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Census 2027: Date Fixed for Nationwide Population Census

Census to begin March 1, 2027

For the first time since 1951, caste-wise data will be collected nationwide

Govt cites transparency and uniformity as key reasons for caste census



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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 in-

definitely 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.

Kavitha Slams Congress Over Kaleshwaram Probe

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BRS MLC and Telangana Jagruti president Kalvakuntla Kavitha has come out strongly against the Congress-led Telangana government over the notices issued to former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) in connection with the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project inquiry. Terming the investigation politically motivated, Kavitha alleged that the Congress is using the commission for vendetta politics.

Participating in a protest at Dharna Chowk in Hyderabad on Wednesday, Kavitha lashed out at the Justice PC Ghosh Commission, which is probing alleged irregularities in the multi-crore irrigation project. She described the inquiry as a “Congress Commission,” not a genuine attempt at ensuring accountability. “This commission was not formed for transparency or justice. It was formed to gain political mileage. What did KCR do wrong? Serving a notice to him is like serving a notice to every citizen of Telangana,” she said during the protest. Kavitha emphasized that the Kaleshwaram project was a visionary initiative that transformed the irrigation landscape of Telangana. She recalled that the project included 21 pump houses, 15 reservoirs, 200 kilometers of tunnels, and 1,500 kilometers of



Notices to KCR are politically motivated, says BRS MLC

Termed Notices to KCR as an attack on Telangana people

Defends Kaleshwaram as a people-centric irrigation project

canals, benefitting lakhs of farmers across the state.

“Kaleshwaram was built for the farmers, for future generations—not for politics. Today, the incompetent Congress government is attempting to undo the progress achieved under KCR’s leadership,” she said, adding that no political move could erase his legacy.

She accused both the Congress and BJP of failing to protect Telangana’s rights in the Godavari waters and described the notice to KCR as part of a calculated political conspiracy. Kavitha concluded by stating that the truth would eventually come out, and history would recognize who truly served the people of Telangana. Meanwhile, the Justice PC Ghosh Commission has issued notices not only to KCR but also to two other former ministers, further escalating the political tension in the state.

Farmers Erupt in Protest Against Ethanol Plant in Rajoli

High tension at Pedda Dhanwada as villagers chase away laborers, destroy equipment



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Jogulamba Gadwal: The proposed establishment of an ethanol plant at Pedda Dhanwada in Rajoli mandal sparked high tension on Wednesday, as angry farmers stormed the construction site, dismantled tents, destroyed equipment, and forcefully drove away laborers. Despite heavy police deployment, the situation turned volatile, reflecting the growing resentment among farmers toward the project. The Gayatri Company, which is behind the project, has been facing stiff resistance from locals ever since plans for the ethanol industry were made public. Residents from nearly 12 surrounding villages have united to oppose the factory, citing concerns over environmental impact, potential harm to agriculture, and lack of public consultation. The tension escalated after company officials brought in

laborers on Tuesday to begin construction. Early Wednesday morning, hundreds of farmers, including women, assembled at the site. In defiance of the police presence, they launched a full-blown protest—tearing down construction tents and damaging machinery. Laborers, reportedly pelted with stones, fled the site in fear. Police rushed reinforcements to the scene and attempted to bring the crowd under control. Senior officials have initiated dialogue with the agitating farmers to ease the unrest. However, the farmers have remained firm, declaring that they will not allow the ethanol plant to be set up in their region under any circumstances. The situation in Pedda Dhanwada remains tense, with ongoing protests and a heavy police presence. Authorities are on alert to prevent any further escalation.

Congress Review Held at Gandhi Bhavan

AICC in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan interacts with Yatra coordinators

TPCC chief Mahesh Kumar Goud reviews constituency-level reports

Focus on strengthening party and strategizing future programs



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A crucial coordination and review meeting was held at Gandhi Bhavan on Tuesday as part of the Congress party’s efforts to strengthen its organizational structure and assess the progress of the ‘Jai Bhim.. Jai Babu.. Jai Samvidhan’ Yatra.

AICC in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan held one-on-one discussions with coordinators and PCC observers involved in the yatra campaign. During the interactions, constituency-wise field reports were submitted, giving the central leadership a detailed picture of the outreach activities and public response.

Following these discussions, Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud chaired a detailed review meeting with the same team. The focus was on evaluating the yatra’s impact, identifying gaps in grassroots engagement, and devising strategies for upcoming political programs.

Both Meenakshi Natarajan and Mahesh Kumar Goud provided key directions to strengthen party units at the constituency level and ensure the momentum built through the yatra continues

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Komatireddy Reviews 5,190 km HAM Road Projects

- Minister chairs key meeting on Hybrid Annuity Model roads
- 5,190 km identified for Phase-I under HAM across Telangana
- Goal to boost rural-urban connectivity with quality roads

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Telangana Roads, Buildings and Cinematography Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy Garu chaired a comprehensive review meeting on the Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM) road projects at the State Secretariat today.



The meeting focused on finalizing estimates, funding structures, and cabinet-level approvals for the proposed infrastructure initiative. Chairman of the Telangana State Road Development Corporation Sri Malreddy Ramreddy Garu, and Special Secretary to the Government

Smt. Harichandana Dasari Garu were among the key attendees, alongside senior officials from the Roads and Buildings Department. In this high-level review, the Minister examined the progress of the proposed 5,190 km of road network planned under HAM Phase-I. Detailed

discussions were held regarding implementation procedures, funding mechanisms, and the strategy to secure cabinet approvals for execution.

Minister Komatireddy stated, “HAM will bring a major boost to the development of Roads and Buildings (R&B) and Panchayat Raj roads across Telangana. For safe, fast, and smooth travel, the construction of quality, pot-hole-free roads is essential.” He emphasized that under the leadership of

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Resolving Employees’ Problems Is Our Responsibility, Says Deputy CM

Report on employee issues to be submitted at Thursday’s cabinet meeting

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Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu assured employee unions that the Telangana government is committed to resolving their longstanding problems. Speaking at a Joint Action Committee (JAC) meeting of labor unions held on Wednesday at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Secretariat, he emphasized that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has formed a sub-committee of ministers and a committee of officers dedicated to addressing employees’ concerns promptly. Deputy CM Vikramarka noted that the three-member ministerial committee, including Ministers Sridhar Babu and Ponnampalapati Prabhakar, has been actively engaging with employee unions, receiving their grievances, and discussing possible solutions. He said the feedback from the unions has been thoroughly reviewed multiple times and will be presented to the cabinet in a report during the Thursday meeting. He stressed that the government views employees as partners in governance and aims to resolve



their issues without undue delay, especially given the arrears accumulated over past years. The Deputy CM also pointed out the importance of balancing government income and expenditure while prioritizing welfare schemes and employee demands. Despite financial challenges faced by the state over the last decade, Deputy CM Vikramarka assured that the government will continue paying salaries promptly and is committed to providing the best possible treatment to employees. He highlighted the continuation of welfare schemes introduced by the previous government along with the launch of new initiatives aimed at employee welfare. The Deputy CM reiterated that the government is mobilizing

resources effectively to ensure employee benefits without burdening the public financially. He added that discussions have taken place within the cabinet on issues like marriage and hospital expenses for employees’ families, with unanimous agreement on the need for solutions. In preparation for the cabinet meeting, the committee will finalize the report in consultation with the finance department and other officials. The government has expressed determination to take positive steps based on this report to address employee concerns swiftly and efficiently. Officials Naveen Mittal, Lokesh Kumar, Krishna Bhaskar, Sandeep Kumar Sultania, and Mahesh Dutt Ekka were also present during the meeting.

Etala Rajender Demands Equal Funding in GHMC Council Meeting

- Slams biased fund allocation, demands fair distribution
- BJP MP assures backing for Musi River revival



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The GHMC Council meeting held on Wednesday witnessed heated debates as a range of civic issues were taken up for discussion. From inadequate street lighting and overflowing drains to monsoon flood preparedness and worsening traffic congestion, corporators and officials were engaged in a detailed discussion under the leadership of Mayor Gadwala Vijayalakshmi and Deputy Mayor Srilatha Reddy. BJP MP Etala Rajender made strong observations during the session, especially on the issue of fund allocation. He criticized the GHMC for selectively favoring certain corporators who, he alleged, were louder in meetings. “Development funds must be distributed equitably. There should be no bias based on political affiliations or who raises their voice the most,” Etala asserted, emphasizing that areas with genuine civic issues deserve priority regardless of party representation. He also called for immediate solutions to the problems at various railway crossings in the city, which are causing inconvenience to residents and affecting traffic flow. Congress corporators, meanwhile, appealed to Etala to ensure central support for the

rejuvenation of the Musi River. Responding positively, Etala promised to stand by efforts aimed at Hyderabad’s development. “I will extend full support for the Musi development initiative and other central schemes that benefit the city,” he said. Officials from GHMC responded to the corporators’ queries with updates on current projects and preparedness measures for the upcoming monsoon. However, many corporators expressed dissatisfaction, demanding quicker implementation and better coordination among departments. As the meeting concluded, it was evident that discontent over the fund distribution and delays in civic projects remain a central concern, with Etala Rajender emerging as a vocal advocate for fair development across all divisions of Hyderabad.

Construction Sector Is Telangana’s Backbone: Sridhar Babu

- Govt committed to full support for construction industry
- Sector contributes nearly 30% to Telangana’s GSV
- Over 9,679 real estate projects registered under RERA

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Minister for IT and Industries, Duddilla Sridhar Babu, declared that the construction sector is the backbone of Telangana’s economy, assuring full government support for its sustained growth. He made these remarks as the Chief Guest at the Youth Wing Conference of the Greater East Zone Builders Association (GEBA) held at Hotel Jubilee Park, Nagole X Roads. Highlighting the state’s real estate boom, the Minister said, “Hyderabad recorded a 56% year-on-year rise in commercial space absorption last year—the highest in the country—while 1.8 million square feet of retail space was leased. These are not just statistics but strong indicators of investor confidence in Telangana.” He emphasized that the construction and real estate sectors contribute nearly 30% to the state’s Gross State Value Added (GSVA) and collectively generate employment for nearly one million people, besides supporting allied industries like steel, cement, and interior design. Sridhar Babu underlined the vital role of the sector in the state’s development. “Since 2014, Telangana’s real estate sector has witnessed remarkable growth, drawing significant investments,”



he noted. “Currently, over 9,679 real estate projects and 4,252 agents are registered under RERA in the state.” Stressing the need for innovation and sustainability, the Minister encouraged the younger generation of builders to adopt advanced technologies and eco-friendly practices. “Young builders must think beyond conventional methods to reduce construction costs and enhance value for end-users,” he added. Speaking directly to the youth, Sridhar Babu remarked, “The bricks you lay and the buildings you construct are not just physical structures—they are the foundation stones of Telangana’s future.” The event also saw the participation of MLA Malreddy Ranga Reddy and GEBA Youth Wing members including Vikram Kumar, Meghana, Akshay, Mahesh, among others, who echoed the Minister’s vision of innovation-driven and sustainable growth for the sector.

EVs Cross 2 Lakh Mark in Telangana

Electric mobility picks up pace as bikes dominate registrations

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Electric vehicle (EV) adoption in Telangana has reached a significant milestone, with the number of registered EVs crossing the 2 lakh mark by the end of April 2025. This surge in purchases is credited to the state government’s proactive electric vehicle policy, which includes exemptions on road tax and registration fees to promote eco-friendly transportation. According to the Telangana Transport Department, more than 1.96 lakh EVs were officially registered across the state by March 31, 2025. With continued enthusiasm, the total EV count exceeded 2 lakh by the end of April. Officials noted that more than 80 percent of these vehicles are two-wheelers, indicating a massive tilt toward electric bikes among the public. The remaining registrations are primarily electric cars. Government incentives boost adoption under EV policy. The shift toward EVs is being hailed as a positive step both environmentally and economically. Electric vehicles do not emit carbon dioxide or other harmful pollutants, unlike their petrol and diesel counterparts. In this regard, both the central and state governments have actively promoted EV adoption as a key measure to reduce air pollution. The Telangana government’s EV policy has be-



come a driving force behind this transformation. The waiver of registration fees and road tax significantly reduces the upfront cost of purchasing an electric vehicle, making them more attractive to consumers. Besides contributing to a cleaner environment, EVs also provide significant savings for their owners. With rising fuel prices, the cost of charging an EV remains comparatively low, offering a sustainable and economical alternative for everyday commuters. Officials said this growing shift is a strong indicator that Telangana is moving steadily toward a cleaner and more sustainable future. With increasing awareness and infrastructure, EV usage is expected to grow further in the coming months.

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effectively. They urged the coordinators to expand outreach, particularly among marginalized sections, and to keep the spirit of Ambedkar, Gandhi, and the Constitution alive in the public discourse.

The meeting concluded with a call to intensify booth-level activities and organizational preparedness for the months ahead, as the Congress looks to consolidate its position in Telangana.

Komatireddy Reviews 5,190 km HAM Road Projects

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, all road development works would be carried out in line with public interest and regional development priorities. The HAM initiative is aimed at enhancing connectivity between rural and urban areas, facilitating economic growth and easing transportation in the state. Officials reiterated that the HAM

model allows for rapid road construction with shared financial responsibility between the government and private players, ensuring sustainability and long-term maintenance. The meeting concluded with instructions to expedite technical processes and necessary clearances to begin work at the earliest.

One Dead, 70 Fall Ill Due to Food Poisoning at Erragadda Psychiatric Center

Health Minister orders inquiry, Collector Anudeep visits hospital

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A tragic incident of food poisoning at the government-run psychiatric treatment center in Erragadda has claimed the life of one patient and left 70 others ill. The deceased has been identified as Kiran, a psychiatric patient undergoing treatment at the facility. Two others, who were reported to be in critical condition, were immediately shifted to Osmania Hospital, where they are currently undergoing treatment. Medical authorities confirmed that the condition of the remaining 67 affected patients is stable. The incident came to light late Tuesday evening when patients at the facility began complaining of symptoms consistent with food poisoning. Medical teams were rushed to the spot, and emergency treatment was provided. Reacting swiftly, Telangana Health Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha sought a detailed report on the incident. He directed health officials to thoroughly investigate how contaminated food was served in a govern-



ment institution meant for vulnerable patients. “Such negligence is unacceptable, especially in a medical facility,” he said, assuring accountability. Rangareddy District Collector Anudeep Durishetty visited the Erragadda psychiatric hospital on Tuesday night to assess the situation. He held discussions with hospital authorities and health department officials and reviewed the food preparation and storage areas. Sources said food samples have been collected and sent for laboratory analysis.

Officials suspect that poor hygiene or improper food handling may have caused the contamination. The authorities have also initiated internal reviews and promised stringent action against those responsible after the inquiry is completed. This incident has sparked outrage among the public and patient families, raising concerns over the safety standards and quality control in state-run healthcare facilities. Calls are growing for systemic reforms to prevent similar tragedies in the future.

Congress resumes public grievance meetings at Gandhi Bhavan

Ponnam says Gandhi Bhavan will be the people's temple once again

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The Congress government has reinstated the 'Face-to-Face with Ministers' program at Gandhi Bhavan, aiming to directly interact with the public and quickly resolve their issues. The initiative was launched with the support of AICC in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan and PCC President and Minister Ponnam Prabhakar, who emphasized the importance of reconnecting with citizens through this platform.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Ponnam Prabhakar stated, "Gandhi Bhavan is not just a building; it is a temple for Congress workers. This temple was the base for our return to power, and we are now using it to understand and solve the problems

of the people." He said the party welcomes all citizens to bring their grievances directly to the ministers and leaders during these sessions.

The 'Face-to-Face' initiative is being seen as a bridge between the government and the people, and a tool to maintain transparency and accountability. Party leaders reiterated that such public interaction would not only resolve individual issues swiftly but also strengthen the Congress party at the grassroots level. "This platform is especially helpful to Congress workers who toiled hard to bring the party back to power," Ponnam noted. In a symbolic reference to the party's grassroots legacy, he added, "Just as there is no village without a Hanuman temple, there was no village

without Indiramma's house during the earlier Congress rule. We are committed to reinstating that era of welfare and development."

Taking a jibe at the opposition BRS party, Minister Ponnam alleged that BRS leaders have been in disarray since losing power. "Now they're cursing cats and creating storms in teacups. These are just political dramas meant for survival," he said, mocking recent political developments in the BRS. He added that the Congress government is not focused on petty politics but on delivering good governance and addressing people's needs.

On the Ghosh Commission's role, he clarified that the commission has the right to summon anyone for inquiry and said no one is above scrutiny.



"KCR wasted public money like water. It's time for accountability," Ponnam stated firmly. The Congress leadership also dismissed BRS leader K.T. Rama Rao's criticism, saying the Congress party doesn't need distractions from leaders like KTR or KCR. "Let them focus on their own problems.

The Congress government is moving ahead with people's trust."

The face-to-face program is expected to continue weekly at Gandhi Bhavan, offering citizens and party cadre a direct forum to raise issues and ensure follow-up with respective departments.

Congress Ignoring Telangana's Development: BJP Leader Abhay Patil



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BJP national leader and MLA Abhay Patil strongly criticized the Congress government in Telangana, stating that it has "left the development of the state to the wind." Addressing a press conference in Shamshabad, Rangareddy district, he asserted that despite the Narendra Modi-led Central government allocating crores of rupees, the Congress and BRS parties have failed to utilize those funds effectively.

Abhay Patil emphasized that India has undergone revolutionary changes in the past 11 years under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi. He said the world is now recognizing India's rapid development and applauded Modi's government for continuing to deliver effective and people-centric governance.

"It is inappropriate to criticize the BJP," he said, "especially when the Centre is actively contributing to the state's devel-

opment. The focus should be on utilizing those funds rather than engaging in baseless political rhetoric."

He accused both the Congress and the BRS of showing negligence towards the growth of Telangana and called on the current government to seriously prioritize development initiatives instead of diverting attention with political attacks. Abhay Patil also underlined that the Modi government is working in alignment with the people's aspirations, and its contributions towards national transformation are evident across sectors.

The press meet was attended by Chevella MP Konda Vishweshwar Reddy, along with Premender Reddy, Raj Bhupal Goud, Mahender, Ashok Reddy, Bokka Narasimha Reddy, and other BJP leaders, who echoed the sentiment that Telangana's development needs immediate attention from the ruling Congress.

Rahul Gandhi is not an agent of Pakistan: VH

Calls for unity, rejects BJP's accusations, demands all-party meeting

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Former PCC President V. Hanumantha Rao has strongly condemned the brutal killing of 27 Indians in Pahalgam and emphasized the need for national unity in the face of such terrorism. Speaking from Gandhi Bhavan, he said all political parties have given full support to Prime Minister Narendra Modi in handling the crisis.

Hanumantha Rao recalled the military response, Operation Sindhur, which targeted nine terrorist camps following the attack. However, he noted that international pressure, particularly from the United States, led to a halt of the operation. "Credit for India's defense actions should belong to our country alone, not to any foreign nation," he asserted, expressing profound respect for the Indian armed forces.

Addressing the recent political controversy, Hanumantha Rao criticized the BJP for branding Rahul Gandhi as a "paid agent of Pakistan." He refuted these claims, stating that Rahul Gandhi merely pointed out Modi's compliance with US President Donald Trump's pressure to stop the military operation. "Rahul Gandhi never opposed the army or the operation. Why wasn't



this pressure resisted when all parties supported the government?" he questioned.

He condemned the BJP for their accusations as a failure on their part. "The Gandhi family has been the backbone of India's independence and has sacrificed immensely for the nation. We will never tolerate insults against Rahul Gandhi," he declared.

Calling for political maturity, Hanumantha Rao demanded that an all-party meeting be convened immediately to address the issue with unity and consensus. "Rahul Gand-

hi is not an agent of Pakistan but an agent of the people of India," he said firmly.

He also accused the BJP of pushing the RSS agenda, claiming, "Your remote control is in the hands of Mohan Bhagwat in Nagpur." He reaffirmed that the Congress party continues to uphold the principles of social justice and inclusive governance. The statement comes amid rising political tensions following the Pahalgam attack and reflects Congress's stance against what it perceives as divisive tactics by the ruling party.

Death of Cow in Vemulawada Temple a Bad Omen for Telangana

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Former Minister Harish Rao held a media conference at the MLA camp office during his Narsapur constituency tour, expressing strong criticism of the current Telangana government's handling of farmers' issues and the recent death of a cow at the Vemulawada temple, calling it a bad omen for the state.

Harish Rao said the death of cows offered by devotees in the temple within a week is deeply hurting the sentiments of the people. Despite this, the government has shown negligence in protecting these cows, failing even to provide basic necessities like grass. He questioned the roles of the Collector, Endowment Department, Animal Husbandry Department, and other officials in the matter. He challenged the government, stating that if the Congress administration cannot protect cows, they should hand over the responsibility to the BRS party, which pledges to save them. Rao accused the government of ignoring both the people and religious

sentiments, highlighting that the promises made in the six guarantees within 100 days have remained unfulfilled even after 500 days.

Rao strongly criticized Revanth Reddy for his careless attitude, claiming it would bring disaster to Telangana. He accused Revanth Reddy's rule of being a sham, highlighting the failure to waive farmers' loans despite promises of waiving Rs 40,000 crore. The former minister said farmers have not received payments even after harvests of paddy and jowar, and many are suffering due to delayed insurance and compensation payments.

He also slammed the government for failing to compensate farmers affected by land acquisition for the Regional Ring Road, alleging that Rs 3,000 crore intended for landless people was diverted to contractors. Rao pointed out the increasing farmer suicides due to these unpaid

dues and compensation delays.

Demanding urgent action, Rao called for immediate release of Rs 18,000 per acre under Rythu Bandhu for three crop seasons, along with Rs 1,100 crore dues for small farmers. He also urged the government to implement crop insurance schemes promised in the budget without burdening farmers. He accused the government of failing miserably in providing seeds, bonuses, and insurance,

adding that despite the Chief Minister's announcements of relief funds for hailstorm-affected farmers, no payments have been made so far. Harish Rao concluded by emphasizing the negligence of the current administration towards farmers and urged the government to fulfill its commitments without further delay. He contrasted this with the development record of former Chief Minister KCR's ten-year rule, implying the current government has failed in comparison.



Kavitha's Political Stunt is to Win Father's Favor

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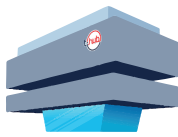
The Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) has strongly criticized Kavitha Kalvakuntla's recent dharna, accusing her of using it as a political stunt to gain favor with her father, Chief Minister KCR. TPCC official spokesperson Chanagani Dayakar questioned the sincerity and purpose of Kavitha's protest, stating that Telangana people are laughing at the dharna.

Dayakar highlighted the National Development Studies Authority (NDSA) report, which concluded that the Kaleshwaram irrigation project suffers from significant design flaws, poor construction quality, and inadequate operation and maintenance. Soil tests were reportedly not conducted properly, affecting the project's reliability.

The spokesperson accused Kavitha of covering up these flaws for political gain and questioned whether the Kalvakuntla family respects laws and courts. He also condemned the family for allegedly disregarding Telangana women's dignity, citing issues related to Tihar Jail in Delhi.

Dayakar praised Congress-era projects like Nagarjuna Sagar and Sriram Sagar as exemplary models, contrasting them with the current government's alleged corruption and mismanagement. He accused the BRS government of fraud, extortion, and theft of Telangana's wealth during its decade-long rule, pointing out that the people have not benefited from the Kaleshwaram project.

The TPCC also condemned Kavitha for focusing on Telangana's history while her father, KCR, reportedly failed to pay tribute on Telangana State Formation Day. Dayakar dismissed Kavitha's dharnas as meaningless and suggested they serve only as platforms for collecting donations and forcing protests. Further, he accused the Kalvakuntla family of severing their bond with the people of Telangana and urged Kavitha to take responsibility for KCR's appearance before the Kaleshwaram Commission. The Congress party reaffirmed its opposition to the Banakacharla project, promising to act only in Telangana's best interest.



Key Accused in ₹4,215 Cr Falcon Scam Arrested by Telangana CID

Sandeep Kumar, Operational Head of Falcon Group, held
₹2.5 Cr worth luxury cars, ₹10 Cr worth property papers seized
Accused duped 7,056 depositors using fake MNC deals

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The Telangana CID has made a major breakthrough in the sensational Falcon Invoice Discounting scam by arresting one of the key accused, Sandeep Kumar, in Hyderabad on June 3, 2025. Sandeep Kumar, Operations Head of Capital Protection Force Pvt. Ltd., is also the younger brother of the prime accused and MD, Amardeep Kumar. He was apprehended along with his accomplice Ravi Kumar, a resident of Hyderabad and native of Bihar. The CID has already arrested seven other accused in this high-profile financial fraud case. The scam, involving criminal breach of trust, cheating and criminal conspiracy, was executed by launching a fraudulent investment platform, Falcon Invoice Discounting (www.falconsgroup.com). The company lured innocent depositors

by offering high returns through fake invoice deals in the names of reputed MNCs. According to CID's preliminary investigation, the company amassed a whopping ₹4,215 crore from 7,056 depositors. Of this, about ₹792 crore from 4,065 victims has already been confirmed as misappropriated. Sandeep Kumar had fled to Dubai following the registration of FIRs, but returned to India illegally via Nepal, settling his and his brother's families in Danapur, Patna. When CID teams tracked him down in Bihar, he escaped, later traveling through Odisha and Goa before returning to Hyderabad, where he was sheltered by Ravi Kumar. Upon the arrest, the CID seized several incriminating assets including luxury cars worth ₹2.5 crore—namely a Mercedes Benz GLS 400d, a Range Rover



Velar, and an Innova Crysta 2.4G. Additionally, 14 property documents valued at ₹10 crore were recovered, along with three mobile phones, various ID cards, and cash. The CID revealed that Sandeep Kumar personally diverted over ₹84.5 crore to his own accounts and shell companies. He had actively helped his brother Amardeep and other accused in setting up fake advertisements via social media platforms like YouTube, Instagram, and Google, and also through telecallers. The scam operation was sophisticated, with fab-

ricated receipts and agreements used to gain depositor trust. So far, three FIRs have been registered in Telangana under: Cr.No. 10/2025, Cr.No. 11/2025, Cr.No. 12/2025. These cases are being investigated under Sections 316(2), 318(4), 61(2) of the BNS, and Section 5 of the Telangana Protection of Depositors in Financial Establishments Act (TSPDEF), 1999. The scam has national implications, with eight more cases registered against the company and its directors across six other states—Karnataka,

Maharashtra, West Bengal, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, and Delhi. The ongoing investigation is being led under the supervision of Smt. Shikha Goel, IPS, Director General, CID Telangana, by DSP N. Ashok Kumar and his team from the Economic Offences Wing (EOW), under the direct supervision of SP Smt. Venkata Lakshmi. The CID has assured that efforts are in progress to apprehend the remaining absconding accused, including Yogen-dra Singh, the CEO of the fraudulent company.

Mock Drill on Building Collapse Conducted in Hyderabad

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In line with the directions of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Telangana, the Telangana State Integrated Command and Control Centre (TGICCC) on Wednesday conducted a comprehensive mock drill simulating a building collapse as part of its disaster management and monsoon preparedness initiative. The objective of the exercise was to assess inter-departmental coordination, emergency response efficiency, and readiness during a real-time disaster scenario. The mock drill involved the participation of several key departments and agencies including Hyderabad, Cyberabad, and Rachakonda Police Commissionerates (L&O and Traffic), Fire Services, Disaster Response and Fire Services (DRF), National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), GHMC, HYDRAA, HMWS&SB, Health, Medical and Family Welfare, TGSPDCL, Information & Public Relations, and the Hyderabad District Collectorate. The simulated incident took place at 3:00 PM on June 4, where an officer stationed at Book 'N' More Library and Activity Centre, under Tukaramgate PS limits in Secunderabad, dialed 112 (the national helpline) to report a mock building collapse, claiming 2 deaths and 15 injuries. Following the alert, L&O and Traffic Police and 108 Ambulances arrived at the location within 10–15 minutes, initiating rescue and relief operations, setting up barricades, and facilitating unhindered access for emergency teams. Within 20–30 minutes, DRF teams, NDRF, SDRF, Fire Services, Revenue Department, TGSPDCL, HMWS&SB, and other officials reached the location and participated actively in the operation. The mock drill was closely monitored by TGICCC's Major Accident Operations Control (MAOC) officers who documented every aspect of the event. Senior officers and heads of departments oversaw the execution on-site. A post-drill review session was held at the War Room, where participating agencies analyzed the performance, discussed the strengths, challenges, and areas of improvement, and reaffirmed the need for regular drills to maintain high standards of emergency preparedness. A comprehensive performance report, along with photos and video documentation, has been compiled. The insights gained will be used to refine Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and improve training protocols across departments. The government emphasized that such exercises are part of a larger commitment to protect lives and property through proactive disaster response mechanisms and integrated departmental coordination.



Body of unidentified woman found in suitcase

Foul smell leads locals to grisly discovery near Reddy's Lab wall
Deceased believed to be 25–30 years old; police begin probe

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Tension gripped the Bachupalli area under Nizampet limits in Hyderabad on Wednesday after locals discovered the body of an unidentified woman stuffed inside a travel bag. The suitcase was found abandoned in a vacant lot beside the perimeter wall of Reddy's Lab. According to locals, a strong foul smell was emanating from the suitcase, which raised their suspicion. Upon alerting the police, Bachupalli officers arrived at the scene and opened the bag, only to find the decomposing body of a woman be-

lieved to be between 25 and 30 years of age. She was dressed in a maroon chudidhar. Following the discovery, Balanagar DCP Suresh Kumar, along with senior officials, inspected the area. A clues team was deployed to gather forensic evidence from the scene. The body was later shifted to Gandhi Hospital for postmortem examination. The identity of the woman remains unknown, and police have launched a thorough investigation into the incident. They are examining multiple angles, including the possibility of murder, and have regis-



tered a case. Authorities stated that more clarity on the cause of death will emerge after the postmortem report is received. Efforts are also underway to trace the woman's identity and apprehend those responsible. The incident has caused widespread fear among residents of the locality.

MLA Vivekanand Hands Over CMRF Cheque to Kompally Resident Swetha



TPN Correspondent | Medchal-Malkajgiri
Quthbullapur MLA KP Vivekanand extended support to a resident of Kompally by issuing a Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) cheque worth ₹1,10,000 for medical treatment. The beneficiary, Chikka Swetha, daughter of late Chikka Srinivasulu, has been battling Osteoarthritis of the Hip for the past 10 years and is currently undergoing treatment at the Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS) in Hyderabad. Recognizing her prolonged struggle and need for support, MLA Vivekanand ensured that financial assistance was provided to ease the burden of medical expenses. The cheque was formally handed over to Swetha by the MLA himself. Expressing gratitude for this humanitarian gesture, Ravankol Saikiran Goud, senior BRS leader and former BRSV Vice President of the erstwhile Ranga Reddy district, thanked MLA Vivekanand on behalf of the family and the Kompally community. Saikiran Goud appreciated the MLA's continued efforts in standing by the people of Quthbullapur during times of need. The act of assistance once again highlights MLA Vivekanand's commitment to addressing the health and welfare needs of his constituency.

RCB Fans Create Ruckus in Kukatpally, Suraram After IPL Win

Celebrations turn chaotic; police step in to restore order

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Celebrations over Royal Challengers Bangalore's (RCB) IPL final victory turned unruly in parts of Hyderabad on Wednesday night, with fans flooding the streets in Kukatpally and Suraram, causing public nuisance and disrupting traffic. As the match concluded, students and cricket enthusiasts—particularly hostel dwellers in Kukatpally—poured onto the roads, chanting slogans and dancing in excitement. The scene quickly escalated when several fans climbed onto buses and lorries, waving Virat Kohli flex banners and obstructing traffic. The enthusiastic celebration took a chaotic turn at Suraram Circle where a large group of youth, in a state of euphoria, removed their T-shirts, danced on the streets, and even jumped onto vehicles caught in the traffic jam. The unruly behaviour led to major traffic snarls, inconveniencing commuters and motor-

ists. Videos from both locations quickly surfaced on social media, showing the scale of public disruption. Eyewitnesses described the scene as energetic but out of control, with people playing music, blocking roads, and shouting slogans for RCB and Virat Kohli. Upon receiving information, local police teams rushed to the scene. They cleared the crowds, brought the traffic situation under control, and warned the public against such behaviour. No arrests have been reported so far, but authorities have stated that strict action will be taken if such disturbances recur. Police officials also urged fans to celebrate responsibly and avoid actions that could endanger public safety or disrupt city life. While the city joined in the jubilation following RCB's long-awaited IPL win, the authorities emphasized the need for lawful and peaceful celebration.



No Right to Insult the Army...

Allahabad High Court Pulls Up Rahul Gandhi
Court warns Rahul on freedom of speech limits over army remarks

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Congress leader and Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, faced stern remarks from the Allahabad High Court on Wednesday over his past comments on the Indian Army. Hearing a petition filed against him for allegedly making statements that insult the armed forces, the court expressed serious displeasure and reminded that even freedom of speech has constitutional boundaries.
The controversy stems from Rahul Gandhi's remarks during his Bharat Jodo Yatra, where he had said, "China has occupied almost 2,000 square kilometers of Indian territory. But those in power at the Center do not ask a single question about it. Twenty soldiers lost their lives in Arunachal Pradesh. The country's media is not questioning this. Is this not true? The entire country is watching all this."
These comments triggered a political uproar, with critics alleging that his statements were demoralizing and disrespectful to the armed forces. In response, a petition was filed in the Allahabad High Court seeking action against Rahul for his remarks.
Taking up the matter, the court stated, "Article 19(1)(a) of the Constitution of India does guarantee freedom of speech. But this right is not absolute. There are boundaries to that freedom. No one, regardless of their stature, has the right to insult the country's soldiers."
The bench emphasized that national security and the dignity of the armed forces must not be undermined in political commentary. The court's observations are being seen as a significant legal and political jolt to the Congress leader.
The matter has now been listed for further hearing, and the court has indicated it will examine whether Rahul Gandhi's comments crossed the constitutional limits of free speech.



Land Grabbing Problems Will Be Solved with Bhu Bharati, Says MLA Dr. Kavampalli

MLA addresses revenue conference in Porandla, highlights benefits of Bhu Bharati Act for farmers



TPN Correspondent | Manakondur
Manakondur MLA Dr. Kavampalli Satyanarayana assured that land-related issues faced by farmers due to loopholes in the Dharani system will be effectively resolved through the Bhu Bharati Act. He spoke as the chief guest at the revenue conference held in Porandla village of Thimmapur mandal. Dr. Kavampalli pointed out that the Dharani sys-

tem, introduced by the previous BRS government, has caused significant difficulties for farmers and landowners. He said that certain individuals exploited the gaps in the Dharani, leading to illegal land transfers, increased land disputes, and even violent incidents including murders in villages. Highlighting the positive impact of the Congress government's Bhu Bharati Act, he called it a boon for farmers who have strug-

gled with land issues for over a decade. "Bhu Bharati will act as a panacea to these long-standing problems," he said, urging farmers and landowners facing land disputes to apply for redressal under the Act before the 20th of this month. The MLA emphasized that the Bhu Bharati Act was specifically introduced to address and resolve these issues, bringing hope to farmers affected by the shortcomings of the earlier system. Thim-

mapur Mandal Tahsildar Srinivas Reddy, Deputy Tahsildar Rakesh, Block Congress President Sudhagoni Lakshminarayana Goud, Thimmapur Mandal Congress President Bandari Ramesh, and other party leaders and officials including Morapalli Ramana Reddy, Chintala Lakshma Reddy, Polu Ramu, Polu Ramesh, Dyava Srinivas Reddy, Alluri Srinath Reddy, Tirupati Reddy, and Pothuganti Srinivas participated in the conference.

Minister Ponnam Prabhakar Inspects Fish Prasadam Distribution Arrangements at Nampally

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
Minister Ponnam Prabhakar conducted a detailed inspection of the arrangements at the Nampally Exhibition Ground ahead of the scheduled fish prasadam distribution on June 8. During the visit, he instructed officials to implement all necessary precautionary measures to ensure a smooth and hassle-free distribution process.
The Minister offered several suggestions to Fisheries Corporation Chairman Mettu Sai Kumar to improve the management of the event. The Fisheries Corporation has prepared 1.5 lakh fish fry to be distributed as prasadam. Minister Prabhakar also inquired with police officials about crowd management, security arrangements, and the handling of large queues to prevent difficulties for those waiting. Additionally, he recommended providing drinking water facilities for attendees and called for proper coordination with voluntary organizations offering food and accommodation to visitors. Since people from



other states are expected to arrive at the Exhibition Ground starting June 6, the Minister emphasized the need for precautionary steps to avoid any inconvenience for them. The Minister's proactive approach aims to ensure the event is conducted smoothly, with safety and convenience for all participants.

Minister Seethakka Inspects Anganwadi Snacks

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Minister Seethakka attended the Medho Madana Conference 2025 organized by the Women and Child Welfare Department at the Telangana Rural Development Corporation in Rajendranagar. During the event, she tasted the snacks and Balamrutam provided to Anganwadi children and issued orders to supply Balamrutam in boxes instead of packets to ensure better quality and hygiene.
The Minister inspected various stalls set up under the department's guidance, including an innovative teaching materials stall designed to enhance the learning experience of Anganwadi children. Appreciating the efforts, she congratulated the team for creating materials that attract children's attention and expressed her intention to have these teaching aids produced through women's associations and distributed to every Anganwadi center across the state.
Minister Seethakka was accompanied by TG Foods Chairman MA Fahio and senior officials of the Women and Child Welfare Department throughout the visit. She also visited the Vijaya Milk Center, the facility responsible for supplying milk to Anganwadi centers, to review its operations. The Minister's visit highlighted the government's continued commitment to improving early childhood care and education in Telangana.

Three Months' Rice Distribution Underway in District

District Civil Supplies Officer inspects ration shops; over 32,000 cardholders benefitted so far

TPN Correspondent | Kothagudem
District Civil Supplies Officer (DCSO) Rukmini Devi announced that rice is being distributed to beneficiaries for three months through ration shops in the district. The distribution began on Sunday, and the DCSO personally inspected several ration shops to oversee the process. She informed that a total of 17,287 metric tons of rice required by ration cardholders is being transported in batches from the MLS point to the low-cost ra-

tion shops across the district. The distribution will continue until the 30th of this month, and dealers have been instructed to adhere strictly to the designated timing rules. DCSO Rukmini Devi also stated that so far, 32,488 cardholders have received their rice from 443 ration shops operating in the district. The department is ensuring smooth and timely delivery to all eligible beneficiaries.



Millet Biscuits Must Be Quality-Focused and Affordably Priced: ITDA Project Officer B Rahul

TPN Correspondent | Bhadrachalam
ITDA Project Officer B Rahul emphasized the importance of maintaining good quality and balanced ingredients in millet biscuits prepared by tribal women under the MSME unit. He also urged that these biscuits be offered to buyers at reasonable prices to encourage wider acceptance.
On Wednesday, Rahul visited the Bhadradi Millet Magic Nutri Biscuit Center located at the PETC Complex within the ITDA premises to inspect the preparation process of the nutri millet biscuits made by the women. He noted that millet biscuit shops have been set up at strategic locations such as the Seetha Ramachandra Swamy temple and the tribal museum, attracting devotees and visitors alike. Since



the PETC complex is situated close to these landmarks, many people visiting these places are potential buyers of the biscuits. The Project Officer advised that all ingredients should be mixed in equal proportions without compromising quality, and the products should be sold at affordable prices rather than inflated rates. Beyond millet biscuits, he encouraged the women to produce oth-

er high-quality food items to ensure repeat purchases and sustained customer interest. Later, he sampled the millet magic biscuits prepared at the center. The program was attended by General David Raj, Relief Project Officer; DD Tribal Welfare Officer Manemma; ACO Ramesh; JDM Harikrishna; and MSME Unit Women representatives Lalitha and Neelaveni.

Police Intensify Investigation in Kukatpally Drugs Case Two AP Policemen Arrested

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The police have stepped up their investigation into the high-profile Kukatpally drugs case, making significant progress with the arrest of two key accused officers from the Andhra Pradesh police force. Gunasekhar, a task force constable currently posted in Tirupati, along with his assistant Head Constable Ramachandra, were apprehended and brought to Hyderabad for further questioning. Authorities are conducting a thorough probe to uncover the network behind the supply of ephedrine drugs to Constable Gunasekhar. The investigation aims to identify and apprehend the source and any intermediaries involved in this illicit chain. Meanwhile, five other accused individuals, who were already in police remand, have been taken into custody and are being prepared for intensive interrogation to unravel the entire drug distribution racket. The Kukatpally drugs case has attracted widespread attention due to the involvement of police personnel, raising concerns about internal complicity. Officials have vowed to leave no stone unturned in exposing the entire network and ensuring strict action against all those responsible. The police department has assured the public of swift and transparent proceedings to maintain law and order and restore trust in the system.

Revenue Conferences Should Be Utilized: District Collector Jitesh V. Patil

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District Collector Jitesh V. Patil urged people facing land-related issues to actively participate in the ongoing revenue conferences and submit their applications for speedy resolution. The Collector reviewed applications submitted by farmers at the Bhu Bharathi event held in Bangaru Chilaka village of Lakshmi Devipalli mandal, part of the revenue conferences scheduled until June 20. Addressing the gathering, Jitesh V. Patil said that the officials will accept applications concerning various land problems such as errors in land record names, fluctuations in land area, hereditary land disputes, incorrect land nature entries, issues related to lands in the prohibited list, missing survey numbers, lack of patta passbooks, government land updates, simple title cases, boundary determinations, Part-B land issues, land acquisition cases, and other related concerns. Investigations will be conducted at the field level following the guidelines of the Bhu Bharathi New ROR Act. The Collector assured that all land issues would be resolved within the stipulated time and instructed the Tahsildar to ensure a hassle-free process for those submitting their applications. Kothagudem RDO Madhu, Lakshmi Devipalli Tahsildar, and other concerned officials attended the program alongside the Collector.



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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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.

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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

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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.



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.

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.

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).

"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

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.

Marking his first project under BV Works, producer

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.