



Lokesh's Bengaluru Visit Delivers Big: Two Projects for Vizag

Satva, ANSR to create 35,000 jobs in Andhra Pradesh's IT hub

- ₹1,500 crore Satva Vantage campus coming to Visakhapatnam
- ANSR to set up GCC Innovation Campus with 10,000 jobs
- Lokesh’s proactive pitch attracts major investments

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

The investment tour of Andhra Pradesh IT and HRD Minister Nara Lokesh to Bengaluru has yielded impressive results, with two major projects being secured for Visakhapatnam in a single day. The deals, finalized during his meetings with top industry leaders, are expected to generate direct employment for 35,000 people.

In a key development, Lokesh held discussions with representatives of Satva Group, a prominent name in Indian real estate. Responding swiftly to the state's investment-friendly pitch, the company has announced a ₹1,500 crore investment to develop a mixed-use modern campus named 'Satva Vantage' on 30 acres of land in Visakhapatnam. The project will feature Grade-A office spaces and premium international-standard residences, and is expected to create 25,000 jobs. During the same visit, Lokesh also facilitated a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with ANSR, a company known for enabling Global Capability Centers (GCCs) for international clients. As part of this agreement, ANSR will establish a GCC Innovation Campus in Visakhapatnam aimed at providing 10,000 jobs in the next phase of expansion. This back-to-back success on a single day highlights Visakhapatnam's rapid emergence as Andhra Pradesh's IT and innovation capital, with Nara Lokesh playing a key role in fast-tracking major collaborations. The proactive outreach by the minister is expected to add further momentum to the state's industrial and digital infrastructure development.



Invest In AP Real Estate: Lokesh Invites Prestige Group

Andhra Pradesh IT and Electronics Minister Nara Lokesh has invited India's leading real estate firm Prestige Group to explore investment opportunities in the state's booming infrastructure and real estate sectors. In a special meeting held in Bengaluru, Lokesh met with Prestige Group Chairman Irfan Razak and Executive Director Zayad Nauman and briefed them on the progress and potential in the state.

Highlighting the state's ongoing transformation, Lokesh said, "Amaravati is being developed with ₹65,000 crore, Visakhapatnam is emerging as a major IT hub with giants like Google and TCS arriving, and Rayalaseema is attracting heavy investments from Reliance and Renew in green energy and food processing." He noted that Andhra Pradesh received ₹9.5 lakh crore worth of investments in the past year alone.

The Minister urged Prestige Group to support Andhra Pradesh in developing infrastructure based on the 'plug and play' model, which ensures that businesses can begin operations without delays due to basic setup requirements. In response, Irfan Razak expressed interest and assured that the group would examine the possibilities of investing in Andhra Pradesh. Known for their presence in 13 major cities across India, Prestige Group has completed over 350 projects and holds the distinction of being the only Indian real estate company with a CRISIL DAI+ rating. Lokesh's proactive outreach to major firms comes as part of the government's broader effort to fast-track economic growth and real estate development in the state, particularly in newly expanding cities like Amaravati and Visakhapatnam.



CM Releases Water to Krishna River

- 4 gates lifted, water released from full Srisaillam reservoir
- Deadlines set for water to Jeedipally, Kuppam, and Madanapalle

TPN Correspondent | Nandyal

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu visited the Srisaillam Project today and released water to Krishnamma by lifting four gates of the dam. The CM, accompanied by Water Resources Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu, emphasized his government's commitment to the irrigation and development needs of Rayalaseema, setting strict timelines for water supply to drought-prone areas.

Before initiating water release, Chandrababu performed special pujas to Lord Mallikarjuna at the temple and prayed for the prosperity of Rayalaseema. "This is the happiest day of my life," he said, expressing joy that the Srisaillam reservoir was filled in the first week of July with 200 TMC of water now available. "Water is our real wealth, and irrigation projects are the modern temples," he remarked.

He criticized the previous YSRCP government for neglecting irrigation and development in the region. "They failed to even focus on the Srisaillam dam," he said. In contrast, Chandrababu pointed out that his earlier government had spent ₹68,000 crore on irrigation projects and laid the foundation for development with key projects like Polavaram, Pothireddypadu, Galeru-Nagari, and Gandikota. The CM announced that the government has set a target of July 15 for supplying water to Jeedipally and July 30 for Kuppam and Madanapalle. He said he is personally monitoring the progress. "Rayalaseema will soon become a land of gems with the blessings of Mallanna and our government's commitment," he said.

Chandrababu reiterated that a clear blueprint is in place for Rayalaseema's transformation, with plans to develop Kopparthi and Orvakal into industrial hubs and expand road infrastructure to national standards. "Our aim is to make the Telugu nation number one in the world," he concluded.

"10 Designs for NTR Statue Under Review"

- Massive NTR memorial and museum planned at Neerukonda Hill in Amaravati
- Consultancy asked to prepare 10 statue designs for CM's final approval
- NTR museum and surroundings to be developed in first phase
- Soil testing and surveys already underway at statue location

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Bhadrachalam EO Attacked by Encroachers in Purushottapatnam

- 500 villagers involved in assault
- Temple EO Ramadevi faints in scuffle
- 1200-acre land dispute at center of clash



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Andhra Pradesh: In a shocking incident, Sri Seetha Ramachandraswamy Temple Executive Officer (EO) Ramadevi was attacked by a large group of villagers from Purushottapatnam while trying to prevent illegal constructions on temple lands. The clash resulted in her fainting on the spot, and she is currently undergoing treatment at KIMS Hospital.

Temple EO attacked during inspection

The incident took place when EO Ramadevi, along with 30 temple staff, reached Purushottapatnam village in Edapaka Mandal of East Godavari district after receiving information about unauthorized house constructions on lands belonging to the Bhadrachalam temple. As she attempted to halt the illegal activity, an enraged crowd of about 500 villagers confronted and attacked the EO and her staff. In the chaos, Ramadevi collapsed and had to be rushed for medical care.

Disputed lands belong to Ramalayam

The disputed 1200 acres originally belonged to the Sri Seetha Ramachandraswamy Devasthanam in Bhadrachalam Mandal of the erstwhile Khammam district in united Andhra Pradesh. Post-state bifurcation, the land came under the jurisdiction of Purushottapatnam village in Edapaka Mandal,

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Legal community voices concern

Reacting to the incident, High Court Advocate Dannana Tarun Kumar condemned the attack and stated: "The EO and staff visited the disputed land area with rightful intent. It is painful to see the state of affairs today through photos and videos. Though such incidents have happened earlier, no action was taken. Authorities must now act decisively and prevent recurrence."

The incident has reignited the long-standing land dispute involving the Bhadrachalam Ramalayam and highlighted the urgent need for inter-state coordination and enforcement of court orders to protect temple assets.





“10 Designs for NTR Statue...

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In a significant move to honor Telugu cinema legend and former Chief Minister N.T. Rama Rao, the Andhra Pradesh government is set to construct a grand statue and memorial in the Neerukonda Hill area of Amaravati. State Municipal Administration Minister Dr. P. Narayana held a crucial review meeting on the designs and developmental plans for the statue and surrounding infrastructure. The meeting was held with representatives of SHELADIA, the consultancy entrusted with the planning of the statue and memorial project. The consultancy presented initial design concepts and models for the NTR statue, and discussed complementary structures such as the NTR museum, walkways, and landscape planning. Minister Narayana instructed the agency to prepare at least 10 different statue models and present them to Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu for final selection. “The final decision on the statue model will be taken by our Chief Minister,” said Narayana. He also stated that suggestions from senior TDP leader TD Janardhan will be taken into consideration during the design process. The first phase of the project will include the installation of the NTR statue and the NTR museum, which will highlight the legendary leader’s life journey, achievements in politics, and contribution to Telugu cinema. The Minister added that soil testing and other preliminary surveys have already begun in the designated area to ensure the site is technically suitable for such a large-scale monument. The government intends to make this project a cultural landmark of Amaravati, symbolizing the legacy of NTR and the vision of the capital city. The upcoming weeks will be key as model designs are finalized and detailed construction plans are set in motion.

Bhadrachalam EO Attacked...

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East Godavari. For four decades, the villagers had been farming these lands on lease. However, in recent years, they began claiming ownership and started constructing homes and laying foundations for colonies. According to official land records and survey numbers available online, the lands clearly belong to the temple. Despite this, around 900 acres are still under cultivation by villagers while constructions are being carried out illegally on the remaining 300 acres. State negligence post bifurcation
Locals claim that successive governments in Andhra Pradesh — both TDP and YSRCP — have overlooked this issue since the bifurcation, which has emboldened villagers to claim permanent ownership. Despite a ruling by the Andhra Pradesh High Court in favor of the temple, no enforcement has taken place. This has led to repeated tensions, and now the situation has escalated into a physical attack on officials. EO Ramadevi, who has been working diligently to reclaim temple lands, has faced similar hostile encounters in the past. However, due to lack of coordinated support from the administrative machinery, her efforts remain fraught with resistance. Telangana Endowments Minister Konda Surekha, after being informed of the incident, called EO Ramadevi and expressed deep anguish over the attack. She instructed the local MLA to ensure immediate and proper medical assistance to the injured EO. She also ordered that stringent legal action be initiated against those responsible, warning that no one involved in the assault would be spared.

Swift Action on Women's Crimes Through Shakthi Teams

- Zero FIRs, WhatsApp & Shakthi App streamline case registration
- 900 hotspots identified; 20,928 awareness programs conducted
- Convict Gets Life Sentence In Iragavaram POCSO Case

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The Andhra Pradesh Police have intensified efforts to ensure justice in crimes against women and children through faster registration of cases using Zero FIRs, the Shakthi mobile app, and WhatsApp. Every police station in the state has been directed to immediately register complaints involving offences against women and girls and begin prompt investigations. In addition, 156 Shakthi Teams have been deployed across all 26 districts and the two Police Commissionerates in Andhra Pradesh. These teams patrol regularly, counsel women in isolated places, monitor suspicious activity, and identify threats like eve-teasers and open alcohol spots. So far, 900 hotspots have been identified, and the Shakthi teams have visited them 36,659 times. To raise awareness, the teams have conducted 20,928 public programs educating women and communities about their safety and rights. Moreover, 1,266 SOS calls have been received and addressed successfully. The teams have also visited 32,021 open areas to monitor illegal activity. Advanced tools like drone surveillance are also being used to track potential offenders. Some notable interventions include rescu-



ing a woman attempting suicide in Eluru, tracing missing women in Srikakulam and Palnadu, and apprehending eve-teasers in Vizianagaram. These efforts have contributed to 261 convictions in women’s crime cases across Andhra Pradesh courts between June 1, 2024, and now. Sentences include 4 death sentences, 66 life imprisonments, 7 for 25 years, 47 for 20 years and 137 for 10 years or less. Officials say these strict punishments are creating a visible deterrent effect. Life Term For Repeated Rape Of Minor Girl
In a major development, Bhimavaram POCSO Court has sentenced Neelapu Gopi Krishna, 22, of Relan-

gi village in West Godavari, to life imprisonment for repeatedly raping a minor girl after threatening her with an acid attack. The case was registered at Iragavaram Police Station on 8 July 2021 under Crime No. 310/2021, based on a complaint from the victim’s grandfather. The accused was charged under IPC Sections 376(3), 376(2)(n), 354-D, 448, 506 and Sec. 5(1) r/w 6 of POCSO Act. Following trial, Judge B. Lakshminarayana convicted Gopi Krishna under Section 235(2) CrPC and issued the following sentences Life imprisonment for the main offence, plus ₹1,00,000 fine, 6 months RI for trespass, ₹1,000 fine, 2 years RI for stalking, ₹5,000 fine and 1 year RI for threats, ₹5,000 fine (All sentences to run concurrently). The court also ordered that ₹1,00,000 of the total fine be given to the victim as compensation under Section 357 CrPC. Public Prosecutor Sri Brahmaiah argued the case, while SI Jana Satish, Head Constables Venkateswara Rao and Ramesh were praised for ensuring timely witness attendance and effective case handling. They received special appreciation from the District SP. The case stands as a strong message that Andhra Pradesh will not tolerate crimes against women and children and will ensure swift and strict punishment.



Good News for Gram Panchayat Workers

₹150 crore released for April, May, and June salaries

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In a major relief to thousands of employees working at the grassroots level, the Andhra Pradesh government has released pending salaries for multi-purpose workers (MPWs) serving in gram panchayats across the state. The Finance Department has sanctioned ₹150 crore to cover three months’ salaries — April, May, and June — for these workers. Officials have confirmed that the funds have already been deposited in gram panchayat accounts and that the salary amounts will be credited to individual workers within the next couple of days. This announcement brings long-awaited financial relief to nearly 53,000 multi-purpose workers who have been tirelessly serving rural communities without pay for the past three months. These workers, crucial to sanitation, public health, and local governance functions, had been facing growing hardship due to the delay in salaries. With this step, the government has addressed growing concerns from panchayat-level workers and their families and reaffirmed its commitment to rural administration and workforce welfare.

Storm Of Allegations Surrounds Senior Assistant At RD Office

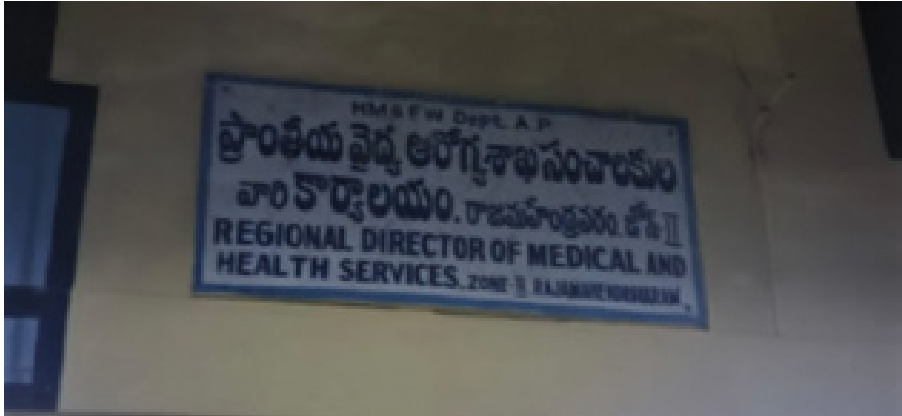
Whistleblower Claims ₹1 Crore Scam, Fake Appointments & Promotion Fraud

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Amaravati: A cloud of serious allegations has engulfed Sri Jagadish, currently serving as a Senior Assistant at the Regional Director of Medical and Health Services (RD) Office in Rajamahendravaram. Starting his career as a sweeper, Jagadish reportedly climbed the ranks over 27 years to become a Senior Assistant — a journey now mired in controversy over alleged financial fraud, misuse of tribal reservations, and systemic manipulation. During the bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, Jagadish is accused of taking advantage of administrative chaos to siphon off over ₹1 crore from at least 10 Primary Health Centres (PHCs) through schemes such as HDS and NRHM. These alleged irregularities reportedly escaped audits from both state governments. His transfers from Nellipaka PHC to Maredumilli PHC, and later to the Additional DM&HO Office, Rampachodavaram, were marked by more controversy. Jagadish is alleged to have orchestrated large-scale irregularities in MPHA (M) recruitment, a process meant to benefit local tribal youth. Instead, fake training certificates were mass-printed and sold to ineligible candidates for hefty sums. With reported support from ITDA and even Collectorate insiders, these can-



Employee unions are now calling for a comprehensive probe, as frustration builds among lower-rung staff. A senior official, requesting anonymity, remarked, “If these allegations are true, it represents a serious breakdown in meritocracy and governance. It’s time the truth comes out.”



didates were issued appointment orders, bypassing the merit-based process. Jagadish later secured a transfer to the RD Office under the “Tribal Priority” category. There, he allegedly teamed up with another Senior Assistant, Sri Arji Narasimha Murthy, to fabricate backdated documents and manipulate the Junior to Senior Assistant promotion cycle. Key vacancies were allegedly suppressed to delay promotions and create space for influential lateral transfers. Sources say Murthy applied just before the official promotion window, using G.O. loopholes, despite not being eligible. This transfer violated G.O.Ms. No.23, which mandates transfers

within the erstwhile district, zone, and multi-zone limits. Murthy, from Eluru, should not have been posted to Rajamahendravaram, yet allegedly reached there due to internal collusion. From August 2024, promotion processes for deserving Junior Assistants were intentionally delayed, with reports suggesting the manipulation was part of a broader effort to install loyalists in key posts. During the MPHS (F) general transfers, vacancy lists were selectively hidden to benefit insiders, only reappearing once initial counseling sessions concluded. The misuse of G.O.Rt.No.344, which allows transfers for employees working in one unit for over three years, has also come under the scan-

ner. Instead of adhering to eligibility guidelines, officials allegedly used this provision to illegally accommodate Murthy at the RD Office, with the prior groundwork laid by Jagadish. Deputy Director Sri Sessa Reddy is also under scrutiny. Sources allege he issued internal instructions over Zoom calls, guiding Murthy through procedural loopholes. A review of call records and digital communications is being demanded to reveal the extent of possible internal collusion. The case has the potential to shake administrative confidence in the Medical and Health Department, and expose a systemic pattern of abuse that may go far beyond just a few names.

Minister Flags Rising C-Sections in Govt Hospitals

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Health Minister Satya Kumar Yadav on Tuesday expressed serious concern over the high number of caesarean deliveries being conducted in government secondary hospitals across Andhra Pradesh. Speaking at a state-level training program for District Coordinators of Health Services (DCHSS) in Tadepalli, he revealed that 41% of all deliveries in these hospitals were C-sections — a trend he called “alarming” and in urgent need of correction.

The Minister emphasized promoting normal deliveries through better infrastructure and increased public awareness. He urged DCHSS to ensure strict adherence to maternal care protocols and warned that negligence and corruption would not be tolerated. The training session, held at the Secondary Health Directorate, aimed to address gaps found during a review with DCHSS and DMHOs two months ago. Minister Yadav also launched a new mobile app for better service coordination and monitoring.

He noted improvements such as the appointment of 462 new doctors, installation of 149 X-ray machines, 20 dialysis centers, and new diagnostic services in 90 hospitals. The IVRIS policy, which enables real-time public feedback, helped reduce corruption from 61% to 40% and raised staff attendance from 60% to 84%. Highlighting over 2.41 crore outpatient consultations in 2024–25, the Minister said the public health system is regaining trust and urged health leaders to work toward “Viksit Bharat” and “Swarnandhra.”

AP Seeks Central Support for Farmers...

Achchennaiidu Meets Union Agriculture Minister
AP Minister seeks ₹12 support price for Totapuri mangoes
Demands crop-specific boards for chilli, cashew, and mango farmers
Requests Central Agricultural University in Srikakulam under Reorganisation Act

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Andhra Pradesh Agriculture Minister Kinjarapu Achchennaiidu met Union Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan in New Delhi on Tuesday to discuss critical issues faced by farmers in the state, with a particular focus on the plight of mango farmers. The meeting, held at Krishi Bhavan, was attended by Union Civil Aviation Minister Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu and MLA Gonda Shankar, reflecting a collaborative effort to address agricultural challenges in Andhra Pradesh. During the courtesy call, Minister Achchennaiidu highlighted the urgent need for comprehensive central government support to strengthen the state's agricultural sector and ensure its holistic development. A key concern raised was the sharp decline in the price of Totapuri mangoes, which

has plummeted to ₹8 per unit, causing significant financial losses for farmers. To mitigate this crisis, Achchennaiidu urged the central government to intervene and provide a support price of ₹12 per unit under the Price Deficiency Payment Scheme. He estimated that approximately 6.5 lakh metric tonnes of Totapuri mangoes would need to be procured, with the state government committing ₹260 crore to the initiative. However, he emphasized the necessity of central government partnership to make the scheme viable and prevent further losses for farmers. Achchennaiidu also proposed several long-term measures to bolster agriculture in Andhra Pradesh. He requested enhanced subsidies for micro-irrigation schemes, particularly for backward districts, drawing parallels with the support provided to the

Bundelkhand region. Additionally, he advocated for the establishment of specialized agricultural boards to promote key crops in the state, including a Chilli Board in Guntur, a Cashew Board in Chittoor. These boards, he argued, would provide focused support to farmers and improve market access and crop-specific research. Further, the minister reiterated the state's demand for a Central Agricultural University in Srikakulam, as mandated under the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act. Such an institution, he noted, would drive agricultural innovation and education, benefiting farmers in the region and beyond. Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan responded positively to Achchennaiidu's requests, assuring co-operation to address the concerns raised. The discussions under-



scored the central government's commitment to engaging with states to resolve farmers' issues through dialogue and collaborative action, aligning with Chouhan's broader approach to agricultural reforms. The presence of Union Minister Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu and MLA Gonda Shankar highlighted the unified effort of Andhra Pradesh's leadership to advocate for its farmers. The state's proactive measures, coupled

with its appeal for central support, signal a determined push to safeguard the livelihoods of farmers grappling with market fluctuations and infrastructural challenges. As Andhra Pradesh continues to navigate the complexities of agricultural development, the outcome of this meeting could pave the way for targeted interventions to uplift farmers and ensure sustainable growth in the sector.

Kodali, Jogi, Vamsi Can't Escape: Kollu Ravindra

Liquor scam is world's biggest, says AP Minister

- Minister warns of criminal cases with proof against YSRCP leaders
- Liquor, sand, and soil mafia destroyed Krishna district
- Good governance begins with recovery of looted public money

TPN Correspondent | Krishna
Andhra Pradesh Housing and Information Minister Kollu Ravindra has issued a stern warning to former ministers Kodali Nani, Jogi Ramesh, and former MLA Vallabhaneni Vamsi, stating that their massive corruption during the previous YSRCP regime will not go unpunished. Speaking at the First Step in Good Governance event held in Sorlagandi village, Nagayalanka mandal of Krishna district on Tuesday, the Minister made serious allegations, especially regarding the multi-crore liquor scam, calling it "the world's biggest scam." He stated that these three leaders had ruined Krishna district



through sand, liquor, and soil mafias. "We are preparing a list of their corrupt dealings, supported by evidence. We will place everything before the people soon and recover every single rupee looted from the public," Ravindra asserted. He said the liquor scam under

the YSRCP rule is of such magnitude that once its layers are peeled, it will expose the hidden riches of many. "Now the anthill has moved. All their names will come out one by one," he commented, warning that a wave of revelations is about to shake the political

system. Minister Ravindra also said some individuals were attempting to stir unrest out of fear of the coalition government's swift reforms and people-centric governance. "Let them do what they want—we will correct the administrative mismanagement of the past five years within a month. We have already started with providing salaries and pensions on the first day of every month," he declared. He reassured the public that this government is committed to transparency, accountability, and people-first policies. "There's no question of sparing those who looted the state and destroyed its future," the Minister said.

MLA Prashanthi Reddy Files Complaint Against Ex-MLA Prasanna

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Kovvur MLA Vemireddy Prashanthi Reddy lodged a complaint with Additional SP H. Soujanya against former MLA Prasanna, accusing him of using abusive language. She alleged that Prasanna, unable to face her politically, resorted to derogatory comments while she was exposing his alleged corruption and illegal gravel mining during his tenure. Prashanthi condemned his remarks, stating that he insulted her without any respect for her as a woman legislator. She demanded legal action, say-

ing such uncivilized behavior is unacceptable in a democratic society. "The people of Kovvur have already rejected Prasanna. He should be permanently ousted from public life," she added. Along with the MLA, Buchi Municipal Chairperson Morla Supraja, TDP Women President Panabaka Bhu Lakshmi, district party representative, and Veguru Sarpanch Kareti Amaravati were present during the complaint submission. The incident has triggered political heat in the region, drawing attention to rising tensions in local politics.



YSR's 76th Birth Anniversary Marked with Tributes at Idupulapaya

Jagan, Sharmila pay separate tributes at YSR Ghat

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Idupulapaya: The 76th birth anniversary of former Chief Minister Dr. Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy was observed with great reverence at YSR Ghat in Idupulapaya, Kadapa district. The solemn occasion saw participation from family members, party leaders, and a large number of admirers who gathered to pay heartfelt tributes to the late leader. Special prayers were held at the memorial to honor his enduring legacy. YSRCP chief and former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy visited the ghat to offer floral tributes to his father. He was accompanied by his mother Y.S. Vijayamma. Posting on X (formerly Twitter), Jagan shared emotional photos



and wrote a heartfelt message — "Miss you Dad" — reflecting the deep personal loss he continues to feel. His presence drew large crowds of supporters who eagerly waited to greet him and capture photos. Separately, PCC chief Y.S. Sharmila, along with Vijayamma, also visited the ghat to pay her respects. As part of the celebrations, Sharmila and other family members cut a birthday cake in memory of YSR. Speaking on the occasion, she fondly recalled her father's service as the Chief Minister of united

Andhra Pradesh and highlighted his contributions to welfare and development. Sharmila called for the establishment of a YSR Memorial in Hyderabad, considering her father's stature and popularity. She revealed that she had written letters to AICC president Sonia Gandhi and Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy requesting their support in setting up the memorial. The event was attended by DCC President Vijayajyothi, other YSR family members, YSRCP leaders, and a large number of fans and followers. The ceremony highlighted YSR's lasting impact and the continued admiration he commands among people across the Telugu states.

Janasena Leaders Slam Jakkampudi Raja Over Remarks on Pawan Kalyan

Janasena demands Jakkampudi Raja resign over broken election promise
Party warns against further derogatory remarks on Pawan Kalyan

TPN | Ch Sri Rajamahendravaram, East Godavari: Janasena leaders from Rajamahendravaram city strongly condemned the derogatory comments made by former MLA Jakkampudi Raja against Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan. Addressing a press meet at the Rajahmundry Press Club on Tuesday, Janasena city in-charge Y. Srinivas lashed out at Jakkampudi, stating that he has no moral standing to criticize a leader like Pawan, who is admired both in films and politics. Srinivas reminded Jak-

kampudi of his past statement during the 2024 elections, where he challenged that he would quit politics if his rival Buthula received even one vote more. "What happened to that promise? Have you forgotten or ignored it?" Srinivas questioned, demanding that Raja stick to his word and resign from politics. He also accused the Jakkampudi family of desperately trying to join Janasena in the past and targeting Pawan Kalyan only after being denied entry. Srinivas further alleged that Jakkampudi's political record includes



poor development, illegal exploitation of natural resources, and neglect of basic infrastructure in the Rajanagaram constituency. Janasena State Secretary Ganta Swaroopa Devi echoed the same, recalling how people gave Jakkampudi a chance in 2019 but voted him out in 2024 due to underperformance. She also stated that a person from a par-

ty that even abandoned the Chief Minister's own sister and mother lacks moral ground to talk about political ethics. The leaders warned that further inappropriate remarks against Pawan Kalyan will not be tolerated. Janasena leaders Jami Satyanarayana, Narasimhamaurthy, Prasad, and K. Bhashavalli also participated in the press conference.

Ministers Launch New Bus Services, Distribute CM Relief at Addanki

Five new RTC bus services launched from Addanki to nearby areas
CM Relief cheques, land rights documents given to 53 beneficiaries

TPN Correspondent | Bapatla
Addanki: Andhra Pradesh Ministers Gottipati Ravi Kumar and Mandipalli Ramprasad Reddy toured Addanki on Tuesday, launching several development and welfare initiatives. As part of their visit, the ministers flagged

off five new APSRTC bus services from Addanki to nearby regions, aiming to improve public transportation and passenger convenience. They also handed over CM Relief Fund cheques and LRCs to 53 beneficiaries, reaffirming the government's com-

mitment to supporting those in need. Addressing the gathering, the ministers criticized the previous government for neglecting the RTC system, alleging that the roads were full of potholes and passengers suffered due to poor services.

Highlighting the coalition government's progress, the ministers stated that 12 new bus services have been introduced from Addanki since coming to power. They said the current administration is focused on restoring the financial health of the APSRTC and making it passenger-friendly. They emphasized that the coalition government is fulfilling every prom-

ise made during the elections, with visible changes on the ground. One such key initiative, the free bus travel scheme for women, will soon be launched, they announced. The visit showcased the government's focus on enhancing public transport, extending welfare schemes, and rebuilding trust in public services. Ministers reiterated that their efforts aim to make state-run services more efficient and accessible to the common man.

CM Chandrababu Holds Key Review on Amaravati Infrastructure Projects

72 institutions allotted 947 acres

3 firms to start work in 1 month

Delays must be reported directly to CM

TPN Correspondent | Amaravathi
Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu conducted a high-level review meeting on the ongoing and upcoming infrastructure projects in Amaravati, the state capital. The review focused on the present status of land allotted to various private and government institutions, including educational establishments, commercial enterprises, hotels, offices, and other key development projects. The meeting was attended by Minister for Municipal Administration P. Narayana, senior CRDA officials, heads of the institutions that were allotted land, representatives from

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| Awaiting Cabinet approval | 11 | 61.495 | Universities | 8 | 580.00 |
| Total | 72 | 947.705 | Banks | 9 | 9.40 |
| | | | Hotels | 12 | 32.00 |
| | | | Healthcare | 4 | 58.78 |
| | | | Government | 15 | 48.18 |
| | | | Religious | 3 | 37.00 |
| | | | IT and Tech | 4 | 62.00 |
| | | | Housing | 2 | 40.45 |
| | | | Total | 61 | 886.21 |

private companies, and government officers. The Chief Minister held one-on-one interactions with the organization heads to understand their construction timelines and assess their readiness. As per CRDA records, 947 acres have been allotted to 72 institutions so far. These include schools, banks, universities, hospitals, government offices, IT parks, religious institutions, and hospitality projects.

CM Naidu instructed that there should be no delays in the approval process, assuring that any hurdles must be escalated directly to him for resolution. Chandrababu Naidu made it clear that entities which re-

ceived land in the capital region must begin construction within the timelines they committed to. He firmly stated that delays—regardless of reason—will not be accepted, and all stakeholders are expected to meet their deadlines without fail. During the review, the Chief Minister gathered firm commitments from the participating institutions. Among them, 3 organizations assured they would begin construction within one month, while 15 institutions committed to starting work within the next two months. Additionally, 13 organizations stated they would commence construction with-

in five months, and 17 institutions planned to launch their projects within six months. These commitments were taken seriously by the government as part of its strict monitoring approach to ensure timely development of the capital. The state government is collecting detailed action plans from each company and institution, and is ensuring written assurances to maintain accountability. CM Naidu emphasized that the government is determined to fast-track Amaravati's development and will closely monitor progress to ensure the capital's vision is realized without further delay.

Police Launch ‘Operation Safe Campus’ to Curb Drug Menace

Surprise raids held near educational institutions; banned gutka, tobacco seized
Students sensitized on drug, tobacco risks through awareness drives

TPN Correspondent | NTR District
The NTR District Police have launched ‘Operation Safe Campus Zone’ to tackle the illegal sale of gutka, ganja, and tobacco products around schools and colleges. This initiative follows instructions from Andhra Pradesh DGP Harish Kumar Gupta, IPS, aiming to safeguard students from harmful substances and raise awareness about their ill effects. Under the guidance of Commissioner S.V. Rajasekhara Babu, IPS, and supervision of DCPS K.G.V. Saritha, IPS, and K.M. Maheshwara Raju, IPS, sudden inspections were carried out on Tuesday in areas surrounding educational institutions. Police teams, including ACPs and local officers, conducted raids on pan shops and petty stalls. Several vendors were found selling banned gutka and storing tobac-

co products illegally. These items were seized, and cases were registered against the violators under relevant public health and narcotics laws. As part of the campaign, awareness programs were also held in various colleges. Experts and health professionals explained the harmful effects of addictive substances such as ganja, gutka, and tobacco. Students were urged to stay away from such habits and focus on their well-being and future. The police clarified that such raids will be conducted regularly and warned strict legal action against those found violating the law. They emphasized the importance of community co-operation in reporting such illegal activities to maintain a safe environment around schools and colleges.



Secretariat Entry Now Only Through Smart Cards and QR Codes

TPN Correspondent | Amaravathi
The Andhra Pradesh government is introducing advanced security protocols at the Amaravati Secretariat to ensure a more secure and efficient administrative environment. As part of the new measures, entry will be granted only through smart cards issued to government employees and accredited journalists. Visitors will be allowed entry through QR code-based slips, enhancing identification and access tracking. In addition to personal access controls, vehicles entering the Secretariat premises will be fitted with FASTag-like stickers. These electronic tags will enable seamless monitoring of vehicle movement, reduce congestion at entry

points, and help in identifying unauthorized vehicles. The government is deploying modern surveillance technologies and strengthening its intelligence network to prevent potential security breaches. These measures are designed to plug existing loopholes in the current system and ensure that only authorized individuals and vehicles gain access to the highly sensitive administrative zone. Officials stated that the implementation process is being carried out swiftly. These steps signify a major move toward creating a tech-driven, secure, and accountable governance ecosystem in Amaravati, reflecting the government's focus on safety and modernization.



Indrakeeladri Turns Festive with Shakambari Celebrations

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The annual Shakambari Utsavams commenced Tuesday at the Sri Kanaka Durga temple atop Indrakeeladri in Vijayawada. The festivities, celebrated during the Ashada month, will continue until July 10. Goddess Durga has been specially adorned in the form of Shakambari Devi, decorated with a wide variety of vegetables. Temple authorities have made elaborate arrangements for special darshan over the three-day festival. Devotees from across both Telugu states are arriving in large numbers, turning the temple premises vibrant and festive. Special queue lines have been set up for smooth darshan, while volunteers and temple staff are actively managing the crowds to avoid inconvenience. Devotees are also offering vegetables as donations, which are used in



the deity's decoration and rituals. The temple surroundings have been aesthetically decorated with vegetable arrangements to reflect the spirit of the festival. The day began with Vighneswara Puja, Punyahavachanam, Akhanda Deeparadhana, and Ankurarpanam at 8:00 AM. In the evening at 4:00 PM, Kalasha Sthapana, Agni Pratishthapana, Mandaparchana, Harathi, Mantrapushpam, and prasadam distribution will take place. To ensure safety, a massive security deployment has been arranged around the temple. Traffic restrictions have also been imposed in surrounding areas. Due to the surge in devotees, officials have revised the online booking system for paid darshan services. The sacred Indrakeeladri is bustling with devotion, color, and celebration.

Durgamma Gold Deposited in Bank

29.51 kg of ornaments worth ₹26.58 crore placed in SBI

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada
The management of Sri Kanaka Durgamma Temple in Vijayawada has deposited a significant quantity of gold ornaments belonging to the deity in the State Bank of India (SBI) to earn additional income through interest. The move, taken in the presence of endowments and temple officials, aims to enhance the temple's financial resources while ensuring the ornaments remain secure. On Monday, the temple deposited 29.510 kilograms of gold at the Gandhinagar branch of SBI. Temple Executive Officer Seenanayak revealed that the ornaments, offered by devotees over time, have a current mar-

ket value of ₹26.58 crore. He further stated that the deposit would earn an annual interest of 0.60%, which would directly benefit the temple's treasury. The process of transferring and verifying the gold was carried out with complete transparency. Key officials, including Endowments Department Assistant Commissioner Pallamaraju, Jewelry Verification Officer, Supervisor Subrahmanyam, and Assistant Executive Officers Chandrasekhar and Ramesh Babu, supervised the operation. The gold was officially handed over to SBI authorities following the verification procedures. EO Seenanayak said the decision was made with the devotees' interests in mind, as utilizing idle



temple assets for income generation would support the temple's welfare and religious activities. "The ornaments offered to the goddess are sacred and secure. This step ensures they also serve the purpose of generating returns," he noted. By leveraging bank interest through this structured deposit, the Sri Kanakadurgamma Temple aims to strengthen its financial base and continue its services and offerings without burdening devotees.

SP Gangadhara Rao Orders Crackdown on Crimes, Ganja, Surveillance Boost

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada
Krishna District SP R. Gangadhara Rao, IPS, held a review meeting with CCS police officials to assess case progress, property recovery, and conviction rates. He stressed the importance of strengthening advance intelligence systems and enhancing night surveillance to prevent thefts and chain snatching incidents. SP Gangadhara Rao highlighted the need to adapt to modern policing by incorporating latest technologies and updating investigation methods based on evolving crime patterns. He directed police to remain alert, especially in identifying and tracking habitual offenders, including those recently released from jail. He advised that if residents travel out of town, police should be informed in advance so that patrols can be arranged. SP also instructed strict surveillance on ganja sellers and users, calling for continuous monitoring and awareness drives at educational institutions about its harmful effects.



Additionally, SP underscored the key role of CCTV surveillance, directing officers to ensure that all high-risk areas—like apartments, business complexes, and crowded public spots—are well-covered. He ordered repairs or replacements of non-functional cameras and suggested conducting awareness sessions with building owners to ensure proper camera installation.

Officials Must Ensure Welfare Schemes Reach People: Purandeswari

- Disha review highlights key Central schemes
- Calls for better fund use and rural job generation
- Irregularities in Jal Jeevan Mission flagged

TPN | Ch. Sri East Godavari: Disha Committee Chairperson and Rajamahendravaram MP Daggubati Purandeswari on Tuesday urged officials and public representatives to ensure that Central government welfare schemes genuinely reach the people. She chaired the District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (Disha) meeting at the Rajamahendravaram Municipal Corporation office, reviewing key projects across East Godavari district. Purandeswari emphasized that Disha meetings are not mere reviews but platforms to identify gaps and suggest improvements. “Public representatives must actively monitor the progress of schemes like MGNREGS, Jal Jeevan Mission, housing, pensions, and TB con-

trol,” she said, stressing transparency in fund utilization. The meeting saw the participation of MLC Somu Veeraj, MLAs Nallamilli Ramakrishna Reddy and Bathula Balaramakrishna, along with District Collector P. Prashanthi and department heads. Key recommendations from Purandeswari included increasing rural employment days under MGNREGS, improving infrastructure funds, correcting irregularities in Jal Jeevan Mission works done under the previous regime, and shifting the Coconut Board office to Rajahmundry or Amalapuram. She also advocated the inclusion of tobacco in Fasal Bima Yojana and urged stronger efforts to promote organic farming and women’s health awareness. District Collector Prashanthi noted that



this was the first Disha meeting of the financial year, with four such sessions planned annually. She warned of strict action against misuse of welfare funds and ineligible pension grants. MLC Veeraj pointed out lapses in MGNREGS muster rolls and plantation programs. MLA Nallamilli called

for steps to curb TB and questioned disability pension irregularities. MLA Bathula highlighted poor pipeline work in Jal Jeevan Mission, suggesting a new line from Palcharas to Housing Board areas. The meeting concluded with officials agreeing to strengthen field-level monitoring and public outreach.

Fake ST Claims Won’t Be Tolerated: Adivasi Parishad

- Benthuri Oriya claim challenged in Srikakulam

TPN Correspondent | Srikakulam
Adivasi Sankshema Parishad leaders have raised strong objections to the alleged misuse of Scheduled Tribe (ST) status by individuals from the Benthuri Oriya community in Srikakulam district. State Vice President Vaba Yogi has demanded an immediate inquiry and cancellation of all such allegedly fake caste certificates. Addressing the media in Kashibugga on July 8, Yogi alleged that individuals like Bisai Naresh, Sushant Bisai, and Vaishnavi Bisai misled the High Court to gain ST recognition under the Benthuri Oriya category—despite the community not being officially listed as a Scheduled Tribe in the district. He emphasized that the group traditionally belongs to the Backward Classes-A (BCA) category and lacks tribal characteristics. Yogi cited multiple official reports—including studies by the Tribal Cultural Research and Training Institute (TCR&TI), the Social Welfare Department, and the Anthropology



Survey of India—which confirmed that no such tribe exists in Srikakulam. Even the Tekkali RDO’s 1942–43 birth and death registers and the Principal Secretary of Tribal Welfare’s 2022 court submission support the same. He alleged that around 10,000 individuals from the BCA community have already secured government jobs using forged ST certificates, depriving genuine tribal candidates of rightful opportunities. Warning of district-wide pro-

tests if the District Level Scrutiny Committee (DLSC) fails to take action, Yogi said, “We will not remain silent. This is a betrayal of our tribal communities, and we are ready for any sacrifice to protect our rights.” Other leaders including District JAC President Savara Rambabu, Assistant Secretary Venkatesh, and representatives like Papa Rao, Surapu Naidu, Bhaskar Rao, and Delhi Rao also voiced their support.

Ambedkar’s Constitution Will Be Upheld: Minister Parthasarathy



TPN | NV Surya Tuni: State Housing, Information & Civil Relations Minister Kolu Parthasarathy has strongly countered opposition parties for labeling the government’s administrative agenda as a “Red Book Constitution.” Addressing a gathering at the TDP office in Tuni on Tuesday during the ‘First Step in Good Governance’ program, the Minister asserted that Andhra Pradesh will strictly follow Dr. B.R. Ambedkar’s Constitution, and not be swayed by misleading political rhetoric. Speaking to party activists, Parthasarathy acknowledged public expectations, stating that even after winning 164 seats, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu has been under pressure, carrying the burden of ₹10 lakh crore debt left by the previous YSRCP regime, while also working tirelessly to launch the promised “Super Six” schemes. He added that public impatience and activist queries were natural but assured that every scheme will be implemented effectively. Highlighting the contrast in governance, the Minister criticized the previous YSRCP government, saying, “They called themselves brand ambassadors of welfare, but failed to deliver even basic relief.” In comparison, he said the new government raised pensions by ₹1,000 in a single decision—something the YSRCP couldn’t do in five years. The NTR Bharosa scheme is now benefiting 64 lakh people, and disabled persons are receiving ₹15,000, while permanently disabled individuals are getting ₹6,000, he said. On education, Parthasarathy pointed out that “Amma Vodi” was limited to 42 lakh under YSRCP, while under the “Mother’s Vandanam” scheme, 67 lakh students in every family are now covered. He alleged that the previous regime only cared for publicity—“button pressing”—without working to enhance real income sources for citizens. Touching on development, the Minister said the people wisely elected the coalition government because they value both welfare and economic growth. He criticized the YSRCP’s failure to attract or retain industries, claiming that companies like Ashok Leyland and Amara Raja backed out of investing due to Jaganmohan Reddy’s style of governance. The coalition government, he said, is committed to creating 20 lakh jobs for the youth.

Prasanna Kumar Had Made Comments On Me Too: Minister Anitha

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Andhra Pradesh Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha has come down heavily on former YSRCP MLA Prasanna Kumar Reddy for his recent derogatory comments on TDP MLA Prashanthi Reddy, demanding that YCP Chief Jagan Mohan Reddy immediately suspend him from the party. Participating in the First Step in Good Governance program at Bobbili in Vizianagaram district, Anitha called out what she termed a “culture of disrespecting women in the YSRCP.” Speaking at the event, Minister



Anitha said, “Prasanna Kumar Reddy’s behavior is not new. He had earlier made inappropriate

comments about me too. Now he has targeted another woman MLA. This shows the mindset of YSRCP leaders.” She added that Jagan must answer for this and take action against those who insult women publicly. She lashed out at the broader trend within the YCP, alleging that several leaders including Sajjala Ramakrishna Reddy had made insulting remarks against women leaders in the past. “Does political ethics mean anything to Jagan, who couldn’t even show respect to his own mother and sister?” she questioned. Anitha noted that such public

attacks have discouraged many women from entering politics. She asserted that under the NDA government, the law and order system is being revamped. “We’re cleaning up the police department and have started seizing the assets of those involved in marijuana trade. This government will not tolerate lawlessness or disrespect towards women,” she declared. The Minister concluded with a strong appeal to the public and her political counterparts to uphold dignity and ensure that women in politics are respected, not ridiculed.

Poverty Eradication Is Our Goal: Minister S. Savita

TPN | Nagaraju Kadapa: The Andhra Pradesh government is fully committed to eradicating poverty and ensuring that welfare schemes reach every eligible beneficiary, stated BC Welfare, Handlooms & Textiles Minister and Kadapa District In-charge S. Savita. She chaired a district-level review meeting at the PGRS Hall in the Kadapa Collectorate on Tuesday, emphasizing coordination between departments and elected representatives. “The government under CM Chandrababu Naidu is focused on reversing the damage caused by the previous regime while ensuring timely employee salaries and restarting stalled development works,” the Minister said. She urged that the P4 program — a flagship poverty eradication initiative — be implemented effectively at the grassroots. She directed officials to take field responsibility seriously and engage directly with citizens to ensure inclusive welfare coverage. Savita also asked officers to ensure the success of the Parent Committee Meets scheduled for July 10 across the district. District Collector Dr. Sridhar Cherukuri presented updates on NREGS projects completed over the past three months, including works related to irrigation canals, rural roads, compound walls, and burial grounds. Jammalamadugu MLA Adinarayana Reddy proposed deploying agricultural assistants at all Rythu Seva Kendras and reallocating unused NTR and TIDCO houses to genuine beneficiaries. Kadapa MLA Madhavi Reddy demanded mini-Gokulams and stronger grassroots awareness to reduce dependency on Praja Darbars. Kamalapuram MLA Krishna Chaitanya Reddy flagged technical issues in the application system and problems in the Civil Supplies Department.



YSR's Birthday Celebrated in Villages Across Satyavedu



TPN | C. Shekar Tirupati: The birthday of former Chief Minister Dr. Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy was celebrated with great enthusiasm across several villages in Satyavedu constituency of Tirupati district on Tuesday. The celebrations were led by Chittoor District Kriya Sheelak Secretary T. Rakesh Kiran under the banner of the Vice President party. As part of the celebrations, villagers participated in garlanding YSR statues, cutting cakes, and organizing Annadanam programs. Addressing the gathering, T. Rakesh Kiran recalled the late leader’s legacy and said, “When Rajasekhara Reddy was Chief Minister, he extended immense support to the Satyavedu constituency. His schemes changed the lives of many poor families by providing access to water, welfare benefits, and dignity.” He stated that the party is committed to fulfilling the dreams and vision of YSR, and in the coming days, would strengthen the Vice President party in the joint Chittoor district, aiming for a huge majority in the 2029 elections. Criticizing the current coalition government, he said, “The focus on the weaker sections and the poor has drastically reduced since this new government came to power. We will fight for their rights and ensure their voices are heard.” Vice SRC Party Narayanavanam Vice President Ashok, General Secretary Manju, Govindaswamy, Varma PJ Babu, and several youth leaders participated in the event, pledging to work towards the upliftment of the underprivileged and strengthening the grassroots movement of the party.

Of Prada, Dior, and the Manufactured Meanings of Luxury Fashion

“What the garment signifies is not what it is, but what it permits us to imagine it is.” This is not just a trendy Instagram quote but a profound insight from Roland Barthes, one of the most influential philosophers and semioticians of the 20th century. Though often remembered for his work in linguistics, Barthes interpreted fashion as a complex language, where meaning is arbitrarily assigned and constantly manufactured. His notion that “Fashion is above all a system of signs” offers a powerful lens to understand today’s global luxury fashion scene, especially the controversies surrounding brands like Prada and Dior.

The recent accusations against Prada and Dior for “stealing” Indian artisanal crafts such as Kolhapuri footwear and Muqaish embroidery highlight the ongoing power imbalance between the Global North and South. Such exploitative practices are, unfortunately, common in the luxury fashion industry, where accountability often takes a back seat to profit and prestige. However, Barthes’s ideas can also help us see fashion as a potential tool to challenge these hegemonies — much like how Indian writers appropriated the English language to resist colonial intellectual dominance.

Cultural appropriation in fashion is nothing new. From Aztec prints to Amazonian jewelry, Javanese batik to Odisha’s Ikat weaving, and Persian embroidery to Han Chinese tradition-



al dress, powerful designers have borrowed freely without proper acknowledgment. This lack of credit, while exploitative, also serves as a trigger for conversation and critique. The brazen copying exposes the industry’s unwillingness to respect the origins of its inspiration, and this, paradoxically, can become its undoing.

Yet, beyond appropriation lies another subtle problem — the creation of what might be called an “aesthetic strawman.” When indigenous traditions are selectively picked and reassembled into luxury collections, they

often end up as caricatures. This can lead native artisans and aesthetes to ask: “Is this really the best representation of our rich cultural heritage?”

Louis Vuitton’s latest India-inspired spring-summer 2026 men’s collection exemplifies this issue. The brand proudly cites Pharrell Williams drawing inspiration from India and its global sartorial influence. However, the result feels more like an over-the-top pastiche dominated by excessive jewel tones and flashy motifs rather than a respectful tribute to India’s vast artisan diversity. This reductive

portrayal reduces centuries-old craftsmanship to mere exotic decoration for luxury products.

Christian Louboutin’s recent India-themed collection suffered similarly, relying heavily on gold and glitter without capturing the true spirit of Indian artistry. Notably, Louboutin shoes, while iconic for their red soles and bold aesthetics, are notoriously uncomfortable, prioritizing style over practicality. This disconnect underscores a wider issue in luxury fashion: a focus on surface glamour rather than authentic substance or function-

ality.

Barthes’s framework is particularly useful here. He distinguished between “real clothing” (the tangible garment), “image clothing” (stylized, idealized representations in media), and “written clothing” (the narratives crafted around a product to create desire and identity). Fashion, then, is less about the real item and more about these manufactured images and stories, which often bear little resemblance to reality. This packaging of ordinariness into extraordinary allure is essentially a con — selling dreams more than products.

These manufactured meanings become central to how fashion operates, fueling cycles of appropriation, whether stealthy or blatant. Sociologist Dick Hebdige captured this when he noted that objects are “appropriated, bricolaged, and made to carry meanings which they did not originally possess.” Until we start valuing the authenticity of these objects and respect their origins, the luxury industry will continue to perpetuate this cycle of exploitation and superficiality.

In essence, the challenge is to look beyond logos, glitter, and hype — to truly honor the cultural and artisanal roots beneath the surface. Only then can fashion move from mere image-making to genuine storytelling and respect for the craftsmanship it draws upon.

Growth push: Betting big on R&D



In a significant move to strengthen India’s research and innovation landscape, the Union Cabinet has approved the launch of the Research Development and Innovation (RDI) scheme, officially titled the Anusandhan National Research Foundation. This ambitious initiative aims to boost the country’s overall performance in research and development (R&D) by providing structured funding and encouraging participation from both public and private sectors.

The Anusandhan National Research Foundation will operate with a two-tiered framework. At the top level, a special purpose fund with a massive corpus of Rs 1 lakh crore will be managed to channel resources efficiently. The funds will be extended to various research entities, industries, and startups at zero or low-interest rates, ensuring ease of access to capital for innovative projects. This strategic financial mechanism is designed to galvanize private sector engagement, particularly in sunrise domains and critical strategic sectors, thus accelerating India’s development trajectory.

Currently, India’s R&D expenditure stands at approximately 0.65% of its GDP, which is considerably lower than global leaders. For comparison, the United States invests over 2.5% of its GDP in R&D, China around 2.4%, and South Korea also makes significant investments. This gap highlights the urgent need for India to increase its R&D intensity to remain competitive on the global stage. Moreover, the private sector’s contribution to R&D in India is relatively low, accounting for only 35% of the total investment. This contrasts sharply with countries like the US and China, where private industry funds about 75% of R&D

activity. Strengthening private sector participation is vital for fostering innovation and driving technological advancements.

A robust R&D ecosystem is critical for India’s ambition to emerge as a global innovation hub. Innovation not only helps develop new products and processes but also enhances the competitiveness of Indian companies across various sectors. The government’s initiative is expected to stimulate research in key areas such as industry, science, engineering, and agriculture — sectors that are foundational to the country’s economic growth and sustainability.

The initiative also envisions fostering collaboration between academic institutions, research organizations, and industry players, which is essential for translating research into viable commercial products. By bridging the gap between laboratory discoveries and market-ready innovations, the foundation hopes to create a seamless pipeline that accelerates technological adoption and economic growth.

In conclusion, the Union Cabinet’s approval of the Anusandhan National Research Foundation marks a pivotal step toward revitalizing India’s research and innovation ecosystem. By increasing funding, encouraging private sector involvement, and supporting research across diverse sectors, this initiative aims to position India as a global leader in science and technology. The success of this program could redefine India’s research capabilities and fuel sustained economic development in the years to come.

Science in the Hills: Empowering Mountain Children Through Local Museums

In the shadow of India’s mighty Himalayas lies a generation of curious minds brimming with questions but lacking access to the tools needed to explore them. For students growing up in remote mountain communities, science is not an abstract concept—it is lived daily through landslides, erratic rainfall, snowmelt, and seasonal water shortages. Yet, these natural phenomena often remain unexplained and underexplored, especially in regions where educational infrastructure is limited.

As India pushes ahead in its journey of science, technology, and innovation, it must pause to ask: Are we reaching every child, regardless of geography?

Mountain Education: Rich in Experience, Poor in Access

In the rugged, high-altitude landscapes of states like Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim, and across the North-East, schoolchildren often walk miles to reach government schools perched on hillsides. Classrooms, where available, are modest. Science labs are rare. Frequent weather-related disruptions like snow, landslides, and isolation further hinder learning. Despite these challenges, mountain children grow up closely connected to nature. They watch rivers swell with snowmelt, see vegetation shift with changing altitudes, and notice how climate patterns affect their crops and daily lives. Their world is a natural science lab, yet formal scientific exposure is minimal. What these students need is not just access to textbooks, but to immersive experiences. This is where science museums, designed with mountain realities in mind, play a transformative role.

Science Museums: A Gateway to Understanding

For many children from remote areas, a science museum visit becomes their first encounter with a microscope, a telescope, or a physics demonstration. For a student who’s only read about gravity, seeing it demonstrated through interactive exhibits can ignite a lifelong interest. A child who has experienced earthquakes or seen disappearing springs can finally understand the geology behind them. One student from rural Himachal Pradesh shared, “I’ve seen cloudbursts and snowmelt all my life, but I never knew why they happened.



After the museum visit, I finally understood what I’ve been witnessing.” These are the moments when curiosity becomes inquiry, and inquiry becomes possibility.

Creating Equity Through Scientific Access
Science museums in mountain regions are more than learning spaces—they are bridges to equity. They provide:

- **Hands-on learning for students with no lab facilities.**
- **STEM exposure for children who’ve never seen a research centre.**
- **Contextual exhibits on biodiversity, climate, seismic activity, and indigenous knowledge.**
- **A platform for local engagement, making science relevant to lived experiences.**

Crucially, they send a powerful message: science belongs to everyone, no matter where they live.

A Model for the Nation

A successful example is the science museum on the outskirts of Shimla. Backed by the Himachal Pradesh Government and academically supported by Shoolini University, it has welcomed thousands of students from far-flung areas. With interactive exhibits and mountain-specific themes, it has become a vibrant hub of learning and inspiration.

The Path Ahead

It’s time to replicate this success across India’s hill states. Imagine centres in Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, or remote Uttarakhand—designed for local ecosystems and cultures, offering workshops, training, and mentorship. These centres could become catalysts for both scientific curiosity and community development. The mountains are home to some of India’s most observant and resilient students. Let’s ensure they are also among its most empowered.



BJP Demands Apology from Kharge Over 'Distasteful' Remark on President Murmu

- Congress chief accused of anti-tribal, anti-Dalit rhetoric
- BJP says comments insult highest constitutional office

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The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Tuesday launched a scathing attack on Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, demanding a written apology for his remarks allegedly disrespecting President Droupadi Murmu and former President Ram Nath Kovind. BJP spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia accused Kharge of making a “distasteful and derogatory” statement that insults tribal and Dalit communities.

Speaking at a rally in Raipur, Chhattisgarh, Kharge had questioned the BJP’s intent behind elevating leaders from marginalised communities to top constitutional posts. “Yes, you made Murmu ji and Kovind ji President, but for what? To snatch our land, our forests, our water?” Kharge had said, referring to alleged exploitation of tribal areas.

Responding, Bhatia said the remarks reflect the Congress’s “anti-Adivasi and anti-Dalit DNA.” He also alleged that Kharge was a “remote-controlled president” act-

ing at the behest of Rahul Gandhi, the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha.

Bhatia claimed that such remarks aim to portray President Murmu — India’s first tribal woman President — as complicit in land-grabbing, a baseless and insulting allegation. “This is not just disrespect to one individual but to the dignity of the President’s office,” he said.

The BJP spokesperson pointed to past incidents, including a written apology by Congress MP Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury for similar remarks, and demanded Kharge issue a written apology as well.

Accusing the Congress of attacking every constitutional institution, Bhatia said, “From the Prime Minister to the Election Commission, the Congress has left no office untouched.”

Kharge’s comments have drawn sharp criticism from tribal and Dalit leaders and civil society groups for being insensitive and politically motivated.

RSS Declares All Indian Languages as National Amid Hindi Imposition Row



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In the wake of an escalating language controversy in Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) has issued a clarifying statement, asserting that it does not support the imposition of any single language and considers all Indian languages as national languages.

The statement, made during a recent internal meeting of the RSS, comes as the implementation of the ‘three-language formula’ under the New Education Policy (NEP) has sparked political tensions. Opposition leaders have accused the central government of attempting to promote Hindi at the cost of regional languages.

In Maharashtra, the controversy led to the withdrawal of two government resolutions related to the three-language policy after widespread protests. Critics claimed the policy was an indirect attempt to diminish the status of Marathi. In response, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis clarified that the government was not against any language, including Hindi. He also alleged that the initial push for Hindi in schools originated during former CM Uddhav Thackeray’s tenure.

Following the rollback, the Maharashtra government declared October 3 as Abhijat Marathi Bhasha Diwas (Classical Marathi Language Day), commemorating the recognition of Marathi as a classical language in 2024. Officials

said the initiative aims to deepen linguistic research and cultural pride.

In Tamil Nadu, Chief Minister MK Stalin celebrated the Maharashtra government’s retreat as a victory against the “Hindi imposition agenda” of the BJP. Congratulating both Uddhav and Raj Thackeray, Stalin said the anti-imposition movement had now become a national struggle, led by parties like the DMK.

Meanwhile, the RSS also used its meeting to discuss future directions, including expanding grass-roots outreach and preparing for its centenary celebrations. Leaders emphasized unity and cultural diversity as foundational principles of Indian identity.



Delhi Airport Ranked 9th Busiest in the World in 2024, Marks Major Milestone for India

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The Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) in Delhi has been ranked the world’s 9th busiest airport in 2024, according to data released by Airports Council International (ACI). This marks a notable rise from its 10th place position in 2023 and underscores India’s growing significance in global aviation.

In 2024, IGIA handled 7,78,20,834 passengers, based on enplaned and deplaned travelers. Passengers in transit were counted only once. This growth comes amid a global surge in air travel, with total passenger traffic reaching a record high of 9.4 billion — an 8.4% increase from 2023 and 2.7% higher than pre-pandemic levels in 2019.

The world’s busiest airport in 2024 remained Atlanta’s Hartsfield-Jackson (USA), handling over 10.8 crore passengers, followed by Dubai International (9.2 crore), and Dallas/Fort Worth (8.7 crore). Other airports in the top 10 include Tokyo Haneda (4th), London Heathrow (5th), Denver (6th), Istanbul (7th), Chicago O’Hare (8th), and Shanghai Pudong (10th).

Delhi’s climb to 9th place is seen as a landmark achievement for India’s aviation sector. In terms of aircraft movements, IGIA also improved its global position, rising two spots to 15th with 4,77,509 total flights handled in 2024. Atlanta again led in this category with 7,96,224 movements.

Globally, aircraft movements crossed 100.6 million in 2024, reflecting a 3.9% annual increase. The top 20 airports alone accounted for 11.08 million movements, up 5.4% year-over-year.

ACI represents 830 members operating over 2,180 airports across 170 countries. Its Director General, Justin Erbacchi, highlighted the aviation industry’s resilience and ongoing growth despite global challenges.



Ludhiana bypoll win people's endorsement of Mann govt's work in Punjab: Kejriwal

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Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) chief Arvind Kejriwal on Monday hailed the party’s recent bypoll victories in Punjab and Gujarat as a strong endorsement of its governance and a preview of bigger wins in the 2027 assembly elections.

Speaking at a ‘Dhanwad Sabha’ (thanksgiving rally) in Ludhiana, Kejriwal celebrated the party’s win in the Ludhiana West assembly bypoll, where AAP candidate Sanjeev Arora defeated Congress nominee Bharat Bhushan Ashu by over 10,000 votes. The by-election, held on June 19, was necessitated by the passing of AAP MLA Gurpreet Bassi Gogi earlier in January.

Kejriwal credited the victory to the work of Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann’s government over the last three years. “This win is the public’s stamp of approval for the work done in Punjab — in education, healthcare, roads, electricity, water supply, and drug de-addiction,” he said.

Targeting the Congress and BJP, Kejriwal alleged that both parties had nothing to offer the people apart from opposing his potential nomination to the Rajya Sabha. “While we talk about real issues, they spread false rumours to distract the public,” he said.

Referring to another key bypoll in Gujarat’s Visavadar constituency — a BJP stronghold — Kejriwal noted that the AAP candidate’s victory by over 17,000 votes had rattled the ruling party. He alleged that in response, the BJP arrested an AAP MLA “out of frustration.” Kejriwal termed the Ludhiana and Visavadar bypoll results as “semi-finals” ahead of the 2027 assembly elections in Punjab and Gujarat. He confidently asserted that AAP would form the government in both states with a sweeping majority.



PhysicsWallah Partners with YCMOU to Launch Digital Degree Programs Aligned with NEP 2020

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In a move set to redefine digital higher education in India, edtech platform PhysicsWallah (PW) has entered into a strategic partnership with Yashwantrao Chavan Maharashtra Open University (YCMOU). The collaboration aims to provide students access to structured, credit-based online degree programs with real-time academic support and regulatory recognition.

Under this initiative, four degree programs will be offered initially—MBA, MCA, MA in English, and BCA. These courses are designed in accordance with UGC and AICTE regulations and align with the vision of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. The learning framework will follow the UGC-approved Four-Quadrant MOOC model, integrating self-paced modules, live online sessions, assessments, and continuous learner support.

YCMOU will oversee academic operations including curriculum design, approvals, compliance, and final degree issuance. PhysicsWallah will be responsible for the technological backend, student engagement, content creation, and seamless digital delivery of the programs.

“This partnership with YCMOU marks a major step forward in democratizing access to higher education,” said Aditya Agrawal, COO – New Initiatives at PhysicsWallah. “Our goal is to build scalable and industry-aligned online learning pathways that are not only accessible but also academically rigorous and regulatory compliant.”

Close to making deal with India, says Trump amid fresh tariffs on 14 countries

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U.S. President Donald Trump has announced that the United States is on the verge of finalizing a trade agreement with India, even as his administration escalates trade tensions with 14 other countries by imposing steep new tariffs.

Speaking at the White House on Monday ahead of a dinner with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Trump stated, “We’re close to making a deal with India. We’ve already made deals with the United Kingdom and China. Other countries couldn’t reach an agreement, so we just sent them letters—either you pay the tariffs, or there’s no deal.”

The Trump administration issued letters to 14 countries, including Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, Bangladesh, and In-



donesia, detailing new tariff rates effective August 1. Japan and South Korea will face 25% tariffs, while Laos will see the highest at 40%. Cambodia and Thailand will be taxed at 36%, with other countries such as Serbia, Bangladesh, and South

Africa facing between 30% and 35%.

These letters also warned countries not to retaliate by raising their own import duties or face even more severe tariffs.

Trump claimed that these nations had been “ripping off” the U.S. with exorbitant import duties and said the new tariff regime was encouraging companies to relocate to the United States. “Some countries were charging 200% tariffs. What we’re doing is forcing fair trade,” he added.

In a controversial remark, Trump reiterated his past claim that he stopped a potential war between India and Pakistan earlier this year. “They were maybe at a nuclear stage. We told them we won’t trade if they keep fighting,” Trump asserted, referencing tensions following India’s Operation Sindoor on May 7.

Trump also criticized the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict, blaming President Biden, and again floated his desire to receive a Nobel Peace Prize for his foreign policy efforts.



Pakistan Denies Receiving External Military Support During Four-Day Conflict with India

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Pakistan Army Chief General Asim Munir has strongly rejected claims that Pakistan received military assistance from external powers during the recent four-day conflict with India, dubbed Operation Sindoor. Addressing the media in Islamabad, General Munir called such assertions “factually incorrect and misleading,” emphasizing Pakistan’s independent operational capabilities and national defense preparedness.

The remarks come in response to comments made by Indian Army Deputy Chief Lt. Gen. Rahul R. Singh, who had suggested that China had provided active military support to Pakistan during the brief but intense confrontation along the Line of Control. Lt. Gen. Singh’s statement stirred diplomatic ripples, especially as tensions remain high following the conflict, which saw cross-border artillery exchanges and limited aerial operations. General Munir firmly dismissed these allegations, stating, “Pakistan’s armed forces conducted operations independently, without any military aid or involvement from foreign governments. Our defense strategy remains autonomous, and our response was guided solely by the situation on the ground.”

Pakistan’s Foreign Ministry echoed Munir’s stance, warning against “irresponsible rhetoric” and urging regional players to avoid escalating tensions through unverified claims. Analysts in Islamabad have noted that while China and Pakistan maintain strong strategic relations, there is no credible evidence to suggest direct Chinese involvement in the conflict.

The four-day engagement, which took place in late June, marked one of the most significant military flare-ups between India and Pakistan in recent years. While both sides have since stepped back, the political and strategic aftershocks continue to unfold. As diplomatic efforts resume through back-channel talks, Islamabad has reiterated its commitment to regional peace but stressed that it will not tolerate “baseless accusations” that undermine Pakistan’s sovereignty or distort the reality of military engagements.



Japan's \$1 Trillion Trade Gamble on Trump Backfires as Tariffs Loom

TPN Correspondent | Tokyo

Japan’s attempt to court favor with former U.S. President Donald Trump through a massive investment pledge has unraveled, as Washington prepares to impose steep new tariffs on Japanese imports. The move comes as a blow to Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba’s administration, which had hoped to shield key sectors—especially agriculture—from U.S. pressure.

When Ishiba met Trump in February, he offered a \$1 trillion investment commitment into the U.S. economy. Trump welcomed the pledge and declared there would be “no problem whatsoever” in reaching a favorable trade agreement, praising the “fantastic relationship” between the two nations.

In the months that followed, Japan’s trade negotiators remained cautious, aiming to avoid concessions on politically sensitive imports such as U.S. rice. Tokyo hoped the goodwill from the investment promise would buy time and shield them from harsh trade measures.

Instead, that strategy has backfired. Last week, Trump lashed out on social media, calling Japan “spoiled” and accusing it of avoiding fair trade by refusing to buy enough U.S. rice. On Monday, he officially informed Ishiba that the U.S. would impose 25% tariffs on Japanese imports starting August 1.

“It’s a sign of Trump’s frustration,” said Kazuhiro Maeshima, a foreign policy expert at Tokyo’s Sophia University. “He sees Japan as resistant, and now he’s using tariffs to force compliance.” The announcement leaves Tokyo with few viable options to protect its export-driven economy. The tariffs could severely impact key sectors, including automotive and electronics, and further strain U.S.–Japan economic ties.

India, China urge Global South to push for Governance reforms at BRICS Summit

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In a strong show of unity, India and China, along with other BRICS nations, called on the Global South to intensify efforts for reforms in global governance structures. At the BRICS summit held in Rio de Janeiro, leaders emphasized the urgent need to make global institutions more inclusive and representative, especially in the face of rising geopolitical tensions and trade conflicts.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman underlined BRICS as a key platform to promote inclusive multilateralism, stating that global institutions are facing a “crisis of legitimacy and representation.”

Chinese Premier Li Qiang echoed similar sentiments,



urging BRICS countries to take the lead in advancing governance reforms to build a more equitable international system.

On climate change, BRICS nations jointly demanded that developed countries fulfill their financial commitments

to help poorer nations mitigate and adapt to the impacts of global warming. Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared, “For India, climate justice is not an option; it is a moral duty.”

India will assume the BRICS presidency next year. PM Modi

stated, “Under India’s presidency, we will redefine BRICS as Building Resilience and Innovation for Cooperation and Sustainability.”

A joint statement issued by BRICS leaders recognized that while clean energy is vital, petroleum will continue to play a significant role in the energy needs of developing countries — highlighting internal differences on energy policy. On the sidelines, PM Modi held bilateral meetings with several global leaders. With Malaysian PM Anwar Ibrahim, he discussed a long-awaited review of the ASEAN-India FTA to make trade more balanced. He also explored cooperation in biotechnology, health, and infrastructure with Cuban, Bolivian, and Uruguayan leaders, emphasizing India’s deepening outreach to the Global South.

'Forging peace as we speak': Netanyahu nominates Trump for Nobel Peace Prize

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Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has nominated former U.S. President Donald Trump for the Nobel Peace Prize, citing his role in recent joint strikes on Iranian nuclear facilities and ongoing efforts to broker peace in the Middle East. The announcement came during a dinner at the White House Blue Room on July 7, 2025, where the two leaders met to celebrate the military operation and discuss a proposed 60-day ceasefire in Gaza.

“He’s forging peace as we speak,” Netanyahu said, handing Trump a formal letter nominating him for the prestigious award. The Israeli leader has long pushed the U.S. to take military action against Iran’s nuclear program — a call Trump answered by launching a coordinated assault using bunker-buster bombs and Tomahawk missiles.

The meeting also centered on the latest U.S. proposal to pause the 21-month war in Gaza. Trump and Secretary of



State Marco Rubio are urging Israel and Hamas to agree to a ceasefire that would include humanitarian aid to Gaza and the release of at least 50 hostages. However, key points remain unresolved. Hamas demands a complete end to the war and Israeli withdrawal from Gaza, while Netanyahu insists that peace will only come after Hamas disarms and its leadership goes into ex-

ile. Trump, meanwhile, claimed that Iran wants to restart nuclear negotiations — though Tehran has not confirmed this. Iran’s President Masoud Pezeshkian, in a separate interview, acknowledged severe damage to nuclear facilities and expressed a willingness to cooperate with the UN, but with limitations due to the recent attacks.

Despite previous tensions between the two leaders, their partnership now appears stronger than ever, especially after the coordinated military actions. As Netanyahu faces pressure from both U.S. allies and far-right elements within his government, Trump’s influence could play a pivotal role in shaping the outcome of the Gaza conflict.

India Eyes July 8 Trade Deal Deadline with U.S., May Extend to August if Terms Fall Short

New Delhi, July 8- India is aiming to finalise a limited trade agreement with the United States by July 8, but sources indicate the timeline could stretch to August 1 if the current deal terms don't meet India's expectations.

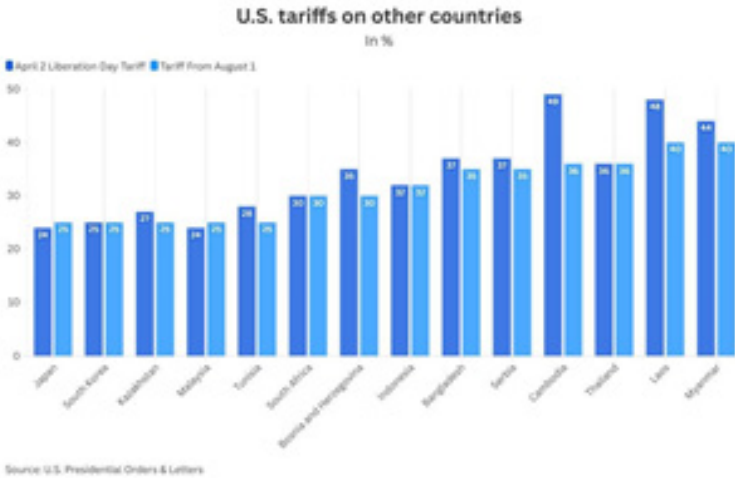
U.S. President Donald Trump had earlier announced a 90-day pause on his April 2 tariff plan—dubbed 'Liberation Day' tariffs—which imposed duties of up to 40% on certain imports. Without a deal in place, Indian exports could face tariffs of around 26% once the pause ends at midnight on July 8.

However, Indian officials say they will not rush into an agreement that doesn't serve national interests. "We are still operating under the July 8 deadline," said a senior government official, "but if the specifics aren't suitable, we can use the extended August 1 window." Notably, India is not among the 14 countries that have received formal tariff warning letters from the U.S.

President Trump confirmed ongoing talks with India, saying, "We are close to making a deal with India." He added that while deals have been struck with the UK and China, others may face tariffs if negotiations fail.

A mini trade deal with India has been under discussion for months. A team of Indian negotiators led by Special Secretary Rajesh Agrawal recently returned from the U.S., having submitted India's final proposals. India is not expected to revise its position further.

Key sticking points remain: the U.S. wants India to



allow imports of genetically modified (GM) products such as soybean meal and DDGS, and U.S. cow milk — areas where India has historically resisted due to public health and domestic sensitivities.

Whether the deal is sealed tonight or delayed, India is holding firm on protecting its core interests.

Adani Power Acquires Vidarbha Industries Power, Targets 30,670 MW Capacity by 2030



Adani Power Ltd. (APL) has successfully completed the acquisition of Vidarbha Industries Power Ltd. (VIPL) for ₹4,000 crore, marking a significant step in the company's strategy to strengthen its base-load power generation capacity. The acquisition, confirmed by APL on Tuesday morning, follows the approval of its resolution plan by the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), Mumbai Bench, on June 18, 2025. The implementation was finalized on July 7.

VIPL, which operates a 2×300 MW coal-fired power plant in Butibori, Nagpur district of Maharashtra, was undergoing the Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP) under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC). With this acquisition, Adani Power's total operational capacity now stands at 18,150 MW. The company stated that the addition is aligned with its broader mission to transform underperforming or stressed assets into productive power

generators. "This acquisition is a key milestone in our journey to unlock value through the revival of stressed assets," said SB Khyalia, CEO of Adani Power Ltd. "As we grow our portfolio, we continue to support India's vision of 'Electricity for All' by delivering reliable and affordable power to fuel sustainable development."

APL is aggressively expanding through both brownfield upgrades and green-field developments. The company is currently building six 1,600 MW ultra-supercritical thermal power plants across Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, and Rajasthan, along with a greenfield plant in Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh. Additionally, APL is reviving a 1,320 MW supercritical power plant in Korba, Chhattisgarh.

By 2030, Adani Power aims to reach an operational capacity of 30,670 MW, positioning itself as India's largest private base-load power generation company.

SEBI Study Reveals 41% Surge in F&O Losses for Individual Traders in FY25



Individual traders in India's equity derivatives segment (EDS) incurred a staggering net loss of ₹1.06 lakh crore in FY25, marking a sharp 41% increase from ₹74,812 crore in FY24, according to a recent study by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).

The study, covering trading activity between December 2024 and May 2025, analyzed profits and losses of individual traders using data from the top 13 stock brokers. These brokers collectively represent about 96 lakh unique traders in EDS, out of approximately 107 lakh across the entire market.

Despite the increasing popularity of futures and options (F&O) trading among retail investors, the SEBI study found that the risks continue to outweigh the rewards for most participants. A staggering 91% of individual traders continued to report net losses in FY25, a percentage nearly unchanged from the previous financial year.

"The study indicates that net losses of individual traders widened significantly by 41%, reaching ₹1,05,603 crore in FY25, even after accounting for transaction costs," SEBI noted.

This latest data comes amid growing concerns over the rapid rise in speculative trading by inexperienced retail investors, often driven by social media trends and the illusion of quick profits. While derivative markets are essential for hedging and risk management, SEBI has consistently warned that they carry substantial risks for individual investors who may lack sufficient knowledge or capital.

The findings are expected to add urgency to ongoing regulatory discussions around curbing excessive retail participation in high-risk F&O trading. SEBI is reportedly considering stricter risk disclosures, higher margins, and investor education initiatives to protect small investors from unsustainable losses in the derivatives space.

Markets Edge Higher as US-India Trade Deal Nears Finalization

Indian equity markets showed signs of recovery on Tuesday after a cautious start, as investor sentiment improved following U.S. President Donald Trump's statement that a trade deal with India is nearing completion. After opening weak, the BSE Sensex initially dipped 121.55 points to 83,320.95, and the NSE Nifty slipped 37.15 points to 25,424.15. However, both indices soon rebounded. The Sensex rose 86.13 points to 83,526.55, while the Nifty gained 19.75 points to reach 25,481.05 in morning trade. Supportive global cues, particularly gains in Asian markets such as South Korea's Kospi, Japan's Nikkei 225, China's SSE Composite, and Hong Kong's Hang Seng, helped lift sentiment. Additionally, fresh



inflows from foreign institutional investors (FIIs) provided further momentum. Leading the gains among Sensex firms were Kotak Mahindra Bank, Eternal, Bharat Electronics Ltd, Tata Motors, NTPC, and Adani Ports. On the

other hand, Titan, Mahindra & Mahindra, Sun Pharma, HCL Tech, and Trent lagged behind. President Trump, speaking on Monday, said the U.S. was close to finalizing a deal with India, after already striking trade agreements with the

UK and China. He added that countries not aligned with U.S. interests would face tariffs, as reflected in letters sent to 14 nations including Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, and Bangladesh. "The fact that India was not included in this list, and Trump's remarks, signal a trade agreement is likely imminent," said V.K. Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Financial Services. However, he added that market reaction will hinge on the fine print, particularly any sector-specific tariffs. Meanwhile, FIIs bought equities worth ₹321.16 crore, while DIIs purchased stocks worth ₹1,853.39 crore on Monday. Brent crude slipped slightly to \$69.33 per barrel.

Capgemini to Acquire WNS for \$3.3 Billion, Signals New Era of Tech Industry Consolidation

Paris/Mumbai, July 7, 2025 — Capgemini has announced the acquisition of India-born business process management (BPM) firm WNS for \$3.3 billion in cash, a move that analysts say could shake up the global consulting and tech services landscape, particularly challenging the dominance of the Big 4 — Deloitte, PwC, EY, and KPMG.

The deal, unanimously approved by the boards of both companies, is expected to close by the end of 2025. Capgemini will pay \$76.50 per share for NYSE-listed WNS — a premium of 28% over its 90-day average share price.

Industry experts say this acquisition could mark the beginning of a fresh wave of consolidation in the tech and BPM sectors, particularly as firms prepare for the



sweeping impact of artificial intelligence (AI).

"This gives Capgemini a powerful new position in competing with the Big 4," said Phil Fersht, CEO of HFS Research. "The integration of WNS could create an ideal platform to develop Services-as-Software solutions to target the \$1.5 trillion market emerging from AI-led transformation."

Peter Bendor-Samuel, founder of Everest Group, called the move a "return to Capgemini's acquisition-led growth model" and said it could set off a chain reaction of strategic mergers and acquisitions across the industry.

WNS brings deep domain expertise, a strong North American and UK client base, and strategic sourcing capabilities, especially from its 2017 acquisition of Denali. Analysts say Capgemini can now offer end-to-end transformation services at price points below those of traditional players.

Capgemini CEO Aiman Ezzat said the deal positions the group to lead in AI-powered "Intelligent Operations," while WNS CEO Keshav R. Murugesh noted that enterprises are now "shifting from automation to autonomy" with AI embedded at their core.

170-Foot-Tall Tazia Collapses on Power Line During Muharram Procession in UP, No Injuries Reported



A massive 170-foot-tall Tazia, a symbolic replica of Imam Hussain's tomb, collapsed during a Muharram procession in Uttar Pradesh's Lakhimpur Kheri on Sunday, causing widespread panic among thousands of attendees. The incident occurred around 4:30 PM at the Karbala ground in the Sadar Kotwali area of Banwaripur.

Captured on CCTV, the Tazia was in the process of being lifted when it suddenly tilted and fell, crashing into an 11,000-volt high-tension wire. Fortunately, there were no casualties or injuries reported, as power supply in the area had been cut off in advance, preventing a potential disaster.

Visuals from the scene showed three towering Tazias—each around 170 feet tall—standing in the procession. As one of them lost balance, people nearby were seen scrambling to avoid being hit. Made from bamboo and adorned with color-

ful paper and cloth, such large Tazias are central to Muharram processions, commemorating the martyrdom of Hazrat Imam Hussain, the grandson of Prophet Muhammad.

Police and emergency teams rushed to the location following the collapse. Deepak Tiwari, the local police station in-charge, confirmed that the situation was brought under control quickly, and the event continued peacefully.

Muharram, one of the holiest months in the Islamic calendar after Ramadan, began on June 27 this year. It marks a 10-day mourning period culminating in Ashura, observed in memory of the Battle of Karbala.

The incident raised concerns about safety protocols during such large religious gatherings, though the prompt response by organizers and authorities helped avert a major tragedy.

Gold Rush Gone Wrong: Namibia's Diamond City Swallowed by Sand—Here's What's Left

Kolmanskop, once a thriving diamond town in Namibia's Namib Desert, now lies eerily silent, buried in sand and memories. Once a glittering symbol of prosperity in the early 1900s, this ghost town has become a haunting monument to a boom gone bust.



The story began when diamonds were discovered in the area, attracting German settlers who rapidly built a lavish city in the heart of the desert. Kolmanskop quickly rose to prominence, boasting modern amenities far ahead of its time—electricity, running water, a hospital, a school, a theatre, and even an ice factory. German-style architecture flourished, and wealth flowed freely as diamonds were extracted in abundance.

At its peak, Kolmanskop was a model of luxury and modernity. Families lived comfortably, and the desert city sparkled—quite literally—with promise. But like many resource-driven towns, its fortune was tied to the land. As diamond supplies dwindled and richer deposits were discovered further south, the population began to abandon the town. By the 1950s, Kolmanskop was largely deserted.

Today, nature has reclaimed what man once

built. Sand dunes have invaded every room, hallway, and building. Grand homes now sit half-submerged in fine desert dust, with sand pouring through shattered windows and collapsed roofs. The town's elegant structures remain, but they are filled with silence and shadows.

Kolmanskop has transformed into one of the world's most iconic ghost towns. Its surreal, sand-filled interiors draw photographers and travelers who come to witness its haunting beauty—a place frozen in time. It tells a compelling story: how immense wealth, no matter how dazzling, is fleeting when pitted against nature's enduring force.

Kolmanskop remains a stark reminder of impermanence—a city once rich, now buried in the very desert that once made it thrive.

Samsung Galaxy Unpacked 2025 Set for July 9: What to Expect from Z Fold 7 to Watch 8

Samsung is all set to unveil its next-generation devices at the much-anticipated Galaxy Unpacked 2025 event on July 9. The tech giant is expected to showcase a lineup of innovative products, with a strong focus on foldables and wearable technology. The event, which has become a staple for major Samsung announcements, will likely highlight both hardware upgrades and design innovations.

At the center of attention is the Galaxy Z Fold 7, which is rumored to feature enhanced durability, a slimmer profile, and upgraded camera technology. However, what's generating even more buzz is speculation around a new triple-folding smartphone, po-



tentially a first of its kind from Samsung. If true, this could mark a major leap forward in foldable phone technology, offering an even larger screen experience in a compact form factor.

In addition to foldables, Samsung is expected to introduce the Galaxy Watch 8 series. The new smartwatches are likely to come with improved health tracking features, enhanced battery life, and potentially a fresh design. The Galaxy Watch 8 Pro could offer new sensors for advanced health metrics, pushing the brand further into the premium smartwatch space.

The Galaxy Buds 3 may also make an appearance, with improvements in

active noise cancellation, audio quality, and integration with Samsung's ecosystem.

This year's Unpacked event will not just be about hardware. Samsung may also announce updates to One UI, its custom Android skin, and introduce AI-powered features aimed at improving user experience across devices.

With innovation at the core, Samsung Galaxy Unpacked 2025 promises to be a landmark event, potentially redefining the future of mobile and wearable technology. All eyes will be on July 9 as Samsung reveals what's next.

Mysterious '4' in the Sky Sparks Buzz: Is Marvel Teasing Fantastic Four: First Steps?

A mysterious sky logo featuring a circle with the number "4" inside it has stirred up excitement and speculation across the United States. The cryptic symbol, drawn by a small aircraft in clear blue skies, was spotted in multiple cities, leading many to believe it's part of a clever marketing campaign for Marvel's upcoming film The Fantastic Four: First Steps, set to release on July 25.



One viral video posted on Instagram shows a woman relaxing on her rooftop when she notices a plane drawing a perfect circle in the sky. Moments later, the aircraft traces the number "4" inside it. "Is this an advertisement for Fantastic Four? I think it is," she wonders aloud. As the plane finishes the logo and flies off, she adds, "Talk about marketing!"

Soon after, another logo appears nearby, sparking even more intrigue. Social media lit up with reactions as users across the country claimed they saw the same symbol. One commenter said, "Oooh saw that...I

thought it was a peace sign." Another added, "It happened all over New York, too, on July 4th." Some praised the campaign, calling it "fantastic advertising."

Marvel seems to be pulling out all the stops for Fantastic Four: First Steps, which introduces a new cast: Pedro Pascal as Reed Richards (Mr. Fantastic), Vanessa Kirby as Sue Storm (Invisible Woman), Joseph Quinn as Johnny Storm (Human Torch), and Ebon Moss-Bachrach as Ben Grimm (The Thing). Set in a retro-futuristic 1960s-inspired world, the film will follow the iconic team as they take on the cosmic threat of Galactus.

With this sky-high stunt, Marvel has successfully created buzz ahead of the movie's release, blending nostalgia and spectacle to launch the MCU's Phase 6 in style.

Momo Cake Is Real, and the Internet Can't Decide Whether It's Genius or a Culinary Crime

In a world where food innovation knows no bounds, the internet has once again been left both amazed and confused — this time by the viral creation of a Momo Cake. That's right: a full-fledged, four-tier cake made entirely out of momos and sauce.

The now-viral video, shared on Instagram, shows a chef meticulously stacking layers of various momos—steamed, fried, and even cheesy ones—into a towering structure. Instead of traditional frosting, the cake is generously coated with spicy red momo chutney and garnished with coriander and onions. It's equal parts bizarre and fascinating.

Momos, the beloved dumplings from the Himalayan region, have seen countless adaptations in recent years—tandoori momos, chocolate momos, gravy momos, and even momo burgers. But this latest culinary twist seems to push the boundaries even further. While some foodies are absolutely loving the idea and calling it "every momo lover's dream," others are questioning whether this innovation has gone too far.

Social media users are divided. One user commented, "I want this for my birthday cake!" while an-



other said, "This is a crime against both momos and cakes." Memes and debates quickly erupted in the comments, making the momo cake one of the most talked-about food trends of the week.

Regardless of whether you find it appetizing or absurd, the momo cake has undeniably captured public attention. It stands as yet another example of how viral food trends can push creative boundaries and challenge our ideas of what a dish should look or taste like.

Love it or fear it, one thing's for sure — momo cake has entered the culinary chat, and it's not leaving anytime soon.

LEGEN-Z T10 League Kicks Off with Royal Challengers Delhi Facing Bengal Tigers

The much-anticipated LEGEN-Z T10 League is all set to begin, with the opening match scheduled between Royal Challengers Delhi and Bengal Tigers on August 7. The game will take place at the iconic Sawai Mansingh International Stadium in Jaipur, marking the start of what promises to be a thrilling week of cricket.

The league organisers released the full match schedule, revealing a packed opening day featuring a triple-header. The action will start at 5:00 PM with Royal Challengers Delhi taking on Bengal Tigers, followed by South-

ern United vs. MP Spartans at 7:00 PM. The day will conclude with a prime-time clash between Mumbai Stars and Rajasthan Raiders at 9:00 PM.

The league stage will run until August 11, with three matches scheduled daily, providing continuous cricketing excitement for fans. The knockout phase will kick off on August 12 with another triple-header consisting of Qualifier 1, the Eliminator, and Qualifier 2. The tournament will culminate in a grand finale on August 13 at 7:00 PM under the stadium lights. Venkatesh Prasad, Chairman of



LEGEN-Z T10 League, expressed enthusiasm about the schedule, highlighting the months of planning and the intense action fans can expect. Meanwhile, Chiranjeev Dubey, Founder & CEO of the league, emphasized the platform's goal of transforming dreams into reality by giving young

talent a chance to play alongside cricketing legends. The league features a blend of international cricket icons like Herschelle Gibbs, Ross Taylor, Tillakaratne Dilshan, Irfan Pathan, Yusuf Pathan, and Aaron Finch, leading six franchise teams. Alongside them are 74

talented Indian players selected from street trials, who will live the dream of sharing the field with their idols. This inspiring journey—from local streets to global stadiums—embodies the spirit of “Gali Se TV Tak,” proving that talent and dreams can truly transform lives.

Yuki Bhambri and Robert Galloway Exit Wimbledon 2025 After Narrow Men’s Doubles Defeat

India’s Wimbledon 2025 journey came to an end as the men’s doubles duo of Yuki Bhambri and Robert Galloway bowed out after a tough pre-quarterfinal clash at the All England Club in London on Sunday. The 16th-seeded pair faced the formidable fourth seeds Marcel Granollers of Spain and Horacio Zeballos of Argentina in a closely contested match that lasted two hours and nine minutes.

Granollers and Zeballos took the first set 6-4 by breaking Bhambri and Galloway’s serve early. However, the Indian-American pair bounced back strongly in the second set, breaking their opponents twice to level the match at one set apiece with a 6-3 win.

The final set was a nail-biter, with Granollers and Zeballos racing to a 5-2 lead. Bhambri and Galloway showed resilience by winning three consecutive games to make it 5-5. Both teams held their serves thereafter, leading to a super tiebreaker to decide the winner.

In the super tiebreak, the Spanish-Argentine pair quickly dominated with a 7-0 lead. Although Bhambri and Galloway fought back, it wasn’t enough to close the gap. A crucial double fault on match point handed Granollers and Zeballos a 10-4 victory, ending the intense battle.

Prior to this, Bhambri and Galloway had secured a win against Portugal’s Nuno Borges



and the USA’s Marcos Giron in the previous round. Meanwhile, India’s Rohan Bopanna faced an early exit in men’s doubles alongside his Belgian partner Sander Gille, losing in the first round.

Other Indian players N Sriram Balaji and Rithvik Bollipalli, competing with different partners, were also knocked out in the second round of men’s doubles. Additionally, Bhambri, teamed with China’s Jiang Xinyu, bowed out of the mixed doubles event on Sunday, concluding India’s campaign at Wimbledon 2025.

India Women vs England Women: Ecclestone and Bouchier Included in England’s ODI Squad

England announced their 15-member squad on July 8, 2025, for the upcoming three-match ODI series against India Women, featuring notable players Sophie Ecclestone and Maia Bouchier. The series promises to be an exciting contest between two strong teams, with matches scheduled for July 16, 19, and 22 at Southampton, Lord’s, and Chester-Le-Street, respectively.

Sophie Ecclestone, England’s leading left-arm spinner, continues to be a vital part of the squad with her impressive bowling skills that have troubled many top batters worldwide. Maia Bouchier, known for her aggressive batting and useful bowling, returns to the team and is expected to add depth to England’s middle order and contribute with the ball when required.

The three-match ODI series will be crucial for both teams as they aim to build momentum in the lead-up to major international tour-



naments. England’s squad blends experienced campaigners with emerging talents, creating a balanced lineup capable of challenging India’s formidable batting and bowling units.

The venues for the matches include iconic grounds: the Ageas Bowl in Southampton will host the opening ODI on July 16, followed by the prestigious Lord’s Cricket Ground in London on July 19, and finally, the Riverside Ground at Chester-Le-Street on July 22. These historic venues are expected to

witness thrilling cricket and strong crowds supporting both sides.

The series is not only an opportunity for England to assert their dominance at home but also a platform for players like Ecclestone and Bouchier to showcase their skills against a competitive Indian side. Fans eagerly await the high-quality cricket this series promises as the two nations renew their rivalry on the ODI stage.

Wimbledon 2025: Djokovic, Shelton, Sinner, Swiatek, and Teen Sensation Mirra Andreeva Advance to Quarterfinals

Novak Djokovic continues his pursuit of a record-breaking eighth Wimbledon title and his 25th Grand Slam singles trophy overall, securing his place in the quarterfinals after a hard-fought victory over Australia’s Alex de Minaur. Djokovic’s next challenge comes from Italy’s Flavio Cobolli, ranked No. 22, setting the stage for a thrilling showdown at the prestigious Wimbledon Championships in London.

The tournament has also witnessed impressive performances from other top contenders. Carlos Alcaraz Shelton, Jannik Sinner, and Iga Swiatek have all advanced confidently into the quarterfinals, showcasing their exceptional skills and determination on the grass courts. These athletes continue to underline their status as serious title contenders in this year’s competition.

One of the standout stories of Wimbledon 2025 is the remarkable run of 18-year-old Mirra Andreeva, who has stunned fans and critics alike with her fearless and dynamic play. The young Russian star’s breakthrough performance has captured the imagination of tennis enthusiasts, as she advances alongside seasoned champions into the final eight.

Djokovic’s dominance on the grass courts of Wimbledon has been extraordinary, with seven titles already under his belt and six



consecutive final appearances before this tournament. His experience and resilience make him a formidable opponent for anyone looking to claim the trophy. As the competition intensifies, the quarterfinal matches promise to deliver high drama and world-class tennis, with established stars and rising talents vying for a coveted spot in the semifinals. Wimbledon 2025 continues to be a captivating showcase of skill, passion, and sporting excellence.

Virat Kohli Compares India-Pakistan World Cup Pressure to Wimbledon

Says Tennis Mentality Is Next Level

Former India cricket captain Virat Kohli drew compelling parallels between high-stakes cricket and elite tennis, stating that the pressure faced by tennis players in Grand Slam knockout matches is comparable only to the “intimidation and pressure” cricketers endure during India-Pakistan encounters or World Cup finals.



Kohli, currently on a break from cricket and attending Wimbledon with wife Anushka Sharma, made the comments in an interview with tennis legend Vijay Amritraj during coverage on Star Sports. The 36-year-old retired from Tests and T20Is earlier this year, though he remains a towering figure in world cricket.

“I think the pressure tennis players handle is insane. The only comparable intensity for us is an India-Pakistan World Cup match or a semifinal or final,” said Kohli. “Your legs are literally shaking in those moments. But tennis players face that kind of pressure from the quarterfinals onward—week after week.”

He applauded the composure and physical demands tennis demands, saying he has “tremen-

dous respect” for players who maintain that mental sharpness and fitness continuously.

Kohli also pointed out that tennis allows players the chance to bounce back mid-match—unlike cricket where “one mistake and you’re out, and then you spend the rest of the day clapping from the pavilion.”

Comparing environments, Kohli remarked on the unique intensity of Wimbledon’s Centre Court. “Even though cricket stadiums are massive and full of energy, they’re less intimidating than tennis arenas like Centre Court, where fans are seated almost right on top of you.”

On a personal note, Kohli said he’s been in touch with Novak Djokovic and is rooting for him to win Wimbledon this year. “A Djokovic vs. Alcaraz final is what I’d love to see—and I hope Novak wins his 25th Grand Slam. That would be incredible for the GOAT debate.”

Kohli’s thoughtful crossover commentary highlighted the shared psychological and physical rigors of elite sport, bridging cricket and tennis in a rare and revealing way.



Rashmika Mandanna Turns Up the Heat in Bold Dirty Cut 2025 Debut

Rashmika Mandanna is making bold moves, and her latest appearance in Dirty Cut 25 is proof she's not playing it safe. After recently stealing the spotlight in The Nod Mag, the actress now graces the pages of one of the edgiest publications in the industry—with a fierce, unfiltered look that's setting social media on fire.

The Dirty Cut team introduced her with a no-nonsense caption: "DIRTY CUT 2025 – RASHMIKA MANDANNA." That's all it took. The visuals do the rest. Rashmika appears confident, razor-sharp, and unapologetically bold, aligning perfectly with the magazine's raw and rebellious tone.

But this is more than just a photoshoot—it's a statement. Rashmika's journey from mainstream hits like Pushpa 2, Animal, and Chhaava to now being featured on a platform known for celebrating disruption shows just how far she's come. She's no longer just a rising star—she's a force. While the film industry rides waves of trends and uncertainty, Rashmika has carved out her own space with calculated precision.

Dirty Cut calls this her "dirty debut," but it's clear that it marks a new era for her. One where she's more than an actor—she's an investor, a trendsetter, and a power player. The magazine positions her as someone who understands the game beyond the set, someone who's building a legacy, not just a filmography.

What stands out in this feature is its lack of over-stylization. Rashmika isn't filtered to perfection. She's real, edgy, and exactly how she wants to be seen. With Dirty Cut 25, she's sent a clear message: she owns her narrative, and she's not waiting for anyone's permission to rewrite the rules.



Vijay Deverakonda's 'Kingdom' Locks Perfect Release Date: July 31

Vijay Deverakonda's much-anticipated film Kingdom, directed by Gautham Tinnanuri, has finally locked its release date—July 31. After multiple delays and rounds of speculation, the team has chosen a strategic window, setting the stage for a smooth run at the box office. The date is a smart move, with minimal immediate competition, giving Kingdom at least two weeks of breathing room before major releases flood the screens.

Though Pawan Kalyan's Hari Hara Veera Mallu is scheduled to release just a week earlier on July 24, Kingdom avoids a direct clash. Initially, rumors suggested the film might be pushed forward due to pressure from its OTT partner. However, producer Naga Vamsi stayed firm, ensuring the gap between the two films allows both to perform without cannibalizing each other's screens. If HHVM turns into a box office juggernaut, the theatre allocations could get tricky, but for now, Kingdom holds a clear edge.

Looking ahead, Kingdom also dodges another bullet—big-ticket films like WAR 2 and Coolie are only set to arrive on August 14. This gives Kingdom a solid two-week window to capitalize on the market and rack up numbers without major disruptions. Conveniently, with Naga Vamsi also distributing WAR 2, a balance between the two films can be expected, ensuring neither gets affected

in terms of screen count. To ramp up the buzz, the team dropped a brand-new promo confirming the July 31 release. The background score by Anirudh in the teaser has already caught attention, teasing an immersive theatrical experience.

With delays behind them and the stage set, Kingdom is poised to rule the box office—timing, momentum, and audience anticipation all appear to be on its side.



Ravi Teja's Nephew Maadhav Makes a Fierce Debut in Maremma

Ravi Teja's nephew Maadhav is all set to make his mark in the Telugu film industry with his debut film Maremma, a rural action drama directed by newcomer Manchala Nagaraj. Produced with a powerful and grounded storyline, the film promises to introduce Maadhav as a compelling new face in Tollywood.

The makers recently unveiled the film's first look poster, and it's making waves for all the right reasons. Maadhav appears in a lungi, holding a stick, with a fierce expression and rugged appearance—long hair, a thick beard, and a determined stance that speaks volumes about his intense role. The backdrop of a buffalo hints at a village-centric, earthy setting, reinforcing the film's raw tone and emotional intensity.

Deepa Balu stars as the female lead opposite Maadhav, while the supporting cast includes seasoned actors like Vinod Kumar and Vikas Vasishtha. With a team of fresh and skilled technicians behind the camera, the film is shaping up to be a promising debut for the young actor. Prasanth Anikireddy is handling the cinematography, while Prashanth R Vihari is composing the music. The editing is managed by Dev

Rathod, and Rajkumar Murugesan brings the film's rustic world to life with his art direction.

Choosing a mass-appeal, rural-action subject for his launch, Maadhav seems to be following a calculated path, similar to his uncle Ravi Teja's intense screen presence. Maremma appears to be a solid platform to showcase Maadhav's acting potential and screen charisma.

With an impactful first look and a gritty storyline, Maremma is generating curiosity and buzz, setting the stage for Maadhav's strong entry into the industry. All eyes are now on the film's release as audiences await to see what the newcomer brings to the big screen.



Kollywood Star R. Madhavan Cast as Mahesh Babu's Father in 'SSMB 29'

One of the most eagerly awaited films in Indian cinema, SSMB 29, brings together superstar Mahesh Babu and legendary director S.S. Rajamouli in what promises to be a cinematic spectacle on a global scale. With sky-high expectations from fans and critics alike, this pan-world project is already being touted as one of the most ambitious films ever made in Indian cinema. According to recent reports, the film has roped in Kollywood star R. Madhavan, who is said to be playing the role of Mahesh Babu's father. The makers have also reportedly approached actors like Nana Patekar and Vikram for pivotal roles, adding further star power to an already high-profile project. After completing key shooting schedules in Odisha and Hyderabad, the team has now begun the next major leg of filming in Kenya. Director Rajamouli is currently overseeing action-packed sequences in Amboseli National Park and other forest regions, with all necessary permissions reportedly granted by the local authorities. The African forest



backdrop plays a key role in the film's adventurous storyline. The plot is rumored to be inspired by the Sanjeevani theme from the Ramayana, and the narrative will take audiences on a thrilling global journey filled with mythology, action, and innovation. Reports suggest the film will feature dinosaur hunting scenes, a bold and never-before-seen concept in Indian cinema.

Adding to the excitement, names like Priyanka Chopra and Prithviraj Sukumaran are being floated as part of the main cast. With a staggering budget of around ₹1000 crores, music by Oscar-winner M.M. Keeravani, and production by K.L. Narayana under the Durga Arts banner, SSMB 29 is aiming for a 2027 release, and fans can't wait.

Will Smith as Villain in Allu Arjun's Upcoming Pan-International Film?

Allu Arjun, popularly known as Bunny, has excited fans with updates about his 22nd film, directed by the renowned Tamil filmmaker Atlee. Produced by Sun Pictures head Kalanithi Maran, this highly anticipated project is gearing up to shoot extensively in the United States. The film unit, including Allu Arjun and director Atlee, has already arrived in America to kickstart the production.

Deepika Padukone has been confirmed as the female lead, adding further star power to the project. What's caught everyone's attention recently is the buzz surrounding the villain's role. Rumors are swirling on social media that Hollywood superstar Will Smith might be playing the antagonist in this movie. If true, this would mark a major leap for



Allu Arjun, taking his already massive Pan-India appeal to an international level. Although no official confirmation has come from the filmmakers or cast, the possibility of Will Smith joining the project has sparked huge excitement among fans and industry watchers alike. This move could potentially open doors for

more global collaborations in Indian cinema, showcasing Allu Arjun's reach beyond traditional markets. Adding to the film's intrigue is the news that Allu Arjun will portray three different characters in the story, promising a showcase of his versatility and range. With a reputed director, an international filming schedule, and a star-studded cast, expectations are sky-high for this movie, which is expected to release in 2026 or 2027. For now, fans eagerly await an official announcement about Will Smith's involvement and more details about the film's plot and characters. This project undoubtedly promises to be one of the most exciting and ambitious in Allu Arjun's career.