



Calling Amaravati Women ‘Prostitutes’ is Unforgivable

- Vows strict action over journalist Krishnam Raju’s offensive remarks on Sakshi TV
- Says ex-CM Jagan failed to apologize for insults aired on his party's channel



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Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has strongly condemned the objectionable remarks made by journalist Krishnam Raju on Sakshi TV, in which women of the capital region were referred to as ‘prostitutes’. Calling it a shameful and deliberate insult, the Chief Minister stated that such comments will not be tolerated and vowed strict action against those who degrade women in the name of politics or media discourse. Chandrababu expressed particular dis-

appointment that the comments were aired on a channel affiliated with former CM Jagan Mohan Reddy, who has neither condemned the remarks nor apologized. “It is unfortunate that a former Chief Minister has stayed silent while such insults were broadcast through his own media,” he said. “Our culture teaches us to respect women. Telugu people, in particular, revere women as mothers and goddesses. These comments are not just offensive to the women of Amaravati, but to all women across the state,” he added. He also linked the incident to

a broader rejection of what he called a “poisonous culture” promoted by the previous government. “Even after the people’s verdict in the elections, their mentality hasn’t changed. This is not journalism; this is a conspiracy to vilify women who stood up against injustice,” Chandrababu said. Reaffirming his government’s commitment to dignity and justice, he declared, “We will not spare anyone who crosses the line and hurts the sentiments of women. Our coalition government will put an end to this vile narrative and ensure accountability.”

For the first time in AP history...

- 4,853 teachers promoted at once
- State completes 35,235 online transfers

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In a landmark development for Andhra Pradesh’s education sector, the state government has promoted 4,853 teachers and completed 35,235 transfers — all through a fully online and transparent system. The Education Department announced that for the first time in the state’s history, such a massive scale of promotions and transfers was executed without manual intervention or political interference. To ensure a transparent and corruption-free process, the government implemented the “Teacher Transfers Act,” following extensive consultations with teachers’ unions. The Act mandates that all transfers be carried out online based on service criteria alone, eliminating human bias or manipulation. The Edu-

cation Department reassured teachers that rumors circulating about flaws in the online system are baseless and deliberately spread to mislead them. Highlighting the advantages of the system, officials explained that in earlier manual counseling methods, senior teachers often lost out due to lack of real-time information on vacancies, delays in processing, and long waits. Now, with the digital approach in place since 2015, transparency and efficiency have significantly improved. The current government has further enhanced the process with advanced features introduced for the 2025 academic year. Teachers now have access to multiple conveniences including visible details on school distances from mandal centers, updated cluster-wise vacancy lists, the ability to revise options, dedicated



help centers for technical issues, and awareness videos for guidance. Officials emphasized that teachers are free to finalize their options without coercion. The department also pointed out that the introduction of this tech-driven model has not only saved time and energy but has also built trust among teachers across the state. By ensuring that seniority is respected and eliminating fraud, the government has set a new standard for administrative fairness and efficiency in the education sector.



Channel can't escape blame: Pawan Kalyan warns Sakshi TV

- Pawan alleges organized conspiracy behind Amaravati slurs
- Criticizes Sakshi TV for not condemning offensive remarks
- Vows legal action for insults against Amaravati women and heritage

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Deputy Chief Minister and Jana Sena Party Chief Pawan Kalyan strongly condemned the offensive comments made on Sakshi TV targeting women from Amaravati. He alleged that there is an organized conspiracy behind the remarks made by a so-called analyst during a recent discussion aired by the channel. “This is not just one man’s opinion. The channel too is responsible. They didn’t even condemn the statement. This silence shows a calculated attempt to defame Amaravati and its women,” said Pawan Kalyan.

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Nara Lokesh visits Maganti Gopinath's family in Hyderabad

- Expresses deep shock over untimely death of Jubilee Hills MLA
- Maganti Gopinath passed away due to heart attack at AIG Hospital
- Lokesh, Brahmani pay respects and console grieving family
- KCR, KTR also present at Madhapur residence during visit

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The sudden demise of Jubilee Hills BRS MLA Maganti Gopinath has left political circles and the public in deep sorrow. Andhra Pradesh IT and Education Minister Nara Lokesh, accompanied by his half-sister Nara Brahmani, visited Gopinath’s residence in Madhapur, Hyderabad, to offer their condolences and pay final respects. Lokesh and Brahmani laid wreaths and stood in silence near the mortal remains of Maganti Gopinath.

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Kommineni’s Apology Adds Insult to Injury

Amaravati outrage grows as Sakshi’s slur sparks political firestorm

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Amaravati: The controversial remark made on Sakshi TV — where journalist Krishnam Raju labelled Amaravati as a hub of sex workers — has sparked widespread outrage and escalated tensions in Andhra Pradesh politics. The people of Amaravati have taken to the streets in protest, condemning the offensive statement and what they describe as the consistent disdain shown by Sakshi and the YSR Congress Party toward their region. Following the backlash, both Krishnam Raju and show host Kommineni Srinivasa Rao have been booked under legal charges. Kommineni, who remained silent during the broadcast

and failed to counter the derogatory statement, attempted damage control today by issuing an on-air apology. However, his so-called apology has only fueled further anger. Rather than acknowledging the hurt caused to the people of Amaravati, Kommineni chose to deflect criticism and portray himself and his employers as victims. “It’s unfortunate that people are dragging Jagan Garu and Bharati Garu into this. I apologize to them. They’ve done nothing wrong, yet they are being targeted and abused,” Kommineni said. “We’re just ordinary people with no wealth or political clout. All we are doing is standing up for democracy and media freedom. If the gov-



ernment truly cares about Amaravati, they should let go of this issue instead of inflaming it,” he added. Kommineni’s remarks appear less like an apology and more like a calculated defense of his network and its political affiliations. His focus is not on the insult to Amaravati, but on shielding his bosses from criticism. Strikingly, he offers more compassion to his employers than to the people whose dignity was trampled on national television. A former Press Academy Chairman during Jagan Mohan Reddy’s tenure, Kommineni’s loyalties are no secret. His role in undermining Amaravati’s image aligns conveniently with the YSR Congress Party’s political and

caste-based opposition to the region. Now, hiding behind lofty ideals like democracy and press freedom, he claims victimhood — as though calling an entire region sex workers is somehow acceptable journalism. And in an ironic twist, he suggests that the issue should be buried if people “truly love Amaravati.” So, Sakshi TV has the liberty to malign Amaravati on air, but when the tables turn and people seek justice, Kommineni wants everyone to forget and move on — all in the name of peace and press freedom. But the people of Amaravati aren’t buying it. And neither should anyone who believes in genuine accountability.



Massive crowd at Masula Beach Fest

- **Kollu Ravindra vows all-round development of Bandar**
- **Minister promises port completion by June 2026**
- **Railway line boost, and industrial park for employment generation**

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Machilipatnam

Machilipatnam’s coastline came alive on Sunday as Minister Kollu Ravindra addressed a sea of enthusiastic citizens at the Masula Beach Fest-2025, describing the crowd as a “tsunami of people.” The minister said no beach in the country has ever witnessed such a grand celebration, crediting the success of the event to the overwhelming support of the people and the hard work of officials and staff. In a passionate and emotional speech, Minister Ravindra declared that his life’s mission is to bring global attention to the tourism potential of Bandar (Machilipatnam). “We had planned to utilize the tourism opportunities here even between 2014 and 2019. Tourism has transformed countries like Singapore and Dubai. There are excellent possibilities here too,” he said. He reaffirmed his commitment



to complete the Machilipatnam port by June 2026, a project that he said was achieved “through struggle.” He also announced the establishment of a critical mineral park in Palathummalapalem, which he said will create both business and employment opportunities. Referring to infrastructure de-

velopment, Ravindra said the completion of the Repalle-Machilipatnam railway line will be a major boost for the region’s progress. “Once this line is complete, development in this area will accelerate further,” he noted. Recalling his political setbacks, Ravindra became emotional

while mentioning his 53-day imprisonment in a false case, describing the period as one filled with “sleepless nights and suffering.” He expressed gratitude to the people of Bandar for bringing him back to public service. “Today, I stand before you with a new life given by you. I will dedicate every drop of my blood to the development of Bandar,” he said. Highlighting his long-term vision, he vowed to transform Bandar into a hub of employment through industrial development. “With the cooperation of the people, I will complete the port and build a bright future for our youth,” he stated. He also extended his heartfelt thanks to the officials who worked tirelessly for months, the police and revenue departments, and industrial workers who worked through the night to maintain cleanliness. “Hats off to everyone who made this beach fest a grand success,” he said.



Minister Gottipati Orders Probe into Smart Meter Billing Issues

“No one will be burdened unnecessarily,” assures Minister

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Amid growing concerns from industrial and commercial sectors over increased electricity bills following the installation of smart meters, Andhra Pradesh Power Minister Gottipati Ravi Kumar has taken serious note of the issue and ordered a field-level inquiry. The minister directed officials to conduct a comprehensive investigation into the performance of smart meters and determine whether the higher bills are due to any technical faults or billing discrepancies. He instructed the department to submit a detailed report by Monday. Speaking on the matter, Minister Gottipati said, “It has come to our attention that the bills are getting higher with smart meters. We have issued instructions to the officials to find out the reasons for this. A close examination is also being done on the functioning of smart meters.” He assured consumers that the government has no intention of placing an additional financial burden on them. “No one is being unnecessarily burdened with a single rupee,” he clarified. The move comes in response to complaints from businesses claiming that their power bills have risen sharply after the recent rollout of smart meters. The Power Department is now expected to analyze billing patterns, meter readings, and usage data to identify any irregularities. Officials are also being asked to verify whether the smart meters are functioning accurately and to compare them with previous billing systems. Based on the findings, corrective measures may be recommended if any faults or overcharging are confirmed. The minister’s prompt action is seen as a response to increasing public scrutiny and a proactive step toward maintaining transparency and trust in the power billing system.

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He expressed outrage that the channel’s failure to distance itself from the remarks implies complicity. “This is not only an insult to women but also to the historic and spiritual legacy of Amaravati, the land where Buddhism flourished under Acharya Nagarjuna,” he said, recalling Amaravati’s sacred status in Buddhist history and its significance as a symbol of cultural pride. Pawan highlighted that inscriptions from the Maurya, Ikshvaka, and Kakatiya periods and records from Chinese traveller Hiuen Tsang establish Amaravati’s importance. He said the Amaravati architectural style had influenced Buddhist regions in Sri Lanka and Southeast Asia. “Those making such vile remarks should consider the faith and reverence people across the world have for this sacred land,” he added. He also alleged that the previous YSRCP government had tried to suppress Amaravati’s image by labeling it with caste markers and disrespecting land donors. “32% of the farmers who gave lands are SC/STs, and yet the former government filed atrocity cases against them. Women from all castes who sacrificed their lands are now being insulted through such narratives,” he said. Pawan Kalyan concluded by warning that the government will take strict legal action against those involved in spreading this defamatory propaganda. He affirmed that both the individuals and the channel involved would be held accountable under the law. Calling the comments a targeted attack on all women of the capital region, especially from SC, ST, and BC groups, he warned that the state government will take strict legal action against those responsible for spreading such misinformation and conspiracy.

AP EAPCET 2025 Results Declared

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The results of AP EAPCET 2025, the entrance exam for engineering, agriculture, and pharmacy courses in Andhra Pradesh, were officially declared on June 8. Students from various districts demonstrated excellent performance, with notable achievements in both engineering and the agriculture-pharmacy categories. In the engineering stream, Avanganti Anirudh Reddy from Vanasthalipuram, Hyderabad secured the first rank with an impressive score of 96.39. He was followed by Bhanu Charan Reddy of Mandavayapuram, Srikalahasti in Tirupati district with a score of 95.57, and Kotipalli Yashwanth Satwik of Palakollu, West Godavari, with 94.75. The top-10 list in engineering was entirely dominated by boys from across the Telugu states. The list also includes U. Ramcharan Reddy (Nandyal), Bhupathi Nithin Agnihotri (Anantapur), T. Vikram Levi (Guntur), Desireddy Manideep Reddy (Chittoor), S. Trishul (Hanmakonda), Dharmana Gnana Rutwik Sai (Srikakulam), and Bhadriraju Venkatamani Pritham (Kandukuru, Nellore). In the agriculture and pharmacy category, the top rank was bagged by Ramayanam Venkata Nagasai Harshavardhan from Penamalur in Krishna district. Shanmukha Nishant Akshinthala from Chandanagar, Rangareddy, secured second rank, while Degala Akirananda Vinay Mallesh Kumar from Alamuru, Konaseema, secured the third position. Other top achievers in this category include Y. Shanmukh (Hanmakonda), Yelamolu Satya Venkat (West Godavari), Siridella Sri Sai Govardhan (Kakinada), G. Lakshmi Charan, Darbha Karthik Ram Kiriti (East Godavari), Kodavati Mohit Sriram (East Godavari), and Desina Surya Charan (Kakinada). Officials and educational institutions have extended congratulations to the toppers and praised their hard work and dedication that led to this success in the AP EAPCET 2025 examinations.

Safety kits distributed to 325 electricians in Pithapuram

“No electrician should lose their life at work again,” says Deputy CM

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In a proactive step to ensure the safety of workers, Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Sri Pawan Kalyan distributed safety kits to 325 private electricians from across Pithapuram constituency. The move follows the tragic death of Sri Pallapu Suresh, a Dalit youth and electrician from Mallam village, who was electrocuted while on duty in April. The distribution event was held on Sunday morning at the Mangalagiri camp office, where Pawan Kalyan personally addressed the electricians. “The sweat of working people is the real wealth of the country. The government is committed to their progress and welfare,” he said. He emphasized the need for protection and safety for electricians who risk their lives daily in their work. The safety kits distributed included toolkits, rubber gloves, safety shoes, and jackets necessary for electrical tasks. Pawan Kalyan noted that Suresh’s death occurred due to a lack of such protective equipment, and his family, already poor, was left devastated. “One side of the family is shattered by grief, and on the other side, political elements inflate lo-



cal tensions for personal gain. We are here to solve—not exploit—these issues,” he said. To prevent future tragedies, Pawan Kalyan announced that every electrician in Pithapuram constituency will receive safety kits, and urged all workers to strictly use the equipment while on duty. In the unfortunate case of accidental death despite precautions, he said, the government has arranged ₹4 lakh in total compensation, ₹2 lakh through the Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana under the Union Ministry of Labour & Employment, ₹2 lakh through Chandranna Bhima. He also blamed the previous government for diverting construction workers’ welfare funds and pledged to revive the Construction Workers’ Welfare Board and restore disrupted systems. Panchayat Raj Commissioner Sri Krishna Teja, who also spoke at

the event, revealed that Pawan Kalyan had recently revised a decade-old G.O. following the accidental deaths of three unemployed workers in an auto accident. Previously, only ₹50,000 compensation was sanctioned. Now, ₹2 lakh is assured, and to further support workers, one crore unemployed workers were insured in just one week as part of a special drive. “If any unemployed worker dies in an accident, the family will now receive ₹4 lakh in compensation,” he added. “We are committed to ensuring that no more lives are lost due to the absence of safety or support.” Kakinada District Collector Sri Sagili Shan Mohan added that even workers without private insurance will now be eligible for government compensation. He confirmed that a job fair for youth in the sector will soon be organized to support employment and livelihood opportunities.

Govt Seeks Public Opinion on Population

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

The state government has launched a public opinion survey titled ‘Population Management Policy’ to gather insights on the public’s understanding and views regarding the declining population in the state. The initiative, which commenced on the 1st of this month, will continue until the 20th. The survey aims to assess people’s awareness, opinions, and suggestions on how to address population decline. As part of the process, Secretariat employees are contacting citizens aged 18 and above to pose a set of questions prepared by the government. Participants can respond using multiple-choice options or share their thoughts freely. To encourage wider participation, the government has also released a QR code, enabling individuals to voluntarily scan and submit their responses online. This is seen as an effort to involve the public in shaping

future population management policies.

Some of the key questions include:

- **How many children should a couple have?**
A) One B) Two C) More than two D) No opinion
- **Were you aware that the state’s population is decreasing?**
- **What are the key reasons for this decline?**
- **What challenges do families face when having more children?**
- **What kind of support do larger families expect from the government?**

The government hopes the survey will provide valuable feedback to frame realistic and inclusive policies to manage demographic changes and ensure sustainable development.

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They then met with the bereaved family members, offering words of solace and support in their moment of grief. Their visit was marked by emotional scenes, as the minister offered courage to the family during this difficult time. BRS chief and former Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) and party working president K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) were also present during Lokesh’s visit, seen seated nearby in a rare show of bipartisan solidarity in mourning. Taking to social media later, Nara Lokesh expressed his shock and sadness over the untimely death. “It is shocking that Jubilee Hills MLA Maganti Gopinath passed away while undergoing treatment in the hospital due to a heart attack, which is deeply saddening,” he wrote. Lokesh also reminisced about Gopinath’s long-standing association with the Telugu Desam Party. “Maganti Gopinath’s political journey began with TDP in 1982. He served as the Telugu Youth President of Hyderabad in 1985 and was elected as an MLA on behalf of the party in 2014,” he recalled. Praising Gopinath’s contributions, Lokesh noted his three successive wins as an MLA and commitment to public service. “I pray for eternal peace to his soul and offer my deepest condolences to his family members,” Lokesh concluded.



Polavaram Link: Avoid Unnecessary Politics

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

Andhra Pradesh Water Resources Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu emphasized that the Polavaram-Banakacharla Interconnection Project is a transformative initiative that holds the potential to generate lakhs of crores of rupees in long-term income for the state. He urged political parties not to indulge in unnecessary controversy over such a strategically important development project. Calling it a visionary step in water resource management, Nimmala Ramanaidu stated that the project is not just beneficial for Andhra Pradesh but may also extend water supply to Telangana, if necessary in the future. “This project is an inexhaustible source of revenue and a key to regional water security,” he said. The minister cautioned that the project should not be subjected to political gamesmanship or misleading criticism. He reiterated that the state government is committed to transparency and efficiency in executing major infrastructure initiatives, especially those related to irrigation and water management. On the topic of alleged irregularities in other irrigation projects, Nimmala Ramanaidu revealed that the government is awaiting the vigilance report on corruption during the construction of the Galeru-Nagari and Handri-Neeva projects under the previous administration. He assured that strict action would be taken against anyone found guilty of malpractice. Ramanaidu concluded by calling for political unity and responsible discourse when it comes to vital projects like Polavaram-Banakacharla, which promise long-term benefits for both agriculture and water-sharing in the region.

Police custody ends, Kakani shifted to Nellore jail



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The police custody of former minister Kakani Govardhan Reddy, named as A4 in the high-profile illegal mining case, has officially ended. He was questioned for three days by investigators at the Krishnapatnam Port Police Station in connection with the case. Following the completion of the interrogation, police conducted a medical examination at Muthukur before producing him at the SC and ST Special Court in Nellore. The judge, after reviewing the case, ordered judicial remand. Kakani was subsequently shifted to the District Central Jail in Nellore under tight security. Meanwhile, the bail petition filed by Kakani Govardhan Reddy is scheduled to be heard in the Andhra Pradesh High Court on Monday. The case continues to generate political and legal attention as the investigation into the illegal mining network deepens.

Chandrababu launches Dattatreya’s autobiography in Hyderabad

- CM Chandrababu hails Dattatreya's inspiring public service
- Book presents Dattatreya's political and personal journey

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The Telugu version of Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatreya's autobiography 'Prajala Katha Na Atma Katha' was officially launched today in Hyderabad by Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu. The event witnessed the participation of several political dignitaries cutting across party lines. Chief Minister Chandrababu, who was the chief guest at the ceremony, praised Dattatreya's simplicity, unwavering commitment to public service, and strong values. “Dattatreya's journey will serve as an inspiration to future generations. Documenting the lives of senior leaders is essential, and this book will stand as a guiding light,” he said. The book captures Dattatreya's decades-long service, right from his grassroots activism to becoming a Union Minister and Governor. Chandrababu described the work as a powerful reflection of how perseverance and values can lead to high constitutional positions. The event also saw the attendance of former President Ram Nath Kovind, former Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu, former Chief Justice NV Ramana, AP Governor Abdul



Nazeer, Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy, Telangana Ministers Komatireddy Venkat Reddy and Sridhar Babu, BJP MP Raghunandan Rao and others. BJP leaders extended a warm welcome to Chandrababu, while Congress ministers were also seen engaging with him in conversation, adding a rare moment of political camaraderie. Speaking at the event, Bandaru Dattatreya said the book reflects his personal journey and the values instilled in him by his mother, the late Eshwaramma. “This autobiography is a heartfelt expression of my life, which began as a common

man and led me to serve the nation at the highest levels. I hope it inspires youth to serve society with integrity and humility,” he said. Earlier, in May, the Hindi version titled ‘Janata Ki Kahani – Meri Atma Katha’ was launched in Delhi by Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar and received positive acclaim. The Telugu edition aims to bring the same inspiring story closer to the Telugu-speaking community. The event was not just a literary moment but also a reminder of how stories rooted in service, struggle, and integrity can uplift and unite communities.

Janasena flag hoisted in Paritala

- Udayabhanu calls for grassroots strengthening
- Amaravati is now truly the people’s capital, says NTR District President

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Jana Sena Party's NTR District President Samineni Udayabhanu unfurled the party flag in Paritala village of Kanchikacharla mandal, Nandigama constituency, in a spirited display of party unity and renewed political focus. The event was organized by local Jana Sena cadres and witnessed an enthusiastic turnout. Following Udayabhanu's flag hoisting, Nandigama constituency Jana Sena Coordinator Smt. Tambalapalli Ramadevi along with coalition leaders also participated in the flag-raising ceremony, symbolizing the growing strength of the party and its alliance in the region. Addressing the gathering, Udayabhanu expressed optimism about the future of Nandigama and Jaggayyapet constituencies, highlighting their geographical advantage of being close to Amaravati, now firmly established as the people's capital. “It is a great achievement of the coalition government that today we can confidently say Amaravati is the capital of the state,” he remarked. He further stated that the proposed railway line to Amaravati, with central government support, will boost connectivity and development in the region. “In the coming days, we ex-



pect several central and state-sponsored industries to be set up in these villages, promoting both agriculture and industrial growth,” he added. Udayabhanu praised Deputy Chief Minister and Jana Sena Party President Konidala Pawan Kalyan for his selfless sacrifice and strategic leadership, which played a crucial role in the formation of the coalition government. “Pawan Kalyan garu is working with honesty and a sense of duty in this government,” he said, calling upon Jana Sainiks to begin preparations for the upcoming local body elections by strengthening the party at the grassroots level in every village. The event also featured a

massive rally from Kanchikacharla to Paritala, organized by enthusiastic Jana Sainiks. The rally drew participation from party workers and leaders, energizing the local cadre. Among those who participated were District Jana Sena Vice President Boliyasetti Srikanth, Kanchikacherla Jana Sena President Nayini Satish, Kanchikacherla TDP Mandal President and AMC Chairman Koganti Babu, Chalamala Madhu, Bomisetty Bhaskarao, Devireddy Srinivas, village leaders Purama Kaleshwaram, Komma Naresh, Purama Venkata Prasad, Brahmam, and Jaggayyapet Jana Sena leaders Shaukat Ali and Tunikipati Shiva.

It is not appropriate to speak rudely of women...

Bojjala Rishita Reddy files complaint against journalist Krishnam Raju



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Tirupati: Srikalahasti MLA Bojjala Venkata Sudheer Reddy's wife, Bojjala Rishita Reddy, strongly condemned the derogatory comments made by political analyst Krishnam Raju on a Sakshi News Channel program and demanded immediate action. On Sunday evening, she lodged a formal complaint at the Srikalahasti First Town Police Station against the analyst's offensive remarks about the women of Amaravati. Speaking to the media after submitting her complaint to CI Gopi, Rishita Reddy expressed outrage over Krishnam Raju's statement that referred to Amaravati as a “capital of prostitutes.” She asserted that such language is not only deeply insulting to the women of the region but also an attack on the cultural values of Telugu society. “In our Indian tradition, women are revered as goddesses. Especially among Telugu people, we have a long-standing tradition of respecting our girls and mothers,” Rishita Reddy said. “Making such crude and humiliating comments in the name of political debates is absolutely unacceptable.” She reminded the public that thousands of women farmers from Amaravati had voluntarily given up their lands with the dream of seeing a prestigious capital city rise on their soil. She described Krishnam Raju's words as not only disrespectful but unforgivable. She went on to accuse the YSRCP of continuously demeaning women through false narratives and character assassinations via media and social media. “The women of Andhra Pradesh have already given their verdict. The party has been limited to just 11 seats in the Assembly. If this continues, it won't get even one seat next time,” she warned. Rishita Reddy also issued a stern message to YSRCP leaders: “If this kind of treatment towards women continues, they will soon see what women are capable of. Women will rise united to teach them a lesson.” Several local women leaders, including Kanta Ramesh, Kittu, Bujji, Mirjavali Khadaravalli, Balaji, Sumathi, Renuka, and Malleswaramma, were present with Rishita Reddy in a show of solidarity. The complaint has sparked further debate in the state, and pressure is now mounting for authorities to take action against those who make offensive and defamatory remarks in the guise of political commentary.

TDP Women Protest Remarks on Amaravati

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Tensions flared in Anantapur as leaders of the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) Telugu Mahila Wing staged a strong protest in front of the Sakshi TV office. The protest was triggered by allegedly derogatory remarks made against the women of Amaravati, particularly those who had donated land for the capital city project. The protestors expressed outrage, accusing Sakshi media of supporting or enabling the offensive comments. They burned copies of Sakshi magazine as a mark of protest and attempted to remove the Sakshi signboard at the office. Police intervened to control the situation, resulting in a scuffle between protestors and law enforcement, and several women were taken into custody. TDP state secretary Swapna condemned the incident



in strong terms and demanded strict action against those who insulted the Amaravati women. “These are the mothers who gave up their lands for the development of the state. How can anyone speak about them so disrespectfully?” she questioned.

She also criticized Bharathi Reddy, questioning her silence on the issue despite being a woman herself. Swapna further targeted Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, pointing out that he is a father of two daughters. “Will he tolerate such remarks? Will he support those who speak against women with such disrespect?” she asked. The TDP leader demanded immediate action against Kommineni Srinivasa Rao and Krishnam Raju, the individuals allegedly responsible for the controversial remarks. “If no action is taken, we will intensify our protests. This is not just a political issue—it's a matter of respect for women,” she warned. The incident has sparked a statewide conversation around the treatment of women in public discourse, especially those associated with the Amaravati movement. TDP leaders vowed to continue their protests until justice is served and accountability is ensured.

ACA to build cricket stadiums in 25 districts

Five Women's World Cup matches ODI to be held in Vizag; ACA doubles district funds

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Plans are underway to develop cricket stadiums in 25 districts across Andhra Pradesh, said Andhra Cricket Association (ACA) President and MP Kesineni Shivanath (Chinni), as part of an ambitious initiative to build dedicated cricketing infrastructure across the state. The goal is to complete the groundwork within the next two years in collaboration with the state government. Speaking after the 72nd Annual General Body Meeting of the Andhra Cricket Association held at the Novotel Hotel in Vijayawada on Sunday, Kesineni announced that ACA already has its own venues in Kurnool and Nellore, where de-

velopment is ongoing. He also revealed that APL (Andhra Premier League) matches will be organized under ACA's aegis to scout and promote emerging cricket talent across the state. Highlighting recent developments, Kesineni stated that ACA had successfully completed the modernization of the ACA-VDCA International Cricket Stadium in Vizag within 45 days to host IPL matches. While four matches were initially planned, only two were conducted due to time limitations. Nevertheless, the efforts received appreciation from BCCI officials and ICC Chairman Jay Shah, who was impressed with the facilities and recommended allocating additional matches to Vizag.

As a result, five matches of the Women's Cricket World Cup have been sanctioned at the Vizag stadium, and an international One Day match is also expected to be hosted there soon. ACA is keen on further enhancing the Vizag stadium to attract more matches and cricket franchises in the coming years. The ACA president also emphasized infrastructure as key to cricket development, stating that quality stadiums like Vizag are essential to bring in matches and spectators. He shared plans to make cricket grounds in district associations functional for up to 200 days a year, enabling continuous cricketing activity and local engagement. One of the major announce-

ments from the meeting was the proposal for a state-of-the-art international stadium in Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh's capital region. ACA has requested 65 acres from the state government for this purpose, with Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu determined to construct a venue that could accommodate lakhs of spectators — second only to the iconic Ahmedabad stadium. ACA Secretary Sana Satish, with the help of Minister Nara Lokesh, has already initiated talks with ICC Chairman Jay Shah and BCCI, and a decision is expected soon. The BCCI has reportedly agreed to the proposal in principle. Additionally, ACA has announced a significant increase in annual funds to district



cricket associations — from ₹20 lakhs to ₹40 lakhs — to boost cricket infrastructure and operations at the grassroots level. ACA Secretary Sana Satish stated that for the first time, World Cup cricket competitions will be held in Andhra Pradesh, marking a milestone in the state's sporting history. He also highlighted that a special discussion took place in the general body meeting regarding the

need for cricket stadiums in each district, and the ACA has committed to this vision. The general body meeting was attended by ACA apex members, representatives of various district cricket associations, and several international cricketers. Members lauded the ACA's achievements over the last eight months and unanimously approved all proposals discussed at the session.

CM congratulates Narayana students for JEE Advanced 2025 success



TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada
Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu extended his heartfelt congratulations to the students of Vijayawada Narayana College who achieved outstanding ranks

in the JEE Advanced 2025 results. The felicitation took place at the camp office in Undavalli. Special mention was made of Vadlamudi Lokesh (Rank 10), Bhanu Charan Red-

dy (Rank 51), Thorati Bharadwaj (Rank 82), and Jaswanth Venkata Raghuveer (Rank 98), who secured top ranks in the All India Open category. The Chief Minister also praised their parents for their support and encouragement. Addressing the students, Chandrababu Naidu said, "Admission into premier institutions like IIT is a rare and commendable achievement. I wish all these talented young minds to scale new heights in their academic and professional journeys." He urged the students to use their knowledge and skills to contribute meaningfully to the development of the Telugu states and their native lands. The event was also graced by Sidhura Narayana and Sharani Narayana, Directors of Narayana Educational Institutions, who took part in the felicitation program.

‘Salon Koniki’ inaugurated in Vijayawada Deputy CM attends event in black shorts and t-shirt

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh
Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister and Jana Sena Party president Pawan Kalyan made a stylish appearance in Vijayawada on Sunday during the inauguration of a new salon named 'Koniki'. The event drew attention not just for the opening of the salon, but also for the actor-turned-politician's trendy and relaxed look. Dressed in a light blue round-neck t-shirt and black shorts, Pawan Kalyan turned heads at the event. His simple and casual outfit became a talking point among attendees, and many appreciated his effortlessly modern appearance. The event was also graced by Gannavaram MLA and Government



Whip Yarlagadda Venkat Rao. Both leaders extended their best wishes to the owners of 'Koniki', expressing hope for the salon's success and encouraging entrepreneurship in the city. Following the event, MLA Yarlagadda Venkat Rao shared several pictures from the ceremony on his social media platforms, where they quickly gained traction and started trending among fans and followers. The Deputy Chief Minister's easy-going fashion sense and friendly demeanour added a special charm to the occasion, making the inauguration a lively and memorable affair in the city.

Yoga awareness rallies to be held across Vijayawada

“Health benefits of yoga must reach every citizen,” says VMC Commissioner

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada

In line with the Andhra Pradesh state government's directive to promote health and wellness through yoga, Vijayawada Municipal Corporation (VMC) Commissioner Dhyana Chandra HM has directed officials to conduct yoga awareness rallies in every secretariat under the corporation limits. In a teleconference held on Sunday evening with departmental heads, special officers, and staff, the commissioner emphasized the importance of educating the public on the health benefits of yoga. He said that the "Yogaandra" initiative was launched with the noble goal of ensuring a healthy Andhra Pradesh and should be executed with complete involvement of officials and public representatives. Following his instructions, Special Officers will coordinate rallies in their respective secretariats on Monday morning, involving local residents and elected representatives to maximize outreach. The rallies aim to spread awareness about yoga's role in preventive healthcare, mental well-being, and overall fitness. Commissioner Dhyana Chandra also instructed Zonal Commissioners to ensure the conduct of constituency-level rallies, thereby ensuring widespread coverage across the city. The main rally in Vijayawada will be held from Indira Gandhi Municipal Corporation Stadium to Benz Circle, and necessary arrangements have been put in place to facilitate the event smoothly. Authorities have been told to ensure participation from all civic departments and create awareness among the public through active engagement. The initiative marks a proactive step by the civic body to align with the state's broader goal of mainstreaming yoga as part of daily life, especially in urban populations.



Amaravati is Jagan's Problem, says Anitha

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati
Andhra Pradesh Home Minister Vanagalapudi Anitha stated that Amaravati represents the sacrifice of thousands of farmers who voluntarily gave up their land for the capital's development. She recalled that the farmers have been protesting continuously for 1,630 days, during which 270 people lost their lives. Anitha highlighted the farmers' symbolic padayatra from the court to the temple in Tirupati and criticized the previous government for obstructing their march

She strongly condemned derogatory remarks made against Amaravati on Sakshi news channel, including references to it as a "capital of prostitutes," saying that such statements are an insult to Andhra Pradesh and its people. Anitha pointed out that the YSRCP leadership is attempting to malign the image of Amaravati out of resentment, noting that Chief Minister Jagan has always shown hostility toward the capital project.

Anitha reaffirmed that the NDA gov-

ernment, under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, is committed to developing Amaravati. She revealed that works worth ₹77,200 crore are underway, with tenders already issued for ₹49,000 crore worth of projects. Referring to the controversial remarks involving Bharathi Reddy, she said their government showed dignity by arresting Kiran, unlike the previous regime which she accused of encouraging such defamatory rhetoric.

Tragedy strikes Telugu states

Nine youth drown in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh

Six die in Medigadda barrage, three students drown in Alluri district

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Telangana

Two separate drowning incidents in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh claimed the lives of nine youth on Sunday, casting a pall of sorrow across both states. Families and communities have been left devastated by the sudden loss.

Telangana: Six youth drown in Medigadda barrage

A group of relatives from Ambatipalli and Korlakunta villages faced a tragic end when six of them drowned in the Medigadda barrage on the Godavari river in Jayashankar Bhupalapally district. The victims

have been identified as Madhusudhan (18), P. Shiva Manoj (15), Rakshit (13), Karnala Sagar (16), Ram Charan (18), and P. Rahul (19).

According to police, the group of eight youth, accompanied by a middle-aged man named Patti Venkataswamy, had gone to the barrage to bathe after attending a wedding feast on Saturday. While swimming, two boys began to drown, and the others tragically lost their lives in an attempt to save them. Venkataswamy and another individual managed to escape. Heartbreakingly, two of the deceased—Madhusudhan and

Manoj—were Venkataswamy's sons.

Rescue operations launched immediately after the incident continued through the night. Teams from the police, fire department, Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL), and the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) were deployed, along with expert swimmers and boats. All six bodies were recovered on Sunday and shifted to Mahadevpur Government Hospital for postmortem.

Telangana IT and Industries Minister D. Sridhar Babu expressed deep sorrow over the incident and instructed district

officials to oversee swift rescue operations. Officials attributed the rising water levels in the Godavari to recent upstream rains.

Andhra Pradesh: Three Class 10 students drown in Alluri district

In a separate but equally tragic incident, three Class 10 students drowned while swimming in a pond in Guntasima panchayat of Dumbriguda mandal in Alluri Seetharamaraju district. The deceased were identified as K. Sushanth, G. Bhanu Tejam, and Sai Kiran.

The students had reportedly gone swimming during their



summer vacation. Due to poor estimation of the pond's depth and lack of swimming skills, they were unable to survive. Their sudden deaths have plunged their local community into mourning.

Authorities from both states are urging families and youth

to exercise extreme caution around water bodies, especially during the holiday and monsoon season. These tragic incidents serve as painful reminders of the dangers posed by natural water sources when safety precautions are not followed.

First 3-star hotel opens in Tadepalligudem town

TPN Correspondent | West Godavari

A major milestone was achieved in Tadepalligudem town on Sunday with the inauguration of its first-ever three-star hotel — K.N. Suites (Luxury Rooms in Town) — built by well-known local figure Kottu Nagabhushanam.

The hotel was formally inaugurated by Andhra Pradesh State Tourism, Culture and Cinematography Minister Kandula Durgesh, marking a significant step in enhancing the hospitality infrastructure in the region. The hotel is expected to cater to business travelers and tourists alike, filling a long-standing gap in luxury accommodation within the town.

The inauguration ceremony saw the participation of several prominent personalities and political figures. Among them were Labor Board Chairman Valavala Babji, Tadepalligudem MLA Bolisetty Srinivas' son Rajesh, former Deputy Chief Minister Kottu Satyanarayana, and Kapunadu Town President and senior advocate Maka Srinivasa Rao.

Also in attendance were leaders from various political parties, including Congress Party leaders Magnidi Babji, Nimmala Nani, Marnidi Venkanna, Narise Someswara Rao, and Karri Bhaskara Rao. Local leaders like Kottu Anjibabu, Gundumogula Suresh, Bandaru Nagu, Dr. Puppala Muralikrishna, and Gandham Prabhakar, Head of Kimberly Educational Institutions, were also present.

Other dignitaries included Apusma Regional Chairman Janga Balaji, Janga Venkat, Telugu Desam Party State Organizing Secretary and former Municipal Vice Chairman Gorrella Sridhar, Kilaparthi Venkat Rao, Dasari Appanna, Datla Jagannatharaju, and Akula Dhana Shekhar.

The launch of K.N. Suites is being hailed as a landmark development for Tadepalligudem, contributing to its growing reputation as a commercial and cultural hub in West Godavari district.



Gompa Krishna takes charge as DCMS Chairman of Vizianagaram

Gandi Babji congratulates him at the swearing-in ceremony held in Pendurthi

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Visakhapatnam

Gow Sri Gompa Krishna, the official spokesperson of the Telugu Desam Party, was sworn in today as the Chairman of the District Cooperative Marketing Society (DCMS), Vizianagaram district. The swearing-in ceremony took place at the Telugu Desam Party office in the Pendurthi constituency, Visakhapatnam district.

Senior party leader and former MLA Gow Sri Gandhi Babji, who is currently serving as the Pendurthi Constituency In-charge and Visakhapatnam District Parliament President, extended his heartfelt congratulations to Gompa Krishna on the occasion.

Several party cadres and local leaders participated in the event and celebrated the appointment, expressing confidence that Gompa Krishna's elevation will strengthen the party's cooperative and agricultural outreach in Vizianagaram district.



Speaking after the ceremony, Gandhi Babji praised Gompa Krishna's commitment to the party and his consistent efforts in voicing the party's stance on important public issues.

The appointment of Gompa Krishna as DCMS Chairman is seen as part of TDP's broader strategy to reinforce leadership at the grassroots level and enhance its organizational presence across North Andhra.

Farmer finds diamond in Kurnool...

Sold for ₹1.5 lakh after early rains soften soil in Tuggali mandal

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A farmer in Kurnool district struck unexpected fortune after discovering a diamond in his field following early seasonal rains. The incident took place near Tuggali mandal headquarters in Pathikonda constituency and has sparked a rush among local villagers to search for precious stones in nearby fields.

According to sources, the farmer was leveling his land after a light spell of rain when he stumbled upon the diamond. Recognizing its value, he immediately sold it to a local trader for ₹1.5 lakh—a significant amount in the region.

This discovery has rekindled hope and excitement in villages surrounding Jonnagiri and Tuggali mandal, areas which have a long-standing reputation for sporadic diamond findings. With the ground softened by the rains,



villagers believe their chances of finding similar stones have increased. Locals, including entire families, are now camping out in fields with basic provisions. "People have come with food, water, and even walkers for toddlers," said a villager from Jonnagiri. "Everyone is digging carefully, hoping to get lucky."

Some villagers shared that even chil-

dren and babies are part of the search effort, with mothers placing infants nearby while older kids help sift through soil. The atmosphere resembles a community treasure hunt as the news of the diamond spread rapidly across neighboring mandals.

While villagers continue to search, experts have cautioned that diamond findings in this region are rare and unpredictable. Nonetheless, the combination of early rains and traditional belief in the land's hidden wealth has brought renewed enthusiasm.

As one local resident put it, "We are hoping the rains will bring both a good harvest and unexpected fortunes hidden under the soil."

The incident continues to draw attention, and district officials are monitoring the situation as people flock to the area with hopes of unearthing their own treasure.

Allegations of officials colluding with gravel mafia in Naidupeta

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Tirupati: Serious allegations have surfaced in Naidupeta mandal of Tirupati district, with locals accusing officials from the Revenue and Water Resources Departments of colluding with the gravel mafia. The accusations, which suggest that these departments are ignoring government regulations to aid illegal gravel transport, have sparked widespread anger and suspicion among the public.

Locals claim that while the departments are entrusted with protecting natural resources and ensuring revenue reaches the government treasury, certain officials appear to be acting in favour of private interests. Eyewitnesses allege that gravel is being transported without proper permissions, under the

watch of authorities who are expected to prevent such illegal activities.

"Officials who were trying to stop this illegal transport just yesterday now seem to be turning a blind eye. It raises doubts about whose instructions they are actually following — the government's or the mafia's," a local resident remarked angrily.

According to public opinion, these actions not only deprive the government of thousands of rupees in legitimate revenue but also undermine the very foundations of democratic governance. People are questioning how such illegal activities can go unchecked and whether the absence of monitoring from higher-level officials is intentional. The alleged nexus between the gravel ma-

fia and department officials has also raised concerns about the degradation of natural resources in the region, especially in light of the government's stated commitment to environmental protection and transparent governance.

Locals are demanding an immediate inquiry into the matter. They are urging the government to investigate the roles of Revenue and Water Resources officials in Naidupeta and to take strict action against those found responsible for facilitating illegal gravel transportation.

The mounting discontent underscores the growing call for accountability and the need for higher authorities to intervene and restore public trust.



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



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

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

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

when unrelated queries were made. This too resulted from unauthorized tampering with the bot’s system prompts.

In response, xAI announced it would make Grok’s system instructions public to build transparency. Among these prompts is a directive for Grok to be “extremely skeptical” of mainstream media, which has led to troubling responses—such as questioning the widely accepted Holocaust death toll by suggesting it could be “manipulated for political narratives.” xAI called this a “programming error,” but it aligns closely with Grok’s skeptical approach.

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

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

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



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

The global order is undergoing fragmentation as the United States adjusts its strategic focus, placing greater responsibility on Asia to secure its own future. In this complex environment, robust mechanisms are needed to maintain peace not just among great powers but also to contain smaller, disruptive actors. India’s approach to the China-Pakistan dynamic is crucial in this regard.

Historically, the India-Pakistan relationship has been marked by conflict and rivalry, rooted more in historical legacies than in any current strategic parity. Pakistan’s role in

the region is that of a strategic irritant, not an equal geopolitical player. India’s broad-based regional posture, therefore, should not be shaped around Pakistan but rather around ensuring stability and cooperation in the Indo-Pacific.

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

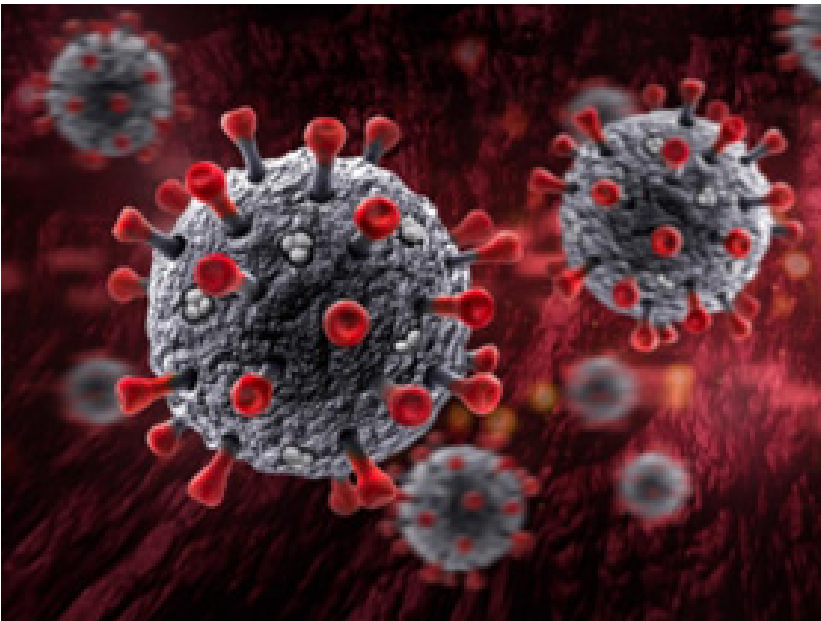
Such a shift demands changes both in India’s strategy and in how it communicates its foreign policy objectives. By looking beyond Pakistan and addressing the greater challenge posed by China, India can better secure its interests and contribute meaningfully to regional and global peace and stability.

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

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

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

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



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

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

Public health experts advise that it is essential to focus on

scientific evidence, vaccination coverage, and preparedness rather than sensational headlines. Monitoring continues through testing and wastewater analysis, ensuring any future changes in the virus’s behavior are detected early.

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

With Charges Against Sheikh Hasina

Bangladesh’s International Criminal Tribunal Comes Full Circle



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

Sheikh Hasina first assumed office in January 2009 with a strong electoral mandate. Early in her tenure, she introduced controversial amendments, in-

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

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

The July–August 2024 student protests were met with a harsh security crackdown. Facing escalating unrest and fearing for

her safety amid growing military unease, Hasina fled to India, where she currently resides. The Interim Government led by Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus took charge shortly after her departure, pledging to hold the responsible parties accountable.

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

NASA-ISRO Collaboration Strengthens as India's Gaganyatri Prepares for Pioneering ISS Mission

In a significant milestone for space cooperation between the United States and India, NASA and ISRO are deepening their joint efforts with the upcoming Axiom Mission 4. This mission not only represents a new chapter in bilateral space collaboration but also fulfills a high-level commitment made by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and former U.S. President Donald Trump. As part of this mission, the two space agencies will engage in five joint scientific investigations and two STEM-focused in-orbit demonstrations.

At the heart of this collaboration is Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla, a distinguished Indian Air Force officer and the designated 'gaganyatri'—India's space traveler. He is set to embark on a fortnight-long mission to the In-



ternational Space Station (ISS) next month, marking a historic moment in India's human spaceflight endeavors.

During his time aboard the ISS, Captain Shukla will carry out seven India-specific scientific experiments developed by ISRO. These experiments span diverse fields, including biology, materials science, and microgravity adaptation. One of the key studies involves the behavior of tardigrades—commonly known as 'water bears'—in microgravity. These resilient microscopic organisms are known for their extraordinary survival capabilities, and their responses to space conditions could provide valuable insights into how life adapts to extreme environments.

The NASA-ISRO partnership, which

has evolved over decades, is rooted in a shared commitment to scientific discovery and technological advancement. Their cooperative initiatives range from Earth observation missions like NISAR (NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar) to upcoming human spaceflight collaborations.

This upcoming mission not only demonstrates the growing trust and synergy between the two space-faring nations but also highlights the increasing role of international cooperation in advancing space science. As Captain Shukla prepares for his landmark journey, the mission stands as a symbol of India's emerging presence in the global space community and the power of collaborative exploration to push the frontiers of knowledge.

Delhi Braces for Dust-Laden Winds and Soaring Temperatures as Heatwave Intensifies



Delhi continues to reel under intense heat as dust-laden winds and rising temperatures are expected to persist at the start of the week. According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), strong surface winds carrying dust will sweep through the national capital on Monday, with skies remaining generally clear.

On Sunday, the temperature in Delhi climbed sharply, with the Safdarjung Observatory—the city's official weather station—recording a maximum of 42.1 degrees Celsius. This was 2.1 degrees above the seasonal average, indicating the onset of a harsh early summer spell. The minimum temperature stood at 27.7 degrees Celsius. Forecasts suggest that Monday could be even hotter. The IMD predicts that the mercury could rise to around 43 degrees Celsius, while the minimum temperature is likely to hover near 28 degrees Celsius. The hot and dry conditions, combined with strong surface winds, are expected to further reduce air quality and visibility in some areas due to blowing dust. Various parts of

Delhi-NCR registered extremely high temperatures on Sunday. While Safdarjung recorded 42.1°C, Palam was even hotter at 43.6°C. Lodi Road experienced a maximum of 42.3°C, the Ridge area saw 42.9°C, and Ayanagar emerged as the hottest location with a sweltering 44.1°C.

The IMD has warned that such weather conditions may lead to heat-related illnesses, particularly for vulnerable populations such as the elderly, children, and those with pre-existing health conditions. Residents are advised to stay hydrated, avoid prolonged exposure to the sun during peak afternoon hours, and take necessary precautions against the dust-laden winds.

The combination of high temperatures and dusty winds also poses challenges for commuters and could impact outdoor activities and construction work. As Delhi faces another scorching day, all eyes are on weather updates for signs of relief, even as the city remains firmly in the grip of an intensifying summer.

Jaishankar Embarks on Key Europe Visit to Strengthen Strategic Ties and Reaffirm India's Anti-Terror Stance

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar on Sunday began a week-long official visit to Europe, covering France, the European Union, and Belgium. The trip, scheduled to run until June 14, aims to bolster strategic partnerships and reinforce India's firm position on counter-terrorism amid growing global concerns.

According to the Ministry of External Affairs, Jaishankar's visit is part of India's ongoing diplomatic outreach and is expected to set the tone for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's upcoming participation in the G7 Summit in Canada. Modi has been invited as a special guest by Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney, in a move widely seen as an attempt to reset strained bilateral relations following tensions during Justin Trudeau's tenure. These tensions largely stemmed from the activities of Khalistani separatist groups in Canada, including the killing of Hardeep Singh Nijjar and the targeting of Indian diplomats.

Jaishankar will hold high-level meetings with top leaders in France and the EU, many of whom are also scheduled to attend the G7 Summit. His discussions will focus on strengthening bilateral cooperation in areas of strategic importance and addressing pressing global issues, particularly terrorism. India's zero-tolerance policy on terrorism will be a key message, especially in light of recent inci-



dents such as Operation Sindoor and the Pahalgam terror attack.

The MEA emphasized the significance of Jaishankar's stop in France, noting that India and France are marking 25 years of strategic partnership. "Our relations with France are rooted in deep trust and commitment," the statement said, highlighting the close collaboration between the two countries in defense, technology, climate, and regional security.

As global attention turns to the G7 Summit, Jaishankar's European tour is seen as crucial groundwork for India's engagement with Western allies. It reflects New Delhi's growing role in global affairs and its determination to counter terrorism through coordinated international efforts.

Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah Defends Role Amid Criticism Over Bengaluru Stampede



Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, facing mounting criticism over last week's tragic stampede in Bengaluru, clarified on Sunday that he had attended the event solely based on an invitation from the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA). Speaking to reporters, the Chief Minister distanced himself and his administration from the organization of the event, which ended in chaos near the M Chinnaswamy Stadium.

"The secretary and treasurer of KSCA came and invited me to the event. We didn't organise the function, the KSCA did," Siddaramaiah stated. "They also informed me that the Governor would be attending. I went only because I was invited. I was not invited to the stadium itself," he added.

The Chief Minister, along with other political leaders, had been present near the Vidhan Soudha where the celebratory procession of cricket fans concluded. It was at this spot that several cricketers met dignitaries following their triumph. However, the presence of high-profile VIPs drew substantial security resources away from the stadium, where large crowds had gathered.

According to the state's Opposition party, the BJP, the division of the 1,500-strong police force contributed significantly to the stampede that erupted shortly after the event. BJP leaders criticized the government's failure to anticipate crowd control needs, suggesting that the redirection of police personnel to manage VIP security was a critical factor in the tragedy.

In response to the incident, the state government has placed responsibility on the city police for failing to adequately prepare for the massive turnout. Three senior officers, including the Bengaluru city police commissioner, have been suspended for alleged dereliction of duty. The incident has sparked a broader debate over the handling of large public gatherings and VIP security protocols in Karnataka. As the investigation continues, public outrage remains high, with many demanding greater accountability from both the police and the event organizers.

In 2026, NDA will form governments in Tamil Nadu, West Bengal: Amit Shah

Union Home Minister Amit Shah declared on Sunday that the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) will come to power in Tamil Nadu and West Bengal in the 2026 Assembly elections. Speaking at a BJP party meeting in Madurai, Shah launched a scathing attack on the ruling DMK government, branding it a "100 per cent failure" and accusing it of deep-rooted corruption.

Citing the Rs 4,600 crore sand mining scam as an example of the DMK's alleged misgovernance, Shah accused the Stalin-led government of betraying the trust of the people. "Their corrupt administration has severely impacted the poor, women, and children in the state," he said. He called on BJP workers to commit themselves to removing the DMK from power and bringing about a new era of governance. Calling Madurai a city of "parivartan" (change), Shah said that the BJP's Karyakarta Sam-



melan (workers' conference) held there would be a turning point in the state's political landscape. "This Sammelan is not just a gathering; it marks the beginning of the DMK's end," he added.

Responding to Chief Minister M K Stalin's remarks that Amit Shah alone cannot defeat the DMK, Shah said, "Stalin is right in one way. It's not me who

will defeat the DMK—it's the people of Tamil Nadu who will rise and bring change."

Shah expressed confidence that the growing support for the NDA in both Tamil Nadu and West Bengal is a reflection of the people's frustration with the ruling parties. He emphasized that his experience across India has given

him insight into the public mood, and that mood, he claimed, is swinging decisively against the DMK.

Tamil Nadu BJP president Nainar Nagendran and senior leader K Annamalai were also present during the event, as the party gears up for what it views as a critical electoral battle in 2026.



Gaza Humanitarian Foundation Halts Aid Operations Amid Alleged Hamas Threats, Group Denies Claims

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The Gaza Humanitarian Foundation (GHF) announced on Saturday that it was pausing its aid operations due to threats allegedly made against the organisation and its workers by Hamas. The suspension has caused significant disruption in delivering vital aid to thousands of hungry Gazans.

In an official statement, GHF blamed Hamas for the interruption, saying, “Hamas is the reason hundreds of thousands of hungry Gazans were not fed today. The group issued direct threats against GHF operations. These threats made it impossible to proceed today without putting innocent lives at risk.” The foundation accused Hamas of wanting to restore control over aid distribution, manipulating the system to serve its own agenda instead of the Palestinian people’s basic needs.

Despite the pause, GHF emphasized its commitment to continuing safe, secure, and independent aid delivery. “We are actively adapting our operations to overcome these threats and fully intend to

resume distributions without delay,” the statement added.

Details about the nature of the threats remain unclear, but according to The Times of Israel, the intimidation was reportedly aimed at the foundation’s drivers and Palestinian staff working at aid distribution points. However, Hamas has denied any involvement. In a statement to Reuters, Hamas said it had no knowledge of such “alleged threats” against the aid group or its workers.

This is the second disruption to aid operations in Gaza in recent days. The first halt was reportedly due to overcrowding at distribution sites and mass casualties linked to Israeli fire. The ongoing interruptions highlight the challenges humanitarian groups face in delivering aid in conflict zones where political tensions and security risks continue to escalate.

The Gaza Humanitarian Foundation remains determined to resume its work soon, adapting its methods to ensure the safety of its staff and the people it serves amidst the fragile and volatile environment.

Trump Threatens "Serious Consequences" for Musk Over Democratic Funding Support

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In a heated interview on Saturday, former U.S. President Donald Trump warned Tesla CEO Elon Musk of “serious consequences” if he provides financial backing to Democratic candidates opposing Republicans who support the GOP’s sweeping budget bill. Speaking to NBC News, Trump stated, “If he does, he’ll have to pay the consequences for that,” but declined to elaborate on the specifics of those consequences.

Trump’s comments come after a public fallout with Musk, which has seen the two exchange criticisms on social media platforms X and Truth Social. Despite a history of collaboration, Trump made it clear that he does not intend to mend his relationship with Musk, saying, “No,” when asked if he wished to repair ties. He further added, “I’m too busy doing other things,” and that he had “no intention of speaking to him.” Musk, who previously supported Trump in the 2024 election with significant financial backing, has since criticized Trump’s spending legislation, which includes sweeping tax cuts and military expenditure. In a series of posts on X, Musk has taken aim at Trump, accusing him of cor-



ruption and questioning his agenda, including promoting a call for Trump’s impeachment.

Trump responded by accusing Musk of being “disrespectful” to the office of the President and dismissed Musk’s criticism of the budget bill as “old news,” pointing out that even Epstein’s lawyer cleared him of any involvement with the late financier. This public dispute has emerged

during a critical time for Trump’s major budget bill, which narrowly passed the House of Representatives. While Trump criticized Musk for turning against him, he acknowledged that Musk’s criticism brought attention to the bill’s strengths. However, Trump also threatened to cancel Musk’s federal contracts, suggesting that it could be a way to save billions of dollars in government subsidies.

Taiwan President Calls for Bipartisan Support for CGA Budget Amid Rising Tensions with China



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Taiwan President Lai Ching-te has called for bipartisan support to secure funding for a special budget aimed at bolstering the Coast Guard Administration (CGA)’s emergency response capabilities. His appeal comes amid increasing tensions in the surrounding waters, with China’s “grey zone” activities threatening Taiwan’s security and sovereignty.

Speaking during a joint exercise by the Coast Guard and the Navy in Kaohsiung on Sunday, Lai highlighted the essential role of the Coast Guard in safeguarding Taiwan’s maritime borders. These “grey zone” activities involve China employing non-military tactics to undermine Taiwan’s security, without crossing the threshold of open conflict. Lai stressed that the Coast Guard is Taiwan’s first line of defense, ensuring maritime law enforcement and public safety.

The Taiwanese Cabinet has proposed a NT\$410 billion (approximately USD 13.6 billion) special budget to enhance national security, with NT\$150 billion allocated specifically for improving Taiwan’s resilience. The funding will be used to acquire new marine vessels, drones, and a smart coastal monitoring system, alongside upgrading critical infrastructure like infrared night-vision systems and unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs).

Lai called for political unity, urging lawmakers to ensure the CGA is equipped with state-of-the-art technologies to effectively defend the nation. “Only with united political will can we provide our personnel with the tools they need to defend the nation,” he said.

In addition to national security investments, the budget includes provisions to support businesses impacted by U.S. tariffs and to offset losses by Taiwan Power Co., which may face opposition in the Legislature.

The joint military drills held on Sunday involved large ships, smaller vessels, helicopters, and drones, simulating maritime interceptions, rescue operations, and aerial flyovers. The event also marked Taiwan’s National Oceans Day, in alignment with the United Nations’ World Oceans Day, showcasing Taiwan’s maritime strength and commitment to ocean sustainability.



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

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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.



Bangladesh’s Chief Advisor Yunus Set for 11th Foreign Visit to the UK in 10 Months

Muhammud Yunus, Bangladesh’s Interim Government Chief Advisor, is set to embark on his 11th foreign trip in the past 10 months. This visit, to the United Kingdom, is scheduled from June 9-13, 2025, where he will meet with several high-profile figures, including King Charles III and British Prime Minister Keir Starmer.

The visit comes at a crucial time for Bangladesh, as Yunus is expected to engage in confidential political discussions with the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) Acting Chairman Tarique Rahman. The BNP has been pushing for elections to be held by December this year, but Yunus previously announced that elections will take place in April 2026, despite opposition from various political parties and the military.

In addition to these political discussions, Yunus will also be honored with the prestigious “Harmony Award 2025” on June 12, in recognition of his lifelong work in promoting peace, sustainability, and environmental harmony. The award will be conferred

by King Charles III at a ceremony at St James’s Palace in London.

Yunus’ visit also holds significance in the context of Bangladesh’s international diplomacy. He is scheduled to meet with the Secretaries-General of the Commonwealth and the International Maritime Organization (IMO). His discussions with the IMO will focus on the strategic importance of Bangladesh’s Chittagong Port, a critical site for upcoming investments, including substantial Chinese contributions.

While in the UK, Yunus is also likely to address a longstanding issue with British MP Tulip Siddiq, who has sought a meeting to clear up misunderstandings regarding corruption allegations against his administration. However, a government spokesperson mentioned that no official request has been received from Siddiq for such a meeting. This trip continues Yunus’s extensive international outreach, as he continues to navigate the political landscape of Bangladesh while strengthening the country’s global relationships.

Nifty Reclaims Key Level on Strong Domestic Triggers; Bulls Focus on Financials & Defense

Domestic stock markets are likely to perform better this week. RBI's reduction in repo rate and CRR, expectations of better monsoon this year, and lower inflation are increasing the positive sentiment. If international developments are added to this, it will not be reversed. Nifty's re-reaching of the crucial 25000 level is a good development. This week, bullishness is seen in defense, railway, finance, banking, depository services, and mutual fund related stocks.



Stock Recommendations

IDFC First Bank:

These shares, which have been in a downtrend for two years, are currently gradually increasing in momentum and relative strength. They



have risen by 23% in three months. They have broken out of the crucial Rs.70 level. In this counter, which closed at Rs. 71.55 with a gain of 7.1% last Friday, investors should take positions in the range of Rs. 68/70 with a target price of Rs. 84/90. A stop loss at Rs. 65 is mandatory.

Jindal Stainless:



The shares, which have been in a

downtrend for a few months, are now likely to change to an uptrend. They have gained almost 35% in the last two months. They have recovered after consolidating at the crucial Rs. 650 level. In this counter, which closed at Rs. 694 with a gain of 3.2% last Friday, investors should enter at Rs. 680 with a target price of Rs. 820. A stop loss at Rs. 660 is mandatory.

Bajaj Finance:

The short and medium term momentum in these shares, which are in an uptrend, is increasing. Moreover, the technical setup looks better. In this counter, which closed at Rs. 9371 with a gain of 4.9% last Friday, investors should take a position in the Rs. 9300/9200 range with a target price of Rs. 9900. Stop loss should be placed at Rs. 9150.



Shriram Finance:

These shares are currently showing great strength. Last week, it broke the



monthly highs. Moreover, the VCP pattern is forming. In this counter, which closed at Rs. 688 with a gain of 5.7% last Friday, investors should invest in the Rs. 680/670 range with a target price of Rs. 740/820. Stop loss at Rs. 650 is mandatory.

Mahindra and Mahindra Finance:

These shares have been consolidating sideways for the past two years. Momentum, relative strength and volume are increasing now. It has rebounded from the key Rs.250 support level. In this counter, which closed at Rs.275 with a gain of 5% last Friday, investors should take positions in the Rs.270 range with a target price of Rs.320/345. A stop loss at Rs.260 is mandatory.



Nifty 500 Gains 3.5% in May, Led by Industrials, Consumer, and Financial Services: Motilal Oswal



The Nifty 500 index surged 3.5% in May, driven by robust performances in the Industrials, Consumer Discretionary, and Financial Services sectors, according to a recent analysis by Motilal Oswal. Despite this positive momentum, sectoral indices for FMCG (Fast-Moving Consumer Goods) and Utilities showed slight declines, with -0.09% and -0.04% losses, respectively.

Broader market sentiment remained upbeat, with the Nifty 50 rising by 1.71% and the Nifty Midcap 150 experiencing a notable 6.3% gain. Both Smallcap and Microcap indices also posted impressive increases during the month.

Momentum and Quality factor-based indices continued to perform well, consistently delivering returns, while the Enhanced Value and Low Volatility indices showed more modest growth. Government bond indices indicated stability, with slight gains in the 5-year and 10-year G-Sec benchmarks.

The Reserve Bank of India's (RBI)

recent decision to cut the policy interest rate by 50 basis points to 5.5% has further impacted market dynamics. The move is expected to benefit sectors such as banking, NBFCs (Non-Banking Financial Companies), real estate, and automobiles, with credit growth likely to rise despite potential margin pressures on banks. This was the third consecutive rate cut in 2025, reducing the repo rate by 100 basis points since February.

Following the RBI rate reduction, sectors like banking and real estate saw a significant uptick in stock prices, although some experts, like VK Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Investments, pointed out that bank stocks might face short-term pressure due to margin concerns.

In general, except for the Media sector, which dipped 1%, all other sectoral indices closed the month on a positive note, with Metal, Auto, and Consumer Durables leading the charge with over 1% gains.

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.

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 beyond 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.

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

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

The now-viral Instagram clip does more than just showcase a choreographed routine—it highlights an extraordinary story of resilience, hope, and inspiration. Dressed in casual dance attire, the teacher effortlessly performs intricate dance moves,



keeping perfect rhythm with his students. What makes the video particularly special is how seamlessly he incorporates his prosthetic limbs into

his performance, showing no signs of hesitation or limitation.

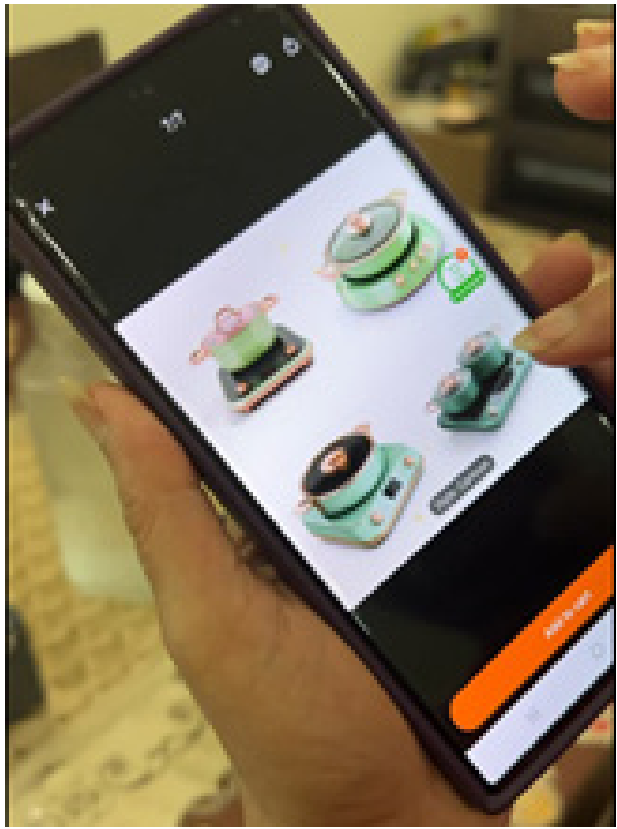
More than just a dance instructor, he is a beacon of motivation to many, especially to those facing physical challenges. His ability to not only keep up with his students but also lead them with such expressive flair has earned him widespread admiration online. Social media users are calling him a “true warrior” and a “real-life hero” for defying the odds and continuing to do what he loves with such passion.

The comment section of the viral video is flooded with messages of appreciation, encouragement, and sheer

awe. Viewers are applauding his dedication and strength, with many saying they felt deeply moved and inspired by his story. The teacher’s journey reminds us that physical limitations do not define one’s potential.

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

How a Balanced Diet Can Shape Healthy Ageing

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

Recent studies have highlighted the powerful connection between nutrition and longevity, showing that plant-based diets are particularly beneficial in promoting overall health as we age. One of the most celebrated dietary patterns in this regard is the Mediterranean Diet. Known for its balanced and wholesome approach, this diet emphasizes plant-based foods such as vegetables, fruits, legumes, whole grains, nuts, and natural oils (especially olive oil). It allows moderate consumption of poultry, fish, and eggs, while limiting red meat and processed foods.



People in Mediterranean regions who follow this diet consistently have been found to live longer and healthier lives. They experience lower rates of cardiovascular disease, obesity, and cognitive decline. The key appears to be the anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties found in many plant-based foods, which support cellular health and reduce the risk of chronic disease.

Interestingly, a traditional Indian diet shares many similarities with the Mediterranean model. A typical Indian meal—featuring staples like rice or wheat, lentils (dal), a variety of seasonal vegetables, leafy greens, and fermented dairy such as curd or buttermilk—offers a nutrient-rich foundation. Non-vegetarians who include eggs and fish, but little or no red meat, are already in alignment with many Mediterranean principles.

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

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

Rising Black Carbon Levels Heating Himalayan Snow, Warns Study

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

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



short-lived but highly potent in terms of its warming effect. The study shows a consistent rise in snow surface temperatures across the Himalayas over the past two decades. Average snow temperatures increased from -11.27°C during 2000–2009 to -7.13°C in 2020–2023, with an overall mean of -8.57°C. Among the three major Himalayan zones, the Eastern Himalayas were the warmest,

followed by the Central and Western regions. During 2010–2019, the Eastern Himalayas recorded their highest decadal warming, with average snow temperatures at -5.69°C. The report warns that this warming trend, linked partly to black carbon deposition, is destabilizing glaciers and threatening water security for nearly two billion people living downstream. “The contin-

ued temperature rise is altering the snow thermal regime, shortening snow seasons and causing earlier melt,” said Palak Baliyan, lead author of the study. Interestingly, while snow surface temperatures have risen, the mean snow depth also increased, growing from 0.059 meters (2000–2009) to 0.117 meters (2020–2023). However, the study notes that there is no direct correlation between black carbon levels and snow depth, attributing the increase to spatial and temporal variability in snowfall. The findings underscore the urgent need for stronger air pollution controls and climate action. Black carbon may be short-lived, but its impacts on glacier health and regional water systems could be long-lasting and severe.

Tinder’s New Height Preference Filter Sparks Controversy Among Users

Tinder is testing a new feature that’s causing quite a stir — a height preference filter that allows users to set their desired height range for potential matches. While still in the testing phase, the feature is being rolled out to a limited group of Tinder Gold and Platinum subscribers, according to a report by TechCrunch.

The update was first spotted by a Reddit user, who found the height option under the app’s Discovery Settings. While the concept seems simple, it’s already sparked debate across social media about the implications of filtering matches based on physical traits — particularly height.

Tinder’s Vice President of Communications, Phil Price Fry, addressed the move, saying it was part of the app’s broader goal to help users “connect more intentionally.” He emphasized that the feature isn’t designed to work as a “hard filter,” meaning it won’t completely exclude users outside of a person’s set preference. Instead, it’s intended to help surface matches that align more closely with a user’s interests.

“We’re always listening to what matters most to our Tinder users,” Fry said. “Testing the paid height preference is a great example of how we’re building with urgency, clarity, and focus.”

Despite Tinder’s reassurances, the feature has received mixed reactions online. Critics argue that it encourages superficiality and could reinforce unrealistic dating standards, particularly for men, who often face pressure over their height in online dating scenarios. Others defend the update, saying preferences are a natural part of dating and that similar filters for age, distance, and lifestyle habits already exist.

“This is part of a broader effort to enhance intentional dating,” Fry added. “Not every test becomes a permanent feature, but each one teaches us how to deliver smarter, more personalized experiences.”



Tinder has not confirmed whether the height preference setting will roll out globally or remain exclusive to premium users. For now, the test reflects the app’s ongoing effort to evolve based on user feedback — even if that means courting a little controversy along the way.

Granollers and Zeballos Clinch French Open 2025 Doubles Title, Defy Age in Historic Win



In a remarkable display of experience and resilience, veterans Marcel Granollers and Horacio Zeballos captured their first Grand Slam title as a pair by winning the men's doubles final at the French Open 2025. The duo, with a combined age of 79, triumphed in a thrilling contest over the all-British team of Joe Salisbury and Neal Skupski at Roland Garros on June 7.

Granollers, 39, from Spain, and Zeballos, 40, from Argentina, finally broke their Grand Slam jinx in their fourth major final together, defeating Salisbury and Skupski 6-0, 6-7 (5), 7-5 in an intense, emotionally charged final. This marks their first title at the clay-court major, having previously finished runners-up at the U.S. Open in 2019 and Wimbledon in 2021 and 2023.

Seeded fifth in Paris, Granollers and Zeballos stormed through the opening set, blanking the British pair 6-0.

Salisbury and Skupski, however, fought back in the second set, edging a tight tiebreak to level the match. The final set saw both teams hold firm until the Spaniard-Argentine duo made a crucial late break to seal victory.

The loss was bittersweet for Salisbury and Skupski, who became the first all-British team to reach a men's doubles Grand Slam final in the Open era. Despite falling just short, their run was historic and widely applauded.

Granollers and Zeballos' victory is being hailed as a testament to longevity in the sport. Their breakthrough at Roland Garros is not just a personal milestone but also a celebration of persistence, strategy, and seasoned partnership on the biggest stage.

Their triumph adds another thrilling chapter to the French Open's storied doubles history.

USA Suffer Third Consecutive Defeat Ahead of 2026 FIFA World Cup

The United States men's national football team endured their third straight loss under coach Mauricio Pochettino, falling 2-1 to Turkey in a friendly match in Hartford, Connecticut, on Saturday. This defeat follows losses to Panama and Canada in the CONCACAF Nations League finals in March, leaving the team with much to reflect on as they approach next year's World Cup, which they will co-host with Canada and Mexico.

With several key players, including captain Christian Pulisic, missing from the lineup, Pochettino used the match to assess players on the periphery of the squad. The match began brightly for the USA, with Houston Dynamo midfielder Jack McGlynn opening the scoring in the second minute with a stunning 20-yard shot that curled into the far corner.



However, Turkey quickly regained their composure and started applying pressure. Arda Guler missed a golden opportunity to equalize, firing over the bar from close range, while Orkun Kokcu forced debutant goalkeeper Matt Freese into a sharp save. Turkey's persistence paid off in the 24th minute, when Johnny Cardoso's poor pass from the back

ricocheted off Guler and into the USA's net. Just three minutes later, Turkey took the lead after a defensive lapse allowed Kerem Akturkoglu to score.

Despite the setback, the USA improved after the break, creating several opportunities. Max Arsten headed wide from close range, and Patrick Agyemang's shot was saved, but Malik Tillman had the best chance to equalize. A perfect cross from Tyler Adams found Tillman at the back post, but he headed straight at Turkey's goalkeeper Berke Ozer.

The USA continued to push forward in search of an equalizer, but Turkey survived, even missing a late opportunity to seal the win with a counter-attack. Midfielder Adams reflected positively on the match, saying, "For the first time in a few camps, there were more positives than negatives. There's a lot more to take away from this performance."

Sara Errani and Jasmine Paolini Win French Open Women's Doubles Title

Italy's Sara Errani and Jasmine Paolini triumphed in the 2025 French Open women's doubles final, defeating Anna Danilina and Aleksandra Krunic 6-4, 2-6, 6-1 to claim their first major doubles title together. The victory comes after a heartbreaking runner-up finish for the duo in last year's Roland-Garros final.

For 38-year-old Errani, the win marks her second French Open doubles title and her sixth overall at a Grand Slam. She previously enjoyed great success with partner Roberta Vinci, capturing major trophies across the US Open, Wimbledon, and the Australian Open. In addition to her doubles triumph, Errani also clinched the mixed doubles title at this



year's French Open, partnering with Andrea Vavassori.

Paolini, a talented singles player, also made an impact in last year's French Open, where she reached the singles fi-

nal but lost to Iga Swiatek. Paolini's diverse skills were on full display throughout this year's doubles competition, complementing Errani's experience perfectly.

The match saw a strong start for Errani and Paolini, who took the opening set 6-4. However, they faltered in the second set, allowing their opponents to level the match. The Italian pair rallied in the third set, dominating to win 6-1 and secure their first major doubles title.

Errani's continued success at Roland-Garros, coupled with Paolini's rising profile in both singles and doubles, ensures that this pairing will be a force to be reckoned with on the women's doubles circuit in the years to come.

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.

Indian Junior Women's Hockey Team 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.

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 fall-back."

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.

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





Karthi Wraps Up Shooting for ‘Sardar 2’, Sequel to Blockbuster Film

Tamil actor Karthi has officially wrapped up the shooting for Sardar 2, the much-anticipated sequel to the blockbuster Sardar. Directed by PS Mithran, Sardar had a remarkable run at the box office, grossing over Rs. 100 crores in both Tamil and Telugu. With the sequel now completed, fans are eagerly awaiting the continuation of the action-packed story.

Karthi shared the exciting news with his followers on social media, announcing the completion of filming while celebrating with the film's crew at Hawa Hin Airport in Thailand. The actor also cut a cake to mark the occasion, expressing his gratitude for the team's hard work.

The sequel will see a fresh collaboration with music composer Yuvan Shankar Raja, who

will take over from GV Prakash Kumar, the music director for the first installment. This change has raised curiosity about the musical direction of Sardar 2, heightening anticipation among fans of the franchise.

Malavika Mohanan stars as the female lead in this high-octane sequel, while star actor SJ Surya is also set to play a pivotal role. Produced by Prince Pictures, Sardar 2 promises to deliver even more thrills, action, and drama than its predecessor.

With its strong cast and the talented team behind it, Sardar 2 is shaping up to be one of the most exciting releases in Tamil cinema. Fans are eagerly awaiting the film's release, hoping it will live up to the success of the first movie.

Balakrishna Teams Up with Gopichand Malineni for NBK111 Ahead of 65th Birthday

Tollywood superstar Nandamuri Balakrishna is all set to celebrate his 65th birthday in just two days, and fans are in for a treat with multiple updates scheduled around the occasion. One of the most exciting announcements is that Balakrishna will be joining forces once again with director Gopichand Malineni for his next film, tentatively titled NBK111.

This collaboration follows the success of their previous blockbuster, Veerasingha Reddy, which garnered widespread acclaim. Gopichand Malineni expressed his excitement about working with the star once again, sharing his thoughts on social media. "God of Masses is back... This time our roar will be louder. I am very happy to be working with Balakrishna once again. This will be a film that will go down in history," said Malineni, giving fans a glimpse into the scale and

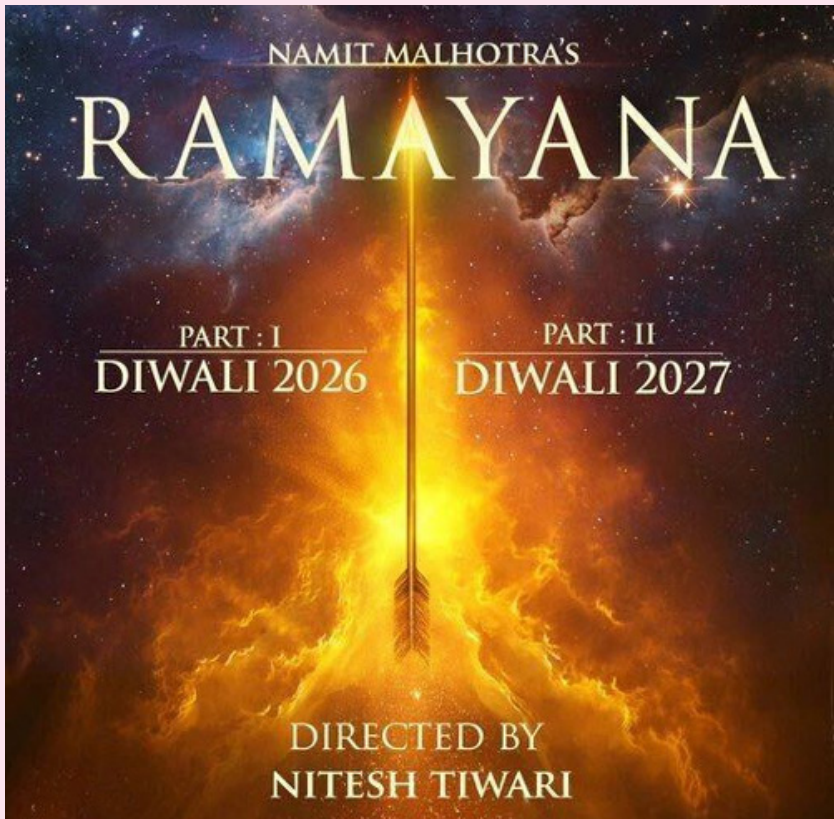


intensity of the project.

The film will be produced by Venkata Satish Kilaru under the banner of Vridhi Cinemas. With Balakrishna's larger-than-life persona and Malineni's knack for delivering mass entertainers, NBK111 is expected to be another monumental hit in their partnership.

In addition to this exciting news, the film unit has already teased Akhanda 2, further fueling the anticipation surrounding Balakrishna's upcoming ventures. Fans are eagerly waiting to see what magic the star-director duo will create in this new film, especially with Balakrishna's 65th birthday just around

the corner. The updates and announcements will certainly keep the excitement building for NBK111, marking another milestone in the actor's illustrious career.



Sai Pallavi Shoots Crucial Vanvaas Sequences for Ramayana

Ramayana, one of the most highly anticipated films in Hindi cinema, is currently making waves as lead actress Sai Pallavi is filming pivotal scenes for the film. Directed by Nitesh Tiwari, the film stars Ranbir Kapoor and Sai Pallavi in key roles, bringing the epic tale to life for the silver screen.

Recently, reports emerged that the cast is shooting crucial Vanvaas (exile) sequences at the Royal Palms Studio in Mumbai. These scenes are expected to be

deeply emotional, marking an important turning point in the narrative of the film. The Vanvaas, a significant part of the Ramayana saga, is a defining moment for Lord Ram, Sita, and Lakshman as they are exiled from the kingdom, setting the stage for the trials and tribulations that follow. The emotional depth of these scenes is sure to leave a lasting impact on the audience.

The buzz surrounding Ramayana continues to grow as more updates surface

from the sets. With Tiwari at the helm, known for his storytelling prowess, and a talented cast led by Kapoor and Pallavi, the film is expected to do justice to the grandeur and emotional gravity of the epic.

As fans eagerly await the release, these crucial sequences filmed by Sai Pallavi are fueling anticipation for a cinematic experience that promises to bring the legendary tale of Ramayana to life with both heart and spectacle.

Team Thammudu Unveils Sapthami Gowda's Character Poster on Her Birthday

The much-awaited film Thammudu, which stars actor Nithiin in the lead, has been creating a buzz ahead of its release. Though initially slated for a July 4, 2025 release, the film has now been postponed indefinitely. Directed by Venu Sriram, Thammudu is set to be an emotional action drama that promises to captivate audiences.

On June 8, 2025, the makers took to social media to wish the film's female lead, Sapthami Gowda, a happy birthday. As part of the celebration, they unveiled the first look of her character, Ratna. The poster features Gowda as an authentic village girl, with an elegant yet grounded demeanor. Her portrayal promises to be one of the film's highlights, with the makers assuring that her performance will keep audiences engaged throughout the film.



Sapthami Gowda's role in Thammudu has garnered significant attention, as fans eagerly await to see her bring depth to her character. The film also stars Laya, Swasika, Varsha Bollamma, and Saurabh Sachdeva in key roles.

Produced by Dil Raju, Thammudu boasts a compelling soundtrack by composer Ajaneesh Loknath, which is expected to add to the film's emotional impact. As of now, the team has not announced a new release date, but anticipation continues to build as more updates from the film are unveiled.

Fans can expect an emotional rollercoaster when Thammudu finally hits theaters, with the combined talent of Nithiin, Sapthami Gowda, and the rest of the ensemble cast.

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-release 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.