



ENGINEERING COLLEGES TORTURING PARENTS IN THE NAME OF ADMISSIONS

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Amaravati: Usually, admission for Engineering colleges is held after EAMCET. After getting the results, counselling begins, and students opt for convenor quota and management quota based on the rank obtained in EAMCET. Generally, students who got average marks in Intermediate and who predict a lower performance in EAMCET try to reserve their seat under the management quota in their desired college. Merit students and those who are hopeful of better ranks can get seats in the majority of the colleges. Not only EAMCET, but many deemed-to-be universities are also conducting their own exams. Based on the performance in those exams, admissions are finalized. Regular colleges and universities alike are indulging in manipulation in the name of admissions and are collecting deposits. On the ground, the marketing teams of many Engineering Colleges are contacting the parents of merit students and asking them to deposit money to reserve a seat. They promise that if the student gets a better rank, they will refund or adjust the deposit accordingly. Practically, the refund is done only if the student doesn't want to join that particular college, and we all know the drama created by the management by that time. This means that in the name of pre-booking seats, colleges are collecting crores of rupees, which will be settled only after two months. During these two months, that amount will be utilized by these college managements, which is against the rules. Mrs. Aruna, a parent, said, "My kid got 988 marks. We hope for a better rank in EAMCET as well. Our kid is also going to write the exams conducted by a few universities. We are getting so many calls from different colleges seeking deposits towards pre-booking of the seat. They are warning that if we don't deposit, we may lose the seat



afterwards. But they are promising a refund. But why should we deposit if we are going to get a better rank? If the rank is not good, then we will have to opt for the management quota. Then why are they pressurising us for a deposit?" Here, the problem lies in the comparison of fee structures. Parents are getting into a dilemma because of the pressure mounting from different colleges. Mr. Kiran Kumar, a parent, said, "Colleges with a good reputation are demanding high fees, and a few are at moderate levels. We are unable to make a decision at this time, as we don't know the rank yet. If we don't get a good rank, a good college may not give us a seat, and then we have to opt

for another college. If we do not pay the deposit to that college, at the time of admission they may also say that the seats are not available. Then what are we supposed to do? Exactly on this point, they are blackmailing us." Such manipulation is going on in many Engineering Colleges and Universities. What is the Education Department doing about it? They must intervene and warn the college managements on this issue. The officials should instruct that no pre-booking deposits be collected before counselling. Only then will parents be free from this mental torture by the marketing teams of Engineering Colleges, Mr. Ramana, an educationalist, has stated.

Jogi Ramesh's U-turn on Amaravati

- Personal opinion or party shift?
- Amaravati will remain the single capital, says former minister
- YCP faced major backlash due to three-capital policy
- Jogi Ramesh admits mistakes, including attacks on Amaravati farmers

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Former Andhra Pradesh minister and senior YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) leader Jogi Ramesh has stirred a major political debate with his sensational remarks supporting Amaravati as the sole capital of Andhra Pradesh. Known for his fierce loyalty to YCP Chief Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy and for aggressively countering TDP in the past, Jogi Ramesh's sudden shift in tone has surprised both party leaders and the public. In an interview with Big TV, Jogi Ramesh said, "From now on, Amaravati will be the single capital. We faced a serious loss due to the three-capital plan. After the people have given such a verdict, we will not go for three capitals again. When Jagan becomes CM again, Amaravati will be developed as the capital." His comments have set off a storm, raising questions about whether this is a new party line or a personal stance taken out of political compulsion. He admitted that the attacks on Amaravati farmers during their padayatra were a mistake and that the government should not have targeted them. "It was



wrong to attack the Amaravati farmers. We have realized that mistake," he said. Jogi Ramesh also accepted that the remarks made against Chandrababu Naidu's wife, Nara Bhuvaneshwari, during a session in the Assembly severely damaged the YCP's image. "Even my wife questioned me. Is that what we go to the Assembly for? To say such useless things about a leader's wife?" he stated, expressing regret over the episode. The sudden change in his tone has raised eyebrows. Many on social media are speculating about whether Jogi Ramesh has distanced himself from Jagan or is trying to shield himself from legal trouble. Observers recall the jail time faced by former YCP leaders like Vallabhaneni Vamsi and wonder if fear

of similar consequences pushed Jogi to change his stand. Some political analysts are even suggesting that Jogi Ramesh may have been deliberately used by the YSRCP leadership to test waters before officially shifting from the unpopular three-capital proposal. Others argue he may be trying to appease his local constituency in the Amaravati region, where sentiment against the three-capital idea has always been strong. Meanwhile, the farmers of Amaravati expressed strong resentment toward the vulgar comments allegedly made by some pro-government voices. Women from the region protested with slippers and filed a formal police complaint at Tullur police station against the Sakshi group's editor KSR and journalist Krishnam Raju for derogatory remarks. Jogi Ramesh's remarks have now triggered a larger debate: Has the YSRCP taken a U-turn on the three-capital issue, or is this just the former minister's individual damage control effort? The coming days are likely to shed more light on whether this is the beginning of a policy shift or an isolated political survival tactic.



YSRC DIDN'T LEARN LESSON ON AMARAVATI

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Amaravati: It seems YSRC didn't learn lessons from the past. What they have done in the last five years and which mistakes led them to a disastrous defeat, they didn't identify or they don't want to accept. Even giving nod for Capital Amaravati as Opposition leader, Mr. YS Jaganmohan Reddy has tried to dismantle not only Amaravati, but even the thought or idea of Amaravati. Moreover, he didn't like to spell the word Amaravati. Whatever criticism he made over Amaravati, he didn't mention the name in it. The YSRC Government brought a three-capital formula and failed to implement it also. For this, they can reply that court cases are the reason. But because of this concept, Jagan has gotten negativity from all over the state. The farmers of Amaravati, with the support of TDP and others, have kept the capital issue on fire continuously for five years, which led to increased negativity against YSRC.

After all these bad experiences, even now YSRC seems to be trying to malign Capital Amaravati. Recently, Jagan opined that 500 acres are enough for the capital and it can be between Vijayawada and Guntur. He has objected to the plans of Mr. Chandrababu Naidu, which are

on a big scale. Now a new thing was done through his media, Sakshi Channel.

The Home Ministry of the Union Government has released figures related to sex workers statewide. In that, Andhra Pradesh stood in second position. This situation is not today's or yesterday's; it's been for decades together. But a debate was conducted on these figures by Mr. Kommineni Srinivasa Rao of Sakshi on their channel. In that debate, an analyst, Krishnam Raju, participated and he made derogatory remarks against Amaravati women regarding the sex worker issue. They went to the extent of concluding that Amaravati and surrounding areas possess more sex workers, and they have indirectly referred to a particular community also.

This has caused tremors in Amaravati as well as in political circles. The women of Amaravati have staged protests against these remarks. They have strongly lambasted analyst Krishnam Raju and journalist Kommineni Srinivasa Rao. Almost the entire coastal Andhra region is angry at these remarks made in that debate. It's a blunder done by YSRC through their channel, which will be an added disadvantage for their political future.

Nara Lokesh lashes out at Jagan over insults to women and Amaravati

- Lokesh demands unconditional apology from Jagan
- Calls Amaravati "capital of the gods"



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State IT and Human Resources Minister Nara Lokesh has strongly condemned YSRCP chief Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy for what he described as disrespectful remarks against women and the sacred capital, Amaravati. Lokesh accused Jagan of insulting women publicly through his media and demanded an unconditional apology. In a scathing social media post, Lokesh said, "Jagan garu! Is it right to insult women so badly through your media? The false propaganda you are spreading by hating the self-respect of mothers and Amaravati marks the pinnacle of your downfall. If you try to spit on the sky, it will fall on your face. If you try to spit poison on Amaravati, it will return to your Tadepalli Palace." Lokesh emphasized that Amaravati is the "capital of the gods" and a place deeply respected by the people who sacrificed their lands for its development. "This is the Amaravati of mothers who made sacrifices. While conspiracies are

being made under the guise of three capitals, our capital remains the holy place where the deities of all religions who chased away the demon Jagan are worshipped," he said. Lokesh also questioned how someone who allegedly sent his own mother and sister away could understand the greatness of women. The Minister also highlighted Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu's firm stance on women's safety and respect. "CM Chandrababu Naidu has repeatedly warned that any harassment or atrocity against women will be met with strict punishment. We educate respect for women from the student stage and strictly punish those who damage women's self-confidence," Lokesh stated. He warned Jagan and his team that the coalition government would not tolerate derogatory remarks targeting women, such as "We will wear sarees and bangles," or "Don't cry like a girl." Lokesh demanded that Jagan immediately apologize to the women of the state.



Health Minister showcases major progress in first year

- **100 Cr NHM incentive, 3,318 Ayushman Mandirs sanctioned**
- **Digital health, diagnostics, cancer care see major push**

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On the occasion of one year of the NDA coalition government in Andhra Pradesh, Health, Family Welfare and Medical Education Minister Satya Kumar Yadav presented a detailed report of the department's achievements, highlighting key reforms and infrastructure developments that marked a shift in the state's public health delivery.

At a press meet held in Vijayawada on Saturday, the Minister said that democratic governance is not just about votes but about accountability, in an indirect swipe at the previous government. "We don't brand people who voted against us as backstabbers. We believe in serving all," he remarked.

The Minister revealed that Andhra Pradesh received a ₹100 crore performance incentive under the National Health Mission for outstanding implementation of health schemes—an accomplishment the previous government failed to achieve due to non-release of state funds. The coalition government, he said, constructed 3,318 Ayushman Arogya Mandir buildings within a year with ₹1,065 crore support from the Centre, compared to just 6,000 over five years earlier.

A significant expansion of diagnostic infrastructure was also noted. Thirteen new Integrated Public Health Labs were sanctioned—equal to the total set up by the previous regime in five years. City Diagnostic Centres in Vijayawada, Visakhapatnam, and Tirupati are being prepared for launch. Additionally, 3,200 advanced diagnostic machines were procured and doorstep diagnostics through 104 mobile vehicles will begin with a pilot rollout in Kuppam.

Critical care infrastructure also saw a boost, with 10 new Critical Care Blocks sanctioned in a year. The current government spent ₹62 crore in one year, compared to just ₹28 crore spent over the previous government's full term.

Other key updates include the operationalization of the Kurnool Cancer Hospital with four Linac machines, Cath labs at Ongole and Kadapa, new CT scan machines, and expansion of the STEMI heart attack care programme which saved 2,650 lives. On the digital front, the state will partner with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to establish a Digital Health Command Centre, and a Digital Nerve Centre pilot is underway in Kuppam with Tata Trusts, covering 3.3 lakh people. Minister Yadav also emphasized the success of the NCD 3.0 campaign, which screened 2.71 crore adults for non-communicable diseases and cancer. School health screenings under RBSK reached 58 lakh of 69 lakh students. Overall, hospital staff attendance improved to 14.2%, outpatient cases rose to 7.48 crore, and over 7.2 crore diagnostic tests were conducted.

The state will celebrate International Yoga Day on June 21 with a mass event on the Vizag-Bhimili beach stretch. The Minister outlined a nine-point health vision aligned with Swarnandhra Vision 2047, covering digital health, AI, recruitment, and medical tourism development.

72% ration distribution in Just 7 days

Over 11 lakh elderly and disabled receive goods at home

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State Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Minister Nadendla Manohar has hailed the successful distribution of ration goods to over one crore people in just seven days as a significant milestone in the history of Andhra Pradesh's public distribution system. He said the achievement reflects the government's commitment to efficient and people-centric service. Under the new civil supply policy introduced by the coalition government, ration goods are being distributed to 1,46,21,232 ration card holders through 29,796 low-price shops across the state. Starting from June 1, the government has already provided ration to 1,05,27,767 card holders — accounting for 72 percent of the total beneficiaries. In the same period, sugar has been distributed to



98,77,670 cardholders, achieving a 67.56 percent coverage rate. The Minister highlighted the government's inclusive approach

through the introduction of home delivery services for senior citizens and the differently-abled aged over 65 years. As of now,

11,05,439 individuals have received ration through this doorstep service, ensuring that no one is left out due to physical limitations. Nadendla Manohar emphasized that the government is working toward a comprehensive "door-to-door service" model. Beneficiaries now have the flexibility to collect their rations from the 1st to the 15th of every month, at a time of their convenience, from morning to evening. He also pointed out that the earlier, consumer-friendly features of the ration distribution system have been reinstated to enhance accessibility. The Minister advised all ration dealers to maintain a service-oriented attitude and ensure accuracy in distribution. He reiterated that the government is committed to transparency, responsibility, and delivering convenience to the public through a robust and accountable ration supply system.

Gang arrested for ₹53 lakh job fraud in AP Secretariat

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A gang that extorted ₹53 lakh from unemployed youths by promising government jobs through outsourcing in the Andhra Pradesh Secretariat has been busted by the Vizianagaram police. Acting on a complaint, the 1st Town Police arrested four individuals involved in the scam and seized ₹6 lakh in cash. The key accused, K. Sai Venkat Sujith from Pradeep Nagar in Vizianagaram, is currently under treatment and will be arrested soon, police said.

According to DSP M. Srinivasa Rao, Sujith posted on Facebook offering jobs in various government departments through outsourcing in the AP Secretariat at Vijayawada. Attracted by the offer, seven unem-



ployed youths from Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam, Parvathipuram Manyam, and Anakapalle contacted him. The accused collected a total of ₹53 lakh from them and issued fake appointment orders. To make the scheme appear authentic, Sujith even brought the victims to Vijayawada and accommodated them for a month, false-

ly claiming that their joining process was underway. When there was no communication thereafter, one of the victims, S. Vinod of S. Kota, lodged a complaint with the 1st Town Police Station. During the investigation led by CI S. Srinivas, it was found that five of the accused are residents of Andhra Pradesh and four others

are from Hyderabad. When the accused learned about the FIR, they went into hiding.

However, acting on a tip-off that the other accused—CH Mahesh, Rubin Kumar, John, and Yakub—were heading to Vizianagaram to check on Sujith's health, police laid a trap around the railway station area. The suspects were arrested and confessed to their involvement. The investigation revealed that they had created fake ID cards and appointment letters using equipment in Hyderabad. DSP Srinivasa Rao said efforts are underway to nab the remaining absconding accused and assured that Sujith will be arrested once he recovers. He appreciated CI Srinivas, SI Prasanna Kumar, and their team for swiftly cracking the case.

Trapped by Greed...

Bengaluru man cheated of ₹7.5 lakh by betting app Growbet777

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In a disturbing case of online fraud, a man from Bengaluru was cheated of ₹7.5 lakh by a shady betting app operating under the name Growbet777 (www.growbet777.com). The app, allegedly run by a group based in Andhra Pradesh, lured users with false promises of quick profits, easy withdrawals, and flashy advertising on social media.

Mr. Antony, a resident of Bengaluru and a regular private sector employee, was first introduced to Growbet777 via a social media ad. Tempted by the claims of doubling his money, he cautiously began with a ₹10,000 deposit through a UPI transaction to a number shared by the app's WhatsApp customer support: 8297931135. Seeing his balance increase in the app after the first deposit, Antony



gained confidence and proceeded to invest larger amounts—₹50,000, then ₹1,00,000, and so on. Each time, he was given a new UPI ID and name for the transactions, including handles such as bkalmar0519@axl, chsri4625@axl, devanshyaaqua.ibz@icici, and more. Names associated with these IDs include CH Sridhar, Mamidiseti Satyanarayana,

Mutyalapalli Tarun Prasad, and entities like Mohan Traders. But when Antony attempted to withdraw his supposed profits, the platform stopped responding. His requests were first marked "pending", then ignored altogether. The once-active WhatsApp number went silent. No replies, no support—only dead ends. Realizing he had been scammed, Antony documented all his transactions and filed a formal complaint on the national cybercrime portal cybercrime.gov.in. He also visited his local police station and provided full transaction records, names, and UPI IDs linked to the fraudulent activities. Simultaneously, he requested his bank to take action to freeze the beneficiary accounts. Bank officials acknowledged the complaint but admitted that recovery would be difficult, as the money had been dispersed across

multiple wallets and banks—typical tactics of organized digital fraud operations.

Antony's case shines a spotlight on a growing trend of online betting scams, especially through apps that appear legitimate but are designed to defraud unsuspecting users. These platforms exploit regulatory loopholes, create temporary UPI handles, and use misleading ads to trap users. While gambling is banned or restricted in many states, these digital platforms manage to operate in grey zones.

Antony's message to others is clear: "If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Don't fall for quick-money traps."

Authorities are now investigating the network behind Growbet777. Meanwhile, Antony continues his fight—not just to get his money back, but to prevent others from falling into similar digital traps.

CRDA invites RFP for digital geo-database in Amaravati

Bids open for creating a comprehensive digital survey of 29 revenue villages

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In a major step towards transforming Amaravati into a world-class capital city, the Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA) has issued a Request

for Proposal (RFP) inviting eligible organizations to develop a comprehensive geo-database. This initiative aims to digitally document and streamline information about land, infrastructure, properties, and socio-economic conditions within the capital region. As per the RFP guidelines, the last date for submitting bids is 2 PM on the 11th of this month. The technical bids will be opened at 4 PM on the same day,

followed by the opening of financial bids at 4 PM on the 13th. The selected agency will carry out a detailed digital survey across 29 revenue villages that fall within the Amaravati capital zone.

The scope of the project includes mapping of government and private lands, properties, houses, roads, and public infrastructure. In addition to spatial data, the survey will collect informa-

tion on social and economic parameters of the population. The process will leverage drone technology and other modern tools for accuracy and speed. Once the survey is completed, the data will be digitalized into a comprehensive geo-database. The initiative will help establish clear records such as area, ownership details, and usage patterns for each parcel of land and property. Crucially, unauthorized con-

structions, encroachments, and irregularities will be identified through database analysis.

As part of this digital transformation, every asset—be it a house, road, or piece of land—will be assigned a unique identification number. Digital door numbers will be issued for residential properties, improving governance, service delivery, and urban planning.



Setback For TDP in Annamaiya district...

- Senior leader shocks TDP
- Sugavasi Balasubramaniam announces resignation from party
- Unexpected twist after Mahanadu

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The Telugu Desam Party has suffered a setback in Annamayya district with senior leader Sugavasi Balasubramaniam announcing his resignation from the party. Balasubramaniam, who contested and lost the 2024 Assembly elections from Rajampet, sent his resignation letter to TDP chief and Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, citing respect for the sentiments and opinions of the people as the reason for his decision.

The move comes just ten days after the party's Mahanadu, indicating internal unrest in the Rajampet unit of the TDP. According to sources, Sugavasi's resignation is linked to the ongoing group rivalry within the constituency leadership, and also due to the party's failure to respond appropriately after the death of his father, former MP and senior leader Palakondrayudu.

Sugavasi, son of the late Palakondrayudu—a political stalwart who served as both MLA and MP from the Rayachoti and Rajampet constituencies over several decades—had contested the Rajampet Assembly seat in 2024 but faced defeat. Despite his loss, he remained active in party activities for a brief period before gradually distancing himself due to internal disputes.

Reports indicate that Rajampet TDP is currently split into three factions led by Chamarthi Jaganmohan Raju, former MLC Batyala Chengalrayudu, and Sugavasi Balasubramaniam himself. The growing infighting has left the local cadre confused and leaderless. Adding to the discontent, the Sugavasi family reportedly feels sidelined by Minister Mandapalli Ramprasad Reddy, who is accused of not giving space to the family in their own stronghold of Rayachoti.

Sources close to Balasubramaniam revealed that he had hoped for a Rajampet MP ticket before the elections, but instead received an Assembly ticket. Despite contesting in challenging circumstances marked by internal opposition, he stayed loyal to the party. However, the lack of acknowledgment or support from Chandrababu Naidu during the time of his father's death proved to be the final blow.

In his resignation letter, Balasubramaniam wrote: “Respected Nara Chandrababu Naidu, I am resigning from the Telugu Desam Party, respecting the advice, suggestions, opinions and sentiments of the people.”

It remains unclear whether he will continue in politics or join another party. Political observers believe that if he chooses to continue, the YSRCP could be a likely option, though no official confirmation has been made yet.

We will remove anyone who tarnishes party or govt’s image: CM

- Surveys every six months to assess MLAs’ and MPs’ performance
- First-time MLAs should prove themselves, says CM
- 'Thalliki Vandanam' scheme to be launched in June 12 or 14

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Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has issued a stern warning to party leaders and legislators, stating that anyone who brings disrepute to the party or the government will be removed without hesitation. Speaking during a teleconference with TDP leaders, Chandrababu emphasized the need for accountability and performance in governance.

He noted that a clear shift in development and administration has been visible in the past year under the current government. “The state, which was pushed into darkness, depression and despair during the previous regime, is now seeing progress due to our decisive governance,” he said.

The Chief Minister revealed that internal surveys are being conducted to assess the per-



formance of every party member and public representative. “Those who perform well will be encouraged. Those who bring a bad name to the party or government, regardless of their status, will be removed,” he warned.

Chandrababu particularly addressed first-time MLAs, urg-

ing them to work with greater responsibility and stay in close touch with the people and party workers. “I don't want them to be just one-time MLAs. People observe everything closely, so be cautious and sincere,” he added.

He announced that the state government would roll out the

‘Thalliki Vandanam’ scheme by June 12 or 14, providing financial support directly to mothers. He reaffirmed his commitment to the state's reconstruction efforts, declaring that no obstacles will be allowed to derail the development agenda.

To mark one year of the NDA government, victory rallies will be held in all constituencies on June 12. On the same day, an evening review meeting will take place involving NDA allies and senior officials. This meeting will focus on charting out the programs to be implemented over the next four years.

Chandrababu concluded by saying that regular reviews of MPs and MLAs will continue every six months, and those who excel will be appreciated, while underperformers will be sidelined. “I will soon hold face-to-face meetings with each MLA,” he said, underscoring his hands-on leadership approach.

“Psycho Batch” enjoying demonic pleasure with vulgar comments

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

Andhra Pradesh Minister for Civil Supplies Gottipati Ravi Kumar strongly condemned the offensive remarks allegedly made by individuals aligned with the YSRCP and its media affiliates, particularly targeting women and children. In a sharp statement released on Saturday, he accused the so-called “psycho batch” and “Bhajan team” of indulging in a “demonic pleasure” by making obscene comments against women, especially the women farmers of Amaravati.

Speaking from Amaravati, Minister Ravi Kumar expressed serious concern over the tone and nature of debates being hosted by certain media outlets, particularly Sakshi TV, which he alleged was established with corrupt money. He said, “Those who speak in the guise of journalists have lost all discretion. Media should act as a platform to address people's problems, not as a stage for humiliating women.”

The Minister was particularly incensed by the manner in which women from Amaravati were spoken about in recent television debates. “The comments aired by Sakshi have deeply wounded the women's community. Even after being reduced to 11 seats in the recent elections, the YSRCP contin-



ues to spit venom at the women of Amaravati. Is this the level to which their party has stooped?” he asked.

Gottipati Ravi Kumar further questioned the moral character of those making such remarks. “Are those who insult women even worthy of being called human? Is this the culture they were raised with?” he said, adding that YSRCP chief Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy had made his party leaders “worthless” due to his disregard for women's dignity.

He reminded the opposition that the previous administration also governed from Amaravati, and such criticism against the capital's farmers, particularly women, is unacceptable. He warned that if similar statements are repeated, the response from the ruling coalition would be stern and direct.

Reiterating the government's commitment to upholding the dignity of women and children, the Minister demanded strict legal action against those indulging in such indecent commentary.

Strict rules for new entries into TDP

Admit only after background checks, inform central office first, says State President

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The Telugu Desam Party (TDP) has issued key instructions regarding the process of admitting new members, with State President Palla Srinivasa Rao making it clear that all future inductions must follow a well-defined protocol. These fresh guidelines come as per the directives of party chief and Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu.

In a statement released on Saturday, Palla Srinivasa Rao said that no leader at any level should admit individuals into the party without prior intimation to the TDP central office. “Only after a complete background check and thorough inquiry should any decision be taken about welcoming new members into the party,” he said.

He stressed the need for a disciplined and transparent approach, warning against hasty decisions and informal inductions. The guidelines apply not only to fresh political entrants but also to leaders and members coming from other parties. “These changes are aimed at ensuring transparency, responsibility, and the safeguarding



of party values,” he stated. Palla urged district, constituency, and mandal-level leadership to adhere strictly to the procedure, reinforcing that the central office alone holds the authority to finalize admissions.

Party insiders believe that these new rules are part of a broader strategy by Chandrababu Naidu to streamline the party's expansion and maintain discipline, especially in the current political environment. The TDP leadership appears keen on preventing infiltration, safeguarding party integrity, and avoiding unwanted controversies arising from unchecked inductions.

With these instructions, TDP aims to reinforce internal order while projecting itself as a responsible and structured political force as it prepares for key political challenges ahead.

State's financial woes exposed by CAG figures: Jagan

Government hiding truth behind GST numbers, says YCP chief

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

YCP chief and former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy has lashed out at the Andhra Pradesh government over what he described as a “disturbing and misleading” financial situation of the state. Reacting to the key financial indicators released by the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) for April 2025, Jagan said the government's claims on revenue growth are far from the actual picture.

Taking to social media, Jagan stated that the CAG's report exposes the reality behind the government's financial propaganda. “These figures make it clear that the financial condition of the state is in a serious crisis, and the

narrative being pushed by the ruling party does not match the facts,” he said.

On May 1, the government had claimed that the net GST collections in April 2025 stood at ₹3,354 crore — the highest since the implementation of GST. However, the CAG data told a different story. It showed that GST revenues for April 2025 were down by 24.20% compared to April 2024. The sharp decline has raised questions about the reliability of government announcements.

Following the release of the CAG report, the government attempted damage control by issuing another statement suggesting that the drop was due to



the Centre deducting ₹796 crore from IGST as part of an advance allocation

now cites IGST deductions as a reason for revenue shortfall. This contradic-

adjustment. But Jagan termed this explanation as deceptive. He pointed out that such IGST adjustments are a routine accounting practice and have occurred in previous years as well.

“The same government that claimed ₹3,354 crore in net GST

tion clearly shows an attempt to mislead the public,” Jagan said.

The CAG report further highlighted that both tax and non-tax revenues have plummeted. Tax revenues saw a decline of 12.21%, and non-tax revenues dropped by 22.01% in April 2025 compared to the same month last year. Overall, the state's own revenues fell by 12.76%, painting a grim picture of the fiscal health.

“These alarming figures show the reality the government is trying to hide. Instead of misguiding the people with false statements, the government should acknowledge the crisis and adopt financial discipline,” Jagan urged.

63% pass in second year, 83% improve in first year in IPASE

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The Board of Intermediate Education, on Saturday announced the results of the Intermediate Public Advanced Supplementary Examinations (IPASE) held in May 2025. A total of 87,793 second-year general stream candidates appeared for the exams, out of which 55,210 students passed, registering a pass percentage of 63%.

In the first-year improvement category, 2,30,303 general stream students appeared, and 1,90,038 candidates showed improvement, resulting in an 83% success rate. For the non-improvement stream, 1,27,182 students appeared and 57,400 passed, with a pass percentage of 45%.

In the vocational stream, 10,170 second-year students appeared and 6,777 passed, resulting in a 67% pass rate. In the first-year vocational improvement category, 5,659 candidates appeared and 1,705 improved, marking a 30% improvement rate. In the non-improvement stream, 13,690 students appeared and 6,725 passed, with a 49% pass percentage.

The exams were held from May 12 to 20 across 1,104 centres in the state. Spot valuation was conducted from June 19 to 29 at 13 centres. Results are available at <https://resultsbie.ap.gov.in> and through “Mana Mitra” WhatsApp number 9552300009 by sending a “Hi” message.

Dy Speaker files complaint against Sakshi TV over Amaravati remarks

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada

Assembly Deputy Speaker Raghurama Krishnam Raju has filed a complaint with the DGP demanding strict action against Sakshi TV and individuals responsible for airing derogatory comments about Amaravati.

In his complaint, he stated that remarks made by Krishnam Raju and Kommene Srinivasa Rao on Sakshi TV equating Amaravati with prostitution were deeply insulting to the women of the region. He described the comments as a serious violation of human values and journalistic standards.

Raghurama Raju urged the police to register cases under IPC sections 294, 354A, 500, 504, 505(2), and 509. He demanded legal action against the channel, the anchor, and those who made the statements, based on the broadcast footage. He asserted that such language is unacceptable in civil society and hurts the dignity of the people of Amaravati, especially the families who gave up land for the capital project. The incident has sparked public outrage, with many demanding accountability.

Contract staffer faces serious misconduct allegations in Eluru

- Accused of misusing govt funds and abusing authority
- Allegations of corruption, bullying, and interference in official processes
- Calls for inquiry into her continued dominance despite contract status

TPN Correspondent | Eluru

A contract employee working in the Women and Child Welfare Department in Eluru district is facing a barrage of serious allegations, ranging from corruption and misuse of government funds to harassment of fellow employees and misuse of authority.

Despite being on contract since June 2011, the employee is said to wield disproportionate influence, often bypassing her superiors and directly approaching top district officials and political leaders. Reports claim that she habitually files complaints against those who don't follow her directives, thereby creating a hostile work environment.

According to sources, she allegedly secured her position through questionable means. During her appointment, the scoring by selection committee members reportedly raised eyebrows, with claims that she did not meet the



eligibility criteria.

There are further allegations that she demanded a 25% share of the rent paid by the government for office buildings, coercing landlords for a cut. The office has changed locations five or six times, with such demands reportedly continuing at each venue.

Serious charges have also been made regarding misuse of funds sanctioned for repairs of a children's home. Government-provided LCD TVs from a previous office building were allegedly taken by her for personal use. Funds meant for child welfare awareness seminars were reportedly misappropriated by creating false bills for flex banners and literature.

As part of a government initiative to curb illegal fetal sex determination, she was entrusted with monitoring scan centers. However, it is alleged that she submitted fake reports claiming to have taken pregnant women for tests,

misusing government funds allocated for the task.

Officials also point out that her interference extends into the functioning of the Child Welfare Committee. Instead of supporting the adoption process and child welfare activities, she reportedly obstructs officials and refuses to send assigned staff, violating government orders.

In one instance, when a report wasn't favorable to her interests, she allegedly went directly to the District Collector and influenced action against committee members. Her consistent pattern of bypassing protocol and creating internal disruptions has raised concerns within the department.

Multiple voices within the administration are now demanding a thorough probe into the employee's activities, questioning how a contract worker could exert such unchecked control over an entire department for more than a decade.

KL Deemed to be University job faira



TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada

KL Deemed to be University's massive job fair held at its Vad-deswaram campus saw a record-breaking success with over 5,000 students placed and more than 7,000 job offers extended across various disciplines. The event, conducted on Saturday, marked another milestone in the university's ongoing commitment to excellence in campus placements.

University Vice Chancellor Dr. G. Pardhasaradi Verma highlighted the outstanding placement performance, especially the 100% placement of engineering students. He noted that students from diverse

programs such as management, agriculture, pharmacy, architecture, commerce, and postgraduate courses secured jobs at over 155 reputed companies including Bank of America, Deloitte, ITC, Accenture, and TCS.

Dr. Verma emphasized the strong industry presence with over 450 national companies and 50 international firms participating this year. He attributed the success to the university's emphasis on industry integration and skill development initiatives.

Key statistics from the event included 1,087 students who have officially accepted job offers, and degree students securing packages with CTCs up to ₹10.7 LPA. The

ongoing “Industry on Campus” initiative has brought 3 companies on-site already, with plans for over 15 companies to join, strengthening student-industry engagement.

Pro Vice Chancellor Dr. N. Venkat Ram reaffirmed the university's focus on targeted placement strategies and specialized skill development programs that help students across disciplines secure competitive roles.

Industry leaders and CEOs such as Bollineni Suresh Babu, Dr. P. Venugopal Rao, Samuel Philip Babu, VSR Prasad Oruganti, and Ram Chandra Soundar Rajan participated actively, handing appointment letters to the successful candidates.

Parents attending the event expressed their gratitude to the university management and faculty for their continuous efforts in supporting student success.

Other dignitaries present included Pro Vice Chancellors Dr. AVS Prasad and Dr. K. Rajasekhara Rao, Registrar Dr. K. Subbarao, MHS Dean Dr. M. Kishore Babu, Skill Development Dean Dr. A. Srinath, Placement Associate Dean Dr. P. Chalapathy, Senior Director Dr. Saravana Babu, Director of Admissions Dr. J. Srinivasa Rao, and heads of various departments.



MLA Bonda Uma inspects controversial Satavahana College demolition

- MLA inspects demolished structures and demands investigation
- TDP leaders deflate tires of JCB lorry involved in demolition

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada

Vijayawada MLA and Central Government Whip Bonda Umamaheswara Rao visited the Satavahana College campus to inspect the damage caused by recent demolitions, which have sparked widespread controversy. The MLA examined the demolished structures and sought detailed information about the incident.

The demolition work, carried out with a JCB lorry, was halted temporarily after TDP leaders deflated the tires of the vehicle. Speaking to the media, Bonda Umamaheswara Rao condemned the demolition, emphasizing the college's historical significance. “Satavahana College has been serving poor, marginalized, and weaker sections of society since 1969. It is an ancient institution with a rich legacy,” he said.

The MLA noted that civil disputes over the college land have existed for decades, but the High Court had previously ruled clearly in favor of the college. The matter is currently under appeal in the Supreme Court. Bonda alleged that a false affidavit was submitted by a person undergoing medical treatment and accused one Dhulipala Srikanth and his associates of attacking a watchman and vandalizing the college. “They have defamed the DGP's name and created chaos in the area. The City Police Commissioner is closely monitoring the case,” he added.

The MLA called for a thorough investigation into the demolition, which was carried out through a contract reportedly worth crores of rupees. He urged authorities to bring all those responsible, regardless of their status, to justice. “It is atrocious to destroy a college where lakhs of students have studied,” Bonda said, pointing out that 1.66 cents of the disputed land belongs to the government.

College correspondent Rama Satyanarayana described the demolition, saying, “The demolition started at 2 a.m., with watchmen terrorized and the college smashed without warning.” He added that the police seized the vehicles used in the destruction and that many conspirators were behind the attack. Satyanarayana also revealed that the college principal had been kidnapped 10 days ago amid the ongoing land dispute.

Protests over Manchu Vishnu’s 'Kannappa'

- Brahmin groups demand removal of ‘Pilaka’ and ‘Gilaka’ characters
- Brahmin Chaitanya Vedika protests in Vijayawada

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada

Actor Manchu Vishnu's ambitious mythological film Kannappa has landed in controversy even before its release, with Brahmin groups alleging that the film features characters that insult their community. Members of Brahmin Chaitanya Vedika staged a protest in Vijayawada on Friday, demanding the removal of two characters named ‘Pilaka’ and ‘Gilaka’, which they say were designed to mock Brahmins.

The protest was held at the Shankar Vilas Centre in Vijayawada, where members of the organization anointed a Shi-



va lingam in a symbolic gesture of anguish and condemnation. Speaking at the event, Brahmin Chaitanya Vedika President Sridhar alleged that the Manchu family, particularly actor Manchu Vishnu, has repeatedly shown disregard

for Brahmin sentiments.

“Manchu Vishnu's film Kannappa has introduced the characters ‘Pilaka’ and ‘Gilaka’, which were publicly promoted in recent official releases. These names and portrayals are clearly intended to ridicule Brahmins. We strongly condemn this deliberate insult,” Sridhar stated.

He accused the makers of using the film as a platform to target a specific community under the guise of creative freedom. The Vedika has already approached the High Court seeking legal intervention on the issue. Sridhar warned that if the characters are not removed, his organi-

zation will ensure that the film's release is legally blocked.

“We are not against cinema or artistic freedom, but targeting a community for laughs is unacceptable. At the pre-release event of the film, it should be officially declared that these two objectionable characters have been removed. Otherwise, we will take this battle to court and stop the film's release,” Sridhar asserted.

The controversy comes as Kannappa, a high-budget mythological drama starring Manchu Vishnu, continues to generate buzz for its scale and casting. However, this protest has now cast a shadow over its release plans.



Rajiv Kanakala and Suma visit Tirumala Srivari temple

TPN Correspondent | Tirumala

Popular actor Rajiv Kanakala and his wife, well-known television anchor Suma, visited the sacred Tirumala Srivari temple on Friday. The couple participated in the darshan during the VIP break and offered their prayers to Lord Venkateswara. Upon arrival at the temple, temple authorities formally welcomed them and facilitated their darshan arrangements. The couple had a peaceful and spiritual darshan of the deity and offered their obeisance inside the sanctum. After the darshan, they were given Vedic blessings by temple priests at the Ranganayakula Mandapam and were offered sacred Tirtha prasad as part of the traditional temple hospitality. At the same time, Lok Sabha MP B.K. Parthasarathy also visited the temple and offered prayers to the deity, making it a day of high-profile visits at the holy shrine.

Akhanda Godavari Tourism Project Foundation Stone on 19th

- Deputy CM and MP Purandeswari to lay foundation
- Tourism project to transform Godavari tourist areas
- ₹97 crore allocated for tourism development
- Work to be completed by Godavari Pushkaralu

TPN Correspondent | Rajamahendravaram

Tourism, Culture and Cinematography Minister Kandula Durgesh announced that the foundation stone for the prestigious Akhanda Godavari tourism project will be laid on the 19th of this month in Rajamahendravaram. Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan and MP Daggubati Purandeswari will formally initiate the project by laying the foundation stone. Speaking to the media, Minister Durgesh stated that the Akhanda Godavari project will add a new dimension to Rajamahendravaram and other Godavari riverbank tourist areas, transforming the region into a major hub for spiritual, cultural, and eco-tourism. He added that this landmark initiative is a step towards making Andhra Pradesh a “Tourism State.”



The Minister highlighted that iconic locations like the historic Havelock Bridge, the lush Kadiyam Nurseries, and the revered Nidadavol Kota Sathemma Temple will be rejuvenated and developed as part of this project. The entire initiative aims to blend heritage with modern tourism infrastructure, offering better

facilities and memorable experiences to visitors. Durgesh said the Akhanda Godavari project has been sanctioned with the support of the Central Government under the Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment Scheme. A total of ₹97 crore has been allocated for the development of tourism infrastructure in Rajamahendravaram, Dhavaleswaram, Kadiyam, Kovvur, Nidadavol, and surrounding regions. He assured that the project will be completed ahead of the upcoming Godavari Pushkaralu, a significant spiritual and cultural festival celebrated by lakhs of devotees. The Minister emphasized that the new facilities and beautification works will be planned in harmony with the traditions and cultural legacy of the region, offering a transformed and enriched pilgrimage and tourist experience.

TTD issues notices to firms misusing Srivari Laddu name



TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) has taken a firm stand against several companies illegally using the name of Tirumala Srivari Laddu Prasadam and violating Geographical Indication (GI) rights. Legal notices have been issued to multiple firms doing business under the sacred name, which holds deep religious significance for millions of devotees. The Tirumala Srivari Laddu was granted patent rights by the Geographical Indicator Registry in Chennai in September 2009, after TTD first acquired rights under the Geographical Indications of Goods Act in 1999. Despite this, TTD noticed that some sweet shops and online businesses were marketing products as ‘Srivari Laddu,’ infringing on its protected status. Following orders from TTD Executive Officer Shyamala Rao, the legal department, through Sahadeva Law Chambers based in Delhi, issued notices on May 31 to companies including Push My Cart, Transact Foods Limited, and India Sweet House. Push My Cart responded promptly and agreed to remove the Srivari Laddu name from its products, with reports that others are taking similar action. TTD EO Shyamala Rao emphasized, “Tirumala Srivari Laddu Prasadam is not just a sweet; it symbolizes the faith of crores of devotees. We will not hesitate to take any action if this sacred name is misused.” She reaffirmed that TTD remains committed to ensuring the quality and sanctity of the laddus offered to devotees, and will take all necessary legal steps to protect this heritage.



BC Welfare Minister Savita throws bouquet at official

TPN Correspondent | Sri Sathya Sai

BC Welfare Minister S. Savita has stirred controversy after a video surfaced showing her throwing a bouquet at an official during a government event in Penukonda, Sri Sathya Sai district. The incident, which occurred on June 1, only recently came to light and is now widely circulating on social media. The minister was attending a review meeting at the College of Skill Development and Technology (CSDT), focused on the distribution of essential commodities and the reopening of ration shops. As part of the formal welcome, an official approached her with a bouquet. However, in a moment captured on video, Minister Savita, appearing visibly impatient, hurled the bouquet back. It struck her gunman before falling to the ground. District Collector Chetan was reportedly present at the time of the incident. While the video has sparked criticism and debate online, the exact reason behind the minister’s reaction remains unclear. The delay in the release of the footage has added further intrigue to the episode. The minister’s gesture has drawn mixed reactions, with many questioning the appropriateness of her behavior in a public setting, especially in the presence of senior officials. As the video continues to gain traction, calls for clarification from the minister or the district administration are growing louder.

Vizag gearing up for grand International Yoga Day celebrations

- 5 lakh participants expected across 29-km coastal stretch
- CM Chandrababu may review arrangements on June 10
- Yoga to be held at 29 outdoor and 4 indoor locations



TPN Correspondent | Visakhapatnam

Visakhapatnam is preparing to host one of the largest International Yoga Day celebrations in the country on June 21. Under the initiative of the state government and the coordination of district officials, elaborate arrangements are being made to conduct the event on a grand scale and draw global attention. District Collector Harendhiraprasad announced that the program, which was initially designed for 2.40 lakh participants, has now been scaled up to accommodate 5 lakh yoga practitioners. The event will span a 29-kilometer stretch from RK Beach to Bhimili Beach, where people from various walks of life—including officials, politicians, business leaders, sports personalities, cinema figures, and international guests—will perform yoga asanas in unison. In addition to the main beach stretch, yoga sessions will also be held at 29 strategic locations and four indoor stadiums

across the city. Massive mobilization efforts are underway to ensure the participation of people from neighboring districts as well. As part of this, one lakh participants will arrive from Anakapalle, 20,000 from Srikakulam, and 40,000 from Vizianagaram. The remaining 3.40 lakh participants will be drawn from different parts of Visakhapatnam district. To facilitate smooth transportation, officials are arranging for 2,000 private buses, 6,000 RTC buses, and 10,000 autos and cars. In support of the initiative, the Union Ministry of AYUSH has prepared 5 lakh yoga mats and 5 lakh T-shirts, which are expected to arrive from Delhi within two days. These will be stored at the AU gymnastic ground ahead of the event. Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu is scheduled to visit Visakhapatnam on June 10 to attend the Tribal University’s graduation ceremony. He is also expected to review the Yoga Day arrangements later that afternoon.

MLA Sudheer Reddy offers Bakrid prayers assures support to Muslim community



TPN | C Shekar

Tirupati: Srikalahasti MLA Bojjala Venkata Sudheer Reddy extended Eid Mubarak wishes to Muslim brothers and sisters on the occasion of Bakrid, emphasizing the festival’s spirit of sacrifice and unity. As part of the celebrations, the MLA visited the Eidgah at Eidulagunta on the invitation of Muslim religious leaders. He participated in the Bakrid prayers alongside minority community members and accepted their Dua. The leaders honored him in line with tradition, and he warmly greeted the attendees by speaking in Hindi, respecting the cultural practices of the community. Addressing the gathering, Sudheer Reddy said Bakrid is a festival that upholds the value of sacrifice, commemorating Hazrat Ibrahim’s devotion. He praised the Muslim community for celebrating the festival with devotion and equality, regardless of social or economic differences. He also donated Qurbani to those in need as part of the occasion. The MLA reaffirmed his commitment to the welfare of Muslims in Srikalahasti. “Just as my father Bojjala Gopalakrishna Reddy stood by you, I too have taken up your issues sincerely. Within three months of my victory, I completed works like constructing the Namaz wall at Eidgah, clearing the premises, setting up a prayer platform, and carrying out repairs and painting at Shadi Mahal,” he said. He further assured full support for future development works including assistance for mosques and madrasas and promised to raise their issues with the government. Hugging members of the Muslim community as per tradition, he once again wished everyone Eid Mubarak. The event saw the participation of several key Muslim religious leaders and community figures including B.S. Akram, Mukhtina Yeem, Government Qazi Munnabhai, Noorullah, Anjad Bhasha, Rehana, State Minority Affairs Secretary Shakir Ali, Muni Raja Naidu, and others.

We will take steps to revive Visakhapatnam Steel: MP Bharat

- Railway zone works to begin with Visakhapatnam as hub
- GM appointed for railway zone, reforms underway in AU



TPN Correspondent | Visakhapatnam

Visakhapatnam MP Bharat announced that the alliance government has achieved significant progress during its first year and is committed to reviving key institutions in the region, including the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant. Addressing the media at the TDP office on

Saturday, Bharat outlined the government’s accomplishments and upcoming plans. He stated that the much-awaited railway zone operations will commence soon, with Visakhapatnam set to be the central hub. “A General Manager has already been appointed. We are moving ahead with initiatives that will benefit the region,” he said. Speaking on the steel plant issue, he asserted, “We

are taking steps to revive Visakhapatnam Steel. The plant is a matter of pride for our city, and we will not let it be neglected.” Highlighting progress in the education sector, Bharat added that reforms have been brought in Andhra University to improve standards and administration. MLC Chiranjeevi Rao, party president Gandhi Babli, and several other leaders were present during the press meet.

Scapegoating the Commissioner: Ignoring the Real Accountability in the Chinnaswamy Tragedy

The recent stampede at Bengaluru's Chinnaswamy Stadium was a tragedy of unimaginable proportions—one that left 11 young lives lost and over 40 injured. As someone who was present that day, I witnessed the euphoria turn into chaos. What began as a festive gathering of thousands of fans morphed into a nightmare of overcrowding, confusion, and eventual disaster.

The immediate aftermath saw swift action: suspension orders issued to the city's Police Commissioner, two IPS officers, and two lower-ranking personnel. But as the dust settles, a deeper question looms—was this a justified step or a convenient act of scapegoating to shield those truly responsible?

From early afternoon, the crowds swelled uncontrollably. Police presence was thin, and what little was there appeared overwhelmed. Stadium gates buckled under the surge, while some people climbed walls to gain entry. By late afternoon, it was clear the situation was spiraling out of control. Yet, this wasn't the doing of one individual or even one



department.

What transpired was a collective failure involving multiple stakeholders: the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA), the Royal Challengers

Bangalore (RCB), the police, and crucially, the state government. The celebratory event itself was hastily organized following RCB's entry into the playoffs—a political and media spectacle driven by frenzy,

not planning. Who greenlit it at short notice? Were police objections overruled? These questions remain unanswered.

Suspending the Commissioner without a complete inquiry

report sends a damaging message. Serving officers are demoralized. One young IPS officer asked pointedly, "If the Commissioner can be thrown under the bus, why would anyone else take initiative?" This

sentiment is echoed across the force, with both current and retired officers, including those affiliated with political parties, calling the suspension unjust.

The government argues the event was private and poorly briefed to ministers. But in truth, this was a public function backed by political will and media support. If accountability is to be sincere, it must include ministers who posed for celebratory photos but now retreat into silence.

Ultimately, penal action is needed—but it must be fair and based on evidence. The tragedy at Chinnaswamy is not the fault of one man. Until the full inquiry report is made public, suspensions this severe risk appearing more like political theatre than justice.

As one officer aptly said, "If the Commissioner is suspended, let the Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Minister, and Home Minister also step aside—at least symbolically—until the full truth is known." True accountability must be shared, not deflected.

Trump vs Musk Two Narcissists Walk Into a Democracy: On The Trump-Musk Saga



In what feels like a season finale of a dark political satire, the very public fallout between Elon Musk and Donald Trump has become more than a media spectacle—it's a warning sign. Their feud isn't about ideology, governance, or even wealth. At its core, it's about ego: the most powerful fuel of 21st-century politics.

Once allies of convenience, the tech tycoon and the ex-president forged their bond over mutual disdain for institutions and a shared love for deregulation, disruption, and attention. Musk briefly served on Trump's advisory councils during his presidency, only to exit after the U.S. withdrew from the Paris Climate Accord. But ties remained, with Trump lauding Musk as a "genius," and Musk later aligning with conservative narratives and rebranding Twitter into X, becoming a self-proclaimed champion of "free speech."

Their fragile alliance shattered with Trump's push for the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act," a sweeping \$2.5 trillion package that cuts taxes, slashes healthcare

and environmental programs, and most notably, eliminates subsidies for electric vehicles—directly threatening Tesla's bottom line. Musk lashed out, calling the bill a "disgusting abomination." Trump retaliated with characteristic venom, branding Musk a hypocrite living off government contracts while publicly criticizing handouts.

This spiraled quickly into digital warfare. Musk endorsed tweets calling for Trump's impeachment and floated Vice President JD Vance as a replacement. He even hinted that the Trump administration suppressed Epstein-related files. Trump, from his social media platform Truth Social, portrayed Musk as an ungrateful billionaire sabotaging American interests for personal gain.

Tesla stock plummeted, wiping out over \$150 billion in market value in days. This feud, once confined to Twitter threads and cable news soundbites, now reverberates across markets and political structures. What began as an ego-driven

squabble is now destabilizing real institutions and investor confidence.

At the heart of this chaos is a broader issue: Musk and Trump aren't just individuals—they're avatars of power. Each represents a different strain of dominance. Trump weaponizes grievance and populist rhetoric. Musk, the tech visionary, leans into intellectual superiority and the allure of innovation. Yet, both depend on constant attention and narrative control.

In this clash, governance takes a backseat. Laws and institutions are no longer the bedrock of democracy—personality and digital performance are. When governance becomes spectacle, policy becomes a prop, and democracy becomes dangerously fragile. In ancient empires, power struggled between rulers and lawgivers. In today's America, power plays out between a tech baron and a reality TV politician. The question isn't just who wins—but what remains of democracy when they're done fighting.



Ukraine's 'Operation Spiderweb' and India's Strategic Echo

On June 1, Ukraine carried out an extraordinary drone strike deep inside Russian territory, targeting two strategic air bases in an operation codenamed 'Spiderweb'. The audacity and precision of the attack stunned observers and exposed a crucial lesson in modern warfare: that emerging technologies and ingenuity can disrupt even the most formidable military powers. This marks a defining moment not just in the ongoing Ukraine-Russia conflict, but also in the evolving global doctrine of asymmetric warfare—one that carries striking parallels to India's own strategic playbook.

While Russian President Vladimir Putin has threatened retaliation and flagged the issue with U.S. President Donald Trump, Ukraine's strike was far from a reckless escalation. It was targeted, calculated, and timed ahead of ceasefire talks in Istanbul. By damaging Russia's Tu-95 and Tu-22 strategic bombers—aircraft capable of launching nuclear and cruise missile strikes—Kyiv sent a clear message without endangering civilian

lives. This deliberate and focused action mirrors India's own approach to deterrence, particularly in the aftermath of terror attacks. Take for instance India's air strikes across the Line of Control following the Pahalgam terror attack. The emphasis was on "measured response"—targeting terror infrastructure, not civilian populations. Both nations, though facing very different theatres of conflict, demonstrate how strategic discipline and moral restraint can coexist with the capacity to strike decisively.

Ukraine's technological improvisation also disrupts conventional thinking about power. A country under siege, with limited resources, used affordable drones to pierce the myth of Russian invincibility. This mirrors India's belief in innovation and precision over brute force, especially in a region where asymmetric threats abound. The battlefield is changing: it's not the size of the arsenal, but the smartness of its use that dictates success.

Putin now faces a psychological dilemma. While his nuclear arsenal remains untouched, the aura of Russia's military superiority has been chipped away. This operation underscores a deeper truth—that the weapon alone doesn't guarantee dominance; the will and mind behind it do.

Globally, the implications are profound. Western nations now face a critical moment. Ukraine's daring operation has created diplomatic leverage that Washington and its allies can use to push for a genuine ceasefire. Failing to do so would squander a moment of strategic clarity.

For India, the lesson is equally sharp. In our volatile neighbourhood, peace cannot rest on diplomacy alone. It must be underpinned by credible deterrence, technological adaptability, and strategic autonomy. Ukraine's 'Operation Spiderweb' is a bold reminder that even the embattled can rewrite the rules—provided they think clearly, act precisely, and strike only when it matters most.

PM Modi to Attend G7 Summit in Canada, Thanks Mark Carney for the Invitation



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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has confirmed his participation in the upcoming G7 Summit in Canada, signaling a positive shift in India-Canada relations. Modi will attend the summit, set to take place from June 15 to 17, following an invitation from Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney.

The news puts an end to weeks of speculation about whether Modi would attend the summit, marking the first time since 2019 that India will be represented at the G7, despite not being a formal member. India is often invited due to its status as one of the world's largest and fastest-growing economies.

Modi took to social media to announce his visit, revealing that he had spoken with Carney on the phone to thank him for the invitation. He also congratulated Carney on his recent election victory, reinforcing the

growing warmth between the two countries. "As vibrant democracies bound by deep people-to-people ties, India and Canada will work together with renewed vigour, guided by mutual respect and shared interests," Modi posted.

This marks a departure from the era under Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, during which tensions between India and Canada escalated due to various diplomatic and political disagreements. Modi's message of mutual respect signals a new chapter in the bilateral relationship, with both nations poised to collaborate on shared global challenges.

Modi's visit to Canada for the G7 Summit is seen as a sign of India's growing influence on the world stage, further cementing its role as a key global player. The summit, which will bring together leaders from the world's major economies, is expected to discuss a wide range of pressing global issues.

"Evasion Won't Protect...": Rahul Gandhi vs Poll Body Over Maharashtra Polls

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The Election Commission of India (ECI) has strongly refuted Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's latest allegations of "match-fixing" in the 2024 Maharashtra Assembly elections, calling them "completely absurd." In response, Gandhi doubled down, accusing the poll body of evasion and demanded transparency, including the release of CCTV footage from polling booths.

The row began after Gandhi penned an op-ed in The Indian Express on Saturday, raising concerns about the conduct of the Maharashtra elections. Despite a stronger showing in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, the Congress, along with allies NCP (Sharad Pawar faction) and Shiv Sena (Uddhav Thackeray faction), suffered a major defeat in the Assembly polls, winning just 46 out of 288 seats. The BJP-led coalition swept the polls with 230 seats.

Gandhi alleged irregularities such as fake voter additions, inflated turnout, targeted bogus voting, and rigging in the appointment of Election Commission officials. He also warned of similar issues in the upcoming Bihar Assembly elections.

The Election Commission countered by re-releasing its April



2025 clarification and said no substantial complaints were filed during or after polling. "At every booth, polling took place in the presence of agents formally appointed by political parties. No formal objections or complaints were raised by Congress candidates or their representatives during vote scrutiny," the EC said.

It further pointed out that out of nearly 98 million voters, only 89 appeals were filed regarding voter rolls, showing no significant grievance from any political party.

The Commission emphasized

that such baseless accusations undermine the credibility of India's electoral process and demoralize election staff. "Any misinformation being spread is not only disrespectful to the law but also discredits the tireless work of lakhs of election officials," it said.

Rahul Gandhi hit back on X, calling the EC's response "unsigned and evasive," and urged the Commission to release the digital voter rolls and CCTV footage from booths after 5 p.m. on election day. "Evasion won't protect your credibility," he posted, demanding direct answers from the constitutional body.

Confident in PM's wisdom on delimitation: Andhra Pradesh CM Naidu



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Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has expressed full confidence in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's handling of the upcoming delimitation exercise, asserting that the national interest will guide the process and that southern states' concerns will be addressed.

In an interview with The Hindu, Mr. Naidu, whose Telugu Desam Party (TDP) is a key ally in the BJP-led NDA government, revisited the 2001 Constitutional amendment—one he was instrumental in shaping—that delayed inter-state redistribution of parliamentary seats until after the 2026 Census. "I am 100% confident in the Prime Minister's wisdom. He will work with everybody," Naidu said, recalling how the Vajpayee government had accommodated the sentiments of southern states that had successfully implemented population control.

The Chief Minister acknowledged demographic shifts, noting that north India's growing population is now viewed as an asset. "Now, we have to keep our sentiment intact," he said, suggesting that a balanced policy would emerge when the time is right. He also indicated that he hasn't yet raised the issue directly with Mr. Modi but plans to do so "at an appropriate time." Naidu downplayed the current push by southern states for a fair delimitation process, saying it was premature. "Let the Centre announce a policy. If there's a problem, we can raise it then. Until then, making it a political slogan won't help," he said.

Highlighting demographic concerns in southern states, Naidu emphasized the need to reverse declining population trends. "We have to promote population growth in a big way. It's a difficult task," he noted, while admitting that incentives for childbirth have largely failed elsewhere. He urged a new approach to population management, recognizing the region's aging population and declining birth rates.



India Set to Become World's Third-Largest Economy: Consul General in Shanghai

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India is on track to become the world's third-largest economy, potentially surpassing Germany, driven by its demographic strengths and ambitious economic reforms, according to Pratik Mathur, India's Consul General in Shanghai.

Speaking at the Consul Generals and CEOs Business Forum in Shanghai on Friday, Mathur emphasized India's readiness to capitalize on the next wave of industrial growth and technological advancements. "It's a great time to be in Asia, especially in India," he told an audience of business leaders and diplomats, highlighting the country's strong democratic foundation and a large, aspirational middle-class population.

Mathur projected that India's current GDP of around USD 4 trillion could rise to USD 30 trillion by 2047. He attributed this potential to structural reforms, a youthful workforce, and initiatives such as the 'Make in India' campaign. Launched in 2014, the program aims to transform India into a global manufacturing powerhouse through measures like tax incentives, concessional loans, and the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme.

He noted that India is already seeing tangible results. The country is now the second-largest mobile phone manufacturer in the world, trailing only China, with over two billion devices shipped between 2014 and 2022 at a CAGR of 23%.

India's manufacturing prowess is also expanding in sectors such as automotive, steel, pharmaceuticals, and food processing. These developments, Mathur said, are positioning the country as a reliable player in global supply chains.

Further highlighting India's improved business climate, Mathur pointed to the country's significant rise in the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business index, where it has moved up 80 ranks in recent years.

India Reiterates Zero-Tolerance on Terrorism During UK Foreign Secretary's Visit



TPN Correspondent | Chandigarh

India reaffirmed its uncompromising stance on terrorism during talks with visiting UK Foreign Secretary David Lammy in New Delhi on June 7, 2025. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar emphasized that India expects its international partners to respect its "zero tolerance" policy and reject any attempts to equate terrorists with their victims.

"We will never countenance perpetrators of evil being put on par with their victims," Mr. Jaishankar told Mr. Lammy during their meeting. He appreciated the UK's condemnation of the recent terror attack in Pahalgam and its support for India's counterterrorism efforts. The talks, held during Lammy's one-day visit to India, followed his controversial remarks during a visit to Pakistan three weeks earlier.

During his May 17 visit to Islamabad, Mr. Lammy had stated that the U.S. and U.K. were working with both India and Pakistan to "ensure an enduring ceasefire, dialogue, and Confidence-Building Measures." His comments, referencing the brief conflict that followed the Pahalgam attack, were not well-received in New Delhi, which has consistently opposed third-party involvement in bilateral matters with Pakistan.

India maintains that peace with Pakistan can only be built through bilateral dialogue, provided there is a complete cessation of cross-border terrorism. Mr. Jaishankar's statement was a direct response to any suggestion of parity being drawn between India and Pakistan or international mediation in regional tensions.

Ahead of the visit, the UK High Commission in India had said that Lammy's agenda would include discussions on how to support long-term peace and stability in South Asia in light of recent tensions.

The firm tone from India underscores its resolve to ensure that terrorism remains a red line in all diplomatic engagements, especially when dealing with sensitive issues involving Pakistan.

"People Have Spoken": Elon Musk Floats New Political Party Amid Feud With Trump

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Tech billionaire Elon Musk has stirred fresh political debate by proposing the formation of a new political party in the United States. Amid his escalating feud with President Donald Trump, Musk launched a poll on his social media platform, X (formerly Twitter), asking users if it was time to create a party that better represents the political center.

The poll, which asked, "Is it time to create a new political party in America that actually represents the 80% in the middle?" received overwhelming support, with 80.4% of respondents voting "Yes." Responding to the results, Musk posted, "The people have spoken. A new political party is needed in America to represent the 80% in the middle! And exactly 80% of people agree. This is fate." He later proposed the



name "The America Party" for the potential new movement.

Musk's move comes amid a growing rift with President Trump, whom he once advised informally. Tensions flared when Musk claimed personal credit for Trump's victory in the 2024 presidential election,

asserting, "Without me, Trump would have lost the election." The bold claim drew a sharp response from Trump, who fired back on Truth Social, saying the government should cut all financial ties with Musk's companies, including Tesla and SpaceX. "The easiest way to save money

in our Budget, Billions and Billions of Dollars, is to terminate Elon's Governmental Subsidies and Contracts," Trump posted.

The clash intensified following Musk's criticism of a government spending proposal dubbed the "Big, Beautiful Bill," which continued to support fossil fuel companies while reducing benefits for clean energy initiatives — a direct blow to Musk's ventures in electric vehicles and renewable energy.

With his massive online following and growing political influence, Musk's suggestion of launching a centrist party could significantly alter the American political landscape. Whether "The America Party" becomes a formal reality remains to be seen, but the billionaire's latest move signals a deeper involvement in U.S. politics beyond business and technology.



Japan's Ispace Loses Contact With Moon Lander 'Resilience' After Touchdown Attempt

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Japanese space startup Ispace has announced it was unable to re-establish communication with its uncrewed lunar lander Resilience following a touchdown attempt on the Moon early Friday morning. The mission, dubbed Hakuto-R Mission 2, was Ispace's second bid to achieve a successful lunar landing after a failed attempt in 2023.

Resilience was aiming to make Ispace the first private company outside the United States to land a spacecraft on the Moon. The planned touchdown was scheduled for 4:17 a.m. JST (1917 GMT, Thursday), following a meticulously planned hour-long descent from lunar orbit.

According to a live data feed provided by Ispace, the lander's altitude abruptly dropped to zero just before the expected landing time. However, no confirmation of a successful landing or subsequent data transmission was received. The company stated that it is currently analyzing telemetry data to determine what went wrong during the critical final moments of the descent. "We have not been able to establish communication with the lander after the expected touchdown time," Ispace said in a statement. "We are continuing to investigate the situation and will provide updates as soon as we have more information."

This marks the second unsuccessful attempt by Ispace to land on the Moon. Its first mission in April 2023 ended in failure when the lander crashed during the final descent phase due to a navigation error. Despite the setback, Ispace remains one of the leading contenders in the private lunar exploration sector, aiming to provide commercial transport services to the Moon in partnership with international space agencies and commercial partners. Industry analysts say while the mission may not have ended in success, it reflects the growing ambition and capabilities of private aerospace firms in advancing space exploration beyond Earth orbit.



Thailand and Cambodia Reinforce Troops Along Disputed Border After Fatal Skirmish

TPN Correspondent | Brussels

Tensions between Thailand and Cambodia have escalated following a deadly border clash in late May, prompting both countries to reinforce military presence along their disputed frontier. Thailand's Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister, Phumtham Wechayachai, confirmed on Saturday that additional Thai troops had been deployed in response to increased Cambodian military activity in the contested area.

The move follows a skirmish on May 28 in an undemarcated border zone, which resulted in the death of a Cambodian soldier. Although both governments have issued statements supporting dialogue, their military actions suggest otherwise. During bilateral talks held last Thursday, Cambodia reportedly rejected Thai proposals aimed at de-escalating the situation. "In light of continued military reinforcements by Cambodia, which have intensified tensions, the Royal Thai Government has found it necessary to strengthen our military posture," Mr. Phumtham said in an official statement, though without specifying the scale of troop deployments.

The Thai Army also issued a separate statement accusing Cambodian troops and civilians of repeatedly encroaching on Thai territory. "These provocations, and the build-up of military forces, indicate a clear intent to use force," it said, adding that Thailand would assume full control of all checkpoints along the Cambodian border.

Despite mediation efforts by Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim—who chairs ASEAN—and diplomatic engagement from China, the border standoff remains unresolved. Thailand and Cambodia share an 817-kilometre (508-mile) border that was first mapped by colonial France in 1907. The two nations have a long history of territorial disputes, most notably around the 11th-century Preah Vihear Hindu temple. A flare-up in 2008 led to artillery exchanges and multiple casualties over the following years.

India Key to Global Supply Chains, Must Join G7 Talks: Canadian PM Mark Carney

TPN Correspondent | Peshawar

Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney has strongly defended his decision to invite Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the upcoming G7 summit, emphasizing India's vital role in global supply chains and its position as the world's fifth-largest economy. Carney's remarks come in the wake of criticism from domestic political opponents over the invitation, given ongoing tensions between the two countries stemming from the 2023 killing of pro-Khalistan separatist Hardeep Singh Nijjar.

Speaking to reporters in Ottawa, Carney clarified that India's economic influence and strategic importance made it essential to include the country in discussions at the G7 summit, which Canada is set to host in Alberta from June 15 to 17. "India is central to a number of those [critical] supply chains," he said. "It



makes sense to have countries like India at the table."

Carney confirmed that Prime Minister Modi accepted the invitation during a phone call on Friday. The G7 summit will focus on key global issues such as energy security, digital transformation, critical minerals, and infrastructure development in emerging economies.

When asked about the Nijjar

case and opposition concerns, Carney declined to comment directly, citing an ongoing legal process. However, he acknowledged bilateral progress, saying, "We have now agreed importantly to continue law enforcement dialogue... recognizing issues of accountability."

His remarks aimed to reassure critics, particularly from the New Democratic Party (NDP), which labelled the invitation to

Modi as "profoundly troubling." The controversy is rooted in former Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's 2023 accusation of Indian involvement in Nijjar's killing, which led to diplomatic expulsions and a sharp decline in bilateral relations.

Carney's April election victory raised hopes for a reset in India-Canada ties. In recent months, both countries have resumed high-level security contacts and discussed appointing new high commissioners. India has long criticized Canada for allowing pro-Khalistan activities on its soil, while New Delhi has expressed interest in rebuilding trust under Carney's leadership.

With India's inclusion, the G7 summit signals a broader vision of cooperation among key global players in shaping future economic and geopolitical dynamics.

US Army Develops 3D-Printed Skin to Heal Soldiers' Battle Wounds

The US Army is advancing cutting-edge bioprinting technology to produce 3D-printed skin and tissues that could revolutionize battlefield medicine. In collaboration with the University of Hawaii, the US Army Combat Capabilities Development Command Chemical Biological Center (DEVCOM CBC) has launched a research initiative aimed at treating soldiers' injuries more effectively — particularly severe burns and wounds.

Bioprinting uses bio-inks made from living cells, proteins, and nutrients to create three-dimensional, functional replicas of human tissues and organs. The technology holds immense potential for military medicine, enabling rapid tissue repair and even organ regeneration on the battlefield or in remote areas.

Under a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA), DEVCBC and the University of Hawaii are executing two joint work statements (JWS). One of these focuses on developing advanced organ models using bioprinting. Dr. Jason Barnhill, an associate



research professor at the John A. Burns School of Medicine (JABSOM), is partnering with DEVCBC's bioengineering expert Priscilla Lee to create tools for evaluating chemical compounds and responses in human tissue.

Dean Sam Shomaker of JABSOM highlighted the global impact of the project, saying, "These efforts have the potential to

save the lives of frontline soldiers and civilians. Introducing innovative biofabrication technologies to remote regions supports not only USINDOPACOM's mission but global humanitarian efforts."

Lee is specifically researching immune responses using bioprinted cell culture models, which could lead to new biomaterials for treating wounds

from burns, toxic gas exposure, and antibiotic-resistant infections.

Bioprinting stands as a beacon of innovation in medicine, with its ultimate goal being the ability to print entire organs using a patient's own cells. If successful, this technology may redefine how we treat injuries — both in combat zones and in hospitals worldwide.

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Banco Products – A Hidden Gem in the Auto Components Space



This week we are discussing Banco a company with strong fundamentals. The Company is engaged in the manufacture of engine cooling modules and systems for automotive and industrial applications in both the domestic and international markets.

STRONG FUNDAMENTALS :

FV -2
Capital : Rs.28.61 Crores
Market Cap : Rs.7992 Crores
EPS : Rs.27.39
52 Week High Rs.1188
Price on 6-6-25 - Rs.558.75

Now it is available at PE of 20.40 against industry PE of 37.65. It is also available at a steep discount to the 52 Week High of 1188.

LATEST FINANCIALS : (Consolidated Results)

	2024	2025	% of Growth
Sales	Rs.2742 Crores	Rs.3187 Crores	16
Net Profit	Rs.271 Crores	Rs.391 Crores	44
EPS	Rs.19	Rs.27	

This is a stupendous growth by any standard.

PLUS POINTS :

- 1.Return of Equity (ROE) or Return on Investment is 30% - One of the best in the industry.
- 2.Debt Equity Ratio ia very conservative at 0.24 against the benckmark of 1.
- 3.The Company is investory friendly and very liberal in payment of Dividends. In 2024, it declared a Dividend of Rs.20 per share.
In 2025, it declared a Dividend of Rs.11 per share.
- 4.The holding of the Promoters is 67.88% .
- 5.Its investment in Fixed Assets went up from Rs.190 Crores to Rs.516 Crores from 2021 to 2025 indicating a robust growth trajectory.
- 6.Cash Flow from Operating Activies has been positive in three years out of five years from 2021 to 2025.

FINAL WORDS :

I do not see any minus points which can derail the growth of the Company. The only minus point is that the share price has gone too fast in too short a period from Rs.400 to Rs.558 from 20th May. But still it is cheap at a PE of about 21. Just have patience and hold it for one year.

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GST Returns to Become Time-Barred Starting July 2025

Starting from the July 2025 tax period, Goods and Services Tax (GST) taxpayers will no longer be able to file their monthly and annual GST returns if they miss the deadline by more than three years. This means that returns related to outward supplies, payment of tax liabilities, annual returns, and tax collected at source will become time-barred and barred from filing on the GST portal after the three-year window expires.

The Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN) issued an advisory on June 7, 2025, clarifying that taxpayers must file their returns within three years of the original due date. Returns such as GSTR-1, GSTR-3B, GSTR-4, GSTR-5, GSTR-5A, GSTR-6, GSTR-7, GSTR-8, and GSTR-9 will not be accepted be-

yond this time frame. The change follows amendments made through the Finance Act, 2023, aimed at strengthening compliance and ensuring timely filing of returns.

The July 2025 tax period corresponds to returns filed in August 2025, marking the start of this new rule. Taxpayers are urged to reconcile their records and complete any pending filings before this deadline to avoid losing the opportunity to file and claim Input Tax Credit (ITC).

While this measure is expected to enhance system discipline and reduce prolonged non-compliance, experts have expressed concerns over its potential impact. Rajat Mohan, Senior Partner at AMRG & Associates, pointed out that taxpayers facing



litigation, technical glitches, or genuine oversight might be severely affected. He warned that the absence of a redressal mechanism for exceptional cases could result in permanent denial of ITC and significant financial losses. This new rule emphasizes the importance of timely GST compliance and urges taxpayers to ensure their filings are up to date to avoid complications after the three-year period lapses.

IndiGrid to Acquire Solar and Transmission Assets for ₹2,108 Crore

IndiGrid, a leading power sector infrastructure investment trust (InvIT), has announced the execution of definitive agreements to acquire one solar and one transmission asset, together valued at an Enterprise Value (EV) of approximately ₹2,108 crore, excluding net working capital and cash adjustments. Including these adjustments, the total EV is not expected to exceed ₹2,175 crore, the company stated.

The acquisition targets two high-quality operational assets: Renew Solar Aayan Private Ltd (RSAPL), a 300 MW (AC) solar project situated in Barmer, Rajasthan, and Koppal Narendra Transmission Ltd (KNTL), a Build-Own-Operate-Maintain (BOOM) Inter-State Transmission System (ISTS) located in Karnataka. IndiGrid plans to acquire 100% shareholding and management control of both assets, pending regulatory and contractual approvals, consistent with the terms of the definitive and concession agreements as well as



the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA), including any lock-in obligations.

Harsh Shah, Managing Director of

IndiGrid, highlighted that these acquisitions align with the company's long-term strategy of participating in India's energy transformation by

owning and operating critical infrastructure that ensures grid stability and broader energy access. "RSAPL and KNTL deepen our presence in

key geographies, enhance portfolio diversification, and are accretive to distribution per unit (DPU)," he said.

Shah added, "As the power sector continues to evolve, IndiGrid remains committed to building a future-ready platform that supports India's ambitious energy goals while delivering sustainable value to our unitholders."

The acquisition will be financed through a combination of equity, internal accruals, and debt. Following this transaction, IndiGrid's net debt to assets under management (AUM) ratio will stand at 62%, maintaining sufficient headroom for future expansion and growth opportunities.

This strategic move strengthens IndiGrid's position as a key player in India's renewable energy and transmission infrastructure landscape, reinforcing its commitment to sustainable and reliable energy solutions.

RBI Raises Loan-to-Value Ratio for Gold Loans, Effective April 2026



The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced a hike in the loan-to-value (LTV) ratio for gold loans, revising the limits to provide greater borrowing power for individuals pledging gold. The new norms, which will come into effect from April 1, 2026, aim to boost credit availability while managing risk prudently.

Under the updated guidelines, gold loans up to Rs 2.5 lakh will now have an LTV ratio of 85 percent, increased from the initially proposed 75 percent in the draft norms released in April 2025. This means borrowers can now avail loans amounting to 85 percent of the value of their pledged gold for loans under Rs 2.5 lakh, enhancing access to credit for small-ticket borrowers.

For gold loans exceeding Rs 2.5 lakh and up to Rs 5 lakh, the LTV ratio has been fixed at 80 percent. Meanwhile, for loans above Rs 5 lakh, the RBI has set the LTV ratio at 75 percent. These tiered limits ensure that higher loan amounts correspond

with slightly lower LTV ratios, balancing borrower credit needs with prudent risk management.

The revision reflects the RBI's ongoing efforts to support financial inclusion and ease credit availability in a secure manner. By increasing the LTV on smaller gold loans, the central bank aims to make it easier for borrowers, especially those in rural and semi-urban areas, to access affordable financing using their gold assets. This change comes amid growing demand for gold-backed loans as a quick and convenient source of funds. The RBI's calibrated approach ensures that while credit flow is enhanced, the safety and soundness of the banking system are maintained.

Financial institutions and borrowers are advised to prepare for the implementation of these new norms starting April 2026, which could significantly impact gold loan offerings across the country.

Tourists Discover 598 Gold Coins in Czech Forest – Here’s What Happened Next



What began as a peaceful hike in the Krkonoše Mountains of northern Czech Republic turned into a real-life treasure hunt for two anonymous tourists. While walking through the lush forest, they stumbled upon a partially buried aluminium box among the stones. Curiosity led them to open it—and what they found inside has since captured global attention.

The box contained a breathtaking treasure trove:
598 gold coins
10 gold bracelets
17 sealed cigar boxes
A vintage powder compact
An ornate comb

Weighing about 3.7 kilograms (8 pounds), the gold coins alone are estimated to be worth over 80 lakh Czech Koruna (approximately ₹3 crore or USD 340,000). Even more intriguing are the 17 sealed cigar boxes, whose contents are yet to be examined, deepening the mystery surrounding the find.

Instead of keeping the treasure, the tourists acted responsibly and handed it over to the East Bohemia Museum in Hradec Králové. According to Miroslav Novák, the head of the museum’s archae-

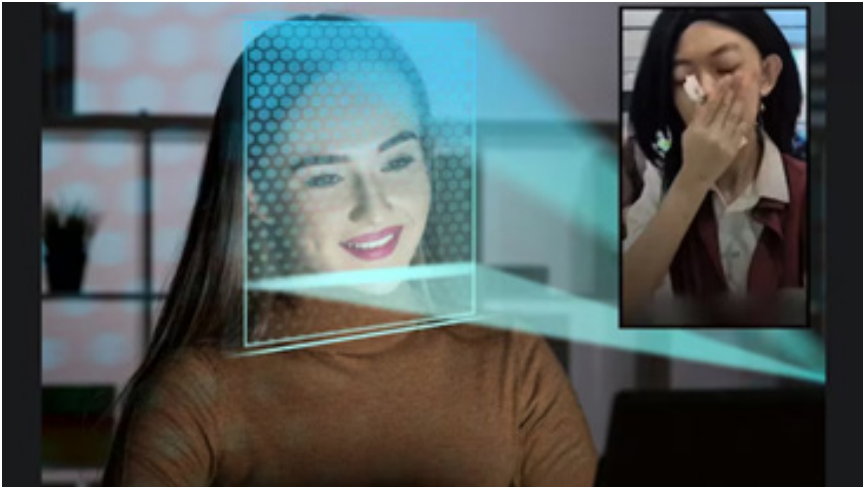
ological department, the pair arrived without notice and presented the discovery, prompting an immediate investigation by experts. Initial analysis reveals that the coins date back as far as 1921, with origins split between France and the Balkan region, including coins from the former Yugoslavia. Historians believe the treasure might have been hidden during the interwar period or near the end of World War II, possibly as an act of protection during political unrest.

Speculation is rife in the region. Some locals suggest the hoard could have belonged to the aristocratic Svirts-Shpork family of the Kuks Estate. Others believe it may have been stashed by Czechoslovak soldiers during wartime. Under Czech law, the treasure now belongs to the local administration, but the tourists are entitled to a reward based on the treasure’s value.

As archaeologists continue their investigation—especially into the mysterious sealed cigar boxes—this remarkable find serves as a reminder that history often lies just beneath our feet, waiting to be uncovered.

Airport Scanner Refused To Recognise This Make-Up Lover Forced to Remove Makeup

A Chinese woman recently found herself in an awkward and unexpected situation at an airport when her heavy makeup caused a facial recognition scanner to reject her identity. The incident, which took place at Shanghai Airport, has resurfaced online, drawing attention and sparking debate across social media.



limitations—especially when it comes to drastic changes in facial appearance due to makeup, cosmetic procedures, or aging.

While many viewers found the video amusing, others highlighted concerns about privacy, over-reliance on facial recognition, and the need for better manual backup options at critical security points like airports.

The video, which has now gone viral, shows airport officials instructing the woman to remove all her makeup using wet wipes. She had reportedly arrived wearing bridal-style makeup, complete with contouring, false lashes, and a full glam look, which failed to match her passport photo. As a result, the airport’s biometric verification system flagged her, causing a delay and prompting immediate intervention by the staff.

In the clip, one of the officials is heard sternly telling the woman, “Clean all the makeup until you look like your passport photo. Why did you wear such heavy makeup? You’ve invited trouble.”

The tone and the situation sparked a mix of reactions online, with some sympathizing with the woman and others agreeing with the security protocol.

The incident initially occurred in September of last year, but the footage resurfaced only recently, gaining fresh traction across Chinese platforms and being reported by global outlets such as Oddity Central.

Facial recognition systems are increasingly being used in airports around the world to speed up identity verification. However, the technology still faces

The incident also touched on broader cultural topics—such as beauty standards, the societal pressure on women to maintain a certain appearance, and the fine line between personal expression and practical inconvenience in public systems.

Though embarrassing, the woman complied with the request, eventually boarding her flight after matching her face with her official ID. The story serves as a reminder that in the age of biometric security, your digital twin needs to look just like you—makeup or not.

MrBeast Joins Billionaire Club at 27, Becomes 8th-Youngest Billionaire in the World

Jimmy Donaldson, better known as MrBeast, has officially become one of the world’s youngest billionaires. At just 27 years old, the YouTube sensation has reached a net worth of \$1 billion, according to Celebrity Net Worth, making him the eighth-youngest billionaire globally.



MrBeast’s journey to the top began humbly, recording videos from his home in North Carolina. Over the years, his content—known for massive giveaways, wild challenges, and philanthropic stunts—has catapulted him to internet stardom. As of May 2025, MrBeast boasts a staggering 396 million subscribers across his various YouTube channels, solidifying his place as one of the most influential creators in digital history.

With estimated monthly earnings of \$50 million, MrBeast has built a financial empire not just through YouTube ads and sponsorships, but also through his ventures like Feastables

(his snack brand), Beast Burger, and collaborations with major brands. His business acumen, paired with viral content, has redefined how creators can scale and monetize influence on a global level.

To celebrate his milestone, MrBeast recently posted a playful photo series on Instagram. The pictures show him holding massive stacks of cash while mimicking his viral meme alter ego, “Mr Lean”. This internet persona, created by fans, is a satirical,

exaggerated version of MrBeast flaunting wealth in flashy attire. It’s meant to humorously contrast with Jimmy’s typically humble, laid-back image. The meme moment gave fans yet another reason to celebrate his success and poke fun at the trappings of fame.

Despite reaching billionaire status, MrBeast remains known for his generosity. From funding eye surgeries to planting millions of trees, his philanthropic efforts continue to set him apart in the influencer world.

As MrBeast enters the elite ranks of billionaires, his rise is not just a testament to viral content—but also a blueprint for creators blending entertainment with impact. Whether he’s giving away islands or building sustainable businesses, one thing is clear: MrBeast isn’t just playing the game—he’s changing it.

Is AI Overhyped? New Study Shows Little Impact on Jobs and Wages

Despite the global hype surrounding artificial intelligence (AI), a new study suggests its real-world impact on jobs and wages may be far more modest than expected. As fears grow over AI replacing human workers and reshaping entire industries, early research now paints a different picture.



A working paper from the National Bureau of Economic Research in Denmark has found that AI’s effect on the labour market is minimal so far. The study analyzed data from 25,000 workers across 7,000 workplaces—primarily in occupations considered highly vulnerable to AI disruption, such as accountants, customer service representatives, financial advisors, HR professionals, software developers, and teachers.

The researchers, economists Anders Humlum and Emilie Vestergaard, reported that AI usage led to only a three percent reduction in work hours, with productivity gains translating into just a three to seven percent increase in pay. “AI chat-bots have had no significant impact on earnings or recorded hours in any occupation,” they wrote.

This evidence runs counter to the dominant narrative of AI driving massive workplace transformation or triggering job losses on a wide scale. “While adoption has been rapid, with firms heavily invested in unlocking technological potential, the economic impacts remain small,” the paper notes.

The authors argue that while companies may be eager to embrace AI for cost-cutting and efficiency, the actual benefits in terms of productivity and wage growth have been underwhelming. “Modest productivity gains, combined with weak wage pass-through, help explain the limited labor market effects,” they added.

The findings challenge corporate strategies currently underway. For instance, cybersecurity firm CrowdStrike recently laid off five percent of its staff, citing AI integration as the reason. Similarly, Duolingo announced it would phase out contractors in favor of AI tools, echoing a shift it made in 2012 when it transitioned fully to mobile.

As businesses bet big on AI, this study serves as a sobering reminder that the technology’s economic impact—at least for now—might not be as revolutionary as many expected.

In War-Torn Goma, Parents Pay School Fees With Palm Oil as Cash Crisis Deepens

In the besieged city of Goma, located in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, survival has taken on new forms as a crippling cash shortage disrupts daily life. Seized by the Rwanda-backed M23 rebel group in January, the city is now grappling with a financial vacuum that has shuttered banks, emptied ATMs, and forced residents to turn to barter to meet essential needs.

Among the most telling examples of the crisis is how parents are now paying school fees—with cans of palm oil. At the Majengo school, teachers like Richard Mbueki accept oil and food items instead of cash. “The priority at the moment is to have something to eat,” he says, lifting a donated can left by a parent. It’s an informal, yet functional system: parents offer goods,



the school assesses their value based on local market rates, then issues a receipt and credits the amount as school fees.

Authorities in Kinshasa stopped cash shipments to M23-held areas after the group’s occupation, effectively cutting off Goma’s financial lifelines. In response, the new de facto authorities and local insti-

tutions are urging residents to adopt mobile payments, though the infrastructure for digital transactions remains underdeveloped in Goma, unlike in other parts of East Africa.

Meanwhile, civil servants and NGO workers, who are still paid via bank transfers, cannot access their funds. Some, like teacher Mbueki, cross the border into Rwan-

da to withdraw money, incurring high fees. Others, like former public service employee Godel Kahamby, have lost their jobs entirely. “Now I’m just a housewife. We’ve stopped spending on clothes, outings, even food variety. It’s about survival now,” she says.

Markets are suffering as demand collapses. “We have the goods, but not the buyers,” says Innocent, a local merchant. Food prices are surging due to limited supply and wartime taxation, while security deteriorates, with street crime soaring across Goma and Bukavu after dark.

With peace talks stalled and mistrust high, the city’s residents face a grim reality—an economy running on bartered oil and fear, as they wait for a semblance of normalcy to return.



Carlsen Clinches 7th Norway Chess Title as Gukesh Blunders in Final Round

Magnus Carlsen secured his seventh Norway Chess title in Stavanger after a dramatic final round saw Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh suffer a heartbreaking loss to Fabiano Caruana. The five-time world champion Carlsen finished with 16 points, edging out Caruana, who ended with 15.5 points. Gukesh, despite a strong tournament, had to settle for third place with 14.5 points.

The final round proved particularly bitter for Gukesh. Facing the 2018 Norway Chess champion Caruana, the Indian prodigy found himself in a disadvantageous position but mounted a valiant comeback attempt. However, with only seconds left on the clock, he faltered under time pres-



sure. With just two seconds remaining, Gukesh extended a handshake in resignation, then covered his face in visible frustration, knowing the title had slipped through his fingers.

Meanwhile, Carlsen drew his final classical game against Arjun Erigaisi from a slightly unfavourable position, but his consistent performance throughout the tournament ensured another title to his name. Erigaisi finished fifth with 12.5 points.

In the women's section, Ukraine's Anna Muzychuk held on to her overnight lead to win the title with 16.5 points, despite losing the Armageddon tie-break to India's R. Vaishali in the final round. Both players drew

the classical game and earned one point each, with Vaishali securing an additional half point by winning the Armageddon.

India's Koneru Humpy had a chance at the title but could only manage a draw in the classical game against Chinese world champion Ju Wenjun. Humpy did win the Armageddon, finishing with 15 points—just behind Muzychuk.

Norway Chess's unique scoring format awards three points for a classical win, and one point each for a draw, followed by a decisive Armageddon for an extra half point, ensuring high-stakes action until the very end.



Djokovic Uncertain About Future at French Open After Semifinal Loss to Sinner

Novak Djokovic, the 24-time Grand Slam champion, has cast doubt on whether he will ever play again at the French Open following his semifinal defeat to World No. 1 Jannik Sinner. The Serbian lost in straight sets—6-4, 7-5, 7-6(3)—on Friday, marking a significant moment in what could be his final appearance at Roland-Garros.

Moments after the loss, Djokovic lingered on Court Philippe-Chatrier, soaking in the atmosphere. He placed his bag down, applauded the crowd, kissed his hand and touched the clay—a quiet, emotional gesture that felt like a possible farewell.

"I mean, this could have been the last match ever I played here, so I don't know," Djokovic said. "That's why I was a bit more emotional at the end."

While Djokovic didn't definitively confirm retirement from the French Open, he acknowledged the uncertainty. "I said it could have been my last match, I didn't say it

was."

At 38, Djokovic remains competitive but realistic about the physical demands of continuing on tour. He confirmed plans to compete at Wimbledon, which begins June 30, and the US Open in August, but left his post-Grand Slam schedule open-ended. "Wimbledon is next, which is my childhood favorite tournament. I'm going to do everything I can to be ready."

Despite having won his 100th career title recently, Djokovic hasn't lifted a Grand Slam trophy since the 2023 US Open. Still, he remains driven by the possibility of reaching an unprecedented 25th major title.

Jannik Sinner, who ended Djokovic's run, expressed admiration and hoped the legend stays active: "Tennis needs him... He's a true role model."

For now, Djokovic's future at Roland-Garros remains uncertain—but his legacy is far from over.

French Open: Sinner Defeats Djokovic in Semis, Sets Historic Final Against Alcaraz

World No. 1 Jannik Sinner delivered a commanding performance to defeat tennis legend Novak Djokovic in the French Open semifinal, earning a spot in the final against Carlos Alcaraz. Sinner beat the three-time French Open champion and 100-time tour-level winner Djokovic 6-4, 7-5, 7-6(3) in a match that highlighted Sinner's precision, power, and strong serving.

This victory marks a historic moment as it sets up the first Grand Slam final between two players born in the 2000s. Although the scoreline appears one-sided, the 38-year-old Djokovic showed flashes of brilliance with some incredible shots. However, he missed three set points at 5-4 in the third set, allowing Sinner's relentless consistency to prevail.

After the match, Sinner praised Djokovic's influence on the sport. "It was such a



special occasion playing Novak in a Grand Slam semifinal. He's a true role model for us young players. What he's doing is incredible, and I wish him the best for the rest of the season," Sinner said. On the other side of the draw, defending

champion Carlos Alcaraz advanced to the final after Italy's Lorenzo Musetti retired during their semifinal match due to an upper left leg injury. Alcaraz was leading 4-6, 7-6(3), 6-0, 2-0 when Musetti called for medical assistance and eventually withdrew after more than two hours of play.

Alcaraz expressed sympathy for Musetti's situation, noting his impressive clay-court season and wishing him a speedy recovery.

With this win, Alcaraz became the fifth-youngest player in the Open Era to reach five Grand Slam finals, joining Djokovic and Daniil Medvedev as active players with multiple major final appearances.

The final between Sinner and Alcaraz promises to be a thrilling contest between two of tennis's brightest young stars.

India Eye Direct World Cup Qualification as Euro Leg of FIH Pro League Begins

The Indian men's hockey team has set its sights on securing direct qualification for the 2026 World Cup, jointly hosted by Belgium and the Netherlands, as they begin the crucial European leg of the FIH Pro League. Currently third in the standings with 15 points from eight matches, India trails Belgium and England, both on 16 points. Strong performances in the upcoming eight matches could see India leap to the top, guaranteeing a direct World Cup berth. India kicked off the season's home leg in Bhubaneswar, where they won five out of eight matches. The European leg starts against host nation Netherlands on Saturday, with a return match scheduled for June 9. Following



that, India will face Argentina on June 11 and 12, Australia on June 14 and 15, and Belgium on June 21 and 22. After competing in Amstelveen, the team will move to Antwerp for further matches. Led by star drag-flicker Harmanpreet Singh and deputy Hardik Singh, the team boasts

an experienced 24-member squad, reflecting coach Craig Fulton's preference for seasoned players over newcomers. "Securing World Cup qualification through the Pro League is our priority," Fulton said. "If that doesn't work out, we have the Asia Cup in August as a fallback."

Fulton also acknowledged areas needing improvement, especially penalty corner conversions. "We've improved our field goals but need to focus on penalty corners and defense," he said. "Our aim is to draw games instead of losing them."

The team's preparation included a recent camp in Bengaluru and three matches against Ireland, which Harmanpreet called valuable. "The conditions and pitches in Ireland and here are similar, so it was good preparation," he said. With a game-by-game focus, India is determined to maximize points and finish high on the leaderboard in this decisive phase of the Pro League.

Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team Embarks on 5-Match European Tour Ahead of Junior World Cup

The Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team is continuing its international campaign with a five-match European tour scheduled from June 8 to 17. The tour includes matches against Belgium, Australia, and the Netherlands, providing crucial international exposure as the team prepares for the upcoming FIH Hockey Women's Junior World Cup 2025 in Santiago, Chile. India will kick off the tour with three matches against Belgium at the Hockey Center of Excellence in Antwerp. Following this, they will face Australia at the Beerschot Tennis Hockey Padel Club in Kontich. The tour concludes with a match against the Netherlands at Hockey Club Kampong in Utrecht.

This European leg follows a promising outing at the Four Nations Tournament in Rosario, Argentina, where the Indian side showed strong performances against



top-tier opponents. They secured a 2-1 win and a narrow shootout loss (2-3) against Chile, drew and won shootouts against hosts Argentina, and recorded two wins against Uruguay. The Argentine tour helped the team gain valuable experience in handling pressure and adapting to diverse playing styles.

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coach Tushar Khandker emphasized the importance of this European tour in the team's development. "This extended tour is a fantastic opportunity for our players to build on the momentum from Argentina. Playing against high-caliber teams like Belgium, Australia, and the Netherlands will test our tactical and technical depth as well as consistency," he said.

Khandker added that these matches are critical for the team's preparation for the Junior World Cup. "Each match brings us closer to being fully prepared for the world stage. For many players, this exposure is invaluable and cannot be replicated in training alone."

The tour aims to sharpen the squad's combinations, improve match temperament, and boost confidence ahead of the world championship later this year.



Deepika Padukone Joins Allu Arjun in Atlee’s Sci-Fi Epic AA22xA6

Deepika Padukone is set to bring her star power to Atlee's highly anticipated sci-fi action film, tentatively titled AA22xA6. The project, headlined by Allu Arjun, just got even bigger with the official announcement of Deepika's involvement, released by Sun Pictures through a striking promo video that's already setting social media abuzz.

This marks Deepika's first-ever collaboration with Allu Arjun and her second with director Atlee, following their previous venture that earned praise for pushing cinematic boundaries. In AA22xA6, Deepika steps into a bold new avatar—a fierce warrior in a futuristic fantasy setting. The promo offers a glimpse of her commanding screen presence, dressed in a custom-designed battle suit and wielding a sword, hinting at a physically demanding role rich in stylized action.

The promo reveals Deepika riding a CGI horse,

with motion capture sensors embedded in her costume—a clear indication that the film is leaning heavily on cutting-edge visual effects. Sources close to the production suggest that Atlee is experimenting with multiple looks for the ensemble cast, with the majority of sequences being shot on expansive blue-mat sets.

The film is shaping up to be a high-concept action spectacle, blending sci-fi aesthetics with fantasy storytelling—territory that's relatively new for Indian cinema at this scale. With Deepika on board, expectations are soaring even higher. Her presence not only adds star wattage but also promises a layered performance in a genre rarely explored in mainstream Indian films.

As fans eagerly await more updates, AA22xA6 is already being touted as one of the most ambitious projects of 2025. And with Deepika Padukone stepping into warrior mode, the excitement has officially gone next-level.

Aadi Saikumar Unleashes Mystery and Mayhem in Shambhala Teaser

The teaser for Shambhala: A Mystical World, a supernatural thriller starring Aadi Saikumar, has just dropped—and it promises a gripping cinematic experience. Directed by Ugandhar Muni and produced by Rajasekhara Anabhimaju and Mahidhar Reddy under the Shining Pictures banner, the film blends mystery, suspense, and high-stakes drama in a visually rich package.



The teaser opens with a compelling voiceover that sets the tone for the film's philosophical undercurrent: "There are countless unfathomable mysteries in this universe. When science cannot explain them, it calls them superstition. But the moment it finds an explanation; it calls it a breakthrough." A mysterious object crashes from space into a quiet village, marking the beginning of inexplicable chaos.

Following the impact, the village descends into madness. Unnatural deaths, eerie behavior, and an unseen force manipulating the five elements wreak havoc. The teaser shows the villagers acting in bizarre, almost possessed ways, intensifying the eerie mood.

Enter Aadi Saikumar, who plays the central hero determined to confront this dark force. His powerful screen presence and action-packed moments make a strong im-

pression. But as the villagers, under the fragment's sinister influence, turn against him, the stakes rise dramatically.

Director Ugandhar Muni appears to have crafted a unique supernatural narrative that moves beyond conventional horror, with layered characters and an unpredictable plot. Supporting performances from Archana Iyer, Swasika, Ravi Varma, Madhuranadan, Shivakarthish, and Shailaja Priya add depth to the ensemble.

Technically, the teaser shines. Praveen K Bangari's atmospheric cinematography and Sricharan Pakala's intense background score build a chilling, immersive world. The production quality is sleek and polished, amplifying the film's tension.

With a gripping teaser that has sparked curiosity, Shambhala is shaping up to be a must-watch thriller. The release date is expected to be announced soon.

Controversy Erupts Around Kannappa Ahead of Release, Brahmin Groups Threaten to Block Film

Manchu Vishnu's ambitious mythological film Kannappa is facing serious challenges just weeks before its scheduled release on June 27. While the film has generated massive buzz with its star-studded cast and epic narrative, it is now under fire from Brahmin community groups, who have raised objections over a specific character portrayal.



The controversy stems from the character "Pilaka Gilaka," introduced in a comic segment last year featuring Brahmanandam and Saptagiri. A promotional poster and dialogue — "The teachers who taught the fish to swim, the tiger to hunt, the cuckoo to sing... come to teach lessons to the forest" — have drawn sharp criticism from Brahmin groups, who allege the lines are offensive and mock their community.

The Brahmana Chaitanya Vedika, led by its president Sridhar, has issued a warning that they will block the film's release and disrupt promotional events if their concerns are not addressed. He accused the Manchu family — particularly Mohan Babu — of repeatedly insulting Brahmins in their films and demanded that the filmmakers clarify the role of Pilaka Gilaka during the pre-re-

lease event scheduled for today in Guntur. If not resolved, the group has threatened to take the matter to court.

Despite the rising controversy, the Kannappa team is moving forward confidently. Reports indicate that Manchu Mohan Babu and Vishnu recently viewed the final cut at Prasad Labs and are satisfied with the outcome. The film, directed by Mukesh Kumar Singh, features major stars including Prabhas, Mohanlal, Akshay Kumar, and Kajal Aggarwal.

A grand trailer launch is expected soon, with speculation that Prabhas may attend. A major pre-release event is also rumored to be planned in Bhimavaram. However, with tensions rising, all eyes are now on the Guntur event and how the filmmakers will address the controversy.

Vishnu Manchu’s Kannappa Locks a Grand Runtime of 3 Hours 10 Minutes

Vishnu Manchu's highly anticipated mythological drama Kannappa continues to make headlines, and the latest update is sure to excite fans of epic cinema. The film has officially locked a hefty runtime of 3 hours and 10 minutes, hinting at an expansive narrative filled with grandeur, emotion, and visual splendor. Following the recent trend of lengthy Pan-India blockbusters like RRR (3 hrs 2 mins), Animal (3 hrs 21 mins), and Pushpa (3 hrs), Kannappa is embracing the format that seems to resonate with audiences—provided the storytelling is compelling and emotionally engaging. In fact, recent hits like Leo, Devara, and Salaar have all flirted with similar runtimes, reaffirming the appetite for immersive cinematic experiences.

Set against a rich mythological back-



drop, Kannappa aims to be more than just a spectacle. With a story rooted in devotion and valor, the filmmakers are confident that the extended runtime is justified. Early reports suggest the narrative is packed with emotional depth and powerful character arcs, which will keep viewers invested throughout its 190-minute duration.

The film boasts a stellar ensemble cast that includes industry heavyweights like Mohan Babu, Akshay Kumar, Mohanlal, Prabhas, Sarathkumar, Kajal Aggarwal, and newcomer Preity Mukhundhan. Their presence has significantly boosted the film's buzz across regional and national audiences.

Directed by Mukesh Kumar Singh, Kannappa is a true passion project for Vishnu Manchu, who not only plays the titular role but has also written the script. The film is being produced by Mohan Babu under the 24 Frames Factory banner, with music composed by Stephen Devassy, promising a soul-stirring score to match the film's emotional weight. With its massive scale and mythic ambition, Kannappa is shaping up to be a Pan-India epic to watch out for.

‘8 Vasantalu’ Second Teaser Promises a Breezy, Heartfelt Romance

The second teaser of 8 Vasantalu, a refreshing romantic entertainer from Mythri Movie Makers, has been released—and it's winning hearts with its simplicity and emotional warmth. Starring Ananthika Sanilkumar in the lead and directed by Phanindra Narsetti, the film captures a breezy love story set against the picturesque backdrop of Ooty.

The teaser introduces viewers to a tender connection between a young, free-spirited girl from Ooty and a Telugu writer visiting the hill station. As their worlds collide, the visuals highlight not just their differences but also the gradual journey that draws them closer. The storytelling is subtle yet profound,



layered with meaningful dialogues that reflect director Phanindra Narsetti's signature emotional depth. Ananthika Sanilkumar looks effortlessly charming and relatable in her role. Her portrayal of a girl discovering love is natural and emotionally resonant. The chemistry

between the leads feels organic, making their evolving bond feel both real and engaging. Visually, 8 Vasantalu is a treat. Cinematographer Vishwanath Reddy delivers stunning visuals that perfectly capture the serenity of the hill town, enhanc-

ing the overall mood of the film. Complementing the visuals is a soul-soothing score by Hesham Abdul Wahab, which adds emotional weight without overwhelming the narrative.

The production design, supported by Mythri Movie Makers, is tasteful and elegant—matching the tone of the romantic drama genre. Every frame feels curated to evoke a sense of nostalgia and longing.

Overall, the second teaser of 8 Vasantalu positions the film as a poetic love story ideal for the monsoon season. With its emotional storytelling, charming leads, and scenic visuals, the film is all set to tug at heartstrings when it hits theatres on June 20.