

Weather Forecast

HYDERABAD

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Rafale Parts to Be Manufactured in Hyderabad

Tata Advanced Systems & Dassault sign deal
Production to begin by FY 2028
First time Rafale components made outside France

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

In a major boost to the 'Make in India' initiative, Hyderabad is set to become the new hub for manufacturing key components of the Rafale fighter jets. Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) has signed a significant agreement with French aerospace major Dassault Aviation, marking the first time that Rafale parts will be produced outside France. This landmark deal aims to establish the production line at Tata Advanced Systems' facility in Hyderabad, with the target to commence manufacturing by the fiscal year 2028. The move reflects India's growing strength and capabilities in the

aerospace and defence manufacturing sectors. Eric Trappier, Chairman and CEO of Dassault Aviation, described the development as a critical milestone. "This is a decisive step in further expanding our operations in India. We are pleased to further enhance our service offering to the Indian defence sector. This decision will help us meet military requirements by providing quality services," he stated. Sukaran Singh, CMD of Tata Advanced Systems, also expressed pride in the agreement, calling it a significant achievement in India's defence journey. "This is a milestone in the history of Indian defence. The agreement with Das-

sault Aviation once again showcases the manufacturing skills and capabilities of Tata Advanced Systems to the world. It marks a significant step forward in the development of India's aerospace and defence systems," he said. The collaboration not only signals India's expanding role in global defence production but also strengthens the India-France strategic partnership in defence and technology. The Rafale fighter jets are a crucial part of India's air defence strength, and this agreement to locally produce their parts enhances both national security and indigenous manufacturing.

Plastic Waste Threatens Water Bodies, Say Environmentalists

World Environment Day meeting focuses on pollution of ponds and drains
Call for strict laws, tech-based monitoring, and public awareness
Over 8,000 tonnes of waste generated daily in GHMC area

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

Environmentalists have raised serious concerns over the rising threat posed by plastic waste to the environment, especially to the city's water bodies. Speaking at a meeting organized on the occasion of World Environment Day at the Hydra office on Thursday, experts emphasized the urgent need to control plastic waste entering ponds, rivers, and drains. The meeting, held under the patronage of Hydra Commissioner Shri AV Ranganath, focused on the theme "Pollution of Water Bodies." Environmentalists warned that plastic dumped into drains is flowing into natural water bodies and has become a serious environmental challenge. They urged all stakeholders to reflect on where the plastic we use eventually ends up and to take proactive steps to stop it from polluting ecosystems. Participants noted that over 8,000 tonnes of waste are generated every day in the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) limits. Due to poor waste management, this garbage, particularly plastic, is finding its way into ponds, nalas, rivers, and streams. They suggested that waste segregation at source and the re-



cycling of plastic into usable materials like fuel or fertilizer could reduce the burden on natural water systems. Environmentalists also stressed the need to identify areas that generate the most plastic and develop targeted intervention strategies. "While it is important to stop dumping garbage in canals and roads, it is equally crucial to inform people where they should dispose of it," one speaker said. Further recommendations to tackle the plastic waste issue include banning single-use plastics or significantly enhancing recycling efficiency to reduce environmental impact.

Experts have also emphasized the need for strong legal deterrents through the formulation and strict enforcement of rules. Additionally, launching widespread awareness campaigns to educate citizens on responsible plastic usage is considered vital. The use of technology-driven monitoring systems has also been proposed to track and manage plastic waste more effectively. Encouraging the adoption of alternative eco-friendly materials and offering incentives for their use are also key strategies being suggested to drive sustainable change. Hydra Commissioner AV Ran-

ganath requested experts and activists to suggest implementable measures for tackling the growing crisis. The session witnessed participation from prominent individuals including Swachh Bharat campaigner M. Suryanarayana, Smaran representative Subhash Reddy, JNTU Professor Dr. Himabindu, and NGO activist Madhulika Chowdhury. The participants concluded that tackling plastic pollution is no longer optional—it is essential to preserve the ecosystem and prevent floods, contamination, and irreversible environmental damage.



Maganti Gopinath Admitted to AIG Hospital, Health Condition Critical

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Jubilee Hills BRS MLA Maganti Gopinath has been admitted to AIG Hospital in Gachibowli after his health deteriorated due to a heart-related issue. According to initial reports, his condition is currently worrying, and he is receiving intensive medical care. Upon observing sudden illness, Gopinath's family members rushed him to the hospital, where doctors diagnosed a serious heart complication. He was immediately admitted to the Intensive Care Unit (ICU), and a team of specialists is monitoring his condition around the clock. News of his condition spread quickly, prompting former minister and senior BRS leader Harish Rao to visit AIG Hospital. Speaking to the media after meeting the medical team and Gopinath's family, Harish Rao said, "He is in the ICU. Doctors are doing their best. We are all praying for his speedy recovery." Several BRS leaders, party activists, and supporters also reached the hospital, expressing concern and extending support to the MLA's family during this difficult time. Maganti Gopinath has been a prominent political figure in the Jubilee Hills constituency and a loyal leader within the Bharat Rashtra Samithi. His sudden health crisis has shocked many within the party and the wider political fraternity. Further updates on his condition are expected as doctors continue to evaluate his response to treatment.



Minister Konda Surekha Collapses During Cabinet Meeting

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Telangana Forest Minister Konda Surekha collapsed unexpectedly during a cabinet meeting at the Telangana Secretariat on Thursday, June 5. The incident took place in the cabinet hall, leading to a moment of panic among fellow ministers and officials present. Immediate medical assistance was provided to

Minister Surekha on the spot.

After a thorough medical check-up, doctors confirmed that she is stable and recovering well. The situation is now under control, and the minister is expected to resume her duties soon. The government has assured the public about her health and extended wishes for her speedy recovery.

Top Maoist Leader Sudhakar Killed in Chhattisgarh Encounter

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**Fierce gunfight erupts in Bijapur Forest, Sudhakar gunned down
₹1 crore reward Maoist leader, active for 40 years, eliminated
Security forces intensify combing as hunt for more leaders continues**

TPN Correspondent | Bijapur

In a major blow to the outlawed Maoist party, senior Central Committee member Tentu Lakshmi Narasimhachalam alias Sudhakar was killed in a fierce encounter with security forces in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur district. The exchange of fire occurred in the Indravati Tiger Reserve area during a joint combing operation by the District Reserve Guard (DRG) and Special Task Force (STF) in the early hours of Thursday. Sudhakar, who was carrying a reward of ₹1 crore, was one of the most wanted Maoist leaders, with a presence across Telangana, Chhattisgarh, and Maharashtra. He had been involved in the Maoist movement for nearly four decades and was known by multiple aliases including Gautam, Anand, Chanti Balakrishna, Ramaraju, and Somantha. A native of Satyavolu village in Pedapadu mandal of Eluru district, Andhra Pradesh, he also participated in the 2004 peace talks with the then united Andhra Pradesh government. Bijapur Superintendent of Police Dr. Jitendra Yadav confirmed the encounter and the recovery of arms and explosives from the site. However, an official confirmation regarding Sudhakar's identity and death is awaited. Security officials stated that the death toll may increase as the combing operation in the dense forest continues. This encounter marks the third major Maoist central committee leader eliminated by security forces in the past six months, and comes just weeks after the killing of another top Maoist, Nambala Keshav Rao. Analysts see this as a crippling setback to the Maoist movement, significantly weakening its central command. Meanwhile, Bastar IG P. Sundar Raju revealed that two other high-profile Maoist leaders, Bandi Prakash and Papa Rao, were also believed to be present in the same region. Prakash, who holds the post of Telangana State Committee member and is in charge of recruitment and propaganda, carries a ₹25 lakh reward, while Papa Rao, a guerrilla warfare expert accused in several IED attacks, has a ₹20 lakh bounty. Authorities have since intensified the search operations in the region, fearing the presence of more top Maoist operatives. The operations are part of a continued effort to dismantle the Maoist command structure and neutralize their influence across South Bastar and adjoining states.

NHRC Issues Notice to Telangana DGP

NHRC takes suo motu cognizance of media reports

**35-year-old auto driver allegedly died after police assault
DGP, CS asked to respond with detailed report in two weeks**

TPN Correspondent | Telangana

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has taken suo motu cognizance of media reports alleging that a 35-year-old auto-rickshaw driver died after being physically assaulted by police at the Rajendranagar police station in Hyderabad on May 13. Responding to these disturbing allegations, the NHRC has issued a notice to the Director General of Police (DGP) of Telangana, seeking a detailed report within two weeks. The Commission has also issued a similar notice to the Chief Secretary of the state, directing both senior officials to provide comprehensive information about the incident and the steps taken thereafter. "If the contents of the media reports are found to be true, this would constitute a serious violation of human rights," the Commission stated. The NHRC emphasized the need for transparency and accountability, especially when law enforcement authorities are accused of abuse of power.

According to the media reports, the deceased youth allegedly succumbed to police harassment and custodial assault, sparking outrage among civil rights groups and local communities. The NHRC has now sought a detailed explanation of the circumstances surrounding the man's death, along with the findings of any internal or independent investigation undertaken by the authorities. In its notice, the Commission asked for a factual report addressing:

- The cause of death and medical findings
- Any action taken against responsible police officers
- Details of the probe initiated
- Steps taken to prevent recurrence of such incidents



The NHRC's intervention follows mounting criticism against the police and growing public demand for justice in what is being termed another disturbing case of alleged custodial violence. The Telangana state government and the police department are now under pressure to ensure a fair and impartial investigation and to maintain public trust in law enforcement mechanisms.

Charu Sinha Takes Charge as ADGP, CID Telangana



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In a significant administrative development, senior IPS officer Charu Sinha has officially taken charge as the Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), Crime Investigation Department (CID), Telangana. A 1996-batch Indian Police Service officer, Charu Sinha returns to the Telangana cadre after completing an impactful seven-year tenure with the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF). During her service in the CRPF, she was posted in various high-stakes regions including Bihar and Jammu & Kashmir. She created history by becoming the first IPS officer to head four different CRPF sectors — Bihar, Jammu, Kashmir, and the Southern sectors — demonstrating exemplary leadership in some of the country's most challenging zones.

Upon taking charge, she also assumed full additional responsibilities as ADGP, Women Safety. This includes overseeing critical women-centric initiatives such as the SHE Teams and the Bharsa Centre, which are key units in Telangana's efforts to enhance safety and support for women. Her return to Telangana and appointment to these crucial posts is expected to bolster law enforcement and further strengthen the state's focus on crime investigation and women's safety.

Employment Guarantee Work Should Be Accelerated: Seethakka

**Minister orders fast-tracking of NREGS works across Telangana
District-wise progress reports to be submitted soon
Reviews held on roads, Mission Bhagiratha, and fund utilization**

TPN Correspondent | Telangana

Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Minister Seethakka has directed officials to speed up the implementation of the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) across Telangana. During a high-level review meeting held on Wednesday, she emphasized the need to accelerate rural development activities and ensure effective utilization of allocated funds. The minister called for district-wise progress reports on employment guarantee works, instructing officials to monitor performance at the local level. She made it clear that the state government is committed to rural employment and infrastructure development and expects visible results from the implementation of the scheme. Minister Seethakka reviewed the previous financial year's work, current fund usage, and the status of Mission Bhagiratha works, including new road construction, repairs, and related rural infrastructure projects. She announced plans to personally tour various districts soon to oversee and review on-ground progress. The meeting was attended by key officials including Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Director Srujana, Mission Bhagiratha ENC Kripakar Reddy, Panchayat Raj Engineering Department ENC Kanakaratnam, and several other senior department functionaries. The minister stressed the importance of efficient execution and accountability, especially in rural employment schemes, which serve as a lifeline for thousands of rural families. She stated that all pending works must be prioritized and completed on schedule, ensuring full

benefits reach the rural population. This directive from Seethakka comes as part of the state's broader push to revitalize rural development, improve infrastructure, and create sustainable livelihoods through employment-oriented programs.



Seven Senior IPS Officers Transferred in Telangana

**Abhilasha Bist appointed Director of Police Academy
Charu Sinha posted as Addl. DG, Women's Safety, CID
DV Srinivasa Rao posted as SP, Medak**

TPN Correspondent | Telangana

The Telangana government has announced a reshuffle of senior IPS officers, issuing transfer orders for seven officials as part of an administrative update in the police department. According to the official orders, Abhilasha Bist has been appointed as the Director of the Police Academy, a key role in shaping the training and standards of new police recruits in the state. Charu Sinha has been named the Additional Director General (ADG) of the Women's Safety Wing in CID, a post crucial for enhancing safety measures and

investigative capabilities in crimes against women. Meanwhile, Tapsir Iqbal has been transferred and posted as the DIG of Charminar Range, one of the most sensitive zones in the Hyderabad city region. Shikha Goel will continue in her current dual role as the Director of Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) and head of the Cyber Security Bureau, reflecting confidence in her leadership in these critical technical departments. Among the district-level appointments, DV Srinivasa Rao has been made the Superintendent of Police

(SP) for Medak, while Patil Kantilal Subhash has been posted as the SP of Kumuram Bheem Asifabad district, a key tribal belt. In the Hyderabad city police structure, Chaitanya Kumar has been transferred and posted as the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) for the South East Zone, one of the capital's core administrative areas. These transfers are part of the Telangana government's ongoing efforts to streamline administration, enhance operational efficiency, and strengthen public safety across the state.



Neglect saplings today, wear oxygen masks tomorrow — Minister Ponnamm

Calls for urgent action to curb pollution & protect greenery

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Telangana State Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnamm Prabhakar issued a strong warning on the importance of environmental conservation, stating that if the current neglect of planting saplings continues, future generations may be forced to wear oxygen masks to breathe. He made these remarks while participating in a sapling planting program held at Golkonda Area Hospital in Hyderabad on the occasion of World Environment Day. Speaking at the event, the Minister stressed the urgent need to curb rising pollution levels, warning that the continued deterioration of environmental quality could lead to the emergence of new diseases affecting humanity. He said that environmental protection should not be viewed as a ceremonial obligation but as a shared social responsibility.

"There is a growing need not just to plant saplings but to ensure their survival," Ponnamm Prabhakar emphasized. "Only through increased greenery can we restore ecological balance and offer a healthy environment to future generations." He urged every individual to actively participate in green initiatives and contribute to building a more sustainable society. The Minister also highlighted that community involvement is key in ensuring environmental programs succeed, and appealed to all citizens to take up the responsibility of protecting the environment with seriousness. The event saw the participation of hospital staff, local officials, and members of the public who joined hands in planting saplings within the hospital premises, reflecting the collective spirit of the occasion.

Congress’s Negligence Destroying Telangana’s Green Cover: Harish Rao



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Senior BRS MLA and former minister T Harish Rao sharply criticized the Congress government’s handling of Telangana’s environment and agriculture, accusing Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy of negligence that is reversing the state’s ecological progress and betraying farmers.

On World Environment Day, Harish Rao recalled the significant success of the Haritha Haram programme launched by former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao. The initiative raised Telangana’s green cover from 24% to 31% by planting over 250 crore saplings, a milestone that Harish Rao said was a concrete delivery on promises made to citizens.

However, the current Congress administration, he said, has drastically reduced its commitment to environmental conservation. Plantation funding was cut from Rs.36 crore to Rs.17 crore, and afforestation targets were lowered. He condemned the recent felling of trees at the University of Hyderabad campus, calling it emblematic of the government’s disregard for nature and wildlife. “We demand the restoration of the forest at the earliest, following Supreme Court directives,” Harish Rao urged.

Harish Rao also launched a fierce attack on the government’s approach to land acquisition, alleging the misuse of the 2013 Land Acquisition Act to transfer land at low prices to favored corporates, often suppressing farmer opposition with police force. He condemned a violent incident in Pedda Dhanwada village, Jogulamba Gadwal district, where police and ethanol factory security personnel allegedly assaulted farmers from 12 villages.

“Why the silence when bouncers beat our farmers? Is the government protecting industrialists over its own farmers?” Harish Rao questioned, pointing out that Revanth Reddy himself hails from the Palamuru region where the incident occurred.

He highlighted multiple instances of alleged harassment of farmers across Telangana — in Dilawarpur, Lagacherla, Suryapet, and Nirmal — criticizing the government for filing false cases and deploying police against protestors.

Demanding the immediate release of the 12 arrested farmers from Pedda Dhanwada, Harish Rao warned that Telangana’s agrarian unrest is reaching a critical stage. “The Revanth Reddy government is turning into one that beats farmers and collects commissions from the rich,” he said, affirming BRS’s commitment to stand firmly with the farming community.

Manmohan Singh Earth Sciences University Approved in Cabinet

Bhadradri Kothagudem Earth Sciences University renamed after former PM University to offer UG, PG, Ph.D. programs in earth and engineering sciences

TPN Correspondent | Bhadradri Kothagudem
In a significant move, the Telangana Cabinet has approved renaming Bhadradri Kothagudem Earth Sciences University as Manmohan Singh Earth Sciences University, honoring India’s renowned economist, former RBI Governor, and former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh. The decision was taken during the cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy on Thursday.

The university, carved out of the Singareni School of Mines, stands on a sprawling 300-acre campus, making it one of the most unique institutions in India. It has now been elevated to a full-fledged Earth Sciences University, aimed at nurturing future scientists and offering educational and employment opportunities to youth across Telangana and beyond.

Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao, who played a pivotal role in the transformation of the mining college, expressed heartfelt gratitude to CM Revanth Reddy. He stated that naming the institution after Dr. Manmohan Singh would bring global recognition to Bhadradri Kothagudem and showcase the

mineral wealth and academic potential of the united Khammam district.

Academic Vision and Infrastructure
The university will offer UG (B.Sc), PG (M.Sc), and Ph.D. programs in Geology, Environmental Science, Geophysics, and Geochemistry under UGC norms. Engineering disciplines like Mining, CSE, EEE, ECE, and IT will continue under the B.Tech stream. A total of 780 seats will be available, with 60 seats in each program.

This Earth Sciences University will not only focus on natural and mineral resources but will also provide cutting-edge courses in emerging scientific fields like Planetary Geology, Geomorphology, Mineralogy, and Environmental Geology.

A Boost for Regional Development
Located strategically near the National Highway, the university is surrounded by industrial hubs such as the ITC Paper Board, Heavy Water Plant, Navabharat Ltd, and Ferro Alloys industries. The area also has a mini steel plant and thermal power projects, with plans underway to increase power production by an additional 300 MW. Propos-



als for an airport 20 km away and proximity to road, rail, and water resources make it a prime location for educational and industrial integration.

Minister Tummala has been credited by many as the “Chanakya” of Khammam politics for his unwavering focus on development. Known for his visionary leadership, he was instrumental in convincing the government to establish a nationally reputed Earth Sciences University in this region.

Job Creation and Future Prospects
The university is expected to usher

Deputy CM Bhatti Urges Focus on Fund Mobilization Weekly Resource Mobilization Sub-Committee meetings to ensure progress

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Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu has called on officials to pay serious attention to fund mobilization efforts in Telangana. On Thursday, he chaired the Resource Mobilization Cabinet Sub-Committee meeting at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Secretariat, with participation from Minister Jupally Krishna Rao and senior officials.

The Deputy CM instructed that the Revenue Resource Mobilization Cabinet Sub-Committee meetings will be held every week to closely monitor the implementation of decisions. He emphasized that progress on all action points from the latest meeting will be reviewed item-wise in the upcoming sessions.

In response to concerns raised by

senior officials, Bhatti ordered the creation of a special officer position within the Finance Department tasked with continuously tracking the revenue mobilization progress.

The meeting featured an extensive review of department-wise issues related to resource mobilization, involving key officials including Finance Principal Secretary Sandeep Kumar Sultania, R&B Principal Secretary Vikas Raju, Excise and Commercial Tax Principal Secretary Rizvi, CCLA Secretary Naveen Mittal, Mining Principal Secretary Sridhar, and Commissioners Haritha, Harikiran, Vishnuvardhan, Surendramohan, Buddha Prakash Jyoti, Ilambarthi, RV Karnan, among others.



MLC Dr. Dasoju Sravan criticizes CM Revanth over Miss England incident



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Dasoju Sravan and Minister Kuruva Vijay Kumar, held a press conference at Telangana

- **Calls for apology to Miss England and Telangana public**
- **Questions government’s handling and lack of investigation**
- **BRS condemns police action on farmer protests in Gadwal district**

Bhavan expressing strong criticism of the Telangana government’s handling of the recent beauty pageant controversy involving Miss England Mila Meggie.

Dr. Sravan condemned the way the beauty pageants, organized under Chief Minister Revanth Reddy’s patronage, have denigrated Indian culture. He highlighted the humiliation faced by Miss England, emphasizing that if such an incident had happened elsewhere, strict legal action would have been taken. He accused government officials of acting “like thieves stung by a scorpion” by failing

to take appropriate action despite the severity of the incident.

Dr. Sravan said, “Miss England is no ordinary person, she is equal to a state guest. The CM should have apologized long ago. Instead, he turned this into a family affair, ignoring the dignity of Telangana and the nation.”

Minister Ponnampallabharathi added that no beauty queens will be coming to Telangana now and questioned why the Human Rights Commission and Women’s Commission have not taken suo motu action or registered FIRs. The

leaders also questioned why Home Minister Bandi Sanjay, known for his vocal patriotism, has not responded to what they called an insult to a woman.

The BRS leaders alleged that the pageants were merely a front to promote real estate businesses, with no celebrities or international media coverage. They questioned the lack of investigation, CCTV footage release, and the involvement of Congress leaders in the event.

Dr. Sravan stated, “We have filed RTI requests and will not rest until all facts are revealed.

Sonia Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi, and Meenakshi Natarajan should also respond to this injustice.”

Apart from the pageant issue, the BRS condemned the police crackdown on farmers protesting against the Dhanwada ethanol factory in Gadwal district. They criticized CM Revanth for dismissing the farmers’ concerns and urged action against police excesses during the protests.

The leaders concluded by calling for accountability and justice both for the beauty pageant controversy and the farmers’ rights.

Hydra Cracks Down on Illegal Constructions at Alwal Lake

Three buildings demolished in Chinarayuni Cheruvu after local complaints

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
Hydra officials carried out a demolition drive against illegal constructions at Chinarayuni Cheruvu in Alwal, Secunderabad, on Thursday morning. Three buildings that were allegedly constructed within the Full Tank Level (FTL) limits of the lake were razed to the ground as part of the action. The operation was initiated following complaints from local residents, who had informed authorities about ongoing unauthorized construction activities in the protected zone of the water body. After conducting a field inspection, officials confirmed the presence of encroachments and took swift action. Hydra personnel arrived at the site under tight police security and used heavy machinery to carry out the demolition. A brief altercation ensued when the



builders of the illegal structures attempted to obstruct the operation, but the officials went ahead with the demolition undeterred. This move is being seen as a part of the intensified efforts by authorities to

protect water bodies and public lands from encroachment across the city. Locals welcomed the action, saying that safeguarding the lake is crucial for maintaining ecological balance and preventing future flooding.

Nepalese Woman’s Body Found in Suitcase, Accused Nabbed Through CCTV Footage



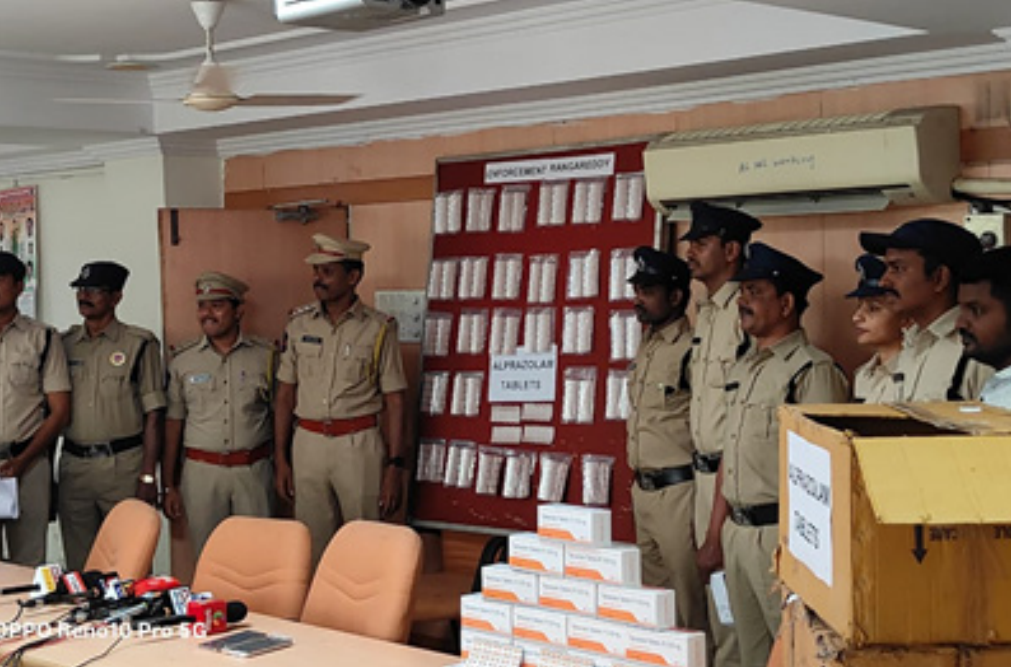
TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
A sensational murder case that shocked the residents of Bachupalli was cracked by the police on Thursday, as they identified the body of a young woman found stuffed in a travel bag as that of a Nepalese national. The woman’s body, discovered on Wednesday in the Bachupalli area of

Medchal district, triggered panic. Acting swiftly, the police began analyzing CCTV footage from the surrounding areas. Their investigation led them to identify the accused as Vijay, also a native of Nepal. According to police sources, both the victim and Vijay had arrived in Hyderabad together last month and were

employed at a fast food center in the Bachupalli area. The relationship between the two is yet to be fully ascertained, but it is confirmed that they were living and working closely. Investigations have revealed that the murder took place on May 23. Vijay allegedly killed the woman and later stuffed her body into a travel suitcase. He reportedly bought the suitcase from a store in KPHB Colony specifically for this purpose, which was confirmed through CCTV footage and transactional evidence. The police confirmed that the body was disposed of in Bachupalli to mislead the investigation. However, the meticulous review of surveillance footage helped trace Vijay’s movements, ultimately leading to his identification. The police have launched a search to apprehend Vijay, who is currently absconding. A manhunt is underway, and the police are confident of arresting him soon. Further investigation is ongoing to determine the motive behind the murder.

Large Stock of Banned Alfazolam Tablets Seized in Hyderabad

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
In a major bust, officials from the Telangana Prohibition and Excise Department, in coordination with Drugs Control Administration and STF teams, seized 1.80 lakh banned Alfazolam tablets being illegally smuggled into Hyderabad from Uttar Pradesh. Two individuals involved in the illicit drug trade were arrested and presented before the media at a press conference held at Excise Bhavan on Thursday. Addressing the media, Additional Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise Syed Yasin Qureshi revealed that the accused were illegally sourcing Alfazolam tablets from Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh, and selling them at exorbitant prices ranging from ₹10 to ₹20 per tablet, despite the actual cost being just ₹4. These tablets, banned by the government for their misuse in adulteration and intoxication, were being sold without any medical prescription or regulatory clearance. The massive seizure was made after a joint operation was conducted based on credible intelligence. The drugs were traced to a courier shipment that arrived in Auto Nagar, Hayathnagar. Teams led by Rangareddy Excise Enforcement officials, Subhash Chandra, Assistant Director Prasad from Drug Control, and Drug Inspectors Anil Reddy and Govind Singh, carried out the raid along with STF personnel including CH Nagaraju, Ravi Srinivas, Sandeep Reddy, and Kishan Farooqui.



The arrested individuals were identified as Puvvada Laxman Anna Kethupalli Munisekhar and another associate from Poddutur. Both were found to be part of a larger network engaged in the illegal distribution of banned pharmaceuticals across Telangana. The estimated market value of the seized 1,80,000 Alfazolam tablets is ₹6.48 lakh. Qureshi emphasized that these banned substances pose a serious threat to public health and warned of stern action against those involved in the illegal drug trade. He stated that Hyderabad, already reeling under the menace of drugs and ganja, is now facing a new threat with the influx of banned pre-

scription drugs like Alfazolam from other states. Senior officials including Ranga Reddy Deputy Commissioner Dasharath, Assistant Commissioner R. Kishan, Sarornagar Excise Superintendent Ujwala Reddy, and Ranga Reddy AS Jeevan Kiran were also present at the press conference. The officials reiterated their commitment to intensify surveillance and curb the supply of banned substances in the state. The seized tablets will be sent for forensic analysis and further investigation is underway to trace the wider network behind the smuggling and distribution of these banned drugs.



Tarnaka Signal to Be Closed Temporarily: Traffic Joint CP Joel Davis

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Traffic Joint Commissioner of Police Joel Davis announced that the Tarnaka traffic signal will be temporarily closed starting tomorrow. The decision comes in response to persistent complaints from motorists and residents about severe traffic congestion at the intersection. Joel Davis personally inspected the Tarnaka junction along with traffic police officers on Thursday. Addressing the media afterward, he stated

that the temporary closure is aimed at easing vehicular movement and reducing inconvenience to commuters caused by regular traffic snarls in the area. He also mentioned that the traffic department will coordinate with GHMC officials to assess the road width and infrastructure. Based on their inputs and further evaluation, a long-term decision regarding the signal’s operation will be taken.

Huge Stock of Suspected Spurious Drugs Seized in Hyderabad



TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
In a major crackdown on spurious drug activity, the Drugs Control Administration (DCA) of Telangana raided the residence of a habitual offender in Moosarambagh, Malakpet, Hyderabad, and seized a large stock of suspected spurious medicines. The raid, conducted on June 4, 2025, followed credible intelligence inputs and revealed the illegal stocking of unlicensed pharmaceutical products valued at ₹5.21 lakh. The accused, Puvvada Lakshmana, is reportedly a habitual offender with several past cases related to spurious drugs pending against him in the state. Authorities confirmed that he had been operating without any drug license and had stocked various high-risk drugs including antidiabetics, antihypertensives, and abortion kits at his residential premises. During the raid, DCA officers seized four varieties of suspected spurious drugs: Tazloc-CT 6.25 (Telmisartan and Chlorthalidone Tablets) – Claimed as manufactured by The Madras Pharmaceuticals, Chennai, and marketed by USV Pvt. Ltd., Mumbai. Dapacose-10 Tablets (Dapagliflozin 10 mg) – Claimed as manufactured by Innova Captab Ltd., Himachal Pradesh, and marketed by J.B. Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals Ltd., Mumbai.

Dapacose-5 Tablets (Dapagliflozin 5 mg) – Also from Innova Captab Ltd., and marketed by the same company as above. Clear-Kit Tablets (Combipack of Mifepristone and Misoprostol) – Claimed as manufactured by Max-care Laboratories, Dehradun, and marketed by Medley Pharmaceuticals Ltd., Mumbai. The raid was carried out by a special team including Assistant Directors Sri G. Prasad (Rangareddy) and Smt. D. Saritha (Secunderabad), along with Drugs Inspectors Sri G. Anil (Malakpet), Sri B. Govind Singh (Secunderabad), and Sri M. Surendranath (Begumpet). Samples of the seized drugs have been sent for laboratory analysis. The DCA has stated that further investigations are underway and that strict legal action will be initiated against all individuals involved. Officials reiterated that spurious drugs are a serious threat to public health, potentially resulting in ineffective treatment and worsening health outcomes for patients. The public is encouraged to report any suspicious manufacturing, stocking, or distribution of illegal or spurious drugs—particularly in residential, commercial, or industrial areas—by calling the DCA’s toll-free number 1800-599-6969, operational from 10:30 am to 5:00 pm on all working days.

Elderly Farmer Thrown Out of Revenue Meet in Nirmal

- ASI drags elderly man out during land grievance presentation
- Video sparks public outrage; Minister Seethakka intervenes
- ASI Ramchandra suspended following DIG orders



TPN Correspondent | Nirmal
An incident of alleged police high-handedness at a government revenue conference in Nirmal district has triggered public outrage and administra-

tive action. An elderly farmer, Allepu Venkati from Old Yellapur in Khanapur mandal, was reportedly forcibly thrown out by an Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) while trying to raise a land dis-

pute during a Bhubharathi revenue meeting. The incident took place on Wednesday at the Panchayat office, where applications were being accepted as part of the ongoing Bhubharathi revenue conferences. According to eyewitnesses and the victim himself, Venkati, who had sold one acre of his three-acre land, claimed that 1.5 acres were mistakenly registered in the buyer's name. As he approached officials to explain his grievance, he was advised to submit a formal application. However, a disagreement reportedly broke out, and in a shocking move, ASI Ramchandra allegedly dragged Venkati out, claiming he was not cooperating or listening. A video capturing this incident soon went viral on social media, drawing widespread condemna-

tion from the public and local leaders. The backlash prompted Minister Seethakka to take immediate cognizance of the matter. She directed District SP Janaki Sharmila to initiate action against the police official. In response, the SP issued a statement confirming that DIG-level orders were received, and ASI Ramchandra was placed under suspension. The suspension is being viewed as a necessary disciplinary measure, with public sentiment strongly against the mishandling of an elderly citizen seeking resolution for a genuine grievance. The incident has once again spotlighted the need for sensitivity and accountability in handling public interactions during government outreach programs.



Review Meeting on Mahabubnagar Parliament Constituency

Meenakshi Natarajan stresses unity and grassroots outreach
TPCC chief calls for effective public engagement

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
A review meeting on the Mahabubnagar Parliament Constituency was held at Gandhi Bhavan on Wednesday, chaired by TPCC President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud. The session saw the participation of key Congress leaders, including MLAs, MLCs, and other senior functionaries. AICC Telangana in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan attended the meeting as the chief guest and addressed strategic points for strengthening the party's foothold in the region. Meenakshi Natarajan emphasized that the Congress government's welfare schemes must be effectively communicated to the people. "There is a visible positive impact of the welfare programs on the ground, and it is essential to translate this trust into electoral support," she said. She urged all party leaders to work in coordination, stating that unity at all levels was crucial for success. TPCC chief Mahesh Kumar Goud echoed similar sentiments. He stressed the importance of clear and direct communication with the public regarding government schemes. "Every leader—from senior to junior—should move forward with coordination to achieve common goals," he said, noting that the Congress-led welfare initiatives have drawn national attention for their scope and impact. He also encouraged party cadre to proactively address local issues and maintain a consistent presence among the people to ensure that the benefits of governance reach every household. The meeting focused on chalking out a roadmap for future engagements and planning for upcoming elections. Congress leaders concluded the meeting with a call for collective effort and reaffirmed their commitment to building a stronger connection with the electorate in Mahabubnagar.

CRPF's 212 Battalion Leads Plantation Drive on World Environment Day

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On the occasion of World Environment Day, June 5, 2025, the 212 Battalion of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) undertook a widespread plantation drive across all its camps along the Kistaram axis in Sukma district, Chhattisgarh. The camps at Paidagudem, Kistaram, Palodi, Potakpalli, and Dubbamarka actively participated in the green initiative aimed at environmental conservation. The drive was led by Shri Deepak Kumar Shrivastav, Commandant of the 212 Battalion, who inspired officers and jawans alike to engage wholeheartedly in the "Ek

Ped Maa Ke Naam Par" plantation campaign. The Commandant personally planted a sapling bearing his name and took a solemn pledge to protect the environment and preserve the delicate ecosystem. Emphasizing the theme for 2025, "Ending Global Plastic Pollution," the Commandant urged everyone to reduce plastic use and embrace sustainable habits to safeguard the planet. In addition to plantation efforts within the camps, saplings were distributed to nearby villages, encouraging community participation in protecting the environment. The event also saw the active involvement of Shri Ajay Pratap Singh,



Deputy Commandant; Shri Sunil Khinchi, Deputy Commandant; and other subordinate officers, who played key roles in ensuring the success of the campaign. This plantation drive reflects the

CRPF's commitment to environmental responsibility and serves as a reminder of the vital role each individual must play in protecting the Earth for future generations.

Let's Protect The Environment, Safeguard The Future: Konda Surekha

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
State Forest, Environment and Endowment Minister Konda Surekha stressed the importance of collective responsibility in preserving the environment while addressing World Environment Day celebrations held at the Telangana Pollution Control Board (PCB) office in Hyderabad. She emphasized that both the government and the public must work hand-in-hand to combat the growing menace of plastic pollution, which she termed as a global epidemic. Highlighting this year's theme "Ending Plastic Pollution – Globally," Minister Surekha called the occasion a revolutionary step in environmental awareness. She urged everyone to reflect on their duty to protect the planet. "This plastic menace is not just a local or national issue — it's a global crisis," she said. The minister noted that plastic, a non-biodegradable substance, is polluting soil, rivers, and oceans for hundreds of years. "Since the 1960s, oceans have seen an alarming accumulation of plastic, which poses a direct threat to biodiversity and food security," she warned. She cited concerning statistics — over 8.3 billion metric tons of plastic have been produced globally since the 1950s, with nearly 5 billion tons already polluting the environment. If current trends continue,



this could reach 12 billion tons by 2050. She explained that around 126.5 million kg of plastic waste is generated annually in India. Globally, about 2 million plastic bags are used every minute, and an estimated 1 million plastic bottles are bought every minute. Reports also show that 8 to 12 million metric tons of plastic end up in oceans each year, capable of covering global coastlines with plastic waste. Minister Surekha reiterated Telangana's commitment to curbing this threat and appreciated the Forest Department for its achievements under the Vana-

mahotsavam program. "Last year, we planted 19.04 crore saplings against a target of 20.2 crore — a 95% success rate," she proudly shared, announcing plans for an even larger campaign this year. She also underlined that Telangana is actively adopting eco-tourism measures, improving parks, and enhancing inter-departmental coordination for sustainable environmental practices. "Natural resources are our collective heritage. It is our responsibility to preserve them for future generations," she stated. The minister called for constitutional efforts to eliminate

single-use plastics, develop infrastructure for recycling and promote eco-friendly alternatives. She assured that the Congress-led government in Telangana is fully committed to this mission. "Environmental protection is not optional — it is a duty for every citizen," she said. Minister Surekha recalled that World Environment Day, initiated in 1972 under the United Nations, now unites over 150 countries in tackling environmental challenges. Telangana is taking forward India's 2018 pledge to eliminate single-use plastics by 2022 with renewed vigor. "Today, we are once again reaffirming our commitment to fight plastic pollution with bold decisions," she concluded.

Prostitution Racket Busted Near Tech Mahindra in Medchal



TPN Correspondent | Medchal
The Special Operations Team (SOT) of Medchal police busted a prostitution racket operating near the cricket ground adjacent to Tech Mahindra under the jurisdiction of Dundigal police station. During the raid, three individuals involved in the racket, including two sex workers, were taken into custody by the police. Among those detained is Vitul, reportedly the son of a forest department officer. Vitul's brother, Manoj, serves as a constable at the same Dundigal police station. A case has been registered, and investigations are currently underway to uncover further details of the operation.

Tandur Youth Fulfill Viral IPL Challenge With Half-Shaven Head and Garland of Sandals

TPN Correspondent | Tandur
Social media excitement over the IPL cricket matches often turns into friendly fan wars, and a young man from Tandur in Vikarabad district recently captured attention with his bold Instagram challenge. The youth posted a video promising that if Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) won the IPL final against Punjab Kings, he would beat a drum at the Tandur bus stand while wearing a garland of sandals around his neck. Earlier, he also challenged that if Punjab won the semi-final match against Mumbai

Indians, he would take off his shirt and walk around the Tandur town square. After Punjab won the semi-final, the young man kept his word by walking shirtless through the town square and sharing the video on social media. True to his promise, when RCB won the final, he posted another video showing himself at the Tandur bus stand with a half-shaven head and a garland of sandals around his neck. The videos of these spirited acts have gone viral on social media, drawing applause and amusement from fans across the region.

World Environment Day 2025: A Planet Pleads While Humanity Sleeps

Every June 5th, World Environment Day calls for global reflection. But in 2025, reflection is no longer enough. Our planet is suffocating under the weight of unchecked industrialization, unsustainable lifestyles, and broken promises. From blazing wildfires to rising seas, from disappearing species to toxic urban air, the Earth is sending distress signals we can no longer afford to ignore. World Environment Day 2025 must mark a decisive shift—from symbolism to action, from intention to commitment.

The Planet’s Alarming Reality

We are witnessing an unprecedented environmental breakdown. Glaciers are melting at record speeds. Forests are vanishing to make way for unchecked development. Rivers once worshipped and life-giving now run black with waste. Cities are choking—some literally—with air quality dipping to dangerously unlivable levels. Climate change is no longer a distant threat. It is here, it is real, and it is accelerating. Every delayed action, every watered-down policy, every denial of science is a betrayal to both our present and our posterity.

The Human Price of Neglect

Behind every fallen tree and poisoned river is a human story. Displaced families, dying farmers, sick children—all paying the price for our apathy. In India alone, extreme weather events have claimed thousands of lives in the past decade. Floods, droughts, and heatwaves have disrupted food systems, strained healthcare infrastructure, and deepened poverty. And yet, even with all this suf-



fering, environmental concerns are often sidelined in national priorities. It’s as if we’re rearranging furniture in a house that’s already on fire.

Ignoring the Crisis: A Global Hypocrisy

World leaders proclaim grand sustainability goals at climate summits. Corporate giants flood social media with green campaigns. Governments announce ‘eco-friendly’ policies. But behind the polished rhetoric lies a sobering truth: most of these promises lack teeth. India has pledged net-zero emissions by 2070, a reduction of 1 billion tonnes of carbon emissions by 2030, and a target of generating 50% of its power from renewable sources. Yet the gap between commitment and execution remains vast. Fossil fuel subsidies contin-

ue. Forest lands are diverted for infrastructure. Sustainable policies are diluted under economic pressure. Globally, the scenario is no different. Only a fraction of the Paris Agreement signatories are on track to meet their goals. Climate finance commitments to developing countries are unmet. Plastic production is rising. Carbon emissions are still climbing. It’s not a lack of solutions—but a lack of will. The world talks the talk, but rarely walks it.

The Cost of Complacency

What will it take for us to wake up? Perhaps it’s realizing that this isn’t about polar bears or remote islands anymore. This is about us. Our homes. Our health. Our children. The next generation is inheriting a scorched earth. Food



security is threatened as agricultural zones shrink and water sources dry up. Disease patterns are shifting with changing climates. Mass migrations will become the norm as parts of the planet become uninhabitable. By continuing to ignore environmental degradation, we are actively compromising the very systems that support life—air, water, soil, and climate.

The Missing Link: Environmental Awareness and Education One of the most tragic oversights in our sustainability mission is the neglect of environmental education. Particularly in technical and professional education, it is treated as a peripheral, non-credit subject. A senior official recently questioned, “Why should technical students learn about the environment? Isn’t it more important to teach them how to code or build?” But what use is innovation that ignores ecological balance? What good is engineering that accelerates destruction? Environmental education must be transformative. It must equip students not just with knowledge, but with the values, skills, and sense of urgency re-

quired to tackle real-world sustainability challenges. We cannot build a green future with a generation that is environmentally illiterate.

The Road Ahead: Radical but Possible

Despite the grim scenario, hope is not lost. The solutions are known. The science is clear. The technology exists. What we need is massive collective willpower. Here’s how we move forward:

Zero Emissions and Zero Discharge Must Be Non-Negotiable

- We must rapidly decarbonize all sectors—energy, transport, manufacturing, and agriculture. This means a full transition from fossil fuels to renewables. It also means enforcing strict waste discharge policies, encouraging circular economies, and holding violators accountable.

Policy with Purpose

- Governments must stop treating climate action as optional. Every policy—urban planning, transport, education, and industry—must be climate-aligned. Incentives for sustainable practices must expand. Non-compliance must invite real consequences, not token penalties.

Business Beyond Greenwashing

- Industries must go beyond CSR checkboxes. They must adopt ESG (Environmental, Social, Governance) principles with integrity. Environmental impact assessments must be strengthened—not diluted under economic pressure.

Empowered

Communities

- True sustainability begins at the grassroots. Local innovations—rainwater harvesting, organic farming, community forests—must be supported and scaled. Citizens must be given platforms to participate in environmental governance.

An Education Revolution

- Environmental education must not be limited to textbooks or token activities. It should be immersive, action-oriented, and integrated into every discipline—from architecture to economics. Teachers must be trained, curricula must evolve, and sustainability must become a culture, not a chapter.

World Environment Day 2025: A Turning Point or Just Another Date?

World Environment Day should not be a day of guilt—but of resolve. Let it not be reduced to hashtags and symbolic gestures. Let this be the year we commit—to real, measurable, irreversible change. To the leaders: your decisions today will echo for centuries. Be bold. To the educators: your lessons can shape a planet-positive generation. Be relentless. To the youth: your voices are powerful. Be loud. To every citizen: your choices matter. Be conscious. We stand at a crossroads. One path leads to ecological collapse. The other to regeneration. The Earth is not asking for charity—it is demanding justice. “The planet is wounded, but not beyond healing. Our hands hold both the poison and the cure.” This World Environment Day, let us rise—not just to protect our environment, but to protect our very future.

Digital India 2.0: Using Artificial Intelligence to Break Bureaucratic Barriers and End Corruption

A Vision for New Age Governance

As India steps confidently into the 21st century as a global leader in economy and technology, it’s time to rethink governance. Outdated, analog administration cannot support a digital economy. The lingering paper-based bureaucracy and procedural delays have stifled progress and eroded public trust. The solution is a bold, transformative strategy: fully digitizing governance through AI, data analytics, and automation. This shift may seem daunting to existing systems, but it is essential.

Corruption in Traditional Bureaucracy

India’s colonial-era bureaucratic system prioritizes control over public service, leading to excessive paperwork, lack of transparency, service delays, favoritism, and grassroots corruption. Citizens struggle to access essential services like land records, business licenses, healthcare approvals, and welfare benefits, resulting in significant economic, psychological, and moral impacts, especially on the poorest communities.

The Opportunity: What Digitalisation and AI Can

Achieve

India has the technological capabilities, digital expertise, and infrastructure required to lead a second digital revolution — one that goes beyond commerce and finance to include public governance itself: Transparent and Traceable Processes • Each document, transaction, and decision can be digitally time-stamped and recorded. Blockchain technology can protect government records (such as land titles, contracts, and tenders) from alteration. Public dashboards can make government performance measurable and transparent.

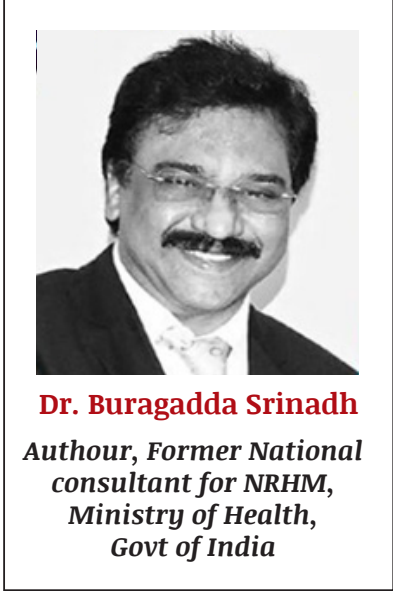
AI-Driven Efficiency and Citizen Empowerment

AI can enhance the efficiency of conventional approval processes, thereby conserving time and minimizing human involvement. Algorithms are capable of identifying anomalies in governmental expenditures, benefit distributions, or contractor performance. Predictive analytics can pinpoint sectors susceptible to corruption, fraudulent beneficiaries, or inefficient programs. AI-driven chatbots and mobile applications can assist citizens in navigating procedures without requiring intermediaries. Biometric and



Aadhaar-based authentication guarantees that rightful beneficiaries obtain services directly. E-governance portals provide individuals with real-time updates regarding their applications, thus minimizing the need to engage in follow-ups

through bribery. Reduction in Discretionary Powers Decisions made by digital systems adheres to established and transparent regulations. AI removes the potential for subjective bias, favoritism, or political influence. For instance, AI-driven



assessments for land allotment or scheme eligibility ensure fair and evidence-based results

Case Studies & Global Models

- **Estonia:** A digital-first government where 99% of public services are online, and corruption is nearly absent.
- **Singapore:** AI and big data tools predict and prevent fraud in real estate and welfare schemes.
- **India’s own Aadhaar, UPI, and DigiLocker:** These have shown that digital infrastructure, when used smartly, can transform

lives. Challenges — and the Path to Overcome Them

Admittedly, such a shift won’t be easy. Resistance from vested interests who benefit from opacity and corruption. Fear among lower bureaucracy of job losses or reduced influence. Digital illiteracy in some rural or underserved areas. But these challenges can be addressed through. Capacity building and training of government staff in digital tools. Ensuring inclusive digital access via mobile apps and local service centers. A strong legal and policy framework to govern AI usage ethically and transparently.

A Call to Action.

India’s ambition to be a \$5 trillion economy and a leader in global tech requires modern administrative systems. A digital economy needs a digital government. Envision a New India where citizens can quickly obtain licenses, land disputes are settled with verified records, and health permits are managed by fair systems. We must reject corruption and inefficiency. Let’s leverage technology to strengthen governance, ensuring justice and dignity for all citizens.



Mohan Bhagwat Cites Churchill to Emphasize Unity Amid Indo-Pak Tensions

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Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat on Thursday called for continued national unity and self-reliance in defence, cautioning that challenges from Pakistan remain unresolved. Speaking at an RSS event in Nagpur, Bhagwat invoked a historic reference to Winston Churchill during World War II to underscore the critical role of public support and societal resolve in times of national crisis.

Referring to India's recent military response to the Pakistan-sponsored Pahalgam terror attack, Bhagwat praised the nation's collective strength under Operation Sindoor. He lauded the government, armed forces, political leaders, and citizens for standing together during the crisis, describing it as "the grandest form of democracy."

"The political class rose above differences for the country. The society demonstrated unparalleled unity. This unity must become a permanent fixture because the threat is not over," Bhagwat said, warning that Pakistan continues to engage in proxy warfare against India.

Drawing a parallel with Churchill's leadership during WWII, Bhagwat recounted how the former British Prime Minister turned to everyday citizens to guide a pivotal wartime decision. "When Churchill's cabinet urged him to negotiate peace with Hitler, he rode the London metro to hear the people's voice. The people told him to keep fighting. Encouraged, Churchill famously declared in Parliament that the British would fight in the streets and hills until victory. After the war, he told the people, 'You are the lions; I only roared for you,'" Bhagwat narrated.

He used this historical anecdote to urge Indians to remain resolute, stating, "The strength of a nation lies not just in its government or army, but in its people."

Bhagwat concluded by emphasizing that Indian society is inherently united, and this unity must be preserved to overcome future threats.

PM Modi Launches Ambitious Aravalli Green Wall Project on World Environment Day

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On World Environment Day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Aravalli Green Wall Project, a major initiative aimed at rejuvenating the ancient Aravalli mountain range that spans Gujarat, Rajasthan, Haryana, and Delhi. Marking the occasion, PM Modi planted a sapling at Bhagwan Mahavir Vanasthali Park in New Delhi, reinforcing his government's commitment to tackling the environmental challenges facing the region.

The Aravalli range, one of the oldest mountain ranges on Earth, has been increasingly threatened by deforestation, mining, encroachment, and desertification, leading to degraded land and reduced water availability. PM Modi highlighted the government's focus on restoring this fragile ecosystem by working closely with local administrations to improve water systems, curb dust storms, and prevent the eastward expansion of the Thar desert.

The project will develop a five-kilometer green buffer zone stretching across 29 districts in the three states and the Union



Territory of Delhi, covering a vast area of 6.45 million hectares. Nearly 42 percent of this area is currently degraded, with Rajasthan accounting for the majority of the damage. Through afforestation, reforestation, and restoration of water bodies, the project aims to enhance biodiversity, improve soil fertility, and boost water availability in the region.

Utilizing traditional and innovative planting techniques, especially in urban and semi-urban areas, plantation activities will be geo-tagged and monitored through the Meri LiFE portal for transparency and efficiency. Around 1,000 nurseries are planned to support these efforts.

The initiative is expected to combat air pollution, create carbon

sinks to meet India's climate targets, and restore 26 million hectares of degraded land by 2030. Additionally, it will generate employment and income opportunities for local communities. Chief ministers of Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan, and Gujarat also participated in the launch, signaling strong regional cooperation for this critical environmental mission.

Shashi Tharoor Leads All-Party Delegation in High-Level Talks with US Vice President JD Vance

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

An all-party Indian parliamentary delegation, led by Congress MP Dr. Shashi Tharoor, held a significant meeting with US Vice President JD Vance in Washington on Thursday. The discussion focused on counter-terrorism, regional security, and advancing the India-US strategic partnership, amid ongoing global security challenges and recent terrorist attacks in India.

The Embassy of India in the US shared on X (formerly Twitter) that the delegation's meeting with Vice President Vance included detailed discussions on strengthening cooperation in key areas, including security and technological exchange.



Tharoor, echoing the sentiment, called the interaction "constructive and productive," noting a strong alignment of interests between the two nations. Vice President Vance had visited India in April when the Pahalgam terror attack took place. Following the incident, he personally called Prime Minister Narendra Modi to

condemn the attack and express the US's full support in combating terrorism. In a social media post, he wrote, "Usha and I extend our condolences to the victims... Our thoughts and prayers are with them. Earlier, the Indian delegation met members of the Indian diaspora and US Congress, including Congressman Gregory Meeks, who

reiterated bipartisan support for the US-India partnership. The delegation also addressed the Indian and American press, highlighting India's position on counter-terrorism and Operation Sindoor — India's recent strategic response to cross-border terrorism.

Speaking to media at the Council on Foreign Relations, Tharoor emphasized that the visit aims to communicate India's narrative and gather international support. "So far, every person we've met has strongly condemned the attack and supported India's right to defend itself," he said, adding that the attack came during a period of economic optimism in Kashmir, making it especially disruptive.

Starlink Posied to launch in India soon as DoT nears GMPCS license approval

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Starlink, Elon Musk's satellite internet venture under SpaceX, is reportedly on the verge of launching its services in India after moving closer to securing the necessary regulatory approvals. According to recent reports, the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) is expected to grant Starlink the Global Mobile Personal Communication by Satellite (GMPCS) license imminently. This license is crucial for satellite-based network providers, allowing them to deploy satellite terminals while adhering to global communication standards.

Last month, Starlink received a Letter of Intent (LoI) from the DoT, which required the company to meet certain security compliance criteria by June 7. Sources reveal that Starlink has fulfilled these requirements and provided undertakings on other regulatory guidelines, clearing a significant hurdle for its entry into the Indian market.

Following the license approval, Starlink must obtain additional authorizations from India's space regulator, In-SPaCE, and the Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC), both of which are reported to be in the final stages of review. Once these are secured, Starlink will be allocated provisional spectrum to operate its services.

However, the actual rollout of Starlink's satellite internet services is not immediate. The company needs to establish essential infrastructure, including gateways and a Network Operations Centre, and ensure lawful inter-



ception capabilities as per Indian regulations. This setup phase is estimated to take around nine months before commercial operations can begin.

Meanwhile, Starlink may face competition from Amazon's satellite internet project, Kuiper. However, Amazon Kuiper is expected to experience delays as it still awaits its LoI from the DoT, even though it has reportedly met most regulatory mandates.

Starlink's entry could revolutionize internet access in India, especially in remote and underserved areas, with expected pricing reportedly under Rs. 850 per month, making satellite internet more accessible across the country.

Second Consecration Ceremony Held at Ram Temple in Ayodhya on Ganga Dussehra

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A historic second consecration ceremony took place at the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Temple in Ayodhya, marking another significant milestone in the temple's development. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath led the rituals, which included the ceremonial installation of deities in eight newly constructed temples on the first floor of the complex, coinciding with the auspicious occasion of Ganga Dussehra.

The central highlight was the consecration of Raja Ram, symbolizing Lord Ram as a sovereign ruler, along with other deities like Lord Shiva, Ganesha, Hanuman, Surya, Goddess Annapurna, Bhagwati, and Sheshavatar. According to the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust, the elaborate rituals began early in the morning with a yajna at 6:30 AM, followed by a havan and synchronized ceremonies across the shrines aided by modern technology for remote viewing and coordination.

This was the second major Pran-Pratishtha (idol consecration) after the installation of Ram Lalla on January 22, 2024, an event attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The recent ceremony was described by Adityanath as a "new expres-



sion of Ek Bharat-Shreshtha Bharat," invoking unity and national pride.

Temple trustee Anil Mishra emphasized the Vedic rigor of the rituals, calling the ceremony the fruit of "centuries of penance and faith." Ayodhya astrologers highlighted the spiritual potency of Ganga Dussehra, suggesting that any sacred act on this day yields amplified spiritual rewards.

The Ram Temple, located on the site of the demolished Babri Masjid, has been at the heart of a decades-long legal and political struggle. The Supreme Court's 2019 verdict allowed temple construction, while a separate five-acre plot was allocated for a mosque elsewhere. Pilgrims gathered in large numbers, marking what many see as a spiritual and cultural renaissance.

"We Don't Want Them": Donald Trump Puts US Travel Ban On These 12 Countries

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US President Donald Trump has signed a new travel ban targeting nationals from 12 countries, including Afghanistan, Iran, and Yemen, citing national security concerns after a recent attack in Colorado. The move revives one of the most controversial policies from his first term.

The ban fully restricts entry for citizens of Afghanistan, Myanmar, Chad, Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Haiti, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, and Yemen. Additionally, a partial ban applies to travelers from Burundi, Cuba, Laos, Sierra Leone, Togo, Turkmenistan, and Venezuela. Both bans will take effect on Monday, according to the White House.

Trump linked the new ban to a makeshift flamethrower attack on a Jewish protest in Boulder, Colorado, allegedly carried out by Mohammed Sabry Soliman, who is said to have been in the US illegally. "We don't want them," Trump declared in a video message from the Oval Office, emphasizing the need for stricter vetting of foreign nationals entering the country.

He compared the latest restrictions to his 2017 travel ban, which targeted mostly



Muslim-majority countries and sparked global travel disruptions. Trump claimed that earlier ban prevented terror attacks in the US similar to those seen in Europe.

The White House defended the measure as a way to keep America safe from "dangerous foreign actors" and highlighted concerns over countries with poor vetting systems, high visa overstay rates, or those unwilling to share threat information.

Countries like Afghanistan, Libya, Sudan, Somalia, and Yemen were singled out for

lacking competent authorities to process passports and vet applicants. Iran was labeled a state sponsor of terrorism amid ongoing nuclear negotiations.

Trump also announced a visa ban on foreign students admitted to Harvard University, escalating his crackdown on institutions he views as politically liberal. The travel ban is expected to face legal challenges, continuing the contentious debate over immigration and national security policies under Trump's administration.

NATO's New Military Build-Up: Plans for Major Arms Purchases Underway



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NATO defence ministers are poised to approve ambitious new targets for military equipment purchases aimed at strengthening the alliance's defence across Europe, the Arctic, and the North Atlantic. This move is part of a broader US-led effort to boost security spending among the 32 member nations.

The upcoming 'capability targets' will specify priority acquisitions such as advanced air defence systems, long-range missiles, artillery, ammunition, drones, and critical support assets like air-to-air refuelling, heavy air transport, and logistics capabilities. While each member country's specific plans remain classified, the goal is to address current gaps and prepare for defence needs over the next several years.

NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte highlighted the importance of these decisions, stating, "Today we decide on the capability targets. From there, we will assess the gaps we have, not only to be able to defend ourselves today, but also three, five, seven years from now." He also emphasized that securing funding for these investments will be a key challenge.

Ahead of the NATO summit scheduled for June 24-25, where US President Donald Trump and other leaders will set new defence investment goals, the alliance is pushing members to maintain combat-ready forces. US Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth stressed, "To be an alliance, you've got to be more than flags. You got to be more than conferences. You need to keep combat ready capabilities."

Since Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022, European allies and Canada have accelerated military spending significantly, focusing heavily on arms and ammunition purchases. This increased defence investment underscores the growing urgency within NATO to bolster collective security and readiness amid ongoing geopolitical tensions.

India Red-Flags \$800 Million Asian Development Bank Aid Package To Pakistan



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India has voiced strong reservations about the \$800 million aid package approved by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for Pakistan, citing fears that the funds could be misused amid Pakistan's increasing defence expenditure and economic instability. The concerns come as Pakistan's military exercises significant control over the country's economic policies through the Special Investment Facilitation Council, led by the army top brass.

Despite facing a severe economic crisis marked by a declining tax-to-GDP ratio, depleted foreign exchange reserves, and soaring inflation, Pakistan's military-driven government continues to prioritize defence spending. India has warned that this entrenched military influence risks policy reversals and ineffective economic reforms, which are critical conditions tied to international aid.

Officials pointed to Pakistan's poor track record in implementing reforms mandated by multilateral institutions, noting that the aid funds might be diverted toward military hardware acquisitions. Recent purchases of fighter jets from China and increased drone deployments, especially following Operation Sindoor, underscore the growing focus on military capabilities despite the fragile economic situation.

India also highlighted Pakistan's repeated requests for bailouts from the International Monetary Fund (IMF), with the country seeking its 24th IMF package, underscoring the ineffectiveness of past economic programmes supported by both the IMF and ADB. These failures have prevented Pakistan from achieving sustainable macro-economic stability.

Additionally, India criticized Pakistan's ongoing support for cross-border terrorism, which has worsened regional security. Islamabad's unsatisfactory record in complying with Financial Action Task Force (FATF) requirements—particularly in investigating and prosecuting leaders of UN-designated terrorist groups and freezing criminal assets—was also flagged as a major concern.



Elon Musk Urges Americans to "Kill the Bill" Over Trump's Record Spending Legislation

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Tesla and SpaceX CEO Elon Musk has launched a fierce attack on US President Donald Trump's latest spending bill, urging Americans to contact their lawmakers and "KILL the BILL." Musk's condemnation comes just days after he left his role as a "special government employee" leading the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), where he aimed to cut government waste.

Highlighting the legislation as the largest increase in the US debt ceiling ever, Musk warned that "America is in the fast lane to debt slavery." He criticized the bill for massively expanding the deficit and increasing the debt ceiling by \$5 trillion, calling it the "Debt Slavery Bill." Musk stressed the urgent need for a complete rewrite of the legislation to avoid further financial damage.

Posting on X, Musk encouraged citizens to call their senators and representatives, stating, "Bankrupting America is NOT ok! KILL the BILL." His intervention arrives at a critical juncture as the bill—described by Trump as "big" and "beautiful"—aims to deliver sweeping tax cuts alongside expanded military spending.

The measure narrowly passed the House last month amid fierce opposition from Democrats and a handful of Republicans. Musk's vow to "fire all the politicians who betrayed the American people" in upcoming midterm elections has caused ripples within Republican ranks, especially given his significant financial backing of GOP candidates. His criticism could threaten incumbents facing primary challenges and complicate Republicans' efforts to hold onto Congressional majorities.

The White House has responded cautiously. Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt reaffirmed Trump's support for the bill, stating, "This is one big, beautiful bill, and he's sticking to it." The administration aims to finalize the legislation by July 4, with the Treasury warning that failure to raise the borrowing limit by August risks America's first sovereign debt default.



'Can't Risk Losing Money': Indian Students Pause American Dream Amid Visa Troubles

Amid increasing uncertainty over US student visas, many Indian families are pausing plans to send their children to American universities—once seen as the ultimate symbol of success. Families often invest their entire life savings to secure a place in US colleges, but recent visa troubles have caused a sharp decline in enrollments.

Subash Devatwal, who runs an education consultancy in Ahmedabad, shared that student inquiries have plummeted. His organization, which previously helped over 100 students annually, now assists only around 10. This drop comes after the Trump administration introduced strict social media vetting and paused all student visa interviews worldwide, leaving many students in limbo.

"The students are in shock. Many spend years preparing for this opportunity," Devatwal told The Guardian. Indian students typically face tuition fees ranging from \$40,000 to \$80,000 per year, making the stakes extremely high. As a result, students and families are reconsidering their options.

One such parent, Brijesh Patel from Surat, revealed he sold his wife's jewelry and borrowed money from relatives to fund his son's US education. However, with visa delays, he now plans to wait a year, fearing the financial risk of a visa denial. "It's not just my son's dream; it's the dream of all of us," he said, emphasizing the sacrifices made by the entire family. Meanwhile, education experts like Piyush Bhartiya, co-founder of AdmitKard, note a clear shift in student interest toward countries like the UK, Germany, Ireland, and the Netherlands.

Market Rally: Sensex Jumps 443 Points, Nifty Gains 130 on Rate Cut Hopes and Global Cues



Domestic stock markets performed well today. Benchmark indices gained heavily on Thursday. Positive signals were received from global markets. On the other hand, foreign institutional investors resumed buying in the wake of fluctuations in American bond yields and a decline in the value of the dollar. Expectations that the RBI will cut interest rates by 25 basis points on Friday filled positive sentiment among investors. Overall, the Nifty rose by 130 points and the Sensex by 443 points.

The BSE Sensex, which closed at 81,196 in the previous session, opened at 81,196 on Thursday. It touched an intraday low of 80,983. It reached an intraday high of 81,911. It finally closed at

81,442 with a gain of 443 points. The NSE Nifty, which opened at 24,691, touched a low of 24,613 and a high of 24,899. It closed at 24,750, up 130 points. The Nifty Bank rose 84 points to settle at 55,760.

In the Nifty50, 32 companies gained and 18 lost. Eternal, Dr. Reddy's, Trent, PowerGrid, ICICI Bank were the top gainers. IndusIndBank, Tata Consumer, Axis Bank, Bajaj Finance, Bajaj Finserv lost the most. Realty, pharma, healthcare, finance, telecom, metal, IT, oil, FMCG indices rose. Private bank, auto, media, PSU bank indices rose.



Today, the market breadth in NSE turned in favor of buyers. Out of 2973 stocks traded, 1738 gained. 1144 lost. 72 shares reached 52-week highs and 21 shares reached 52-week lows. 126 reached the upper circuit and 43 reached the lower circuit.

The rupee strengthened by 11 paise to settle at 85.79 against the dollar. Welspun Corporation won an export order. HSBC maintained a buy rating on Mahindra & Mahindra with a target price of Rs. 3470. Jefferies maintained a buy rating on Welspun at Rs. 185. CDSL shares rose more than 4% today. Bharat Electronics won an order worth Rs. 2323 crore. Citi has maintained a buy rating on PB Fintech with a target price of Rs 2185. Intellect Design has secured an order from a South African bank. Jagul Prepaid has acquired Dice Enterprises for Rs 123 crore. Hindustan Aeronautics has clarified that talks with American company GE are progressing.

Dr. Reddy's Laboratories
Dr. Reddy's posted strong Q4 FY25 results with a net profit of ₹1,594 crore, marking a 22% YoY increase. Revenue

Dr.Reddy's
rose 20% YoY to ₹8,506 crore, driven by

growth in both domestic and international markets. The company declared a dividend of ₹8 per share. The acquisition of the nicotine therapy business added to its topline. Overall, performance was healthy with solid margins.

Hindustan Zinc

HINDUSTAN ZINC


Hindustan Zinc reported excellent Q4 results. Net profit rose 47% YoY to ₹3,003 crore, and revenue grew 20% YoY to ₹9,087 crore. The company benefited from higher zinc prices, strong by-product sales, and lower costs. Operating and net margins remained strong at 42% and 33%, respectively, showing operational efficiency.


JSW Infrastructure
JSW Infra posted a 57% YoY rise in Q4 net profit to ₹516 crore, on a 14% increase in revenue to ₹1,372 crore. Cargo volume grew 5% to 31.2 million tonnes, and EBITDA reached ₹730 crore. The



company continues to show strong momentum in the port and logistics sector. Full-year net profit stood at ₹1,521 crore, up 31% YoY.

Coforge
Coforge's Q4 net profit stood at ₹261 crore, up 21% YoY, with revenue growing 4.7% YoY to ₹3,410 crore. EBIT also rose by 15.5%. The company's operating margin improved to 13.2% due to better cost controls. Despite global IT headwinds, Coforge delivered a steady quarter.


PB Fintech (Policybazaar)
PB Fintech delivered a net profit of ₹171 crore, a massive 185% YoY jump in Q4 FY25. Revenue climbed 38% YoY to ₹1,508 crore, thanks to a 46% rise in


core insurance revenue. The company is showing clear signs of profitability and scalability across its online insurance and lending platforms.

Government Approves 187 Startups for Income Tax Exemption, Boosting Innovation



The government on Thursday announced the approval of 187 startups for income tax exemption under the revamped Section 80-IAC of the Income Tax Act. This tax benefit allows eligible startups to claim a 100% deduction on profits for any three consecutive years within a ten-year period from their incorporation date, providing crucial financial relief during their early growth stages.

Designed to encourage innovation, job creation, and wealth generation, the income tax exemption scheme supports emerging businesses as they navigate formative years. The approvals were made during a recent meeting of the Inter-Ministerial Board (IMB), according to a statement from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

With this latest batch, over 3,700 startups have now received income tax exemptions since the scheme's inception. The government further expanded the eligibility window in the Union Budget 2025-26, allowing startups incorporated before April 1, 2030, to apply for the benefits, giving newer ventures more time and opportunity to avail these incentives.

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has introduced a revised evaluation framework aimed at making the application process more structured and transparent. Complete applications are now reviewed within 120 days, ensuring faster decision-making and minimizing procedural delays.

Startups that did not secure approval in this round have been encouraged to reassess and refine their applications. DPIIT advises applicants to focus on demonstrating technological innovation, scalability, market potential, and a clear contribution to employment and economic growth.

This renewed push highlights the government's commitment to fostering a robust startup ecosystem, recognizing the vital role startups play in driving India's economic development and global competitiveness.

RBI's MPC Likely to Cut Rates by 25 bps, Focus on Sustaining Growth Momentum

The Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) is expected to continue its focus on supporting India's economic growth, with a likely 25 basis points (bps) cut in the repo rate at its upcoming June meeting, according to CareEdge Ratings. The data intelligence firm suggests that the rate-cut cycle, which began in February, will proceed cautiously with the RBI maintaining an accommodative stance amid evolving global uncertainties.

CareEdge noted that the current healthy growth momentum, combined with easing money market rates, may prompt the RBI to take measured steps in policy easing, making a larger rate cut less likely at this meeting. The report anticipates a dovish tone from the MPC, balancing optimism on domestic growth with caution over external risks.

Retail inflation has notably eased, with the Consumer Price Index (CPI) falling to a six-year low of 3.2% in April 2025. Inflation has remained below the 4% threshold for three consecutive months, largely driven by a decline in food and beverage prices, which dropped to 2.1% in April from a peak of 9.7% in October 2024.

Despite improved economic indicators, external headwinds remain a concern for the MPC. India's real GDP growth stood at 6.5% for FY24-25, with a strong 7.4% expansion in Q4, up from 6.2% in Q3. However, private consumption moderated to 6% in Q4 from 8.1% in Q3. Rural demand is expected to



stay supported by favorable agricultural output and easing inflation, while urban demand shows a mixed outlook.

The report highlights challenges such as subdued manufacturing growth, uneven consumption, delayed private capital expenditure recovery, and weak exports. These factors underline the importance of sustained policy support to ensure broad-based growth amidst global uncertainties. The MPC's decisions, scheduled for Friday, will closely monitor these dynamics.

Consumer Price Index Inflation Expected to Ease to Six-Year Low of 3% in May

Inflation in India is projected to ease further, with the Consumer Price Index (CPI) expected to moderate to 3.0 percent in May, marking a six-year low, according to a recent report by Union Bank of India (UBI). This decline is largely attributed to the sequential softening in prices of essential food items like cereals and pulses, even as prices in other sectors began to firm up.

Data released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation showed that retail inflation in April fell to 3.16 percent from 3.34 percent in March, continuing the trend of easing consumer prices. CPI inflation is a critical economic indicator that measures the rate at which prices of goods and services consumed by households increase over time, impacting purchasing power and



monetary policy decisions.

The UBI report further noted that inflation excluding vegetables remained steady at 4.11 percent, while core inflation—which excludes volatile food and fuel prices—saw a slight uptick to 4.18 percent. This increase in core inflation

is largely due to a low base effect from the previous year rather than a significant rise in prices.

Despite the slight rise in core inflation, the report emphasized that weak consumer demand and stable prices of most commodities, with the exception of precious metals, are expected to keep core inflation well-contained in the near term.

This moderation in inflation provides some relief for policymakers and consumers alike, as it helps preserve purchasing power while allowing the Reserve Bank of India more flexibility in setting interest rates to support economic growth. The outlook remains cautiously optimistic, balancing easing food prices with signs of strengthening demand in other segments of the economy.

Man Buys Coke, Receives 1 Euro Coin Instead of ₹5 Change—Gets Unexpected Windfall

In a quirky incident that’s catching attention online, a man in India received a surprising return on his cash transaction—literally. After purchasing a Coca-Cola can, he expected standard Indian currency as change, but instead received a 1 Euro coin, worth far more than the ₹5 he was supposed to get.

The story was shared by a Reddit user named @QuickOriginal on the popular subreddit r/indiasocial. According to the post, the user paid in cash for a Coke can and was handed back two coins as change by the shopkeeper. Without thinking much, he pocketed them and went home. It was only later, upon inspecting the coins more closely, that he noticed something odd.

To his surprise, one of the coins was not Indian at all—it was a 1 Euro coin. Currently, 1 Euro equals approximately ₹97, making it nearly 19 times the value of the ₹5 coin he was expecting. While many might have felt inconvenienced, the man expressed

both shock and amusement at the unexpected exchange.

The post quickly gained traction among Reddit users, sparking light-hearted discussions about the occasional benefits of using cash over digital payments. One user joked, “That’s the best ₹5 change anyone’s ever gotten,” while another quipped, “Plot twist: the shopkeeper was a secret Santa.”

Despite the growing preference for UPI and digital wallets in India, this incident reminds us that cash still brings its share of surprises—sometimes quite literally. It’s unclear whether the shopkeeper knowingly handed over the Euro coin or if it was an honest mistake, perhaps confusing it with a ₹5 coin, as both are similar in size and shape. For now, the lucky buyer holds on to a coin that’s more valuable than he bargained for—and probably has a funny story to tell every time he looks at it.



Indian Railways' ‘Royal’ Salute to RCB's Historic IPL 2025 Win Goes Viral



After an 18-year-long wait, Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) finally lifted their maiden Indian Premier League (IPL) trophy in 2025, defeating Punjab Kings in a thrilling final on June 3. The country erupted in celebration, and among the many tributes pouring in, one from the Ministry of Railways stood out for its creativity and relatability.

In a post shared on X (formerly Twitter), the Ministry of Railways joined the nation in celebrating the victory of the Rajat Patidar-led RCB. The Ministry posted a photo of a train featuring bright red coaches—RCB’s signature color—with a caption that read: “Today, every red coach feels a little more royal! #IPL2025.”

The gesture resonated with fans, who

flooded the comment section with appreciation. One fan called the tribute “Royal and loyal,” while another quipped, “Looks like the red coaches just got their crown jewels—long live the royal ride!” Another enthusiastic supporter wrote, “This is RCB power.”

However, not all reactions were celebratory. Some users took the opportunity to raise concerns about Indian Railways’ services. One person wrote, “Railways are the country’s backbone. Please streamline Tatkal ticket booking—will be grateful.” Another added, “Hope this energy translates into washroom floor improvements in trains.”

The excitement surrounding RCB’s victory continued beyond social media. The

team announced a grand victory parade in Bengaluru on June 4, starting at 3:30 PM from Vidhana Soudha and concluding at the iconic M Chinnaswamy Stadium.

RCB shared an emotional message on X for their fans, saying, “This one’s for you, 12th Man Army. For every cheer, every tear, every year. Loyalty is Royalty, and today the crown is yours.” Even cricketing legend AB de Villiers flew to Ahmedabad to witness the momentous final and support his longtime teammate Virat Kohli. As the match ended, an emotional Kohli was seen soaking in the long-awaited victory—an iconic moment in IPL history and a proud milestone for RCB and its loyal fanbase.

“2.5 Hours, No Food”: Assam Professor Slams Zomato Over Delivery Delay, Sparks Online Debate

In a digital age where food delivery platforms promise convenience and speed, a woman’s frustrating experience with Zomato has stirred widespread attention. Shrestha Paul, an Assistant Professor of English from Assam, took to LinkedIn to express her disappointment after a dinner order turned into a two-and-a-half-hour ordeal with no food to show for it.

Paul placed an order for two mutton biryanis from the restaurant Oudh through Zomato at 11:30 PM. However, the delivery process quickly became a nightmare. According to her post, the first delivery agent arrived late and handed over the wrong order. When she raised a complaint, Zomato offered a coupon as compensation—an offer she dismissed as an inadequate “band-aid.”



Determined to salvage her dinner, she placed a fresh order. Despite sharing live location details and providing real-time assistance, the second delivery agent reportedly failed to find her address. By the time she posted the update, it was 1:53 AM.

“It is now 1:53 AM, nearly 2.5 hours later, and not only do we not have our food, but we’ve had to stay up, coordinate, follow up, and be disappointed twice,” she wrote. Frustrated and hungry, she concluded, “Re-funds do not fill a stomach, Zomato.”

Paul’s strongly worded question—“Can your platform handle trust?”—resonated with many users, triggering discussions on service accountability in the food delivery sector.

Zomato responded to her post, acknowledging the issue and calling it “disappointing to hear.” The company requested her contact details to investigate further, writing, “Your experience truly matters to us... Please help us with your registered mobile number so we can check what went wrong.”

This isn’t the first time Zomato’s service has come under scrutiny. In a previous incident, a customer received non-vegetarian food instead of the vegetarian meal she had ordered—raising serious concerns around food labeling and delivery accuracy.

As digital services become a lifeline for everyday needs, users are calling not just for faster delivery, but for greater reliability, transparency, and empathy from tech-driven platforms.

The World’s Longest Road Trip: 14 Countries, 30,000 km, and Zero U-Turns

If you think a road trip across a few states is a big deal, wait until you hear about the Pan-American Highway — the longest continuous motorable road on Earth. Spanning approximately 30,000 kilometers, this legendary route stretches from the icy landscapes of Prudhoe Bay in Alaska all the way to the southern tip of South America, ending in Ushuaia, Argentina.

What makes the Pan-American Highway truly epic is its scale: it weaves through 14 countries, across varied terrains like arctic tundra, deserts, tropical rainforests, and soaring mountains. And despite its immense length, the route doesn’t require a single U-turn. That’s right — a straight drive (barring natural curves) from top to bottom of the American continents.

The journey starts in North America, moving through the United States, Mexico, and several Central American nations including Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Panama. After a short, nearly impassable jungle stretch known as the Darién Gap, the route picks up again in South America, taking travelers through Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Chile, and finally Argentina.

The numbers are almost unbelievable. Even if you drive 500 kilometers every single day, the entire journey would still take more than two months to complete. And that’s without factoring in sightseeing, rest days, weather conditions, or

border crossings — which are all part of the experience.

Unlike short getaways or weekend drives, the Pan-American Highway is an adventure of a lifetime. It offers travelers a front-row seat to some of the world’s most breathtaking natural wonders, diverse cultures, and iconic landmarks.

While India has its fair share of scenic routes — such as the Leh-Manali highway or the coastal drive to Rameshwaram — the Pan-American Highway stands in a league of its own. It’s not just a road trip; it’s a global expedition on wheels.

Whether you’re a seasoned traveler or a dreamer with a map, the Pan-American Highway is a route that promises more than just distance — it promises stories, endurance, and the adventure of a lifetime.





England Announce 14-Member Squad for India Test Series, Jamie Overton’s Recall Raises Eyebrows

England on Thursday named their 14-member squad for the upcoming first Test against India at Headingley, with a surprise inclusion of all-rounder Jamie Overton. Overton, who has been a regular in England’s white-ball teams, earned his lone Test cap against New Zealand in 2022, where he made a memorable impact with two wickets and an unexpected 97 runs with the bat.

Despite this recall, Overton’s fitness remains uncertain as he recently broke a finger during the one-day internationals against the West Indies. The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) confirmed that the 31-year-old will be “assessed and reviewed daily” by the medical team ahead of the Test starting on June 20.

Injury woes have also sidelined Surrey teammate Gus Atkinson, who is out with a hamstring injury sustained during England’s recent Test victory against Zimbabwe. To bolster the pace attack, England has recalled experienced pacemen Chris Woakes and Brydon Carse, both returning from injury layoffs. Woakes could challenge Sam Cook for a spot in the playing XI, though Cook retains his place in the squad following a steady debut series against Zimbabwe.

One of the major talking points in the squad announcement is the return of young top-order batsman Jacob Bethell. The 21-year-old impressed during his debut Test series in New Zealand late last year, notching three half-centuries at number three and maintaining a solid average of 52. Bethell arrives fresh from a successful Indian Premier League campaign, where he won the title with Royal Challengers Bengaluru.

Bethell’s return creates a selection dilemma for England’s top order, as vice-captain Ollie Pope and Zak Crawley, both of whom scored centuries in Zimbabwe, now face increased competition for spots. The five-match Test series against India will kick off at Headingley on June 20, with England looking to field a strong and balanced side.

England Squad:

Ben Stokes (capt), Shoaib Bashir, Jacob Bethell, Harry Brook, Brydon Carse, Sam Cook, Zak Crawley, Ben Duckett, Jamie Overton, Ollie Pope, Joe Root, Jamie Smith (wkt), Josh Tongue, Chris Woakes

French Open 2025: Djokovic Battles Past Zverev, Sets Semifinal Clash with Top Seed Sinner

Novak Djokovic continued his pursuit of tennis history on Wednesday, June 4, 2025, with a hard-fought four-set win over Alexander Zverev in the French Open quarterfinals. The 38-year-old Serbian champion overcame a sluggish start to defeat the third-seeded German 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4 at Roland Garros.

With the victory, Djokovic secured his 101st win at the French Open, reinforcing his legacy on the Parisian clay. The match lasted three hours and 17 minutes, showcasing the veteran’s signature resilience and tactical brilliance.

This win moves Djokovic just two steps away from a record-breaking 25th Grand Slam singles title, a feat no player—male or female—has ever achieved. Already the record-holder for most men’s major titles, the Serbian star now prepares for a high-stakes semifinal showdown against top seed Jannik Sinner.

Sinner, who has emerged as one of the most consistent performers on tour in 2025, had a much smoother route to the final four. The Italian swept past Kazakhstan’s Alexander Bublik



in straight sets, winning 6-1, 7-5, 6-0 earlier on Wednesday. Known for his composed baseline game and precision shot-making, Sinner continues to chase his first French Open crown.

The semifinal between Djokovic and Sinner is expected to be one of the tournament’s biggest highlights. While Djokovic brings unmatched experience and Grand Slam pedigree, Sinner enters the match as the ATP world number one, brimming with confidence and momentum.

This clash of generations promises high drama on the red clay of Roland Garros, with both players carrying massive stakes. For Djokovic, it’s about making history. For Sinner, it’s about carving his name into tennis’s elite by toppling a legend. As the French Open enters its final stretch, fans can look forward to a thrilling conclusion, with history on the line and rising stars ready to challenge the established order.

World No. 361 Lois Boisson Stuns French Open 2025

Reaches Semi-Finals After Beating Mirra Andreeva

Lois Boisson, ranked 361st in the world, continued her fairytale run at the 2025 French Open by defeating sixth seed Mirra Andreeva to secure a spot in the semi-finals. The 22-year-old Frenchwoman triumphed 7-6 (8/6), 6-3 on a lively Court Philippe Chatrier, becoming the lowest-ranked woman to reach a Grand Slam semi-final in 40 years and the first Frenchwoman to do so since Marion Bartoli in 2011.

Boisson, who was set to compete last year but missed the tournament due to a knee injury, impressed the passionate home crowd with her fearless play. She struck 24 winners against the Russian sixth seed, building on her earlier upset of world No. 3 Jessica Pegula in the fourth round.

The match was a nail-biter. Andreeva had set points at 5-3 in the first set but failed to convert. Boisson battled through a tense 12th game and a dramatic tiebreak, rallying to take the first set. In the second, Andreeva surged to a 3-0



lead but soon began to unravel under pressure. After a series of errors and a warning for smashing her ball into the stands, the 18-year-old showed frustration, culminating in boos from the crowd when she disputed a line call.

Boisson seized the momentum, winning six straight games to close out the match and claim a sensational victory.

Boisson’s next challenge is second seed Coco Gauff, who came back from a set down to defeat Madison Keys 6-7 (6/8), 6-4, 6-1 in another hard-fought quarter-final. Gauff, last year’s runner-up, aims to go further this year.

Meanwhile, Iga Swiatek faces Aryna Sabalenka in Thursday’s other semi-final, both chasing a place in the final and Swiatek’s fourth consecutive Roland Garros title.



Cristiano Ronaldo Breaks Germany Curse with 137th International Goal to Send Portugal to Nations League Final

Cristiano Ronaldo ended his long-standing hoodoo against Germany by scoring the winning goal in Portugal’s thrilling 2-1 victory over the Germans in Munich on Wednesday. His decisive goal, a close-range tap-in in the 68th minute, not only secured Portugal’s place in the Nations League final but also marked his record-extending 137th international goal.

The match, delayed by 10 minutes due to a violent storm that left hailstones scattered across the pitch, saw Germany take the lead early in the second half. Florian Wirtz showcased his skill with a brilliant solo run and finished it off with a low header to put Germany ahead three minutes after halftime. Despite Portugal’s spirited effort, it was their young winger Francisco Conceicao who sparked the comeback with a stunning 35-metre solo goal, curling the ball past Germany’s goalkeeper Marc-Andre ter Stegen.

Ronaldo, who had missed two good chances earlier in the game, made no mistake when the opportunity came. He calmly tapped in a pass from Nuno Mendes to put Portugal ahead, ending his five-game losing streak against Germany — his longest without a win against any national team.

Portugal, who won the inaugural Nations League in 2019, will now face either Spain or France in the final scheduled for Sunday at the same venue. Germany, meanwhile, suffered a rare setback after losing just one of their previous 17 matches under coach Julian Nagelsmann.

India Announces Final 25-Member Squad for AFC Asian Cup Qualifier Against Hong Kong

The All India Football Federation (AIFF) has confirmed a trimmed 25-player squad for the upcoming AFC Asian Cup qualifier against Hong Kong on June 10. Head coach Manolo Marquez made the announcement after assessing performances during the recent international friendly tour in Thailand.

Initially, a 28-member squad was named for the Thailand tour, where India faced a 2-0 defeat in a FIFA international friendly. Following the match, goalkeeper Hrithik Tiwari and defenders Mehtab Singh and Subhashish Bose were released from the squad and are set to return to India. The remaining players have now

shifted to Bangkok to prepare for the critical qualifier.

India began their qualification campaign in March with a goalless draw against Bangladesh. With all four teams in the group currently level on one point each, the upcoming fixture carries added pressure and significance. In Wednesday’s friendly against Thailand, India showcased moments of creativity and resilience, but were undone by defensive errors and missed chances. Thailand capitalized with goals from Benjamin Davis (8’) and Poramet Arjvilai (59’) to secure the win. Despite the loss, Marquez noted encouraging signs of progress

as the team focuses on regrouping for the crucial encounter with Hong Kong.

Final 25-member squad for the Hong Kong match:

Goalkeepers: Vishal Kaith, Gurmeet Singh Chahal, Amrinder Singh
Defenders: Naorem Roshan Singh, Rahul Bheke, Chinglensana Singh, Anwar Ali, Boris Singh, Sandesh Jhingan, Asish Rai, Abhishek Singh
Midfielders: Suresh Wangjam, Naorem Mahesh Singh, Ayush Chhetri, Udanta Singh, Lalengmawia Ralte, Liston Colaco, Ashique Kuruniyan, Brandon Fernandes, Nikhil Prabhu
Forwards: Sunil Chhetri, Edmund Lal-



rindika, Manvir Singh, Suhail Ahmad Bhat, Lallianzuala Chhangte
Head Coach: Manolo Marquez

India will aim to gain momentum and secure a vital three points in their quest for AFC Asian Cup qualification.



Ravi Teja’s RT76 Officially Launched, Shoot Begins June 16

Telugu cinema’s “Mass Maharaja” Ravi Teja has officially announced his next film, marking his first collaboration with acclaimed director Kishore Tirumala. The project, which is yet to be titled, promises to be a full-fledged entertainer packed with the high-octane action and energy synonymous with Ravi Teja’s brand.

The announcement comes as Ravi Teja wraps up shooting for Mass Jathara, which is slated for release on August 27th, coinciding with the festive occasion of Vinayaka Chavithi. The actor, known for juggling multiple projects, isn’t slowing down — instead, he’s diving straight into his next venture with Kishore Tirumala.

This upcoming film will be produced by Sudhakar Cherukuri under the SLV Cinemas banner, a production house that has been backing several big-ticket Telugu films in recent years. The project was officially launched and is expected to go on floors shortly, with the regular shoot beginning soon.

Described as a mass entertainer with emotional depth, the film is expected to highlight Ravi Teja in a lively, ac-

tion-driven role with strong commercial appeal — a signature style both he and director Kishore Tirumala are known for. While Ravi Teja brings his energetic screen presence, Tirumala is known for his knack for blending emotion, humor, and drama, which makes this combination one to look forward to.

The makers have kept other key details, including the female lead, music composer, and supporting cast, under wraps for now. These updates will be revealed in the coming weeks as production progresses.

This project is especially anticipated by fans as it combines Ravi Teja’s mass appeal with Kishore Tirumala’s storytelling finesse. Industry insiders are already predicting it to be a potential crowd-puller.

With Mass Jathara on its way to theaters soon and this new film set to begin shooting, Ravi Teja’s 2025 lineup is shaping up to be both busy and exciting.

Stay tuned for more updates on this high-voltage entertainer!

Thug Life Review: A Star-Studded Crime Drama That Misses the Mark

Movie Title: Thug Life
Release Date: June 5, 2025
Rating: 2.5/5
Cast: Kamal Haasan, Silambarasan TR, Trisha, Aishwarya Lekshmi, Ashok Selvan, Abhirami, Joju George, Nasser, Mahesh Manjrekar
Director: Mani Ratnam
Music: A.R. Rahman
Cinematography: Ravi K. Chandran
Editor: Sreekar Prasad

Thug Life, the much-anticipated reunion between cinematic legends Kamal Haasan and Mani Ratnam, arrives with high expectations. Billed as a gripping gangster drama, the film aims big but ultimately struggles to deliver a compelling experience.

Story Overview:

Set in the underworld of New Delhi, Thug Life follows Rangaraya Sakthiraju (Kamal Haasan), a feared gangster, who adopts Amar (Simbu) after a shootout. Years later, Amar inherits the empire, but a twist of fate pits him against his mentor. What causes their fallout? Will Sakthiraju survive the betrayal? The narrative attempts to explore themes of loyalty, power, and revenge.

What Works:



Kamal Haasan is passable in the lead role, particularly in scenes showcasing his character at various ages. His confrontations with Simbu and Nasser have flashes of intensity. Simbu’s performance holds weight in the first half, and Abhirami makes the most of her limited role. Nasser also leaves a mark in a few emotional moments.

Where It Falters:

Despite its powerhouse cast and creative team, Thug Life is dragged down by a predictable and thin storyline. The second half lacks energy and emotional payoff. Simbu’s character, initially promising, fades without resolution. Trisha’s role feels underdeveloped, while other talented actors like Ashok Selvan, Aishwarya Lekshmi, and Joju George

are severely underutilized.

Technically, Mani Ratnam’s direction lacks his signature narrative depth. The screenplay, co-written with Kamal, fails to captivate. AR Rahman’s music is surprisingly forgettable. Editing is inconsistent, and the pacing feels off, though the visuals and production values are decent.

Verdict:

Thug Life is a classic example of star power overshadowed by weak storytelling. Despite the historic collaboration between Kamal and Mani Ratnam, the film fails to rise to the occasion. For fans expecting a gripping gangster saga or vintage Mani magic, this one may fall short of expectations.

Chennai Love Story Creates Buzz with Promising Glimpse and Mani Sharma’s Music



The upcoming film Chennai Love Story is quickly becoming the talk of the town, stirring excitement among audiences and industry insiders alike. Directed and produced by Sai Rajesh, who gained acclaim with cult hits like Colour Photo and Baby, this new project reunites him with popular producer SKN. The film

stars Kiran Abhavaram and Sri Gouri Priya in the lead roles, promising a fresh and engaging love story.

Recently, the filmmakers unveiled the title and released a brief glimpse of the film, which immediately caught the attention of viewers. In today’s era, audiences are highly selective and often form opinions early, but Chennai Love Story has successfully captured interest with just its first look. The concept, paired with a soundtrack by the legendary composer Mani Sharma, is generating significant buzz.

Mani Sharma, widely respected as “Melody Brahma,” is known for his soulful compositions, and his in-

volvement is seen as a major advantage for the film. His music has resonated with millions, and fans are eager for what promises to be a chart-topping album that complements the emotional depth of the story.

After the success of Baby, both Sai Rajesh and producer SKN took a careful two-year pause, choosing not to rush but instead wait for the perfect story that could replicate their past successes. Their patience appears to be paying off, with Chennai Love Story already being hailed as a potential blockbuster in the making.

The teaser has ignited a wave of excitement on social media, creating a strong buzz not only among fans but also in trade and business circles. The SKN-Sai Rajesh collaboration has a proven track record of box office hits and profitable ventures, which has led to growing inquiries and anticipation from distributors and buyers.

With a compelling story, a talented cast, and Mani Sharma’s melodious soundtrack, Chennai Love Story is shaping up to be one of the most eagerly awaited films of the year.

‘Vikram’ Makes Silent Yet Strong Impact in Japan with Impressive Collections

The blockbuster film Vikram, starring the legendary Kamal Haasan and directed by the acclaimed Lokesh Kanagaraj, has quietly made its debut in Japan, drawing significant attention despite a very limited release. Known for its gripping storyline and powerful performances, Vikram has been a massive hit since its release three years ago, captivating audiences worldwide with its intense action and compelling narrative.

Interestingly, the film was released in Japan on May 30, just days before its three-year anniversary, but without much fanfare or wide publicity. The release was limited to only 55 screens across the country, a small footprint compared to major international film launches. Despite this limited exposure, Vikram managed to garner a strong box



office performance, collecting approximately 8.4 million Japanese yen within just a few days. This amount translates to over 50 lakh Indian rupees, a remarkable achievement given the film’s modest release scale.

The strong collections indicate that Vikram has resonated well with Japanese audiences, marking a significant milestone for a Tamil-language film in a foreign market. The film’s unique blend of action, suspense, and emotion-

al depth has evidently found appeal beyond its original audience base.

One of the key highlights of Vikram is its music, composed by the talented Anirudh Ravichander, whose soundtrack has been widely praised for enhancing the film’s intense atmosphere. The film also boasts powerful performances from a stellar cast, including Vijay Sethupathi, Suriya, and Fahadh Faasil, who have played pivotal roles contributing to the movie’s success.

Vikram’s quiet yet successful release in Japan showcases the growing global reach of Indian cinema and the increasing appetite for diverse storytelling across different cultures. It stands as a testament to the film’s universal appeal and the rising influence of Tamil cinema on the world stage.

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.

Benz is being helmed by Remo and Sulthan fame Bakkiyaraj Kannan, who also serves as the film’s writer. Unlike other main-

stream LCU entries, Benz takes a darker turn—it’s described as a gory, no-holds-barred action thriller, with no romantic subplot or heroine. Lokesh Kanagaraj himself confirmed in a recent interview that the film is focused purely on brutal storytelling and intense action, breaking away from commercial formulae.

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.

