



Hydra faces criticism for selective action on pond encroachments

- **BJP questions Hydra’s silence on Fatima College**
- **Allegations of a secret deal with Owaisi camp**
- **College built within Salakam Cheruvu FTL limits**

TPN | V. Krishna Kumar
Hyderabad: The controversy surrounding Fatima Owaisi College has returned to the spotlight. Political accusations are flying once again, with BJP questioning the conspicuous silence of the Hyderabad Lakes and Water Bodies Management Authority (Hydra) over the college built on encroached lake land. While Hydra had once aggressively cracked down on constructions within lake boundaries, questions are being raised over its current inaction on the Fatima College issue, located in the Salakam Cheruvu area of Bandlaguda.

Why the sudden silence?
Hydra had earlier declared that the Fatima College structure fell within the Full Tank Level (FTL) of Salakam Cheruvu based on satellite data from 1979 to 2023. Plans to demolish it were also reportedly underway. The college, operated by the Owaisi family, comprises 12 buildings constructed in 2017 on land identified as encroached. The lake’s area has reduced drastically from 0.37 sq. km to just 0.111 sq. km, with around 70% occupied, including the land beneath

the college. However, things took a political turn when AIMIM floor leader and Chandrayangutta MLA Akbaruddin Owaisi protested strongly in the Assembly. He threatened that any attempt to touch the college would face massive resistance, claiming that over 10,000 poor students, from KG to PG, receive free education there. “If the college is demolished, students will end up on the streets,”

he warned, even stating he would turn the city into a battlefield if necessary.

Was there a deal under the table?
That fiery protest seems to have worked. Hydra, which was demolishing several illegal constructions including the N Convention Centre, suddenly went silent about

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- **KTR waited at Somajiguda Press Club for debate**
- **Accuses Congress of betraying 70 lakh farmers**
- **Offers new date, place, and time for open debate**

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) came out all

guns blazing against Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy on Monday, after the latter failed to attend a much-anticipated open debate on farmers’ issues and election promises. The debate, proposed to be held at Somajiguda Press Club with media as witness, turned into a one-sided affair as KTR occupied the venue and

Where Is Revanth Reddy? Asks KTR

left an empty chair for the absent CM — a symbolic gesture that grabbed state-wide political attention. Addressing the press and flanked by BRS leaders, KTR observed a minute’s silence in memory of 600 farmers who allegedly committed suicide under the 18-month Congress rule. He accused the Revanth-led government of bringing back the days of power cuts, fertilizer shortages, and price crashes for crops. “Revanth Reddy has not fulfilled even a single prom-

ise he made in the election campaign. He wrote them on bond paper saying he’s the guarantee, but now he’s running away,” KTR said. “All he’s done in 18 months is shout, swear, and cover up failures.” KTR reminded that it was Revanth Reddy who had thrown the challenge to debate what each party did for farmers and youth. “Knowing he lacks even basic knowledge about river basins, I gave him 72 hours.

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PowerPoint Presentation on Krishna Water Row

- **Presentation on illegal transfer of Krishna reservoirs to AP**
- **Project shift from Thummadihatti to Medigadda under BRS rule under scrutiny**
- **CM Revanth, Dy CM Bhatti, PCC Chief Mahesh Kumar Goud to attend**

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A crucial PowerPoint presentation will be held today at 3 PM at Praja Bhavan to expose the alleged irregularities committed by the previous BRS government regarding the illegal transfer of Krishna river reservoirs to Andhra Pradesh and the controversial shift of the project from Thummadihatti to Medigadda. This session aims to provide detailed and technical insights to Telangana’s elected representatives and key stakeholders. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy will attend as the Chief Guest, while Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka and Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President Mahesh Kumar Goud will be the Guests of Honour. State Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister Captain N. Uttam Kumar Reddy is overseeing the arrangements. The presentation is expected to

highlight how the BRS government allegedly compromised Telangana’s interests between 2014 and 2023 by allowing the illegal diversion of Krishna river reservoirs to Andhra Pradesh. It will also focus on the implications of shifting the original project from Thummadihatti to Medigadda, including insights from a report prepared by the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA). Top officials from the irrigation department, engineering experts, and political representatives — including members of the Rajya Sabha, Lok Sabha, Legislative Council, Legislative Assembly, corporation chairpersons, and constituency in-charges — have been specially invited to the session.

The government will also use the occasion to bring public attention to the adverse financial consequences of the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project. The presentation will cover how the construction of Medigadda, Annaram, and Sundilla barrages under heavy loans, allegedly taken at high interest rates by the previous BRS government, have become a burden on Telangana’s treasury. The event is positioned as an important initiative to ensure transparency and educate elected leaders about the technical flaws, financial strains, and interstate water issues that stemmed from the previous regime’s decisions.

Bhadrachalam EO Attacked by Encroachers in Purushottapatnam

- **EO Ramadevi attacked while stopping construction on temple land**
- **500 villagers allegedly assaulted 30 staff and EO**
- **Minister Konda Surekha orders strict action**



TPN | Anvesh Reddy
Bhadradri Kothagudem: Tension prevailed in Bhadrachalam on Tuesday after Sri Seetha Ramachandraswamy Devasthanam Executive Officer (EO) Ramadevi was attacked by villagers of Purushottapatnam in a shocking incident related to temple land encroachments. The EO, who lost consciousness during the assault, is currently undergoing treatment at KIMS Hospital. According to officials, EO Ramadevi visited Purushottapatnam village after receiving information that new houses were being constructed on temple lands belonging to Ramula Vara. Upon reaching the site with her staff to stop the encroachment, around 500 villagers launched a physical attack on her and about 30 members of the temple staff. The attack occurred on Swami Vara lands located in Edapaka Mandal of East Godavari District, Andhra



Pradesh, where approximately 1200 acres are said to be under the ownership of the temple. While these lands were previously being cultivated on lease by the villagers of Purushottapatnam, they have now begun building permanent houses, claiming ownership, which led to Tuesday’s confrontation. The violent mob resisted eviction attempts and targeted the EO and her team, resulting in Ramadevi falling unconscious. She was rushed to KIMS hospital by her staff and is currently receiving treatment.

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Fatima Owaisi College Row Returns

the Owaisi-owned college. July 18 will mark one year since Hydra’s formation, but there’s still no movement on the Salakam Cheruvu issue. This has sparked fresh allegations that a secret agreement was struck between the government and AIMIM. BJP’s new state president Ramchandra Rao has demanded clarity: “If Hydra is sincere, why is it showing step-motherly treatment? Why raze middle-class homes and spare this college? If there was a deal, let Ranganath reveal it.”

Is there an alternative arrangement?

Adding to the confusion, it is being speculated that Owaisi offered land near Santosh Nagar junction for the metro in exchange for sparing the college. Some

also claim a court stay order has been obtained against the demolition. Akbaruddin’s inner circle is tight-lipped, but the Fatima College saga has once again become a thorn in Hydra’s mission. Meanwhile, displaced citizens who were evicted under Hydra’s clean-up drive are asking tough questions. Was Hydra set up only to throw poor and middle-class families out while sparing politically powerful structures? The public awaits an answer from Hydra Commissioner Ranganath, as the pressure mounts. With the issue back in public discourse, all eyes are now on whether Hydra will stick to its mission of protecting lakes—or continue to tread carefully around politically sensitive cases like Fatima College.

Where Is Revanth Reddy? Asks KTR

I said I’d come wherever he chooses. I came today with facts, but he ran off to Delhi.”

Congress Failing on All Fronts, Says KTR

KTR presented data alleging severe mismanagement in farmer insurance, crop procurement, and input supply. “I have with me the names and numbers of 670 farmers from the CM’s own Kodangal constituency who didn’t receive Rythu Bima. We have lists of suicides, failed crop sales, and youth unemployment. Is this Indiramma Rajyam?” He further accused Revanth of betraying Telangana by favoring Andhra Pradesh. “He’s waving the green flag for projects that benefit Andhra, diverting Krishna water via Pothireddypadu. Telangana’s water is going out, and our funds are being handed to Delhi,” KTR said.

Fresh Challenge to CM: ‘Choose Time, Place, I’ll Be There’

KTR announced that he

was giving the Chief Minister another opportunity for an open debate. “You decide the time, date, and place. I’ll come. Even if it’s at your Jubilee Hills house. If you don’t come, apologize by writing your nose on the ground.” He also took a dig at the CM’s behavior toward social media users. “Revanth puts children in jail for retweets. This is not democracy — this is a police state.”

BRS Will Stand Firm, Says KTR

“Revanth can’t handle pressure. He hides behind power. But we are pink soldiers trained by KCR to debate facts, not shout slogans,” said KTR, who warned that false propaganda would not go unanswered. “Don’t throw meaningless challenges again if you don’t have the guts to face the truth.” KTR’s aggressive stance has ignited a fresh war of words between BRS and Congress, and with this new challenge on the table, political circles now await whether Revanth Reddy will respond — or remain silent.

Bhadrachalam EO Attacked by Encroachers in Purushottapatnam

Reacting strongly to the incident, Telangana State Endowments and Charitable Endowments Minister Konda Surekha condemned the attack, demanding strict legal action against those responsible. She expressed anger over the aggression shown toward a government official trying to safeguard temple property and emphasized that such behavior would not be tolerated. The Minister also directed Bhadrachalam MLA to personally oversee the medical care of EO Ramadevi and ensure her complete recovery. She assured that the attackers would not be spared and promised that the government would take all necessary steps to protect temple lands from illegal occupation. Officials from both Telangana and Andhra Pradesh are expected to coordinate on resolving the jurisdictional and ownership issues surrounding the land.

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Congress Leaders Pay Tributes to YSR on His 76th Birth Anniversary

- Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka, PCC Chief Mahesh Kumar Goud lead homage
- Ministers, MLAs, CWC members recall YSR’s visionary governance

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

Marking the 76th birth anniversary of former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Dr. Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy, a host of senior Congress leaders paid rich tributes to the departed leader, remembering his pivotal role in transforming the state through welfare and development.

Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud, former Puducherry Chief Minister Narayana Swamy, Ministers Ponnampallabharathi and Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, MLA Danam Nagender, MLC Balamuri Venkat, CWC member Gidugu Rudra Raju, veteran Congress



leaders KVP Ramachandra Rao, Anjan Kumar Yadav, and Finance Commission Chairman Rajaiah were among the many who gathered to honor YSR’s memory. Speaking on the occasion, the leaders highlighted how YSR’s pro-poor policies and pioneering welfare schemes made Andhra

Pradesh a model for the country. From free healthcare to irrigation projects, they recalled, his vision reshaped rural development and won the hearts of millions. Even 15 years after his passing, they said, YSR’s legacy continues to resonate deeply with the people. “Dr. YSR was a leader who lived for the people. He brought welfare to the doorstep of the poor and uplifted countless families,” said Deputy CM Bhatti. PCC Chief Mahesh Kumar Goud stated, “It is our duty to pass on his values to the next generation. Today’s youth should take inspiration from YSR’s selfless leadership and commitment to public service.”

The event concluded with floral tributes and silent prayers at YSR’s portrait, as the Congress cadre remembered a leader whose policies continue to shape the political discourse in the Telugu states.

Your Own Sister is Throwing Dirt on You...

- Seethakka warns KTR against targeting her with baseless allegations
- Says her strength comes from the people, not caste or political power

TPN Correspondent | Mulugu

Politics in Telangana took a heated turn on Tuesday as Minister for Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Seethakka launched a scathing counterattack on BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR), accusing him of spreading false propaganda and attempting to derail development in Mulugu.

Speaking at a press conference held at the Mulugu constituency centre, Minister Seethakka said KTR would face political destruction if he continued to engage in deceit and drama. “Stop petty politics and explain as a constructive opposition. If you spread lies, you will be destroyed by your own propaganda,” she warned.

Referring to KTR’s recent attacks, Seethakka said, “Your own sister is throwing dirt on you—look at what’s wrong within your house before pointing fingers at me. I don’t have the power of caste, ego, or dynastic privilege like you do. My only strength is the



people of Mulugu.” Seethakka expressed that her political journey has been shaped by struggle and sacrifice, recalling that her elder brother had died during the Telangana movement. “I don’t come from privilege. If the people of Mulugu bless me, I become a minister—not through backdoor politics.”

Challenges KTR to Prove Allegations

Firing back at accusations of authoritarianism, she dared, “If you’re really a man, prove that Mulugu is a police state. During your

rule, SC/ST cases were filed against activists in Lakshmi Devi Peta and Chalthai. You harassed youth and crushed dissent.” Seethakka also reminded how opposition leaders were house-arrested during the BRS regime. “When your ministers visited, you didn’t even give opposition leaders clean drinking water. You have no moral ground to talk about democracy now.”

“You never even visited those grieving families. Your government thrived on inciting public deaths during the Telangana movement. And you dare question our governance?”

“BRS Failed to Build Even 1,000 Houses”

Seethakka slammed the BRS for failing to deliver basic development. “In your 10 years, you didn’t even build a thousand houses in Mulugu. What right do you have to criticize our work?”

Concluding her fierce rebuttal, Seethakka said the Congress government under CM Revanth Reddy is running democratically in Mulugu without any repression. “The people now understand the conspiracies of aristocratic politics. If you truly care for them, stop the dramas and support development.”

Seegachi tragedy...

- Death toll reaches 44, 8 still untraced
- Families wait in anguish as DNA tests continue to identify victims

TPN Correspondent | Sangareddy

The devastating industrial accident at the Seegachi factory in Pashamylaram, Sangareddy district, continues to claim lives as the death toll has now risen to 44. Rescue teams are working round the clock, while officials are expediting DNA tests to identify the deceased whose bodies were charred beyond recognition.

On Tuesday, two more critically injured victims—Arif from Rajasthan, admitted at Panacea Hospital, and Akhilesh at Dhruva Hospital—succumbed to their injuries,

pushing the confirmed fatalities to 44. Meanwhile, 16 others are still undergoing treatment at various hospitals, several of them in critical condition. The families of the eight missing workers are anxiously waiting at the Pashamylaram relief centre, clinging to hope and awaiting updates from officials. Authorities have intensified efforts to complete identification procedures, with DNA testing being conducted in coordination with forensic teams. Relief efforts are also being scaled up to support the victims’ families.



ilies. The government is under increasing pressure to investigate the cause of the blast and ensure that safety regulations were not violated at the factory.

Funds For Development...

- Eatala Welcomes ₹303 Cr Transfer to Cantonment Board
- Stormwater drains, UG drainage, roads, parks to be developed

TPN | Srikanth Gurram

Secunderabad: Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has issued orders to deposit ₹303 crore into the Cantonment Board account, marking a key milestone for the region’s development. Speaking at a press meet in Cantonment, BJP MP Eatala Rajender hailed the move, recalling efforts made by him and Union Minister Kishan Reddy in securing these funds.

Etala stated that in 2024, land was handed over by the Defence Department for the Jubilee Bus Station—Shamirpet elevated corridor. “It was earlier decided that the compensation of ₹303 crore would go to the Defence Consolidated Fund. But the Cantonment Board passed a resolution requesting the amount be deposited in its own account,” he said.

He added that he and Kishan Reddy had written to the Centre, and he also raised the issue in Parliament, seeking addition-

al infrastructure including a double-decker bridge to accommodate both metro rail and road.

The Centre responded positively, not only transferring ₹303 crore to the Cantonment Board but also providing an additional ₹11 crore in grants.

Eatala detailed the upcoming development works Two major stormwater drains costing ₹160 crore (one from Jubilee to Patny and another through Rasoolpura slums) will be constructed on the lines of SMDP to provide a permanent flood solution for Cantonment and Boinapally And an underground drainage system with ₹128 crore will also be developed.

He affirmed, “To those who question what the Centre has done for the Cantonment — this is our answer.”

Eatala said that parks, roads, underground drainage, and flood canals will now be developed in the Cantonment. He added that efforts are being made to bring double-bedroom houses to the region and emphasized the environmental uniqueness of the area, which has temperatures two degrees lower than surrounding parts of Hyderabad.



Significantly, Eatala expressed gratitude to Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Union Minister Kishan Reddy for ensuring the money was deposited into the Cantonment Board account — a rare move as such compensation funds are usually routed back to the Central Defence Department.

He concluded by stating that there is a strong demand for a Cantonment Governing Body and expressed hope that board elections would be held soon. “We will raise this issue again in the next Parliament session,” he said.

Telangana Is Rising as a Welfare Model: Bhatti Vikramarka

- ₹9,000 crore deposited in 9 days under Rythu Bharosa
- ₹1 lakh crore worth welfare schemes for families across the state
- Telangana becoming a national model for people-centric governance

TPN Correspondent | Mahabubabad
Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu, addressing a massive public meeting in Kesamudram, Mahabubabad district on Tuesday, reiterated the Congress government's commitment to welfare-driven governance. He announced that interest-free loans for DW-CRA women will be launched from July 12, followed by the rollout of Rajiv Yuva Vikasam, a major employment initiative for youth with an outlay of ₹8,000 crore. "Yesterday it was Rythu Bhar-

osa, from the 12th onwards, interest-free loans for women, and following that — Rajiv Vikasam," Bhatti said. He added that Telangana is witnessing a people-centric transformation so strong that delegations from other states are visiting to study the welfare initiatives being implemented by the Congress government. He stated that more than ₹1 lakh crore worth of welfare programs are being implemented with the vision of ensuring security and happiness for every family in Telangana. So far, over 90 lakh out of 1.12

crore families in the state are receiving at least one welfare benefit. Bhatti emphasized that Congress is the only party in India that truly stands for people's welfare, and that the government under CM Revanth Reddy is working 18 hours a day to serve the public. "Every rupee is being spent responsibly for the people," he assured. He listed several ongoing and upcoming welfare schemes aimed at supporting various sections of society. These include Rythu Bharosa and loan waivers for farmers, residen-

tial schools and fee reimbursement for students, Cheyutha pensions, and ₹500 gas cylinders to support household cooking needs. He also mentioned free medical care up to ₹10 lakh under the Rajiv Aarogya-sri scheme and job opportunities provided through NREGS. Highlighting employment generation, he said that 56,000 government jobs were filled after reforms in TSPSC. Additionally, he spoke about the Rajiv Yuva Vikasam scheme with an allocation of ₹8,000 crore to promote self-employment, interest-free loans for wom-



en's economic empowerment, and free bus travel for women through TSRTC. Bhatti declared, "From infants to the elderly, every individual in Telangana is being covered under at least one free welfare scheme. This is the Telangana Model — a people's model for

the entire country to follow." He concluded with an emotional appeal to the public: "The Congress party is your party. The government is yours. Protect the hand symbol and stand by the people's government that is standing by you."

KTR Is the Mirror of Arrogance Born from Crores in Corruption

"What's wrong in arresting those who looted?" asks MLC Dayakar

TPN Correspondent | Telangana
The political climate in Telangana turned volatile on Monday, with high-voltage verbal cross-fire between the ruling Congress and opposition BRS, after BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) publicly challenged Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for an open debate on farmers' issues and governance promises. In a dramatic move, KTR arrived at the Somajiguda Press Club in the morning and placed an empty chair beside him—symbolizing Revanth Reddy's absence. The act drew wide attention and stirred debate in political circles. KTR slammed the Chief Minister for "not even having a basic understanding of administration" and said, "Don't throw challenges if you don't have the courage to show up. When we accept the challenge, the CM escapes to Delhi. At least he should have sent his ministers." KTR went further to demand a public apology from Revanth Reddy. "Telangana's funds are going to Delhi and our water is flowing to Andhra. Revanth should write his nose on the ground and apologize to KCR," he said, mocking the Chief Minister's leadership. Congress hits back with fury Congress MLC T. Jeevan Reddy and MLC Dayakar issued scathing counterattacks. MLC Dayakar dubbed KTR as "Oh Bachcha" and accused him of arrogance rooted in "corruption worth lakhs of crores." Questioning KTR's moral authority, he asked, "What is wrong in arresting those who looted? You arrested activists at midnight when you were in pow-



er. Now you cry foul?" He also raised the controversial phone tapping scandal, claiming, "If there was no phone tapping during the BRS rule, Congress would've easily secured 100 seats." Meanwhile, several Congress MLAs and MLCs gathered at the Assembly premises, accusing the BRS of fleeing from real discussions. They highlighted that the Congress government deposited ₹9,000 crores under the Rythu Bharosa scheme in just nine days, and invited the BRS leadership to debate in the legislative assembly instead of public stunts. The ruling party even demanded that a formal letter be sent to KCR, inviting him to attend the Assembly for open debate on governance and welfare. With challenges and counter-challenges intensifying, the war of words between BRS and Congress shows no signs of cooling down, pushing Telangana's politics into a new phase of confrontation and street-level dramatics.

BJP Has Betrayed BCs...

BC leaders in BJP should resign if they have self-respect, says Shravan Goud

TPN Correspondent | Karimnagar
Strong criticism erupted from within the backward community (BC) leadership against the BJP in Telangana following the appointment of an upper caste leader as the state party president. Karimnagar District BC Cell General Secretary Bongoni Shravan Goud condemned the BJP's decision, accusing the party of betraying the backward classes who constitute 60% of the state's population. "Despite repeated assurances, the BJP has sidelined BCs and handed over the state leadership to a person from the upper caste, who represents barely 1% of the population. This is a clear betrayal," said Shravan Goud. He urged all BC leaders currently working within the BJP to resign immediately if they have even a shred of self-respect. The anger stems not only from the state president's appointment but also from the elevation of Maheshwar Reddy, also from the upper caste, to the position of floor leader in the Assembly. "This clearly proves that BJP's words mean nothing. The party has shown its true colors," he added. Shravan Goud went further to say that the BJP now stands for "Brahmin Janata Party," alleging that it no longer represents the aspirations of the BC communities. He labeled the party a traitor to the BC cause and warned that BJP will be politically defeated by BCs in upcoming local body elections. He concluded by saying that BCs have awakened and will not tolerate tokenism and deception any longer. The political fallout of this issue is expected to intensify in the coming days.



Kuna Srisailam Goud pays tribute to YSR in Shahpur



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On the occasion of former Chief Minister Dr. YS Rajasekhara Reddy's birth anniversary, senior Congress leader and former MLA Kuna Srisailam Goud paid floral tributes to YSR's statue in Shahpur Nagar, Qutbullapur constituency. Accompanied by local Congress leaders, women's groups, youth activists, and members of affiliated wings, Goud participated in a padayatra to Shahpur Nagar square and garlanded the statue of the late leader. Addressing the gathering, Srisailam Goud fondly remembered YSR's visionary leadership and people-centric governance. "Dr. YSR's good governance, development model and noble ideas are forever etched in the hearts of the people," he said. He recalled several of YSR's landmark initiatives, including free electricity for farmers, Indiramma housing for the poor, and zero-interest loans to women's self-help groups. Goud lauded the introduction of Arogyasri, the 108 emergency service, and the 104 health helpline under YSR's regime as transformative steps toward corporate-level healthcare access for the common people. He also highlighted schemes like fee reimbursement that strengthened the future of students. The event saw participation from Congress party workers, NSUI leaders, and leaders of women and youth groups. The tribute was marked by slogans hailing YSR's welfare legacy and his continued influence in shaping pro-people policies in the state.

BRS Calls for Immediate Irrigation Support in Bhadrachalam

TPN | Anvesh Reddy
Bhadradri Kothagudem: The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) leaders from Dummugudem mandal held a press meet raising serious concerns over the condition of farmers in the Bhadrachalam division. They demanded immediate release of water from key irrigation projects including the Thaliperu Dam, Pragallapalli Lift Irrigation Scheme, and Vaddipet Check Dam to ensure water supply reaches every acre of agricultural land. The leaders called for ₹50 crore to be released urgently for the modernization of canals under the Thaliperu project, stressing that the current state of the canals is hampering irrigation and hurting farmers.

To press these demands, a massive farmers' meeting will be held on July 11, which will see the participation of 3,000 farmers from across the division. BRS Rajya Sabha MP Vaddiraju Ravichandra, MLC Tata Madhu, and Bhadradri Kothagudem district BRS president Rega Kanta Rao will take part in the meeting. The leaders criticized former MLA Podem Veeraiah and current MLA Tellam Venkat Rao, stating that neither has contributed to the development of the division or addressed the irrigation and agricultural issues. They alleged that even at the Chief Minister's level, no effort has been made to resolve farmers' problems, and that this lack of action is being mirrored by lower-level leaders as well. They demanded immediate sanction of funds for the development of Thaliperu Dam, Vaddipet Check Dam, and Pragallapalli Lift Irrigation, stating that these are lifelines for the local farmers. BRS leaders also targeted the current Finance, Revenue, and Agriculture ministers, who hail from the district, claiming that they have failed to deliver justice to farmers and have remained inactive despite repeated appeals. The leaders warned that if the government continues to neglect the plight of Bhadrachalam farmers, they would have no choice but to launch a large-scale agitation in the region.

CPM Protests Land Allotment Without Compensation in NKpalli

CPM Chevella Division Secretary Alli Devender slams government move

TPN Correspondent | Rangareddy
The Communist Party of India (Marxist) has strongly opposed the government's move to allocate land in NKpalli without compensating the farmers. CPM Chevella Division Secretary Alli Devender lashed out at the officials for performing Bhoomi Puja for the construction of a cowshed on 99.14 acres of land in Survey No. 180 under Moinabad Municipal limits, which belongs to NKpalli farmers. Addressing the media, Devender said that it was highly inappropriate for the government to go ahead with the Bhoomi Puja without paying any compensation to the farm-



ers who have been cultivating and living on these lands for generations. He reminded that as per the Land Acquisition Act of 2013 enacted during the Congress regime, compensation must either be paid in full or as per the consent of the farmers before any government project is initiated on their land.

He condemned the overenthusiasm of revenue officials in taking possession of the land without addressing the plight of poor farmers, most of whom belong to Dalit and weaker sections. "If the government thinks it can bypass the rightful compensation and commit injustice to the poor farmers,

the red flag of CPM will rise in protest," warned Devender. He reiterated that the CPM will stand firmly with NKpalli farmers until justice is delivered and demanded that the government release immediate compensation to the affected families. The party warned that if the government fails to act responsibly, they would intensify the movement and launch district-wide agitations. Moinabad CPM leaders, NKpalli farmers, and local supporters participated in the protest event, expressing their anguish and vowing to continue the fight for rightful compensation.

Bathukammakunta Comes Back to Life...

- Bathukammakunta restored with Hydra’s intervention
- Encroachments cleared after High Court support
- Boating, park, and walking tracks to be opened soon

TPN | V. Krishna Kumar
Hyderabad: The once-forgotten Bathukammakunta in Amberpet has been revived and is now preparing to welcome the public in its full glory by September. Thanks to the intervention of Hydra (Hyderabad Lakes and Water Bodies Management Authority), the tank has been restored with developmental works worth ₹8 crore, and nearly 90 percent of the work has already been completed. Locals, once disillusioned with the neglect of the water body,

are now expressing their gratitude and admiration for Hydra Commissioner Ranganath. **Back from the brink** What was once a 14-acre water body had shrunk to a mere 5 acres due to relentless encroachments and unchecked dumping of waste and soil. Following a petition filed in the High Court with photographic and historic evidence, Hydra received legal backing to proceed with the revival efforts. Armed with court support, Commissioner Ranganath and

his team took swift action — illegal structures were demolished and the tank boundaries were restored. As a result, the water spread has now expanded by an additional 5 acres. **Turning rubble into a retreat** Hydra launched the work in February and soon discovered groundwater while clearing the soil. Despite criticism and a false campaign claiming it was a pipeline leak, the agency remained committed. The pond, which had been dry and buried under debris, is now filled with

water again — a rare sight in the area in recent years. The ongoing development includes a walking track, children’s play area, boating facility, and seating zones. Locals who once gave up on seeing their neighborhood pond revived are now thrilled with the transformation. Many are openly praising Ranganath for not yielding to pressure and seeing the project through with integrity and speed. **Model for future revivals** This successful revival has boosted the morale of Hydra officials, who are now aiming to replicate similar developments at other neglected water bodies across the city. If completed on schedule, Bathukammakunta



will soon not just be a restored pond — but a full-fledged community retreat. With its September reopening in sight, Bathukammakunta

stands as a symbol of what determined governance and public support can achieve, even in the face of encroachments and apathy.

A Healthy Telangana Is Our Mission: Minister Ponnam



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Hyderabad: A healthy Telangana is the aim of the Congress government, declared State Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnam Prabhakar, while inaugurating a special health camp for GHMC sanitation workers at Bhim Bhavan, Banjara Hills, on Tuesday. The event was jointly held by GHMC and the Health Department to address the welfare of frontline municipal workers. The Minister personally underwent a medical check-up to highlight the importance of regular health assessments and inspected the advanced equipment and medicines used in the camp. He was joined by Hyderabad Mayor Gadwal Vijayalakshmi, GHMC Commissioner R.V. Karnan, and Collector Dasari Harichandana in distributing personal safety kits to sanitation workers. Ponnam stated that sanitation workers are responsible for keeping Hyderabad clean and are the city’s unsung heroes. “Their health is a top priority,” he said, announcing that every sanitation worker will be given monthly health check-ups and medicines under this new initiative. He also assured that the government is considering a salary hike for them and is in talks with Chief Minister Revanth Reddy regarding the same. Highlighting ongoing welfare measures, Ponnam said, “Indiramma houses will be sanctioned for those who own land in Hyderabad. Slum development and construction of new homes for sanitation workers are being planned.” He emphasized that due to the city’s cleanliness, major investments are flowing into Hyderabad, indirectly crediting the GHMC workers for this growth.

He also reminded that mess charges in Gurukuls have been increased for their children’s education, subsidized rice is being distributed to the needy, and 200 units of free electricity are being supplied to eligible families. “Those facing issues with their children’s education should immediately report it. It is our responsibility to secure their future,” he assured. Mayor Gadwal Vijayalakshmi echoed similar sentiments, urging workers to make proper use of the health kits and stay alert, especially during the monsoon season. She said that GHMC is not only focused on worker health but also on their long-term welfare — including providing jobs to eligible family members of deceased or elderly workers. GHMC Commissioner R.V. Karnan said this is the first time that GHMC has prioritized the health of 450 sanitation workers in Banjara Hills by categorizing them as frontline workers. He noted that similar camps and distribution of health kits will continue across GHMC zones. Medical stalls set up by the District Medical and Health Department offered tests for BP, sugar, leprosy, eye, dental, orthopaedic, gynecology, and breast cancer screening. Collector Harichandana appreciated the participation and efforts of all departments involved. Zonal Commissioner Anurag Jayanthi, GHMC Additional Commissioner Raghu Prasad, DMHO Dr. Venkati, TB Prevention Officer Challa Devi, and others were present at the event. The camp reflected the state government’s broader goal — a cleaner, healthier, and more dignified life for municipal workers.

Tension Grips Hyderabad After Bomb Threat to City Civil Court

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

A tense atmosphere prevailed in Hyderabad on Tuesday after an unidentified person sent a threatening email claiming that bombs had been planted in the City Civil Court and two other prominent locations — Raj Bhavan and the Gymkhana Club. The unexpected threat led to the temporary suspension of court proceedings and sparked panic among officials and the public. Court staff immediately alerted the police upon receiving the email. Acting swiftly, police teams, along with the bomb squad and dog squad, rushed to the court premises and began



thorough inspections. Every corner of the court building is being combed by the bomb detection teams. Following the threat, the Chief Magistrate issued immediate orders to halt court operations. All officials, advocates, and the general public were evacuated from the premises as a safety measure. In addition

to the City Civil Court, the police also conducted checks at Raj Bhavan and the Gymkhana Club, as mentioned in the threatening mail. Police sources confirmed that an investigation is underway to identify the sender of the email and trace its origin. So far, no explosive material has been found, and officials

stated that further details will be disclosed only after the veracity of the threat is fully confirmed. Meanwhile, the incident has triggered a sense of anxiety and fear in the surrounding areas. A heavy police force has been deployed to ensure public safety and maintain order. Many residents recalled the past bomb blast incidents in Hyderabad and expressed concern over the current situation. Authorities have urged citizens not to panic and assured that all necessary precautions are being taken. Security has been tightened across the city, and officials are on high alert to prevent any untoward incident.

Yanamala Raju Honoured with Best Resale Realty Award

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

Yanamala Raju, a city-based real estate entrepreneur, has received the prestigious Best Resale Realty Award in recognition of his impactful work in empowering the unemployed, small-time employees, housewives, and those financially distressed due to debt or loss of livelihood. The award was presented at a ceremony organized by Biz Network and Realty Syndicate at the Aditya Convention Center in Ameerpet, Hyderabad. Biz Network CEO Narayana Swamy and Realty Syndicate representative Tammiseti Sudhakar were among the dignitaries who felicitated Yanamala Raju for his exceptional service through the resale model in the real estate sector. Raju, who runs Yanamala

Developers, has been instrumental in offering resale plots at prices 30% lower than current market rates. In regions like Shadnagar, the company has even initiated a special drive to offer plots to girls for achieving six goals, and has committed to assisting in resale when needed. In a span of just one year, the company successfully sold over 500 resale plots—providing not only affordable investment options but also livelihood opportunities. Many unemployed youth have been trained and engaged through this initiative. Apart from business, Yanamala Raju is known for educating the public about the real estate industry. Through regular articles and media interviews, he spreads awareness on topics like saving, investment, resale



techniques, trading property, documentation, and identifying fraudulent schemes. His advisory focuses on timing, location, and strategy for property investments. His inclusive, transparent

approach has earned him accolades not just for his business acumen but also for his commitment to social responsibility in a sector often marred by misinformation and risk.

Deputy State Tax Officer Caught Taking Bribe in Hyderabad

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) continues its aggressive crackdown on corrupt officials across Telangana. In yet another operation, ACB officials caught a Deputy State Tax Officer red-handed while accepting a bribe in Hyderabad. Sudha, serving as the Deputy State Tax Officer at Madhapur Circle, allegedly demanded ₹8,000 from a man who approached her for GST registration of a company. Unable to bear the demand, the victim approached the ACB and lodged a complaint. Acting swiftly on the information, ACB officials laid a trap and caught Sudha red-handed on July 8, 2025, while accepting the bribe at Gagan Vihar in Nampally. Following her arrest, ACB teams conducted

searches at the location to gather further evidence. A case was immediately registered against Sudha, and she was remanded to judicial custody. Officials confirmed that the investigation will continue to trace if there are more such complaints or similar cases linked to her. It is noteworthy that in recent times, a significant number of corrupt officers caught in ACB traps have been women officers, sparking concern over rising corruption across all ranks and departments. The ACB reiterated its commitment to rooting out corruption and urged citizens to come forward fearlessly with information on such illegal activities.

1.772 Kg of Ganja Seized in Saroornagar

Excise officials nab peddler bringing ganja from Visakhapatnam

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

In a successful anti-drug operation, officials of the Prohibition and Excise Department seized 1.772 kilograms of ganja during a raid in the Leninagar area under the jurisdiction of the Saroornagar Excise Station in Ranga Reddy district. Acting on a tip-off, Ranga Reddy AC Enforcement Circle Inspector Balraj and Sub-Inspector Ravi led the operation and apprehended the accused, identified as Alampalli Nitish. According to officials, Nitish had been sourcing ganja from the Sileru region of Visakhapatnam district at low prices and selling it in various areas around Meerpet. The seized ganja and the accused have been handed over to Saroornagar station for further investigation. Excise officials said that further action is being taken as per the provisions of the NDPS Act, and efforts

are on to trace the wider network involved in the illegal supply chain.



Three Maoists Surrender in Kandhamal



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In a significant development, three Maoists, including two women cadres, surrendered before the Superintendent of Police (SP) in Kandhamal district of Odisha in the early hours of Tuesday. All three are originally from the Naxal-affected Bijapur and Sukma districts of neighboring Chhattisgarh and had been active in Maoist operations for over a decade. According to the Kandhamal SP, one of the surrendered Maoists is Med Beti alias Champa, a prominent member of the Bansadhara-Ghum-sar-Nagabali (BGN) Division Committee. She hails from Dugumarka village in Sukma district under Elmagunda gram panchayat. The second woman Maoist, identified as Admo Madvi alias Manju, was working as an Area Committee Member (ACM) in the Kalahandi-Kandhamal-Boudh-Nayagarh (KKBN) division. Her

native village is Pangud, located in the Nukanpalli gram panchayat of Bijapur district. The third surrendered cadre, a male Maoist named Dodi alias Ajay, is a resident of Gotada village in the Basaguda area of Bijapur. He has been an active member of the 8th Company under the KKBN division since 2016. The Kandhamal SP informed the media that all three have multiple cases registered against them in various police stations across Odisha. However, the SP added that these cases would be reviewed and withdrawn as per the surrender and rehabilitation policy of the state government. The surrendered Maoists will now be provided support and assistance to reintegrate into society. The police consider this surrender a morale booster in the fight against left-wing extremism and an indication of declining support for Maoist ideology in the region.

Rs. 4.38 Lakhs Stolen from Wine Shop in Chevella

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A late-night burglary has shocked residents of Chevella, as unidentified miscreants broke into a wine shop and decamped with ₹4.38 lakhs in cash. The incident took place within the limits of Chevella police station at the Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Wine Shop located at Kandawada Crossroads under the Chevella Municipality. According to the complaint filed by cashier Nandyala Rajender Reddy, the shop regularly handles cash flows ranging from ₹3.5 lakh to ₹4.5 lakh per day. On Sunday night, as the shop owner Srikanth Reddy was away on a visit to Srisailam, Rajender Reddy tallied the day's earnings of ₹3.08 lakh, along with ₹1.3 lakh collected as rent from a "Cool Point" counter. He kept the total sum of ₹4.38 lakh locked securely in the shop's cash counter around 10 PM. The next morning, upon opening the shop, staff discovered a hole in the back wall and suspected foul play. Upon reviewing CCTV footage, it was revealed that three unidentified persons with their faces covered entered the premises around 3 AM. The thieves used a drilling machine to create an entry point through the rear wall and stole the money from the counter. The cashier immediately filed a complaint with the Chevella police. Responding to the complaint, police registered a case and have launched a thorough investigation. CCTV visuals are being analyzed to identify the culprits, and local patrols have been intensified in the area. The brazen nature of the theft and the methodical approach of the thieves have raised concerns among local business owners, who are urging authorities to step up night-time security measures in the region.



Jupally Launches Kalvakurthi Lift Motor, Blames BRS for Neglect

- Water released at Elluru pump house under MGLI project
- Minister says BRS left irrigation projects incomplete despite heavy debt

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Nagar Kurnool: Tourism, Culture and Excise Minister Jupally Krishna Rao on Tuesday inaugurated the Kalvakurthi Lift Irrigation motor at Elluru Pump House and released water under the Mahatma Gandhi Kalvakurthi Lift Irrigation Project (MGLI) in Reguman Gadda, Elluru village, Nagar Kurnool district. Addressing farmers and officials, Minister Jupally slammed the previous BRS government for gross negligence in completing irrigation projects across the Palamuru region. "Despite borrowing over ₹8 lakh crore, the BRS failed to complete major irrigation schemes, including the Palamuru-Ranga Reddy and Kalvakurthi Lift Irrigation projects," he said. The minister pointed out that while the ayacut was increased

on paper to 4.60 lakh acres, crucial works like canal strengthening and motor installations were left pending. "Out of five motors at this pump house, two had burnt out and were never replaced," he revealed, criticizing the inaction of former Chief Minister KCR and ex-Irrigation Minister Harish Rao despite repeated appeals. Jupally accused the BRS leadership of resorting to false propaganda to mislead farmers about irrigation progress under the Congress government. "Now, they are blaming us for their failures," he said, urging farmers not to fall for such tactics. The Minister affirmed the Congress government's commitment to completing all pending irrigation works in the district and assured that irrigation water will be provided to every last acre under the ayacut. "This is



the people's government under Revanth Reddy — justice will be done to the farmers," he said. As part of the MGLI Project's Packages 28, 29, and 30, the Elluru, Singotam, Jonnala Boguda, and Gudipalli Gattu reservoirs will now be filled as per agricultural needs.

MLAs Kasireddy Narayana Reddy, Dr. Rajesh Reddy, Megha Reddy, CE Vijayabhaskar Reddy, SE Satyanarayana Reddy, EE Srinivas Reddy, Manik Prabhu, Chandravekhar, Marali, and several others were present at the event.

Auction of Seized Vehicles to Be Held on 10th



TPN Correspondent | Medchal

The Medchal Excise Department has announced that an auction will be held on the 10th of this month for two-wheelers seized in various prohibition and excise-related cases. Medchal Excise Circle Inspector Navaneetha confirmed that the auction, referred to as a velam song, will take place under the supervision of district prohibition and excise officials, following orders from the Rangareddy District Deputy Commissioner. According to CI Navaneetha, the vehicles to be auctioned include popular models such as Honda Activa, Hero Honda, Dio, and Hero Splendor. These two-wheelers had been seized during enforcement operations and are now being put up for public auction. Those interested in participating in the auction must pay an entry fee of ₹5,000 in cash. The auction is expected to draw interest from vehicle resellers, individuals looking for affordable two-wheelers, and scrap dealers.

Buffaloes Electrocuted in Rudraram Pond

Villagers furious over electric poles inside water body

TPN Correspondent | Sangareddy

Tension prevailed in Rudraram village of Patancheru mandal, Sangareddy district, after three buffaloes died due to electrocution in a large pond. The incident triggered anger among villagers, who held the presence of electric poles inside the pond responsible for the tragedy. According to locals, the electric poles erected directly within the pond have become a constant danger, especially during the monsoon season. They recalled that a similar incident occurred earlier when another buffalo was electrocuted in the same pond, yet no corrective action was taken by the concerned authorities. The latest mishap has reignited demands for immediate government intervention. The victim, Mahesh, who

owned the buffaloes, broke down while explaining the incident. "These buffaloes were my livelihood. I lost nearly ₹4 lakh in one day. The government must step in and help me," he said. Villagers added that borewells were previously drilled in the pond to access water, making it a critical water source for their livestock. However, the unscientific placement of power infrastructure in the middle of the pond has now turned it into a death trap. The residents demanded that the electricity department be held accountable for its negligence and warned that if prompt action is not taken, they will stage protests. They are also urging the district administration to immediately remove the electric poles from the pond and compensate the affected families to prevent further tragedies.



Chemical mafia busted near Dundigal in midnight raid

TPN Correspondent | Medchal

In a significant late-night operation, the Medchal SOT police cracked down on the illegal transportation of chemical waste under the jurisdiction of Dundigal police station. Acting on reliable information, a chemical tanker was found parked behind the Gagillapur petrol pump, and officials swiftly seized it. The driver of the tanker reportedly fled the scene upon spotting the police. The seized vehicle has since been handed over to the Dundigal police, who registered a case and forwarded the tanker to the Pollution Control Board (PCB) officials for sample testing. Dumping of hazardous chemical waste has become a recurring menace in the Dundigal and Medchal belt, with many such tankers reportedly operating under the radar, especially during night hours. Residents are alleging that the PCB's failure to monitor the area after dark is encouraging such unlawful activities. Local residents have demanded that criminal cases be registered not only against the owner and driver of the tanker but also against the company responsible for dispatching the chemical waste. "This is not the first time," said one resident. "We have been raising our voices for a long time. Unless strict action is taken, these dangerous activities will continue to endanger our environment and health." The swift action of the Medchal SOT police has been widely appreciated, with locals urging law enforcement to stay vigilant and take stringent measures to break the chain of this chemical mafia. The operation was led by Medchal SOT CI and his team.

MP Eatala joins dharna in Ghatkesar supporting Kallu Geeta workers

TPN Correspondent | Ghatkesar

BJP MP Etala Rajender on Tuesday extended strong support to the protesting Goud community members in Korremula village of Ghatkesar mandal, who are opposing the large-scale cutting of palm trees. Etala took part in the dharna held by the Kallu Geeta workers, highlighting their plight and the threat to their livelihood. Speaking at the protest, Etala criticized the increasing loss of traditional occupations due to real estate development and liquor belt shops. "With belt

shops arriving, the livelihood of toddy tappers has been destroyed. Now, real estate is finishing off what's left by targeting trees that are their lifeline," he said. Etala asserted that while the land may belong to individuals, "the tree is ours." Citing the Volta Act, he reminded that even private landowners must take permission before cutting any trees, especially those that serve as a lifeline to marginalized communities. "Don't forget, cutting a tree that gives livelihood is not a business issue—it's a survival is-

sue," he added. Referring to a 72-year-old man still climbing palm trees to sustain his family, Etala said, "Palm tree climbers risk their lives, not for business, but because they have no alternative. Their families live without hope until they return safely." Etala demanded that compensation be provided to the Gowdas for the loss of palm trees and urged the government to take concrete steps to preserve their profession. He proposed that the five acres of land adjacent to the protest site be allotted to the Gowda Society, where

they can plant new types of trees and create a sustainable source of income. He announced that he would write to the District Collector, the Minister concerned, and the Chief Secretary, asking for immediate intervention and allocation of the land to support the community's future. "The lands around Hyderabad have become income sources for the elite. No one dares question them. But the lives of palm tree workers are being cut down along with these trees. This must stop," Etala stated.



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 grassroots 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 Erbacci, 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

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

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

TPN Correspondent | Washington

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

TPN Correspondent | Rio de Janeiro

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

TPN Correspondent | Moscow

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.

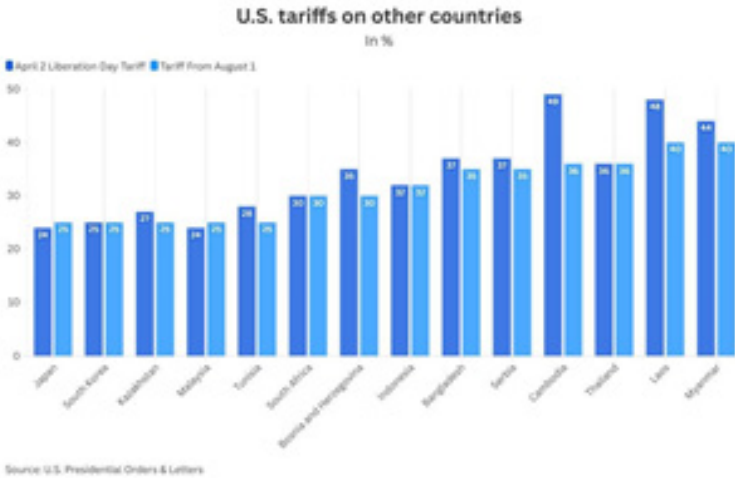
U.S. President Donald Trump had earlier announced a 90-day pause on his April 2 tariff plan—dubbed 'Liberation Day' tariffs—which imposed duties of up to 40% on certain imports. Without a deal in place, Indian exports could face tariffs of around 26% once the pause ends at midnight on July 8.

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

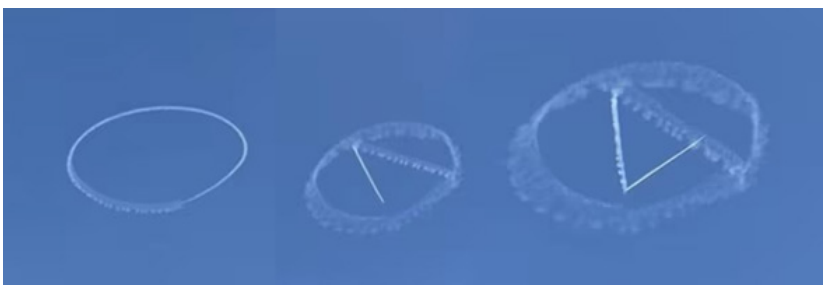
active noise cancellation, audio quality, and integration with Samsung's ecosystem.

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.