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- Ex-SIB chief Prabhakar Rao returns to India after 14 months
- Rao expected to appear before SIT to-day as per Supreme Court directive

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Former Telangana Special Intelligence Bureau (SIB) chief and retired IPS officer T. Prabhakar Rao, who is a key accused in the sensational phone tapping case, returned to India from the United States on Sunday, June 8, after spending



New Ministers Take Oath at Telangana Raj Bhavan

- Vivek Venkataswamy, Adluri Laxman, Vakiti Srihari inducted into cabinet
- Governor administers oath to three new ministers at Raj Bhavan
- All inducted MLAs belong to SC, ST, and BC communities
- Ramachandrunayak appointed as Deputy Speaker of Assembly

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In a significant step towards social representation, three new ministers were inducted into the Telangana cabinet on Sunday morning. Governor Jishnu Dev Verma administered the oath of office at the Raj Bhavan to Chennur MLA Vivek Venkataswamy, Dharmapuri MLA Adluri Laxman Kumar, and Makthal MLA Vakiti Srihari. The ceremony was attended by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, existing cabinet members, MLAs, and MLCs.

This latest cabinet expansion by the Congress-led government is seen as an effort to uphold social justice, with all three newly inducted ministers representing SC, ST, and BC communities. Contrary to speculation that senior leaders like Sudarshan Reddy and Komatireddy Rajgopal Reddy would be included, the Congress high command reportedly directed the state leadership to focus solely on providing opportunities to underrepresented sections for now. Alongside the cabinet expansion, Ramachandrunayak has been appointed as the Deputy Speaker of the Telangana Legislative Assembly. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy extended his congratulations to all four leaders through a social media message, praising their elevation and expressing hope in their future contributions to the state's progress. Interestingly, all three newly sworn-in ministers are first-time MLAs. Vivek Venkataswamy, though a first-time MLA from Chennur, had previously served as a Member of Parliament. Vakiti Srihari was elected from Makthal, while Adluri Laxman Kumar secured his win from Dharmapuri in the 2023 Assembly elections.

Gaddam Vivek's Political Journey

Gaddam Vivek, who won from Chennur in the 2023 Assembly elections, comes from a distinguished political lineage as the son of veteran Congress leader G. Venkataswamy. His career has seen several political shifts. Vivek won as a Congress MP from Peddapalli in 2009, joined the TRS during the Telangana movement in 2013, and rejoined Congress briefly for the 2014 elections, where he was defeated. He returned to the TRS in 2016 and later joined the BJP after being denied an MP ticket. In 2023, he once again rejoined the Congress and secured victory as an MLA. His son Vivek Vamsi also won as a Congress MP in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. This is Vivek's first ministerial role.



Adluri Laxman Kumar's Rise

Adluri Laxman Kumar earned his ministerial berth after winning from Dharmapuri in the 2023 Assembly polls, defeating BJP's Koppula Eshwar by a margin of 2,229 votes. Born in 1968 in Karimnagar district, he holds an ITI diploma from Peddapalli. He has held various organizational roles including General Secretary of Karimnagar District NSUI (1986-1994) and AP Youth Congress (1996-2001). Laxman previously served as Karimnagar ZP Chairman (2010-2012) and AP SC Corporation Chairman (2013-2014). After multiple unsuccessful MLA contests, he finally secured a win in 2023.



Vakiti Srihari's First Cabinet Role

Vakiti Srihari, hailing from the former Mahabubnagar district, won the Narayanpet Assembly seat in 2023, defeating BJP's Chittam Rammohan Reddy by over 17,000 votes. His political groundwork includes serving as ZPTC and ZP floor leader (2014-2018) and as Sarpanch of Makthal (2001-2006). A long-time grassroots Congress leader, Srihari now steps into his first ministerial position. The expansion underscores Congress's strategy to strengthen its base across communities and regions in Telangana. The move is being viewed as a calculated political message aimed at strengthening the Congress party's outreach among marginalized communities ahead of key future political developments in the state.



Jubilee Hills MLA Maganti Gopinath passes away at 63

- BRS Party mourns senior leader's demise;
- suffered heart attack at AIG Hospital
- Gopinath died of a heart attack at 5:45 am while under treatment
- He served as MLA thrice and was a key BRS leader in Hyderabad

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Senior BRS leader and Jubilee Hills MLA Maganti Gopinath (63) passed away early this morning while undergoing treatment at AIG Hospital in Gachibowli. According to official reports from doctors, he suffered a fatal heart attack at 5:45 am. His sudden demise has left his family and the BRS party in deep shock and mourning. Maganti Gopinath was born on June 2, 1963, in Hyderguda to Krishnamurthy and Mahananda Kumari. He completed his intermediate education at Venkateswara Tutorials in 1980 and went on to graduate with a BA from Osmania University in 1983. He is survived by his wife Sunita, son Maganti Vatyalyanath, and daughters Akshara Naga and Dishira. Gopinath entered politics



through the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) in 1983. He rose through the ranks, serving as the Telugu Youth State President (1985-1992), director of HUDA (1987-88), president of the Consumer Forum, and Hyderabad TDP district president (1988-93). In 2014, he won the Jubilee Hills MLA seat as a TDP candidate. He later joined the Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS), now BRS, and won the 2018 by-election by defeating Congress candidate P. Vishnuvardhan Reddy with a majority of 16,004 votes. In 2022, he was appointed TRS Hyderabad district president. He retained his seat again in the 2024 elections, marking three consecutive wins from Jubilee Hills. He also served on the Legislative Assembly's Public Estimates Committee. Beyond politics, Gopinath made his mark in Telugu cinema as a film producer. His film credits include Pathabasti (1995), Ravanna (2000), Bhadradi Ramudu (2004), and Naa Style (2009). Known for his strong grassroots connection and commitment to development work, Gopinath earned a loyal following in his constituency. His loss is being deeply felt by both party leaders and the people he served.

“Why should I protect KCR?” - Eatala counters Congress

- Says every Kaleshwaram decision discussed in cabinet
- Dismisses Tummala Nageshwar Rao's “no cabinet role” remark
- Challenges Congress to hand over case to CBI if confident

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BJP leader and former Telangana minister Eatala Rajender has strongly reacted to allegations that he is shielding BRS chief and ex-Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) in the ongoing Kaleshwaram Commission inquiry. Addressing the media on Sunday, Eatala made it clear that he has no obligation to protect KCR and had already



submitted a transparent account of his role during the project implementation to the Commission. Eatala, who served as the Finance Minister during the Kaleshwaram project phase, clarified that all government de-

cisions at the time were taken with cabinet discussions and approval. “There is no Kaleshwaram without a cabinet sub-committee,” he said, adding that redesign suggestions came from within the sub-committee and that complete details will emerge soon. He criticised the Congress leadership for making misleading statements to confuse the public. “I have placed all the facts before the commission. I have nothing to hide, nor do I have any reason to protect anyone,” Eatala asserted. Responding sharply to Minister Tummala Nageshwar Rao's statement that the Kaleshwaram project was never discussed in the cabinet, Eatala dismissed it as false. “Nothing happens in the government without cabinet discussion. Every file was

Centre spent ₹11 lakh crore in Telangana over 11 years: Kishan Reddy

- 80% of rice subsidy, 70% of fertiliser subsidy borne by Centre, says Union Minister
- BJP leader slams Congress and BRS for Telangana's financial crisis

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Union Minister and BJP Telangana President G. Kishan Reddy has claimed that the central government under Prime Minister Narendra



Modi has spent a staggering ₹11 lakh crore in Telangana over the past 11 years. He said this during a BJP social media workshop at the party's state office, where he called on party activists to actively counter what he termed as “misinformation” being spread on social media about the BJP's role in the state's development. Highlighting the Centre's contribution to welfare schemes, Reddy stated that

80 percent of the funding for the subsidised rice distribution scheme in Telangana comes from the central government. He also mentioned that the Union government bears nearly 60 to 70 percent of the fertiliser subsidy costs. He criticised the state government for its poor infrastructure maintenance, alleging that most roads in Telangana were built by





## Congress leader, six others held for assaulting female cop

- Accused remanded to 7-day judicial custody for obstructing SI Haritha on duty
- Incident linked to witness intimidation in February case, say police

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Local Congress leader Rayala Rama Rao and six of his associates were arrested on Saturday, June 6, in Khammam district for allegedly assaulting sub-inspector D. Haritha and obstructing her from carrying out her duties. The group has been remanded to seven days of judicial custody.

The incident took place at Chowdari Hotel near the NSP Crossroad in Kalluru mandal, where SI Haritha had arrived



following a tip-off that Rama Rao was intimidating hotel owner Maganti Bosu Babu and staff. The officer was reportedly investigating threats aimed at discouraging witnesses from testifying in a case related to a February 2025 incident at the same location.

Upon her arrival, Rama Rao allegedly pushed the officer with both hands and hurled verbal abuse when she asked him to vacate the premises. Video evidence of the confrontation reportedly shows Rama Rao and his associates engaging in a heated argument and attempt-

ing to obstruct Haritha from discharging her official duties. Based on her complaint, a case was registered under various sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), including charges for assaulting a public servant, criminal intimidation, unlawful assembly, rioting, and outraging the modesty of a woman.

All seven accused were produced before a local court in Khammam on Saturday evening and subsequently remanded to judicial custody for a week.

Further investigation into the matter is ongoing, and police have not ruled out the possibility of more arrests in connection with witness intimidation in the February case.

## Maganti Gopinath’s funeral ends with government honours



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The last rites of BRS leader and Jubilee Hills MLA Maganti Gopinath (62) were held on Sunday afternoon at the Mahaprasthanam in Jubilee Hills, conducted with official government honours. Gopinath passed away early Sunday morning while undergoing treatment at AIG Hospital, Gachibowli, following a severe heart attack he suffered three days ago.

The funeral procession witnessed tearful farewells as BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR), former minister Harish Rao, and numerous party leaders, activists, and supporters gathered to pay their respects. KTR, Harish Rao, and other senior leaders carried the pall during the procession. Police officials honored Gopinath’s mor-

tal remains with a ceremonial three-round salute in the air.

Maganti Gopinath had been battling ill health for some time, including kidney-related complications. He was admitted to the AIG Hospital after suffering a cardiac arrest on June 5 at his residence. Emergency CPR was performed successfully, and he was placed on a ventilator in the ICU. Despite intensive care, his condition worsened, and he breathed his last at around 5:45 am on Sunday.

His sudden demise has cast a deep shadow of sorrow over the Jubilee Hills constituency and the BRS party. Several political leaders and public figures expressed their condolences, mourning the loss of a respected leader.

## Anyone can file complaints against illegal constructions: High Court

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The Telangana High Court has ruled that any individual — including strangers and passersby — can file complaints about illegal constructions, and such complaints are not restricted to direct victims. The clarification came in a case involving unauthorised construction on a 400-square-yard plot in BS Maktha, Begumpet, Hyderabad.

Justice T. Vinod Kumar, who presided over the matter, dismissed a plea filed by Anita Andallu Cheguri seeking to cancel GHMC notices served to her and her son regarding alleged illegal construction on the property.

According to the petition, Cheguri and her son had individually purchased 200 square yards each and obtained permission for two-storied buildings with stilt floors. Later, they applied to revise the permissions to allow a ground-plus-four structure on the combined plot. Eventually, a fifth floor was constructed, which the petitioners claimed was due to structural and architectural requirements. Despite applying for revised permissions and regularisation, the authorities did not act on their requests. The dispute arose after a person named Narender — who does not reside in the locality — filed a petition over the construction, prompting the High Court to issue orders directing GHMC to take action. GHMC subsequently served notices to the petitioners without including them as respondents in the original case.

The petitioners challenged the legality of these orders, arguing that they were not heard before the court’s initial directions and



that this violated the principles of natural justice.

However, the court rejected this contention. Justice Vinod Kumar observed that the absence of the petitioners as respondents did not amount to a violation of natural justice in this case. He emphasised that any individual has the right to report unauthorised constructions, and if authorities fail to act, the court has the authority to intervene.

GHMC’s counsel clarified that construction permissions had been denied, and that regularisation is applicable only for structures built before 2015. Since the petitioners’ additional floors were constructed without necessary approvals, the court noted that their rights were not ignored, but rather, their constructions were illegal.

Upholding the earlier single-judge ruling, the High Court dismissed the petition. However, it directed GHMC to consider the petitioners’ regularisation plea in accordance with the precedent set by the A. Praveen Kumar case.

This verdict reinforces the court’s stance on illegal constructions and upholds public participation in reporting violations, regardless of whether the complainant is directly affected.

## Gau Rakshaks stop Cattle Transport, row erupts in Sangareddy

- Cow protectors claim action based on theft alerts
- MLC alleges assault, demands attempt-to-murder case

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An incident involving alleged cow vigilantes and cattle traders in Ramchandrapuram, Sangareddy district, has triggered controversy in Telangana. While AIMIM MLC Mirza Rahmath Baig has condemned the group’s actions as assault and kidnapping, the gau rakshaks maintain they acted in response to growing concerns over illegal cattle transport and thefts that often spike during festival seasons.

The incident occurred when cattle traders were transporting livestock in a DCM vehicle towards Hyderabad. According to sources aligned with the gau rakshak group, the vigilantes intercepted the vehicle following a tip-off that the cattle were being moved without proper documentation and in violation of transport norms. The group claims they attempted to question the traders and escort them to a nearby gaushala (cow shelter) for verification.

The situation reportedly escalated when the traders resisted. The gau rakshaks insist there was no intent to harm, but to prevent what they believed could be part of an ongoing pattern of illegal cattle movement – a concern that has surfaced across multiple villages in Telangana, especially during Muslim festivals when cases of cattle theft often rise.

AIMIM MLC Rahmath Baig, who visited the injured traders at the hospital on Sunday, alleged that the traders were tied to a tree and beaten with sticks and rods, and has demanded an attempted murder case against the vigilantes. He termed the incident a targeted attack and called for immediate arrests.

In contrast, cow protection groups argue that their actions were in the interest of animal welfare and the prevention of illegal trade. “We are simply ensuring the safety and dignity of cows, which are often smuggled or subjected to cruelty. Our volunteers respond when local communities raise alarms about suspicious movements,” said a member of the group.

Police have launched an investigation into the matter and are examining CCTV footage as well as verifying transport documentation related to the cattle. Authorities have also stated that any violations of law — from either side — will be dealt with strictly.

The incident has once again highlighted the delicate balance between law enforcement, animal rights, and communal sensitivities. While cow protectors see themselves as guardians of tradition and law, critics argue for stricter regulation to prevent overreach and ensure no citizen is subjected to unlawful violence.

## Buffalo calf rescued from illegal sacrifice in Telangana

- Undavelly police prevented sacrifice after PETA tip-off
- Calf sent to Kalote Animal Trust for rehabilitation
- PETA calls for abolition of animal sacrifice practices

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A male buffalo calf was rescued from an illegal sacrifice attempt at a temple in Undavelly village of Jogulamba Gadwal district, Telangana, on June 4, 2025. The rescue happened after People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) India received credible information and immediately contacted the Station House Officer of Undavelly Police Station. Acting quickly, the police prevented the sacrifice at around 1 a.m. The operation was coordinated with Ms. Latha Nimma, founder of Mettu Animal Samrakshan, Hyderabad, whose timely complaint to PETA India was crucial for the calf’s rescue. The calf was initially placed under temporary care and later transferred safely to the Kalote Animal Trust, an animal rescue sanctuary in Raigad, Maharashtra, for treatment, rehabilitation, and life-long care. PETA India arranged the interstate transfer with full cooperation from local authorities.

PETA India’s Legal Advisor and

Director of Cruelty Response, Meet Ashar, said, “Just as human sacrifice is now recognized and condemned as murder, the outdated practice of animal sacrifice must also be abolished. We urge the public to stand up for animals by rejecting cruel practices and choosing kindness instead.” Ashar also praised the compassion and swift action of the Undavelly police, especially Station House Officer Shri P. Mahesh, for saving the young calf from a violent death.

Several Indian states including Gujarat, Kerala, Puducherry, and Rajasthan have laws prohibiting the religious sacrifice of animals in temples or their precincts. Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, and Telangana also prohibit such practices in public places of worship, their precincts, or related religious gatherings.

PETA India strongly opposes speciesism and advocates for animal rights, with a motto stating animals are not ours to eat or abuse. For more information, visit PETAIndia.com or follow their social media channels.

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nearly 14 months abroad. His return follows an undertaking submitted to the Supreme Court promising cooperation with the ongoing investigation. He is expected to appear before the Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the case on Monday.

Rao, who was declared an absconder by the SIT, had his passport revoked after a First Information Report (FIR) was registered against him during the investigation into illegal surveillance activities allegedly carried out under the previous Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) government. The apex court, however, recently ordered the return of his passport and barred the police from taking any coercive action against him until further orders. A bench comprising Justices B.V. Nagarathna and Satish Chandra Sharma passed the order after Rao challenged the Telangana High Court’s rejection of his anticipatory bail plea.

According to the SIT, Prabhakar Rao had allegedly formed a special unit within the SIB comprising his trusted officers, including DSP Praneeth Rao, to monitor political opponents, businessmen, journalists, dissidents within the ruling party, and even members of the judiciary. The scandal came to light in March

last year after a complaint by Additional SP D. Ramesh led to the arrest of DSP Praneeth Rao. The Nampally criminal court in Hyderabad had earlier issued proclamation orders against Prabhakar Rao, who remained out of reach for over a year. The SIT has so far arrested and charged six officials in connection with the case, including Praneeth Rao, Additional SPs Thirupathanna and Bhujanga Rao, and former DCP P. Radha Kishan Rao.

Rao, in his defense, has consistently denied all allegations, branding them as politically motivated. He had sought political asylum in the United States on similar grounds, a request that was denied by the US government. In India, his legal team has argued that there is no direct evidence linking him to the case, aside from statements from the co-accused, and emphasized his long-standing service record and willingness to cooperate.

As the SIT prepares to interrogate the former intelligence chief, political observers are closely watching the developments in this high-profile case that has shaken the foundations of state-level intelligence operations in Telangana.

## “Why should I protect KCR?” - Eatala counters Congress

approved, and KCR signed off on each decision,” he said. He reminded that even ministers like Tummala, Jupally Krishna Rao, and Kadiyam Srihari were aware of the proceedings at the time. Throwing a challenge to the Congress gov-

ernment, Eatala said, “If they have the courage, let them hand over the case to the CBI. The truth will come out.” His comments have added a new dimension to the ongoing political heat surrounding the massive irrigation project.

## Centre spent ₹11 lakh crore in Telangana over 11 years: Kishan Reddy

the Centre while the state government had failed to even repair potholes. Reddy also launched a scathing attack on the previous BRS and Congress governments, blaming them for the state’s growing debt burden. “They have pushed Telangana into ₹10 lakh crore debt. A once-surplus state is now on the brink of bankruptcy due to their misgovernance,” he said.

Drawing a sharp contrast between the Modi

government and the previous Congress-led administration, Reddy said the BJP-led Centre has taken strong action on national security issues. “Under Congress rule, there were repeated terror attacks with no strong response. But under Modi, we have effectively countered such threats,” he said. He concluded by asserting that the Congress party has no moral standing to criticise the BJP, considering its own governance track record.





## Learnt From Babu & Modi, Working Under Rahul: CM Revanth

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Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy attended the launch event of Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatreya's autobiography in Hyderabad on Sunday and shared a light-hearted anecdote from a recent high-level meeting.

Revanth Reddy recalled his participation in the NITI Aayog meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. During a lunch conversation, the Prime Minister pointed to TDP chief N. Chandrababu Naidu and remarked, "Your close friend is also here." Responding with

wit, Revanth said, "I studied with you (BJP) in school, studied with him (Chandrababu) in college, and now I am working with Rahul Gandhi." He added that this comment evoked laughter from everyone present. The Telangana CM's remarks drew attention to his long political journey

across party lines while also reflecting his current allegiance to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi. Revanth's candid recollection added a personal touch to the formal event, where several leaders came together to honor Bandaru Dattatreya's contributions through his autobiography.

## KCR sheds tears at the body of BRS MLA Maganti Gopinath



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BRS MLA Maganti Gopinath (62), who represented Jubilee Hills, passed away on Sunday after suffering a severe heart attack three days ago. Gopinath had been battling kidney-related health issues and had recently undergone surgery before his sudden decline. The news of Gopinath's death deeply shocked BRS chief and former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR). He visited Gopinath's residence at Doctors Colony in Madhapur to pay his respects, laying a wreath on the mortal remains. KCR was visibly emotional and shed tears during the tribute. Alongside KCR, BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR), senior leader Harish Rao, MP Ravichandra, and other party members also visited the family to offer condolences and support during this difficult time. Earlier, KCR expressed his profound sorrow in a statement, praying for the departed soul's peace and extending his heartfelt condolences to the grieving family.

## Kishan Reddy hails Dattatreya's life as a guiding light for future leaders...



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Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy described Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatreya as a towering figure in Indian politics whose life and service should be an inspiration to every political worker. Speaking at the launch event of Dattatreya's autobiography 'Prajala Kathe.. Naa Atma Katha' in Hyderabad, Kishan Reddy paid rich tributes to the veteran leader's legacy and his contributions to shaping the political landscape.

"The credit for turning many youngsters into strong leaders goes to Bandaru Dattatreya. He is the reason why I am where I am today," Kishan Reddy said, recalling his political journey that began under Dattatreya's mentorship. "He held my hand and guided me in politics. In 1980, I was fortunate enough to travel with him across Hyderabad on a motorcycle."

He said he was honored to win the Lok Sabha seat from Secunderabad — a constituency that Dattatreya had represented with distinction. "His deep connection with the people and commitment to public service left an indelible mark on the city," Kishan Reddy noted.

Sharing emotional memories, he said, "We served together in the slums through Seva Bharati. His relentless work for the party's expansion in Hyderabad is unforgettable. When party workers were demoralized, he would call and encourage them with compassion." Kishan Reddy praised Dattatreya's humility and the dignified manner in which he handled all roles — from party worker, state president, and MP to Union Minister and now Governor. "His life is a lesson in values-based politics. Even if ideologies differed, Dattatreya garu never indulged in personal criticism. He upheld mutual respect in political discourse."

He appealed to political workers across all parties to read Dattatreya's autobiography to understand what true leadership means. "Politics needs more inclusive leaders like him. We must learn to respect one another, regardless of party lines, and work towards the pride and progress of Telugu states." Concluding his speech, Kishan Reddy said that every political leader must strive to develop their personality, integrity, and respect for democratic values — as embodied by Bandaru Dattatreya throughout his career.

## Meenakshi Natarajan meets key Cabinet aspirants

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Even as three MLAs took oath as Ministers at Raj Bhavan on Sunday, June 8, AICC Telangana in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan personally met other MLAs who were strong contenders for Cabinet berths but were left out in the recent expansion.

Accompanied by senior leaders including Advisor Vem Narender Reddy, Natarajan visited former Minister Sudarshan Reddy at his residence and held discussions. Sudarshan Reddy, a key aspirant for a Cabinet post, is understood to have expressed displeasure over his exclusion from the three-member Cabinet expansion.

In response, Natarajan reportedly assured him and sought to explain the party's reasons for the

selections.

Of the 17 total Cabinet positions, 11 had been filled previously, and with the induction of three more Ministers on Sunday, 14 posts are now occupied. The party still has three vacancies to fill, and efforts are ongoing to placate the remaining aspirants.

Apart from Sudarshan Reddy, Natarajan also tried to meet Munugode MLA Komatireddy Rajgopal Reddy and Mancheril MLA Prem Sagar Rao, who were also strong contenders for Cabinet berths.

The nature of assurances given to these leaders and their future plans remain unclear at this point, as the party works to maintain internal harmony while completing the Cabinet formation.



## Ibrahimpattanam MLA defers press meet on Cabinet berth issue after AICC intervention

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Ibrahimpattanam MLA Malreddy Rangareddy, who had expressed disappointment over being denied a Cabinet berth, postponed the press meet he had scheduled for 5 pm on Sunday, June 8, after receiving a phone call from All India Congress Committee (AICC) Telangana in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan. Rangareddy had planned to address the media and outline his future course of action but decided to defer the event after the call. Sources say Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) president Mahesh Kumar Goud is expected to visit Rangareddy later in the day to discuss and address his concerns personally. Earlier, AICC in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan had also met Bodhan MLA

P Sudarshan Reddy, who is similarly unhappy about not being included in the Cabinet. Among several aspirants, Malreddy Rangareddy was considered a strong contender for a ministerial post.

The MLA has been advocating for the appointment of at least one Minister from the Greater Hyderabad region. In April, he even stated his willingness to step down and have another person elected from his constituency if caste and social equations became obstacles to including a representative from the erstwhile Rangareddy district in the Cabinet.

The intervention by the AICC leadership seems aimed at calming tensions among party members ahead of final Cabinet formation.

## Raja Singh Writes to GHMC Demanding Removal of Animal Waste

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Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MLA from Goshamahall, T Raja Singh, on Sunday, June 8, wrote to the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) seeking urgent action to remove animal waste generated during the recent Eid al-Adha celebrations in Hyderabad's Old City. In his letter addressed to GHMC Commissioner R.V. Kannan, Raja Singh expressed concern over the waste from qurbani (animal sacrifice) littering various areas, including Falaknuma, Tigalakunta, Yakutpura Railway Station, and Bahadurpura. He alleged that the resulting pollution has caused an unbearable stench, posing serious public health risks to residents. Singh further pointed out that in some instances, animal waste was found near religious places, including temples, which he described as highly inappropriate and offensive to religious sentiments. He called it "disturbing" and urged the GHMC to take immediate steps to address the issue.

He requested the deployment of additional sanitation teams to clean these affected areas promptly and insisted on initiating thorough disinfection measures. The MLA also stressed the importance of regular monitoring by the civic authorities to prevent similar situations

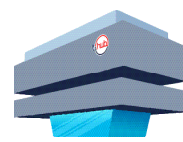
from recurring in the future.

The letter comes amid heightened public attention on sanitation and health safety following the large-scale animal sacrifices during Eid al-Adha in the city.

Raja Singh's move aims to ensure that hygiene standards are maintained and the discomfort caused to residents is swiftly alleviated.







# Hyderabad Mayor receives death threats over phone

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A major security concern has surfaced in Hyderabad as Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) Mayor Gadwala Vijayalakshmi reportedly received threatening phone calls during late hours. The caller, whose identity is

yet to be established, not only used abusive language but also threatened to kill the Mayor and her father, senior BRS leader and MP K. Kesava Rao (KK). According to reports, the unknown caller left voice messages on the Mayor's phone, issuing life threats and claiming affiliation with a man named Sardar, who recently died by suicide in Borabanda. The threats, which came in the form of late-night calls and vulgar voice notes, triggered alarm among the Mayor's office. Following the disturbing developments, the Mayor's Public Relations Officer (PRO) filed a formal complaint with the Banjara Hills Police. Acting swiftly, the police registered a case and launched an investigation into the matter. Authorities have begun tracing the phone number from which the threats were made and are working to identify the person behind the calls. Investigators are also probing the claim of the caller's connection with the deceased individual mentioned in the threats. Police sources say every angle is being explored to determine the motive and background of the accused. Meanwhile, security around Mayor Vijayalakshmi and her family has reportedly been reviewed in light of the threats. The incident has raised serious concerns about the safety of public representatives and the need for stronger mechanisms to curb such harassment. Further updates are expected as the investigation progresses.

## Ramoji Rao Statue Unveiled at RFC

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On the solemn occasion marking the first death anniversary of legendary media baron Ramoji Rao, the founding chairman of the Ramoji Group of Companies, family members, staff, and admirers gathered at Ramoji Film City (RFC) to pay their respects and celebrate his enduring legacy. A tribute ceremony was held at the Memorial Garden within RFC, where family members, senior officials, and staff of the Ramoji Group offered floral tributes in remembrance of the visionary leader. Ramoji Rao, known for revolutionizing Indian media and entertainment, continues to inspire generations through his vast contributions to journalism, cinema, and business. In a heartfelt moment during the ceremony, a life-size statue of Ramoji Rao was unveiled at the Ramoji Group corporate office. The unveiling was performed by his grandchildren — Sahari, Sohana, Brihati, and Divij — symbolizing the continuation of his legacy through the next generation. The statue serves as a tribute to Ramoji Rao's monumental achievements and his unwavering commitment to excellence. It is expected to become a source of inspiration for future leaders and employees of the Ramoji Group, as well as for the many visitors who pass through Ramoji Film City. The commemorative event was marked by a sense of reverence, gratitude, and reflection, with attendees recalling Rao's visionary leadership, humility, and transformative impact on the media landscape of India. His memory lives on not just through his creations but through the values he upheld.



## Elderly man dies of heart attack at Fish Prasadam Distribution

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Tension prevailed at the annual fish prasadam distribution program held at the Nampally Exhibition Grounds in Hyderabad after an elderly man collapsed and died while waiting in queue. The deceased has been identified as Satyanarayana (75), a resident of Medak district. According to eyewitnesses, Satyanarayana was standing in a long queue to receive the traditional fish prasadam when he suddenly collapsed. On-site medical personnel rushed to provide emergency care and performed CPR, but he could not be revived. The incident created a moment of panic among those present at the venue. Authorities immediately shifted the body to Osmania General Hospital Mortuary for post-mortem. The fish prasadam distribution, conducted annually and drawing thousands from across the state, continued after a brief interruption. Police and organizers ensured that the rest of the proceedings went on in an orderly manner while increasing medical support at the site. Officials expressed condolences to the family of the deceased and are investigating the circumstances surrounding the death.



# Man, dupes Hyderabad woman under pretext of marriage

**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**  
In a disturbing case of cheating under the guise of love and marriage, a man identified as P Shiva duped multiple women, including one from Hyderabad. The case came to light after a 35-year-old Hyderabad woman filed a complaint against him at the SR Nagar police station. According to the complaint, Shiva initially introduced himself as a candidate who had cleared the police sub-inspector exam and soon entered into a relationship with the woman. He even visited her home in November 2020 and assured her parents of marriage. Claiming to have received a marriage proposal along with a dowry offer of Rs 30 lakh, Shiva convinced



the woman's parents to give him Rs 10 lakh. However, his demands for money continued. At one point, he asked for an additional Rs 6 lakh, claiming he needed the amount to convince his family for the marriage. When the woman's family started questioning the delay in the wedding, Shiva instructed the wom-

an to discuss matters privately. During a meeting at a hotel, he persuaded her into a physical relationship by promising marriage. The woman later accessed Shiva's cellphone and discovered that he was in contact with multiple women. Shockingly, she also found out that Shiva had married another woman two years earlier. Following this revelation, the woman approached the SR Nagar Police and lodged a formal complaint. Based on her statement, police registered a case under relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and the Bangalore Nagaraja Sexual Harassment (BNS) Act and have started investigations into the matter.

# Drinking water wasted due to pipeline leakage in Falaknuma

**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**  
Precious drinking water is being wasted in Falaknuma following a major leakage in the main water supply pipeline on Engine Bowli – Jahanuma road. The leak, which started a few days ago, has caused gallons of water to gush out from beneath the road, flowing over a stretch of nearly 200 meters. Local residents have reported the issue to the Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWS&SB) as well as their elected representatives, but so far, no remedial action has been taken to stop the leakage or repair the damaged pipeline. Zeeshan Qureshi, a local trader,

expressed his frustration, saying, "After noticing the water leakage, we informed both local public representatives and water board officials about the problem. The issue has not been resolved so far." Residents also highlighted that many areas continue to face inadequate drinking water supply, yet water is being wasted unchecked at this leakage point. Muneer Khan, another local resident, lamented, "People in several areas are not getting adequate drinking water supply, yet the authorities are allowing this water wastage despite being notified." The continuous flow of water has also severely damaged the road

surface. Existing potholes have widened, making travel difficult and uncomfortable, especially for senior citizens. Niyazuddin, a senior citizen from Jahanuma, shared his troubles, saying, "The road guarantees a painful and backbreaking ride. I'm avoiding this road and taking a longer alternate route to reach Engine Bowli from Jahanuma playground." Residents urge the authorities to take immediate action to repair the pipeline, stop the wastage of drinking water, and fix the road to prevent further inconvenience to commuters and local residents.



## Defence liquor bottles seized in Sherlingampalli; two held

**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**  
In a major crackdown on liquor smuggling, the Shamshabad District Task Force (DTF) team seized 115 liquor bottles being illegally transported from the Defence Canteen. The operation took place near Hafizpet in Sherlingampalli following a tip-off. Shamshabad DTF CI Praveen Kumar, along with

his team, intercepted a car suspected of transporting non-duty paid liquor (NDPL). Upon inspection, 115 bottles, containing approximately 86.25 liters of liquor worth ₹2.30 lakhs, were recovered. Additionally, the car used for transportation, valued at ₹3 lakhs, was seized. Excise Superintendent Krishnapriya confirmed that two individuals have

been detained in connection with the case. They are currently being interrogated to ascertain the source and destination of the smuggled liquor. The raid was conducted under the leadership of CI Praveen Kumar, with support from SI Srikanth Reddy and officers Ganesh, Shekhar, and Nehru. These raids are part of a week-long special drive

launched by the Prohibition and Excise Department to curb the sale of NDPL across Telangana. The operation has been initiated following directives from Prohibition and Excise Department Director Shanawaz Qasim. Director Shanawaz Qasim and Deputy Commissioner Dasharath lauded the Shamshabad excise team for their swift action and effective enforcement.



# Chandrababu launches Dattatreya's autobiography

'Prajala Kathe Na Atma Katha' showcases journey from grassroots to Governor

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

The Telugu version of Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatreya's autobiography 'Prajala Kathe 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 guid-

ing 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.

## Where is Swachh Telangana?

Garbage piles raise health concerns in Dundigal Municipality

TPN Correspondent | Medchal

The promise of a clean Telangana appears to be fading in Dundigal Municipality, where garbage collection from households has fallen into complete disarray. Despite government claims of cleanliness drives, residents of Bahadurpally and surrounding areas are grappling with growing mounds of waste and deteriorating sanitation conditions. In Ward 14 of Dundigal Municipality, particularly on the road stretching from Bahadurpally to Suraram Rajiv Gruha Kalpa near the double-bedroom housing units, heaps of garbage lie unattended. Residents report that the area has turned into a virtual dumping yard, making it uninhabitable due to the stench and spread of filth. Locals expressed serious health concerns as decomposing waste has become a breeding ground for flies and mosquitoes. While Dundigal Municipal officials claim to be implementing a 100-day action plan for sanitation, visible efforts seem lacking in several col-



onies such as Udayagiri Colony, Green Hills Colony, and even in prominent housing clusters like the double-bedroom homes. Residents are questioning whether officials are deliberately ignoring garbage-laden areas, as no action has been taken despite repeated complaints. "The garbage near the Bahadurpally double-bedroom housing has been lying here for days. With the monsoon approaching, this mess poses a serious health hazard. Why are the officials blind to this

situation?" asked a local resident who spoke to the media. Citizens further allege that the plan to collect garbage using clean autos has failed to yield results, as door-to-door collection is irregular or completely absent in many areas. Public spaces have turned into dumping zones, raising serious questions about the effectiveness of local governance in maintaining basic hygiene standards. With concerns mounting, residents are urging Dundigal Municipal authorities to

immediately remove the accumulated garbage and take preventive measures to avoid outbreaks of disease. They are also demanding a sustained and transparent sanitation strategy, especially in view of the monsoon season that could further aggravate the public health risk. The local population is calling on higher authorities to intervene, inspect the affected areas, and hold officials accountable for neglecting core civic responsibilities.

## Palakurti MLA

### Yashaswini Reddy visits Bhadrachalam temple

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Palakurti MLA Yashaswini Reddy offered prayers at the historic Sri Seetha Ramachandra Swamy temple in Bhadrachalam during her visit today. She was welcomed by the temple priests and officials with traditional temple honors and briefed on the historical and spiritual significance of the shrine. Wearing silk clothes, MLA Yashaswini Reddy performed special poojas to Lord Rama as per temple traditions. After the rituals, the priests offered her blessings at the Lakshmi Thayar Amma temple and presented her with the temple's prasadam. Speaking to the media after her darshan, Yashaswini Reddy expressed her happiness in visiting the revered temple. She said, "It is a divine experience to have the darshan of Lord Rama. I pray for the health, happiness, and prosperity of the people of Palakurti constituency." The visit drew attention from local devotees and officials, who appreciated the MLA's gesture of seeking divine blessings for her constituency.



### Free medical camp receives enthusiastic response



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A free health camp organized by Ampliphone Hearing Health Care at Adarsh Nagar in Medchal district witnessed a remarkable turnout, with around 250 to 300 individuals availing themselves of free health checkups. The initiative received a warm response from the local residents and community leaders. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Abhishek Chaudhary highlighted that Ampliphone has 16 branches across Hyderabad, offering effective and reliable treatments tailored to patient needs under the guidance of experienced doctors. He said the camp was organized as part of their outreach efforts to extend quality healthcare to the people. Dr. Chaudhary emphasized the use of advanced technological equipment in their clinics, adding, "We invite everyone to visit our hospital once to experience the unique and advanced care we provide." The event saw the participation of Adarsh Nagar President Shankarajah, B. Shiva Kumar, Dr. Jaya, Manager Srikanth, Sajjan, Kavali Venkatesh, and several colony residents. The organizers expressed happiness over the successful conduct of the camp and the positive feedback from the community.

## 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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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 pan-

chayat 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.



## 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.

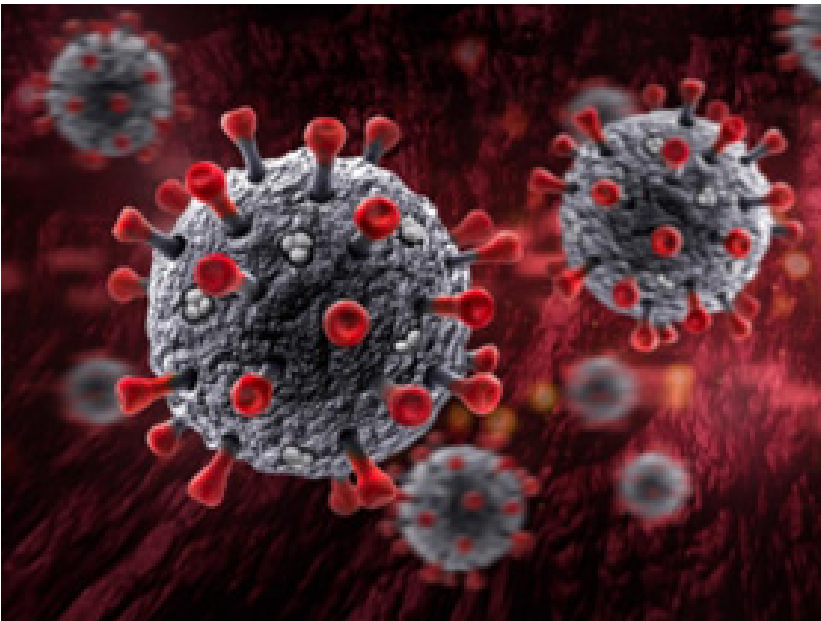
Such a shift demands changes both in India’s strategy and in how it communicates its foreign policy objectives. By looking beyond Pakistan and addressing the greater challenge posed by China, India can better secure its interests and contribute meaningfully to regional and global peace and stability.

## 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.

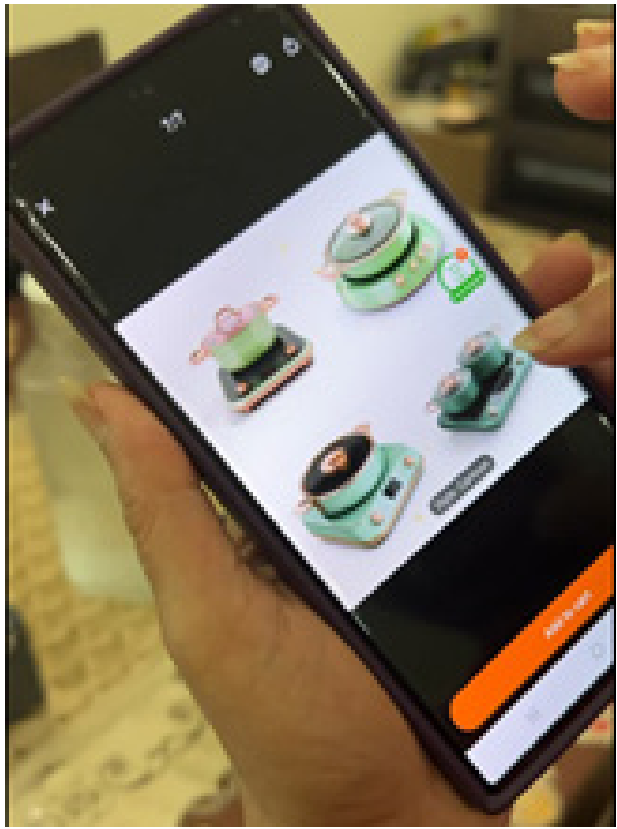
More than just a dance instructor, he is a beacon of motivation to many, especially to those facing physical challenges. His ability to not only keep up with his students but also lead them with such expressive flair has earned him widespread admiration online. Social media users are calling him a “true 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

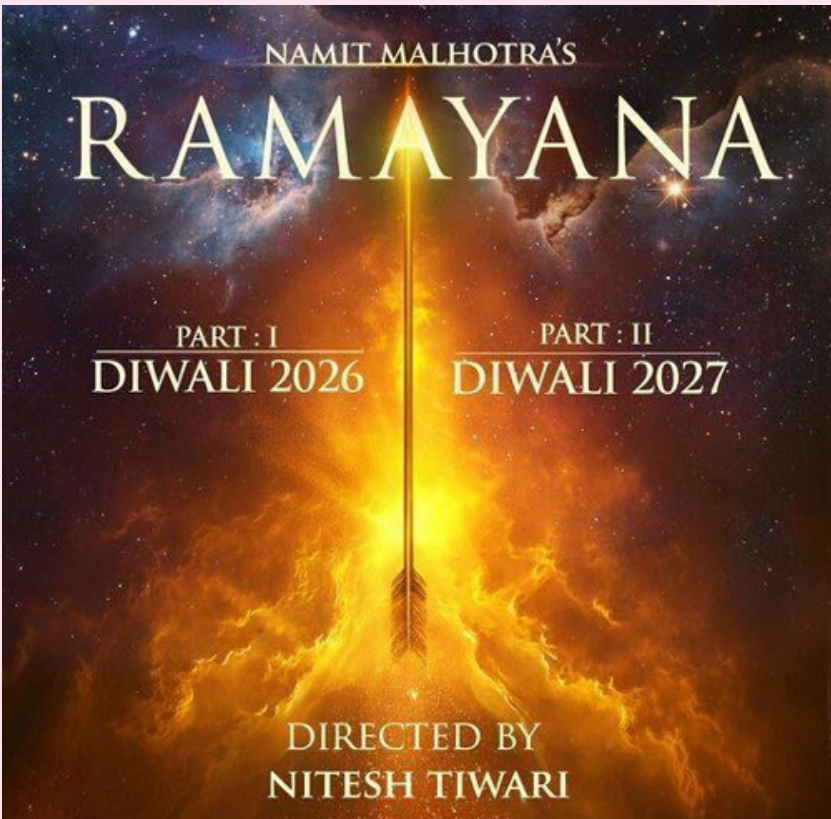


intensity of the project.

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.