free up

security personnel, allowing them to focus on national security and law enforcement.

How This Reform Benefits the Youth of India

One of the biggest beneficiaries of One Nation, One Election will be India's young population, which constitutes over 65% of the total population. With elections happening every few months, youth-centric policies often get delayed or modified for political gains.

1. More Focus on Job Creation & Skill Development

Instead of governments focusing on election campaigns, they can focus on youth employment programs and entrepreneurship opportunities. Schemes like Startup India, Digital India, and Atmanirbhar Bharat will receive consistent funding and attention, leading to sustainable employment growth.

2. Consistent Educational & Welfare Policies

Frequent elections often lead to policy reversals or delays in implementation. With stable governance, education reforms, scholarships, and digital education initiatives will be implemented more efficiently.

3. Increased Investment in Youth Infrastructure

Money saved from elections can be invested in creating world-class universities, technology hubs, and innovation centers.

India can emerge as a global leader in education and innovation, giving the youth more global opportunities.

4. More Opportunities for Young Leaders in Politics

With reduced political uncertainty, young leaders can focus on real issues instead of election strategies. BJP has already encouraged young political leaders, and with a stable political environment, more youth participation

in governance will be seen.

5. Challenges and BJP's Strategy to Overcome Them

Despite its clear benefits, some political parties have opposed One Nation, One Election. However, PM Modi's leadership and the BJP's commitment to national progress ensure that these challenges will be addressed effectively.

BJP's Approach:

- *A special committee led by former President Ram Nath Kovind has been formed to analyze the implementation process.*
- *Nationwide consultations with political parties, legal experts, and public representatives.*
- *Public awareness campaigns to educate citizens about the advantages of this reform.*
- *Conclusion: A Revolutionary Step for a New India*
- *"One Nation, One Election" is not just an electoral reform; it is a transformational movement towards a stronger, united, and progressive India. Under the leadership of PM Narendra Modi and the BJP, this visionary initiative will:*
- *Reduce election costs and financial burden*
- *Ensure stable and uninterrupted governance*
- *Strengthen national unity and democracy*
- *Empower the youth with better education, jobs, and opportunities*

This reform is a historic opportunity to reshape India's democracy. If implemented successfully, India will set an example for the world as the most efficient and forward-thinking democracy. The youth, the backbone of the nation, will benefit immensely from long-term policies focused on their growth, employment, and innovation.

One Nation, One Election – A Giant Leap Towards a New India..!



"Stadium Capacity 35,000 But 2-3 lakh Turned Up": Siddaramaiah On RCB Tragedy

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In the aftermath of a tragic stampede that killed 11 people during Royal Challengers Bangalore's IPL victory celebrations, Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah expressed deep sorrow and admitted that the crowd turnout far exceeded expectations. He said the grief caused by the incident has overshadowed the joy of RCB's long-awaited win.

Speaking at a press conference on Tuesday evening, Siddaramaiah said the tragedy occurred at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium, which has a seating capacity of around 35,000. However, an estimated two to three lakh people gathered at the venue, leading to the deadly stampede.

"We did not expect such a huge crowd. Neither the cricket association nor the government anticipated this. While over one lakh people gathered in front of Vidhana Soudha without incident, the situation at the stadium turned fatal," the Chief Minister said.

The celebrations were jointly organised by the state government and the Karnataka State Cricket Association following RCB's historic IPL win. Siddaramaiah announced a compensation of ₹10 lakh to the families of the deceased and assured free medical treatment for the injured.

The tragedy has triggered sharp political criticism, with the opposition BJP demanding accountability. Karnataka BJP President Vijayendra Yediyurappa slammed the Congress government, accusing it of prioritising publicity over public safety.

"Was it not the responsibility of the state government to be prepared for this? More than 11 lives have been lost. The Chief Minister must answer," said Yediyurappa in an interview with NDTV.

He pointed out that during the last World Cup, the state successfully managed large crowds, with over one lakh attendees. "The government knew that a huge crowd would gather. They should have made proper arrangements. Unfortunately, they were more interested in gaining publicity than ensuring safety," he added.

"Absolutely Heartrending": PM On Bengaluru Stampede Deaths During RCB Event

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A joyous celebration turned tragic in Bengaluru as a stampede outside the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium claimed the lives of at least 11 people and injured over 30 others. The crowd had gathered in massive numbers to celebrate Royal Challengers Bangalore's (RCB) historic IPL victory after 18 years. The unexpected surge in attendance overwhelmed the arrangements, leading to chaos and loss of life.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed deep sorrow over the incident, calling it "heartrending." In a post shared by the Prime Minister's Office on X, he said, "The mishap in Bengaluru is absolutely heartrending. In this tragic hour, my thoughts are with all those who have lost their loved ones. I pray that those who are injured have a speedy recovery."

As fans rushed to catch a glimpse of the RCB players, the stadium premises, which could accommodate only around 35,000 people, saw an estimated crowd of over two to three lakh, leading to the fatal stampede.

The incident has sparked a political blame game. The BJP accused



the Congress-led Karnataka government of mismanagement and poor planning. Union Minister and senior BJP leader Pralhad Joshi criticized the administration, stating, "It's heartbreaking to see such loss because of poor planning and crowd mismanagement. Celebrations are one thing, but the State government failed in its responsibility by not coordinating with emergency services."

He added that the government must be held accountable for the tragedy.

In response to the criticism, Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar said, "They are there to allege, we are here to protect," and mentioned that he was on his way to visit the injured in the hospital. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah also

expressed his grief and announced a magisterial inquiry into the incident. "Nobody expected such a huge turnout," he said, acknowledging that the scale of the crowd far exceeded expectations.

The tragedy has cast a somber shadow over RCB's long-awaited victory, raising serious concerns about public safety and event preparedness.

Axiom-4 Launch Delayed Again

Indian Astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla Confident of Mission Success

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The Axiom-4 space mission has been postponed for the third time, with the new launch schedule set for 5:52 PM (IST) on June 10, Axiom Space announced. Despite the delay, Indian astronaut Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla, a key member of the mission, expressed strong confidence in the team's readiness and the mission's success.

NASA cited weather concerns and the need for additional time to complete final vehicle processing as the reasons behind the latest rescheduling. The launch, originally planned earlier, will take place from Florida's Kennedy Space Center.

Group Captain Shukla, currently in mandatory pre-launch quarantine at the Kennedy Space Center, spoke to NDTV about the team's



preparations and training. Over the past year, Shukla and his fellow crew members have undergone intensive training to prepare for every aspect of the mission.

"I can say that we have experienced a lot of different aspects or facets of this mission," Shukla said. The training includ-

ed in-depth theoretical studies, hands-on simulator sessions, underwater survival techniques, and emergency egress procedures.

He emphasized the repetition and consistency in their training routines, which he believes has prepared the team for any scenario. "Having done these activities over

the past few months, repeatedly again and again, I feel very confident—not just in my ability, but in the ability of this team who is sitting here—to execute this mission successfully," he said.

Despite the delay, the mood remains focused and positive among the crew. Shukla reaffirmed his confidence, stating, "I am extremely confident that we will be successful in this mission." The Axiom-4 mission is a part of the growing collaboration between commercial space companies and international astronauts, furthering scientific exploration and fostering global cooperation in space endeavors. As India continues to make strides in space through both ISRO and international partnerships, Shukla's participation marks another proud moment in the country's space journey.

Pak wanted India on its knees in 48 hrs, folded up in 8 hrs to talk: CDS

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan on Tuesday revealed that Pakistan had aimed to cripple India within 48 hours through a coordinated military operation, but the plan collapsed within just eight hours, forcing Pakistan to seek dialogue.



they picked up the phone and said they wanted to talk."

Chauhan explained that while India had targeted only terror-related infrastructure in its operations, Pakistan chose to escalate the situation into the military domain. This miscalculation, he noted, led to a swift and firm response from Indian forces, compelling Pakistan to reconsider its aggressive stance.

"The armed forces are often the

most rational actors in conflict situations," Chauhan said, reflecting on why Pakistan decided to de-escalate. "There were likely two reasons. One, they realized that if they continued down this path, they stood to lose far more. And two, having launched strikes across multiple fronts, they didn't fully comprehend the impact or success of their actions. It led to uncertainty and hesitation, prompting their desire for dialogue."

General Chauhan's remarks offer insight into the strategic dynamics between India and Pakistan, especially in the face of high-stakes military posturing. His comments also underscore the preparedness and restraint shown by Indian forces even in the face of provocation.

The lecture comes amid heightened concerns about future warfare scenarios, where conventional and unconventional tactics are increasingly intersecting.

Another Arrest Made in Hindutva Worker Suhas Shetty Murder Case

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The Mangaluru City Crime Branch (CCB) has made another arrest in the ongoing investigation into the murder of Hindu activist Suhas Shetty. The latest individual to be apprehended is Abdul Razak, a 59-year-old resident of Mangaluru. This arrest brings the total number of individuals taken into custody in connection with the case to 16, according to police sources.

Suhas Shetty, a known Hindutva activist and also a registered rowdy sheeter, was killed in Mangaluru last month in what police have described as a premeditated attack involving multiple assailants.

Police officials confirmed that Abdul Razak is the father of one of the key accused, Mohammed Muzammil, and the father-in-law of Nausad Vamanjoor, also known as "Chotte Nausad," another suspect in the case. Razak is accused of actively conspiring with the main accused and others in planning the murder. Authorities allege that he



hosted meetings at his residence where the conspiracy was hatched and later assisted the accused in evading arrest.

"The role of Razak was not just limited to harboring the accused. He was involved in the initial planning of the murder as well," a senior police official said.

The police have maintained that the killing of Suhas Shetty was a coordinated and deliberate act, and investigations are ongoing to uncover the full extent of the conspiracy. Multiple teams have been deployed to trace other absconding suspects believed to be involved.

The murder has drawn significant attention due to Shetty's association with the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) and his notoriety in local criminal circles. Authorities have stated that they are treating the case with utmost seriousness and will ensure that all individuals involved, directly or indirectly, are brought to justice.

Further arrests and revelations are expected as the investigation progresses.

Musk calls Trump's tax-cut and spending bill 'a disgusting abomination'

Sparking Republican Divisions



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Billionaire Elon Musk sharply criticized President Donald Trump's sweeping tax and spending bill on Tuesday, calling it a "disgusting abomination" that will worsen the federal deficit. His strong condemnation has echoed the concerns of fiscally conservative Republicans in the Senate, complicating the bill's prospects.

On his social media platform X, Musk wrote, "This massive, outrageous, pork-filled Congressional

spending bill is a disgusting abomination. Shame on those who voted for it: you know you did wrong." Musk's comments resonated with Republican deficit hawks who fear the bill's cost, which includes extending Trump's 2017 tax cuts and boosting military and border spending.

The House passed the bill narrowly last month, despite the Congressional Budget Office projecting it would add \$3.8 trillion to the already massive \$36.2 trillion federal debt. The Senate, also controlled by Republi-

cans, aims to pass the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act" by July 4 but is expected to revise the House version.

Senate Republicans on the Finance Committee are meeting with Trump to discuss making business tax breaks permanent—an idea analysts warn would significantly increase the bill's cost. However, Senate Majority Leader John Thune dismissed Musk's criticism, insisting the bill will pass on schedule to fulfill campaign promises.

House Speaker Mike Johnson also rejected Musk's views, calling them "terribly wrong."

Musk's vocal opposition comes after his recent departure from a federal government efficiency role, marking a test of his political influence. Despite spending nearly \$300 million supporting Trump and other Republicans last year, Musk has signaled a pullback from political funding to focus on Tesla.

Senate Republicans remain split: deficit hawks demand deeper cuts, while others want to protect Medicaid and green energy investments. With a slim 53-47 majority, Republicans cannot afford to lose more than three votes, making compromise essential but challenging ahead of the July 4 deadline.



Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari Calls for Pakistan-India Intelligence Cooperation to Curb Terrorism

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Pakistan Peoples Party Parliamentarians (PPPP) chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari has emphasized that collaboration between Pakistan and India's intelligence agencies could play a crucial role in significantly reducing terrorism across South Asia. Speaking at a press conference at the United Nations Headquarters on June 3, 2025, Bhutto-Zardari urged both countries to overcome hostilities and engage in meaningful cooperation.

"I am completely confident that if ISI and RAW were ready to sit down and work together to fight these forces, we would see a significant decrease in terrorism in both India and Pakistan," he said, referring to the intelligence agencies of Pakistan and India respectively.

Bhutto-Zardari, currently leading a delegation to the U.S. to seek international support following the recent Indo-Pak conflict, also warned the global community about the heightened risk of conflict between the nuclear-armed neighbours. He credited the intervention of international players, particularly U.S. President Donald Trump and Secretary of State Marco Rubio, for brokering a ceasefire, calling it a "welcome first step" but cautioned that more dialogue is

The recent surge in tensions followed the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack in India, which led to Indian precision strikes on terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. Pakistan responded with military actions, which ceased after talks between the Directors General of Military Operations on May 10.

Bhutto-Zardari stressed that diplomacy remains the only viable path to peace, reiterating Pakistan's readiness to engage in broad dialogue, including counterterrorism cooperation. He proposed establishing a joint platform for both countries to raise concerns, investigate terrorist incidents, and ensure accountability.

On the water dispute front, Bhutto-Zardari condemned India's suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT), calling it "an attempt to weaponise water." He warned that cutting off water supply to 200 million people would violate the U.N. Charter and be considered an act of war by Pakistan.

Earlier, the Pakistani delegation held meetings with U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres and the President of the U.N. Security Council to discuss the ongoing regional issues.

Khamenei Rejects U.S. Nuclear Proposal, Affirms Iran's Commitment to Uranium Enrichment

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Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei on Wednesday (June 4, 2025) firmly rejected a recent U.S. proposal aimed at reviving nuclear negotiations, declaring that the offer ran counter to Iran's national interests. In a televised speech, Khamenei reaffirmed that Iran would not abandon its uranium enrichment activities, a critical element of its nuclear program and a major point of contention in ongoing international talks.

"The enrichment of uranium is essential to our progress in nuclear science, and we will not compromise on it," Khamenei stated. He added that Iran would continue to pursue the development of nuclear technology, emphasizing that it is for peaceful purposes.

The rejection comes amid renewed efforts by Washington to bring Tehran back into compliance with the 2015 nuclear agreement, formally known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), from which the U.S. unilaterally withdrew in 2018 under



Tehran insists that its nuclear program is solely for civilian purposes, such as energy production and medical research. However, Western powers—particularly the U.S., U.K., France, and Germany—remain concerned that Iran's growing stockpile of highly enriched uranium could eventually be diverted toward the development of nuclear weapons.

then-President Donald Trump. Since then, Iran has gradually expanded its nuclear activities in violation of the deal's original terms.

On Monday, an unnamed Iranian diplomat told Reuters that the latest American proposal was a "non-starter," criticizing it for failing to offer meaningful concessions on enrichment rights or broader economic relief. The diplomat added that Washington's position continues to ignore Iran's core demands, including recognition of its right to enrich uranium under the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT).

In a related development, Iran has warned European nations against leveraging a recent United Nations nuclear watchdog report that criticized Tehran's lack of cooperation. Iranian officials said any attempt to exploit the report could trigger retaliation, further straining diplomatic relations.

Despite international concerns, Khamenei's speech makes it clear that Iran will continue to resist external pressure and maintain its current nuclear trajectory, setting the stage for further standoff with the West.

Pakistan to Chair Taliban Sanctions Committee

Serve as Vice-Chair of UNSC Counter-Terrorism Committee in 2025

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Pakistan will chair the Taliban Sanctions Committee of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) in 2025 and also serve as vice-chair of the Council's Counter-Terrorism Committee. This announcement comes as part of the list of chairs and vice-chairs for the UNSC's subsidiary bodies for the year, highlighting Pakistan's significant role in the 15-member UN body.

The Taliban Sanctions Committee, officially known as the 1988 Sanctions Committee, is responsible for imposing an assets freeze, travel ban, and arms embargo on individuals and entities linked to the Taliban that threaten peace and security in Afghanistan. Alongside Pakistan, Guyana and Russia will act as vice-chairs of this committee.



Additionally, Pakistan will be vice-chair of the Counter-Terrorism Committee, which is chaired by Algeria. France and Russia also serve as vice-chairs for this committee. Pakistan will further co-chair the Informal Working Groups on Documentation

and Other Procedural Questions, as well as on General UNSC Sanctions Issues.

Pakistan is currently a non-permanent member of the Security Council for the 2025-26 term. The sanctions

committees, which include all 15 UNSC members, make decisions by consensus.

India, which was chair of the UNSC Counter-Terrorism Committee during its 2021-22 membership, has frequently criticized Pakistan for allegedly

harboring a large number of UN-designated terrorists. Notably, Al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden was found hiding in Abbottabad, Pakistan, before being killed by U.S. Navy SEALs in 2011.

The five permanent UNSC members include China, France, Russia, the UK, and the U.S. Non-permanent members for 2025 also include Denmark, Greece, Guyana, Panama, South Korea, Sierra Leone, Slovenia, and Somalia.

In recent elections held on June 3, 2025, five new non-permanent members were elected for the 2026-27 term: Bahrain, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Liberia, Latvia, and Colombia.

Pakistan's chairmanship and vice-chair role place it at the center of key global security decisions in the coming year.

Sensex Rises 260 pts, Nifty Above 24,600 as Oil, Infra, and Rail Stocks Shine

Domestic stock markets gained moderately on Wednesday. Benchmark indices ended in gains. The indices, which started in a gap-down, recovered within an hour on mixed signals from global markets. Railway, government and oil sector shares contributed to this. Overall, the Sensex rose by 260 points and the Nifty by 77 points. The decline in the India VIX is a more positive factor.

The BSE Sensex, which closed at 81,737 in the previous session, opened at 80,737 on Wednesday. It touched an intraday low of 80,705. It reached an intraday high of 81,087. It finally closed at 80,998 with a gain of 260 points. The NSE Nifty, which opened at 24,560, reached a low of 24,530 and a high of 24,644. It rose 77 points to close at 24,620. Nifty Bank rose 76 points to settle at 55,676.

In Nifty50, 32 companies gained while 18 lost. Eternal, Jio Finance, Bharti Airtel, IndusInd Bank, Reliance were the top gainers. Bajaj Finserv, Trent, Shriram Finance, Axis Bank, TCS lost the most. All sectoral indices rose today except realty. CPSE, oil, commodities, infra, metal, energy, PSE, MNC consumption, and media indices gained.

Market breadth in NSE today turned in favor of buyers. Out of a total of 2856 shares traded, 1646 gained. 1130 lost. 54 stocks touched their 52-week highs and 30 stocks touched their 52-week lows. The upper circuit reached 101 and the lower circuit reached 61.

Nomura has given a buy rating to KEC International with a target price of Rs. 985. Moreover, the company has received orders worth Rs. 2211 crore. Bharti Airtel has been given a bull case target of Rs. 2350 and a normal target of Rs. 2050 by Macquarie. Nomura has maintained a buy rating for CEAT with a target price of Rs. 3945. Railway stocks including IRCON, Railtel and RVNL rallied up to 12% today. Western Carriers received an order from Jindal. Swan Energy shares rose by 10% today. Caplin Point Laboratories will acquire the entire stake in Trivin Pharma. Heritage shares rose by 7% today. 2 crore shares changed hands in ITC. Emake CIO Manish said that there is no possibility of Nifty going above 25 thousand



and below 22 thousand. Ritco Logistics has secured orders worth Rs. 121 crore. Bharat Electronics has secured orders worth Rs. 537 crore.

1. Eternal Ltd (Zomato Rebranded)

Rebranded from Zomato to Eternal to reflect its broader tech ecosystem vision. Strong Q4 results; Net profit and revenue grew significantly. Morgan Stanley gave a buy rating with a target of ₹320. The company maintains healthy balance sheet strength and minimal dilution risk. Positive, driven by platform expansion and improving profitability.



2. Bharti Airtel Ltd

Q4 FY25 net profit surged nearly 4x to ₹11,022 crore, helped by deferred tax benefits and operational strength. Company sees strong growth in data consumption and 4G/5G customer additions. Macquarie set a bull case target of ₹2,350. Reduced debt and improved ARPU (Average Revenue Per User) metrics. Strong, due to consistent user growth and margin expansion.



3. CRISIL Ltd

ROE at 30.7%, showcasing superior return

metrics. Consistent dividend payout ratio of 60%+, indicating shareholder-friendly policy. Improved operational efficiency with reduced debtor days. Strong market leadership in credit rating and analytics domain. Stable and promising with steady revenue visibility and high margins.



4. SBI Cards & Payment Services Ltd (SBICARD)

Net profit of ₹627 crore in the latest quarter. EPS stands at ₹6.65; book value per share is ₹147.5. Gross NPA at 2.24% and Net NPA at 0.79%, indicating asset quality stability. Solid growth in card base and spending per user. Positive, due to increasing digital transactions and consumer credit demand.



5. Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd (RVNL)

Massive rally seen recently; price up 8%+ in a week. Strong order book and project execution capability. One of the key beneficiaries of the government's railway capex push. Backed by robust quarterly numbers and institutional buying. Very bullish due to consistent order inflows and government focus on railway infrastructure.



Oil India Begins Natural Gas Production from Bakhri Tibba Block in Jaisalmer



Oil India Ltd (OIL), a government-owned enterprise, has successfully started natural gas production from the Bakhri Tibba block, located in the harsh desert region near the India-Pakistan border in Rajasthan's Jaisalmer district. This significant development was announced by Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas, Hardeep Singh Puri.

Taking to the social media platform 'X,' Minister Puri praised the achievement, calling it a shining example of Oil India's resilience, determination, and commitment to delivering energy under difficult frontier conditions. He also commended the dedicated efforts of the Oil India team, highlighting the challenges they face daily in extreme environments to ensure a steady supply of energy.

"This milestone is a shining example of Oil India Ltd's resilience, resolve and responsibility in delivering energy under challenging frontier conditions," Puri wrote. He further emphasized the importance of every hydrocarbon molecule produced as a step toward achieving India's energy security and self-reliance goals.

The natural gas production is taking place at the DSF-III (Discovered Small Field) block within the Bakhri Tibba area, which is situated in a remote, arid zone. This underscores the immense logistical and technical difficulties the Oil India team overcame to reach this milestone.

Official data reveals that gas production from the Bakhri Tibba block has already reached a supply rate of 67,200 standard cubic meters per day (SCMD). The extracted gas is being supplied to key consumers such as GAIL (India's largest natural gas processing and distribution company) and the Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Ltd (RRVUNL) for downstream utilization in power generation and other industries.

This development not only boosts local energy availability but also strengthens India's push toward greater energy independence, particularly in strategically sensitive border regions. The successful launch of production at Bakhri Tibba highlights Oil India's ability to operate efficiently in challenging conditions, contributing significantly to the nation's energy portfolio.

Gold Prices Rise to Rs 99,000 per 10 Grams Amid Rupee Depreciation

Gold prices in the national capital gained Rs 70 on Tuesday, reaching Rs 99,000 per 10 grams, driven primarily by the weakening Indian rupee, according to the All India Sarafa Association. The precious metal, with 99.5% purity, also saw an increase of Rs 200 to Rs 98,600 per 10 grams on an inclusive tax basis.



Silver prices mirrored the upward trend, rising by Rs 100 to Rs 1,00,200 per kilogram, inclusive of all taxes. The rupee's decline added pressure on domestic bullion prices as it fell 21 paise to settle at 85.60 against the US dollar, affected by a strong American currency and an outflow of foreign funds.

Despite the domestic gains, global spot gold prices dipped by USD 25.22 per ounce, or 0.75%, closing at USD 3,356.41 per ounce. This decline was attributed to profit-booking activities by investors.

Pranav Mer, Vice President of Commodity & Currency Research at JM Financial Services, explained that although gold prices have softened due to profit-booking, the underlying outlook remains positive. He highlighted that safe-haven demand has increased amid a broadly weaker US dollar, the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict, and rising economic uncertainty stemming from US-

led tariff disputes.

Adding to the market dynamics, Saumil Gandhi, Senior Analyst of Commodities at HDFC Securities, noted that traders are now focused on upcoming US macroeconomic data releases, including the JOLTS Job Openings report. Additionally, speeches from key members of the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) are expected to play a significant role in influencing bullion prices in the near term.

In summary, while global gold prices showed some retreat, domestic gold and silver prices rose due to the rupee's depreciation and ongoing geopolitical and economic uncertainties. Market participants continue to watch closely for US economic indicators and policy signals that could impact future price movements in precious metals.

Tata Technologies Shares Fall 2.5% as TPG Likely Sells 2.1% Stake in Block Deal

Shares of Tata Technologies Ltd. opened lower on Wednesday, June 4, after a significant block deal involving around 2.1% of the company's equity came to light. According to exchange data, approximately 86 lakh shares changed hands in this transaction, which appears to be an offloading by US-based private equity firm TPG.

CNBC-TV18 reported that TPG Rise Climate, which held a 6.01% stake in Tata Technologies as of the March quarter, planned to sell up to 2.1% of its holdings through block deals. The offer price was set at Rs 744.5 per share, reflecting a discount of up to 3% from the previous day's closing price. However, the identities of buyers and sellers in the deal remain undisclosed.

Despite the share sale, Tata Technologies recently posted its March quarter results showing mixed performance. Revenue slightly declined year-on-year to Rs 1,286 crore, and EBITDA fell by 2% to Rs 233.5 crore, with margins narrowing to 18.2%. Nonetheless, the company reported a robust 20% year-on-year increase in consolidated profit after tax (PAT), which rose to Rs 189 crore in Q4 FY25 from Rs 157 crore the previous year.



The company's disciplined cost management helped support profit growth. Expenses for the quarter stood at Rs 1,088 crore, down from Rs 1,119 crore in the prior quarter and Rs 1,094 crore in the same quarter last year.

Tata Technologies' board also approved a final dividend of Rs 8.35 per equity share along with a one-time special dividend of Rs 3.35 per share, amounting to a total payout of Rs 11.70 per share for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2025.

On Tuesday, the stock closed at Rs 768 on the NSE, down Rs 6.30 or 0.81%. Over the past year, Tata Technologies' shares have underperformed the broader market, falling 26% compared to a 5.5% gain in the Nifty index. So far in 2025, the stock is down 13%, while Nifty has gained 3.4%.

Investors continue to watch developments around block deals and company performance closely amid a volatile market environment.

Zimbabwe to Cull Elephants and Distribute Meat Amid Population Surge



Zimbabwe has announced plans to cull dozens of elephants and distribute the meat to local communities in an effort to manage its rapidly growing elephant population. The controversial move, reported by AFP and confirmed by Zimbabwe Parks and Wildlife Authority (ZimParks), will take place in the Save Valley Conservancy, a vast private game reserve in the country's southeast.

ZimParks revealed that the initial culling phase will target 50 elephants. The meat obtained from this operation will be shared with local residents, while the ivory will remain government property and be handed over to ZimParks for safe-keeping.

Zimbabwe, home to the world's second-largest elephant population after Botswana, is struggling with the consequences of overpopulation in

some reserves. A 2024 aerial survey showed that Save Valley Conservancy currently holds approximately 2,550 elephants—more than triple its estimated carrying capacity of 800. Over the last five years, at least 200 elephants have been relocated to other parks, but the population continues to grow beyond sustainable levels.

Elephant meat is rarely consumed globally due to ethical and legal concerns, but in some regions, it is considered a delicacy. Those who have eaten it describe the taste as similar to gamey beef or pork, with a dense, fibrous texture and slightly sweet undertones. Culinary sources like Chef's Resource and Eat Delights report that the meat is lean, rich in protein, iron, and B-vitamins, and often requires slow cooking methods such as braising or stewing to tenderize.

This isn't Zimbabwe's first large-scale cull. In 2024, the country culled 200 elephants amid a severe drought that caused widespread food shortages. However, this new plan has reignited criticism from conservationists and animal rights groups, who argue that elephants are vital for tourism and the ecological balance of the region.

Adding to the debate, the country cannot sell its stockpile of ivory due to international bans on ivory trading. The announcement also followed the arrest of four individuals in Harare with over 230 kilograms of ivory, allegedly attempting to sell it illegally.

The government has not specified how many elephants will be culled in total or over what time frame, leaving many questions unanswered.

Durex's Bold '2 Virgins' Ad Sets Internet Abuzz Ahead of IPL 2025 Final Between RCB and PBKS

The IPL 2025 final between Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) and Punjab Kings (PBKS) has taken a cheeky turn thanks to a risqué ad from sexual wellness brand Durex. Known for its bold and witty marketing, Durex dropped a viral ad that instantly lit up social media, combining clever wordplay with cricket fanfare.

The brand's ad, which reads "18 years and 2 virgins. Who will get lucky?", plays on the fact that neither RCB nor PBKS has ever clinched an IPL title in the league's 18-year history. The clever double entendre quickly caught fire online, with fans dubbing it "marketing gold." Durex followed up with an Instagram caption that read, "First times are always special! Who are you rooting for?"—adding even more spice to the already electric atmosphere surrounding the final.

Social media platforms erupted with reactions. On X (formerly Twitter), user @TravisbickleCSK shared the ad with the comment, "Durex always delivers," garnering over 1.3 million views. Instagram users were equally entertained, with comments like "Well played Durex paaji" and "Durex, you got the best employees!" filling the brand's post, which has racked up over 200,000 likes.

The two teams have long been known for their underdog stories in the IPL. RCB, despite having superstar lineups



led by legends like Virat Kohli and AB de Villiers, has lost all three of its previous finals. PBKS, meanwhile, made it to the final only once in 2014, falling short of the trophy. The shared drought made Durex's punchline hit home with fans, turning the meme into a moment of comic relief ahead of the high-stakes clash.

While the final itself saw RCB post 190/9 on a relatively easy pitch in Ahmedabad, the outcome remained uncertain, with fans hoping one team would finally "get lucky." Thanks to Durex's daring creativity, the 2025 IPL final will be remembered not just for cricket, but for a bold ad that added a spicy twist to the showdown.

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 season-

al 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.

After 'Digital Snan', Delhi Eatery's 'Digital Momo' Service Goes Viral for a Tasty Twist on Diet Cravings

Just when you thought the digital age had reached its peak, a Delhi-based eatery has taken the internet by storm with its hilarious and quirky innovation—digital momos. The popular food joint, Game Of Momos, has introduced a mock "digital momo service" that lets you indulge your cravings virtually—without breaking your diet or clashing with your gym trainer's guidelines.

A recently surfaced video on Instagram shows a man from the eatery explaining the concept in a tongue-in-cheek manner. He addresses the common struggle of food lovers who want to maintain a healthy lifestyle but can't resist the temptation of mouth-watering street food like momos.

"Hi guys, hum digital momos service provide karte hain. Agar aapke trainer ya gharwale aapko junk food se rokke hain, lekin aapki cravings control nahi hoti, toh apni photo bhej dijiye—hum aapko digi-



tally momos khila denge," he says with a smile, holding two plates of momos and a photo of a customer. The video then shows him acting out the process of "feeding" momos to the photo, including varieties like steamed and Afghani momos.

Though completely satirical in nature, the idea has resonated with social media users who find themselves caught between

health goals and guilty pleasures. Comments on the post flooded in with hilarious takes. One user wrote, "Bhaiya ek tandoori digital momo service chahiye," while another joked, "Kisi ko digital USA ghumna ho toh mujhe DM kare." Others asked for subscription plans or joked about their recent momo indulgence.

This creative promo seems inspired by another viral concept—digital snan—that surfaced during the Maha Kumbh Mela in Prayagraj. In that case, an entrepreneur offered to dip photocopies of devotees into the holy Sangam waters for ₹1,100, offering a "remote" spiritual experience.

The digital momo service may not fill your stomach, but it's certainly tickled the funny bones of netizens and made a strong case for how humor, creativity, and food cravings make for a viral recipe.

AIIMS Doctors Successfully Operate on 254 kg 'Super-Super Obese' Man in High-Risk Bariatric Surgery



In a remarkable achievement in bariatric medicine, doctors at Delhi's All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) have successfully performed a high-risk weight loss surgery on a 31-year-old man from Uttar Pradesh, who weighed an astounding 254 kilograms. The patient, a government employee, was classified as 'super-super obese' with a body mass index (BMI) of 75.5 — nearly three times the threshold for morbid obesity.

The patient had struggled with obesity since childhood and had attempted numerous weight loss methods over the years. Despite a dedicated three-year effort involving strict diet control and regular exercise, his weight remained dangerously high. Although he had previously lost around 90 kilograms over a decade ago, he regained it due to health setbacks and lack of sustainable intervention.

Realizing that conventional methods were no longer effective, the medical team at AIIMS, led by Dr. Manjunath Maruti Pol, opted for a surgical solution. They performed a 'one-anastomosis gastric bypass', a type of bariatric surgery that drastically reduces stomach size to about 60–80 ml and reconfigures

the digestive tract to promote rapid weight loss. The procedure also triggers favorable hormonal changes that help regulate blood sugar, hypertension, and cholesterol.

Given the patient's weight and related complications, the operation was considered extremely high-risk. Prior to the surgery, a comprehensive medical protocol was followed. The patient was put on a C-PAP machine to manage obstructive sleep apnoea, while his blood pressure and diabetes were brought under control. He also underwent physiotherapy and a supervised weight loss program to improve his physical strength and enhance surgical outcomes.

Post-surgery, the patient responded well to treatment and was discharged after a stable recovery period. Doctors now anticipate significant weight loss and health improvements in the coming months as part of his post-operative care.

This case highlights the growing capabilities of Indian healthcare institutions like AIIMS in tackling severe obesity and offers hope to many battling extreme weight-related health challenges.

Stampede at RCB Victory Celebrations...

11 people confirmed dead, more than 50 Injured...

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A celebratory night turned tragic in Bengaluru as a massive stampede at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium claimed the lives of at least 11 people and left over 50 injured during Royal Challengers Bangalore's (RCB) IPL victory celebration. The incident occurred late Tuesday night when thousands of fans swarmed the stadium to join the team's triumphant celebrations following their maiden Indian Premier League title win. Chaos erupted as the excited crowd surged forward to get closer to the stage where the players were expected to appear. The sudden rush led to a deadly stampede, resulting in multiple fatalities and injuries. Among the deceased are six men and four women, with the identity of one victim yet to be confirmed. Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, who addressed the media shortly after the incident, expressed shock over the tragedy. "I cannot confirm the exact number of casualties at this moment. Initial reports suggest multiple deaths and several injuries. More than 5,000 police personnel were deployed for security, but the crowd was uncontrollably enthusiastic," he stated. He added, "They were mostly young



fans. We could not resort to lathi-charge as it could have escalated the situation further."

Rescue teams, along with emergency medical staff, responded quickly and shifted the injured

to nearby hospitals. Hospital authorities confirmed that many of the victims suffered injuries due to trampling and suffocation. Visuals from the venue showed utter chaos with broken barricades and fans helping each other out of the densely packed venue. Authorities said that the stadium was filled far beyond its expected capacity, and crowd management protocols were reportedly inadequate. Eyewitnesses described the scene as horrifying. "People started pushing from behind and no one could breathe. Some collapsed on the ground, and others fell on top of them," said one fan who managed to escape the chaos with minor injuries. As the city mourns the lives lost in a celebration that was meant to unite fans in joy, questions are being raised over the preparedness of the organizers and law enforcement agencies. An inquiry into the incident is expected to begin soon, with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah expected to visit the site and the hospitals treating the injured later today. RCB, which had finally clinched the IPL trophy after years of close finishes, has yet to release an official statement on the tragedy.

India Suffer Disappointing 0-2 Defeat to Thailand in International Friendly

India endured a sobering 0-2 loss to Thailand in an international football friendly on Wednesday, raising concerns ahead of their upcoming AFC Asian Cup qualifying clash against Hong Kong. The match, played at the Thammasat Stadium in Bangkok, saw the hosts dominate from the start, with goals from Benjamin Davis in the 8th minute and Po-ramet Arjvilai in the 59th sealing a deserved win for the Thais.



Ranked 99th in the FIFA world rankings, Thailand looked the superior side throughout, outplaying an uninspired Indian team currently ranked 127th. The result marks a setback for Igor Štimac's men, who had beaten Thailand in their last two encounters — a 4-1 win in the 2019 AFC Asian Cup and a 1-0 victory in the 2019 King's Cup.

Thailand struck early when Davis found the net with a composed finish following a defensive lapse. India struggled to regain momentum, and though there was a brief spell of attacking intent in the first half, clear-cut chances were scarce.

Veteran striker Sunil Chhetri, who had scored twice in India's previous AFC Asian Cup triumph over Thailand, nearly brought India level in the 24th minute. His glancing header off a cross looked goal-bound but was brilliantly saved by Thai goalkeeper Saranon Anui, who dove low to his right to deny the equaliser.

India's midfield looked disjointed, and their build-up play lacked cohesion and urgency. The second half saw more pressure from Thailand, culminating in Arjvilai's 59th-minute goal that effectively ended India's hopes of a comeback.

Spain Eyes Historic Nations League Title Defence Amid Resurgence

Spain's national football team is targeting a landmark achievement this summer as they aim to become the first country to successfully defend the UEFA Nations League trophy. Under the guidance of coach Luis de la Fuente, La Roja has emerged as a formidable force on the international stage, riding high on the momentum from their 2023 Nations League victory and Euro 2024 triumph.



De la Fuente, reflecting on the team's recent successes, emphasized the importance of maintaining their winning mentality ahead of the 2026 World Cup in the United States, Mexico, and Canada. "We attach enormous importance to this tournament — it's almost more difficult than a European Championship," said De la Fuente. "We want to be the first team to win it

twice."

Spain will face a tough semi-final against France in Stuttgart, with a potential final against either Germany or Portugal. The team's recent form has been impressive, going 23 matches unbeaten since a loss to Scotland in March 2023.

La Roja's transformation under De la Fuente has been powered by a new generation of talent. Teen sensation Lamine Yamal, who starred in the Euro 2024 final just days after turning 17, headlines a youthful lineup alongside Athletic Bilbao winger Nico Williams, midfield orchestrator Pedri, and rising striker Samu Aghehowa. Real Madrid's new signing Dean Huijsen adds further promise to the defensive line.

Despite his emphasis on youth, De la Fuente has shown flexibility by recalling veteran midfielder Isco, following an outstanding season with Real Betis. "He's going to add a lot — if we had any doubts, he wouldn't be here," the coach noted, defending his decision to omit Isco from the Euros.

Indonesia Open 2025: Sathish-Aadya Stun World No. 16; Treesa-Gayatri Advance to Second Round

India had a mixed outing on the second day of the Indonesia Open Super 1000 in Jakarta, with only two wins from six matches. The stand-out moment came when the Indian mixed doubles pair of Sathish Kumar Karunakaran and Aadya Variyath pulled off a sensational upset over the world No. 16 duo from Chinese Taipei, Ye Hong Wei and Nicole Chan. After dropping the opening game 15-21, it seemed like a routine win for the higher-ranked Taiwanese pair. However, the Indian duo showed remarkable resilience and tactical awareness to turn the tide in their favor. Trailing 9-10 in the second game, Sathish and Aadya capitalized on back-



to-back net errors from their opponents to gain their first lead of the match. Aadya impressed with her net control, frequently drawing the Taipei pair forward and forcing mistakes, while Sathish was clinical with his shot se-

lection and sharp returns. This combination proved crucial as the Indian pair took the second game 21-16. Carrying their momentum into the decider, Sathish and Aadya continued to dominate the net exchanges and applied consistent pressure. Despite a few unforced errors, the duo maintained their composure to seal the match 15-21, 21-16, 21-17 — marking one of the biggest upsets of the tournament so far and earning a well-deserved spot in the second round. Currently ranked world No. 37, the win is expected to significantly boost the pair's confidence and ranking points on the BWF circuit.

Mohammad Haris Stars as Pakistan Crush Bangladesh 3-0, Climbs to 30th in ICC T20I Rankings

Pakistan delivered a dominant performance at home to complete a 3-0 T20I series whitewash over Bangladesh, with rising star Mohammad Haris grabbing headlines. The explosive batter was named Player of the Series after a sensational unbeaten 107 off just 46 balls in the final match, which propelled him 210 places up the ICC Men's T20I Batter Rankings to No. 30.

Haris showcased consistency and aggression throughout the series, compiling 167 runs at a staggering strike rate of 201.12. His performances signaled his emergence as one of Pakistan's most exciting T20 talents.



Supporting him was fellow middle-order batter Hasan Nawaz, who also impressed with knocks of 51 and 70, ending the series with 121 runs at a strike rate of 198.36. His exploits earned him a rise of 57 places to a career-best joint 45th in the rankings.

From Bangladesh's side, Tanzid Hasan climbed 28 spots to No. 53 after a string of solid performances, while Pakistan captain Salman Ali Agha rose 42 places to joint 75th. On the bowling front, Abbas Afridi delivered a key performance in the third T20I, picking up 2/26 in a high-scoring affair. His efforts saw him jump 18 spots to a joint 19th position in the ICC

T20I Bowlers Rankings alongside Anrich Nortje and Haris Rauf.

All-rounder Shadab Khan had a solid series, contributing with both bat and ball — scoring 55 runs and claiming four wickets. He climbed 10 places to No. 14 in the ICC T20I All-rounder Rankings.

Meanwhile, England also secured a 3-0 ODI series win over West Indies, marking a successful start to the Harry Brook era. Joe Root led the charge with 267 runs, including a majestic 166* in the second ODI, helping him move up 14 places to joint 24th in the ODI Batter Rankings.



Nithiin’s Thammudu Locks New Release Date: Set to Hit Screens on July 25th?

Telugu actor Nithiin is gearing up for his next big-screen outing with Thammudu, an emotional action drama helmed by director Venu Sriram. The film, which has been generating considerable buzz, was initially scheduled to release on July 4, 2025. However, the makers decided to push the release date to avoid a box office clash with Vijay Deverakonda's much-hyped film Kingdom. Now, fresh reports suggest that Thammudu is eyeing a new release date — July 25, 2025. While the team has not yet made an official announcement, industry insiders believe this date is all but confirmed. If true, this strategic move gives the film a wider window to capitalize on the post-Kingdom buzz while carving out its own space at the box office. Produced by renowned filmmaker Dil Raju under his prestigious banner, Thammudu promises a compelling mix of high-octane action and deep emotional storytelling. The film features Sapthami Gowda as the female lead, marking her first collaboration with Nithiin. The cast also includes seasoned performers like Laya, Swasika, Varsha Bollamma, and Saurabh Sachdeva, all of whom are expected to play pivotal roles in the narrative.



Another major highlight of the film is its music, composed by acclaimed Kannada composer B. Ajaneesh Loknath, known for his work in films like Kantara and Virupaksha. His emotionally charged and atmospheric scores are expected to add significant depth to the film's tone and storytelling. With director Venu Sriram at the helm — known for delivering emotionally resonant films like Vakeel Saab — Thammudu is being billed as a cinematic experience that balances drama, action, and sentiment in equal measure. Expectations are high among fans and trade circles, especially given the strong creative team backing the project. As anticipation builds, all eyes are now on the official confirmation of the new release date. If Thammudu indeed arrives on July 25, it could turn out to be one of the season's most talked-about releases. Stay tuned for updates.

‘Avengers: Doomsday’ Set to Become the Most Expensive Film Ever Made

The Marvel Cinematic Universe is poised to shatter all previous records with its upcoming mega-production, Avengers: Doomsday. Touted as the most expensive film ever made in the history of cinema, this colossal crossover event is estimated to carry a jaw-dropping budget of \$1 billion. According to industry insiders, Avengers: Doomsday will pour massive resources into state-of-the-art visual effects and an ensemble cast that includes some of the biggest stars in Hollywood. Reports suggest that the salaries for the star-studded cast alone could exceed \$250 million — a figure unheard of in previous blockbuster productions. Marvel has reportedly already spent over \$8 million just on pre-production for the film. To put that in perspective, this is more than three times the pre-production cost of Ant-Man and the Wasp: Quantumania, a film that eventually ran up a total budget of \$388 million. For comparison, Star Wars: The Force Awakens (2015), previously considered the most expensive film ever made, was produced with a budget of \$447 million.



Other top contenders in the list of most expensive films include Avatar: The Way of Water (2022), which was made on a reported budget between \$350–\$460 million, and Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (2011), which cost around \$379 million. If current projections hold, Avengers: Doomsday could end up doubling or even tripling those figures. Forbes has reported that the weekly production costs of Avengers: Doomsday are more than twice those of Quantumania, emphasizing the

unprecedented scale of this ambitious project. While exact figures are still being finalized, experts estimate that Marvel Studios may ultimately spend between \$500–600 million or more, not including marketing. Despite the staggering investment, financial analysts warn that unless the film performs extraordinarily well at the global box office, even massive earnings could label it a flop due to its overwhelming cost. As anticipation builds, all eyes are on Marvel to see how this monumental cinematic venture will unfold.

Three Production Powerhouses Unite for a Quirky Masked Caper – First Look Arrives June 6

A vibrant new cinematic adventure is on the horizon as three major production houses—Sapta Aswa Creatives, Vyra Entertainments, and Bunny Vas Works—join forces for a uniquely quirky film that's already stirring curiosity. Titled as a “masked madness,” the film's pre-look poster, recently unveiled, has sparked online excitement and speculation.

Bunny Vas reunites with Bhanu Pratapa, the name behind recent successful ventures like Thandel, Aay, and #Single. Adding further credibility to the lineup is Vyra Entertainments, best known for its critically acclaimed romantic drama Hi Nanna. The pre-look poster showcases a group of mysterious masked characters donning red caps and blue face coverings. With an air of whimsical chaos and a splash of

intrigue, the visuals hint at a film packed with fun, unpredictability, and off-beat storytelling. Fans won't have to wait long for more details—the official First Look is scheduled to be revealed on June 6, 2025. The project marks the directorial debut of Vijayendar S, whose fresh vision is expected to infuse the film with energy and originality. The film is being produced by Kalyan Manthina, Bhanu Pratapa, and Dr. Vijender

Reddy Teegala, with Somaraju Penmetsa stepping in as co-producer. The technical crew boasts an impressive lineup: RR Dhruvan will handle the music, promising a vibrant and unconventional soundtrack. Cinematographer Siddharth SJ is on board to bring the visual eccentricity to life, while editor Peekay is expected to enhance the film's brisk pace and narrative style. Art director Gandhi Nadi-

kudikar, costume designer Shilpa Tangturu, and executive producer Rajeev Kumar Rama round out a robust creative team. With its bold premise, colorful aesthetics, and a talented mix of newcomers and industry veterans, this untitled project promises to offer a wildly imaginative ride. Keep your eyes peeled—this quirky masked escapade might just be one of the most unexpected surprises of the year.



Kantara Franchise to Expand into a Cinematic Universe? Exciting Developments Ahead

The phenomenal success of Kantara, starring and directed by Rishab Shetty, not only made waves across India but also redefined the possibilities for rooted storytelling in Indian cinema. The supernatural thriller, set against the backdrop of coastal Karnataka's culture and folklore, grossed an astounding ₹400 crore at the global box office, cementing its place as one of Sandalwood's biggest hits. With the upcoming prequel, Kantara Chapter 1, already in full-scale production, fans are eagerly awaiting the return to this mystical world. However, an even more exciting development is now making headlines—there's strong buzz that the makers are planning to expand Kantara into an entire cinematic universe. According to industry sources, Hombale Films' producer Vijay Kiragandur is considering a third installment that would potentially take the franchise into new narrative territory. Interestingly, if the rumors are to be believed, this third chapter may not feature Rishab Shetty, neither in the lead role nor behind the camera. While this speculation has yet to be confirmed, it signals a bold move to



grow the Kantara legacy beyond a single protagonist or creative vision. Kantara Chapter 1 promises to delve deeper into the mystical lore established in the first film. Set during the Kadamba Dynasty era, the story will explore ancient traditions and supernatural themes, with Rishab Shetty portraying a Naga Sadhu endowed with otherworldly powers. The historical and mythological blend adds a fresh dimension to the already rich narrative landscape. The film also features a stellar ensemble cast, including Sapthami Gowda, Jayaram, Kishore, Jayasurya, and Jisshu Sengupta in pivotal roles. The makers have slated the film for an October 2, 2025 release, coinciding with Gandhi Jayanti, ensuring a grand festival launch. If plans to develop a Kantara universe move forward, it could mark the beginning of a new era in Indian mytho-thriller storytelling. With strong cultural roots and universal appeal, the Kantara brand might just become India's next major cinematic franchise. Fans can expect official confirmation in the coming months.

Malayalam Star Nivin Pauly Joins Lokesh Kanagaraj’s Cinematic Universe in Raghava Lawrence’s Benz

The ever-expanding Lokesh Kanagaraj Cinematic Universe (LCU) has just added another exciting name to its roster. Malayalam cinema's leading star Nivin Pauly is officially stepping into the LCU with the upcoming action thriller Benz, headlined by Raghava Lawrence. While director Lokesh Kanagaraj is currently busy with post-production work on his much-anticipated Rajinikanth-starrer Coolie, he's also producing Benz under his home banner G Squad. The project is being co-produced by Sudhan Sundaram and Jagadish Palanisamy, two names known for backing distinctive cinema.



The film stars Raghava Lawrence in the lead role, and the latest buzz confirms that Nivin Pauly will be portraying the primary antagonist. Known for his charismatic screen presence and versatility in Malayalam cinema, Nivin's entry into the LCU marks a significant crossover moment and adds fresh intrigue to the project. Fans are eager to see how his character will contribute to the ever-evolving narrative threads of the LCU. In another major development, streaming giant Netflix has secured the post-theatrical digital rights for Benz, a testament to the film's commercial potential and growing hype. As production continues, more updates on the supporting cast, plot connections to other LCU films, and a release date are expected soon.

With a powerful combination of fresh casting, a raw genre shift, and the trusted creative backing of Lokesh Kanagaraj, Benz is shaping up to be one of the most anticipated additions to the LCU. Stay tuned as the cinematic universe gets bloodier, bolder, and more exciting than ever.