



Jagan Warns Police Again...

Jagan says current government won't last

- Assures support to struggling mango farmers
- Political heat rises in Bangarupalyam

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Chittoor: YSRCP chief YS Jagan Mohan Reddy issued a strong warning to the police, criticizing their harsh treatment of farmers and reminding them that “this government won't be in power forever.” During his visit to the Bangarupalyam market in Chittoor district on Wednesday, Jagan met mango farmers who are distressed due to the lack of a minimum support price and expressed outrage over the police's alleged brutality. He questioned, “Will you break the heads of farmers? Will you jail 1,200 people? Is this a police force or monsters?” Jagan lashed out at the police for allegedly treating farmers like criminals and advised them not to fall prey to the influence or bribes of the ruling coalition. “This is not a permanent government. The next one will be mine. Keep that in mind,” Jagan warned, signaling a political comeback and holding the police accountable for their actions. He accused the government of negligence in addressing farmers' issues and assured the farming community that the YSRCP would



continue to support them. Jagan also said, “If Chandrababu cheats you tomorrow, it is me who will fight for you.” His sudden visit and fiery remarks triggered political tensions in Bangarupalyam, signaling the start of another round of heated exchanges in Andhra Pradesh politics.

Jagan’s Tours Are Being Conducted with a Well-Planned Strategy

- Attempt to Disrupt Law & Order, alleges Minister Atchannaidu
- Why mobilize people from five to six districts?
- Accuses YSRCP of deliberately spilling mangoes on the roads

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State Agriculture Minister K. Atchannaidu strongly criticized the ongoing tours being conducted by YSRCP chief Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, stating that the visits are not intended to address farmers' issues but are part of a deliberate strategy to disrupt peace and order in the state. Addressing the media after the Cabinet meeting on Wednesday, along with Ministers Nadendla Manohar and Anagani Satya Prasad, Atchannaidu mocked the tours as being staged like movie sets. “If you are genuinely visiting for consolation, you should speak to the farmers. Why bring crowds from five or six districts? The mangoes

spilled on the roads were done according to a pre-planned script. This reflects a criminal mindset,” he said. Atchannaidu questioned what message a former Chief Minister is trying to send to society by engaging in such actions. He clarified that the government responded immediately to the Totapuri mango farmers' issue. Due to a bumper harvest of 7 lakh metric tonnes this year and leftover pulp stock from the previous year, prices fell drastically. To address this, the government held talks with pulp industries and convinced them to buy mangoes at ₹8 per kg, with ₹4 per kg being provided as direct assistance from the government. He noted that even YSRCP leaders from Prakasam dis-



trict appreciated this decision. He recalled that between 2014–2019, the subsidy given to mango farmers was ₹2.50/kg, and this year, many expected a similar subsidy. However, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu unexpectedly increased the subsidy to ₹4/kg, which was widely welcomed by farmers.

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Mega PTM 2.0 Set to Create Record in Andhra Pradesh

- 2.28 crore people to join the statewide event
- Chandrababu, Lokesh launch the event in Puttaparthi
- Parents to receive student progress cards and give feedback

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Andhra Pradesh is set to witness a landmark event in the field of education with the launch of Mega Parent Teacher Meeting (PTM) 2.0 across all schools and junior colleges in the state today. With over 2.28 crore participants, the government aims to set a national record for the largest single-day parent-teacher interaction. Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Education Minister Nara Lokesh officially launched the program at the Kothacheruvu Zilla Parishad School in Puttaparthi constituency. The initiative is the brainchild of Lokesh, who envisioned extending the concept of PTMs—usually confined to private schools—to government institutions as well. A total of 61,000 educational institutions, including government, aided, and private schools, along with junior colleges, are participating in this grand event. It will see involvement from 74.96 lakh students, 3.32 lakh teachers, and more than 1.5 crore parents, donors, and alumni. The core objective of PTM 2.0 is to facilitate direct dialogue between parents and teachers. Students' academic progress cards are being handed over to parents, and teachers are discussing children's behavior, learning pace, and overall performance. The program also allows parents to voice their opinions and suggestions on the quality of education, infrastructure, and teaching methodologies in schools. The state government has declared this as an annual event to be celebrated like a festival, aiming to make education a collective responsibility and improve accountability at all levels. This is the second major initiative taken up by the education department since the formation of the coalition government. With such mass participation, the Mega PTM 2.0 is not only promoting transparency and collaboration in education but also setting the stage for large-scale transformation in Andhra Pradesh's schooling system.

Should Students Pay the Price for Official Negligence?

- YSR Architecture University row: Jagan, Lokesh clash, students await justice
- COA approval still pending even after four years of university launch

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The ongoing crisis at Dr. YSR Architecture and Fine Arts University in Kadapa has snowballed into a political battle, but for the students, it remains a tale of neglect, uncertainty, and delay. Established in the academic year 2020–21 by the YSRCP government, the university still lacks Council of Architecture (COA) recognition, placing the careers of hundreds of students in jeopardy. Despite initial AICTE and UGC recognition, the COA approval remained pending even during the 2023 and 2024 academic batches. Authorities had blamed the COVID-19 pandemic for inspection delays, but questions are now being raised about why proactive steps were not taken in the following years. With no official clearance yet, students and parents fear they may face a future similar to the Fatima Medical College fiasco, where unrecognized degrees led

to prolonged court battles. Adding to their woes, the ADCET entrance exam for admissions has not been conducted this year, and no convener has been appointed, leaving aspiring candidates confused and stranded. Amidst this uncertainty, a political blame game erupted between YSRCP chief YS Jagan Mohan Reddy and TDP Education Minister Nara Lokesh. Jagan expresses solidarity with students During his visit to Pulivendula, YS Jagan met students of the university and expressed concern. He assured full support from the YSRCP, stating that the current coalition government had not taken any initiative to secure COA approvals. Jagan also took to X (formerly Twitter) to target CM Chandrababu Naidu, stating - “Our government set up the university in 2020–21. Due to Covid, COA inspections were delayed. Yet, we managed to get approvals for the 2023–24 and

2024–25 batches. Now, this government has neither ensured final approval nor conducted ADCET for this year. Wake up, Babu.” Nara Lokesh hits back Responding strongly, Education Minister Nara Lokesh countered Jagan's claims on social media, accusing the YSRCP regime of running the university without a permanent building or full-time faculty. “Jagan, you ran the university on paper. No proper staff, no infrastructure. COA found multiple deficiencies during their July 1–2, 2024 inspection and clearly stated they won't approve past batches unless the faculty issues are fixed.” Lokesh further detailed that: COA issued a notice on July 26, 2024, pointing out deficiencies. An explanation was sent by the government on August 7, 2024.



- On October 25, 2024, COA confirmed no approval for batches 2020–23 due to faculty gaps.
- The University Executive Council resolved to appoint required faculty on a temporary basis on November 20, 2024.
- Permission was granted by the Higher Education Department on July 2, 2025, and COA was informed a day later.

While political accusations continue, students remain in distress, uncertain of their academic validity and career prospects. The core issue remains unresolved — official negligence has pushed students to the edge, and unless swift action is taken, the future of these young aspirants remains at stake. The pressing question is: Should students suffer because of administrative delay and political blame games?



Space Policy 4.0 to Launch Andhra into the Future

- ₹25,000 crore investment expected in next 10 years
- 35,000 jobs to be created; 6 major clusters planned across state
- Lepakshi, Tirupati to be developed as full-scale space cities

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The Andhra Pradesh government, under the leadership of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, has launched an ambitious initiative to position the state at the forefront of India's space revolution. As part of this vision, the government unveiled AP Space Policy 4.0, aimed at attracting ₹25,000 crore in investments over the next decade and generating 35,000 direct and indirect jobs.

The state has also taken a bold step by planning investments totaling ₹1 lakh crore in the space research and industrial ecosystem, making it a national leader in the space sector.

To support this, a special purpose vehicle (SPV) called the AP Space City Corporation will be established to oversee the development of Lepakshi and Tirupati as integrated space cities. The policy, valid from 2024 to 2029, seeks to promote space research, technological development, satellite manufacturing, launch logistics, and space applications. Aiming for Global Partnerships

The policy outlines several key objectives aimed at fostering space sector growth in the region. These include building a strong industrial base near Sriharikota, promoting startups, MSMEs, and mega industries, and encouraging space-based innovations in governance, education, agriculture, and disaster management. Additionally, the policy seeks to facilitate the entry of global investors into the space value chain, creating opportunities for international col-



laboration and technological advancement. Strategic Locations and Infrastructure

Lepakshi Space City in Sri Sathya Sai district will focus on design, R&D, and innovation. Located close to Bengaluru, it is poised to attract top-tier talent and innovation startups.

Tirupati Space City, near Sriharikota and Chennai, will focus on manufacturing and logistics, offering infrastructure for satellite-payload assembly, avionics, and mechanical systems. Special focus will be given to road connectivity between Tirupati and Sriharikota.

The government has already identified 23,000 acres across the state to set up aerospace and defense hubs, with APIIC acting as the nodal agency for park development. These hubs will be provided with approach roads, water, and power supply, and a single-desk clearance mechanism will be implemented to fast-track approvals.

Six Major Clusters Across AP

The AP Space Policy proposes six specialized clusters:

1. **Naval Cluster – Visakhapatnam**
2. **Aerocrafts Component Cluster – Donakonda**
3. **R&D Cluster – Tirupati**
4. **Aerospace Electronics Cluster – Lepakshi**
5. **Unmanned System Cluster – Orvakallu**
6. **Missile and Ammunition Cluster – Jagayyapet**

Vision Aligned with National Policy

The policy complements the India Space Policy-2023, which targets \$44 billion in space investments by 2033. AP aims to align with this by creating 1 lakh jobs in five years and developing a vibrant ecosystem for design, manufacturing, and launch services.

CM Naidu's renewed focus on technology, innovation, and infrastructure is setting the stage for Andhra Pradesh to emerge as a space-tech leader, not just in India but globally.

No Cut in Fertilizer Allocation to AP: Agriculture Dept

8.73 Lakh Metric Tonnes Available Across State



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Amaravati: Director of Agriculture, Andhra Pradesh, Dilli Rao, IAS, clarified that the Central Government has not imposed any cut in fertilizer allocation to the state for the current Kharif season. He dismissed widespread rumors as false and misleading, urging farmers not to panic.

For the Kharif season, the Centre allocated 16.76 lakh metric tonnes of fertilizers to Andhra Pradesh. Out of this, 5.64 LMT were received by the end of June and distributed through private and cooperative channels.

Responding to misinformation that claimed the Centre reduced supply and the state agreed to it, Dilli Rao stated, "These are baseless claims. Fertilizers are being supplied as per need. Agricultural operations are in full swing." He highlighted that modern crop varieties and improved soil health allow reduced fertilizer usage. The Agriculture Department is also pro-

moting organic, bio-fertilizers, green manure, nano-fertilizers, and intercropping with pulses to reduce chemical use and protect the environment.

Fertilizer Availability (as of 09.07.2025):

- **Urea: 3.07 LMT**
- **DAP: 0.86 LMT**
- **MOP: 0.57 LMT**
- **SSP: 0.59 LMT**
- **Complex Fertilizers: 3.63 LMT**
- **Total: 8.73 LMT**

Stocks are available at cooperative societies, Rythu Seva Kendras, MARKFED godowns, and private warehouses. Dilli Rao assured that the State Government is fully prepared to meet crop-wise demand and is regularly reviewing the situation to ensure uninterrupted supply. He appealed to farmers to avoid believing rumors and avoid panic buying.

SMART SHOCK...

From Breaking Meters to Billing Meters!

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The coalition government in Andhra Pradesh is facing public outrage over its aggressive push for smart meters, a move it once vehemently opposed. When in opposition, leaders like current Education Minister Nara Lokesh had called on people to break smart meters. Now in power, the same government is removing working digital meters and replacing them with prepaid smart meters—even in residential homes—often without consent and with threats of power cuts.

The government awarded the smart meter contract to Adani under the DBFOOT (Design, Build, Finance, Own, Operate, Transfer) model. In Phase 1, 41 lakh connections are targeted, eventually covering two crore consumers. The meters are prepaid—users must recharge in advance, like mobile phones. At least ₹500 must be topped up to maintain supply. Adding to the burden is the "Time of the Day" billing system, where rates vary by hour—especially high during peak times like 6 PM to 10 PM. Consumers face higher bills and restricted usage when they need electricity the most. Each smart meter costs ₹8,927 (single-phase) and ₹17,286 (three-phase), recoverable in 93 monthly installments—loading ₹25,000 crore onto consumers. These meters, controlled by Adani via AMI and AMR technology, give full control of usage and billing to a private company.

Despite a central rule that meters must be installed with consumer consent, installations are happening forcefully. Critics view this as



the first step toward full electricity sector privatization.

This shift—once against smart meters, now aggressively enforcing them—is drawing widespread criticism. Protests by farmers, opposition parties, and unions are growing as consumers face rising costs and corporate control of power distribution. The coalition's U-turn has sparked a "smart shock" across the state.

Jagan's Tours Are Being...

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Purchases have already commenced in Annamayya and Chittoor districts, he added. Atchannaidu alleged that despite this proactive support from the government, Jagan's continued tours are politically motivated and aimed at discouraging investments in the state. He also questioned whether Peddireddy Ramachandra Reddy, Jagan's close associate who owns pulp factories, has the capacity or willingness to purchase mangoes at ₹12 per kg or if Jagan can ensure this through him.

Mango-Spilling Incident Was Pre-Planned

He accused YSRCP of orchestrating a premeditated plan involving tractors spilling mangoes on roads. He stated that Prakash Reddy, YSRCP Secretary from Chittoor district, owns a 25-acre mango orchard and had already sold his produce at ₹12/kg. As per a plan, when Jagan's convoy reached near a mango orchard on the service road in Thimbojipalem village, five trac-

tor loads of mangoes, reportedly from Prakash Reddy's farm, were spilled on the road. The convoy then deliberately drove over the mangoes. Atchannaidu said it was shocking that a former CM could act so irresponsibly and find pleasure in such acts.

Disrespect Shown Towards Police

Minister Atchannaidu also expressed deep concern over the rude behavior of YSRCP leaders and cadre towards the police, who had imposed restrictions in view of Jagan's visit. "When a DSP-level officer was trying to manage the crowd, former YSRCP MLAs were heard instructing workers to 'break his hands' – this kind of behavior is highly unacceptable," he said. He clarified that drones were used during Jagan's visit due to apprehensions of potential disturbances, which is how the mango-spilling incident came to light. He also condemned the false propaganda alleging that police resorted to lathi-charge, saying the injury to a YSRCP worker who fell during the rally is being misrepresented.

No Ban on Exports, But Rules Must Be Followed...

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Guntur: Food and Civil Supplies Minister Nadendla Manohar clarified that the state government supports rice exports from Andhra Pradesh to foreign countries, provided the process is carried out in strict compliance with government regulations. He made these remarks during a review meeting with the Joint Collectors of Kakinada, Visakhapatnam, and Nellore districts and officials from the Civil Supplies Department, held in his chambers at the State Secretariat on Tuesday.

Addressing the officials, Minister Manohar stressed the need to crack down on the illegal mixing of PDS (Public Distribution System) rice with export consignments. He instructed authorities to take stringent legal action, including filing cases under Section 6A, PD Act, and Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) sections, to curb the practice effectively.

The Minister directed the establishment of 24/7 check posts at Visakhapatnam, Kakinada, and Nellore ports, with the possibility of increasing their number depending on the need. He noted

that monitoring at Kakinada port has been effective and emphasized that similar mechanisms should be enforced at Visakhapatnam and Nellore ports to prevent the misuse of subsidized rice meant for poor households. Vigilance and enforcement teams were urged to intensify inspections across these regions. The Minister also suggested setting up additional check posts along national highways wherever necessary to intercept illegal rice movement. Providing an update on enforcement activities, officials revealed

that in Kakinada district, 85 smuggling cases have been registered, including 21 in the port area. In Visakhapatnam district, 92 cases were recorded, with 9 linked to port operations, and in Nellore district, 62 cases have been booked, of which 6 are tied to Krishnapatnam port.

The Minister reiterated that while the government encourages legitimate export activity that contributes to the economy, it will adopt an iron-fisted approach against any misuse of welfare schemes and illegal trafficking of subsidized rice.

Technology Must Serve the People, Not Burden Them: CM Chandrababu

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Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu clarified that his consistent emphasis on technology is solely for improving public service delivery. On Wednesday, he reviewed the progress of initiatives being undertaken in collaboration with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation at the First Block of the State Secretariat. These initiatives span across agriculture, education, healthcare, environment, infrastructure, RTGS, Swarnandhra Vision-2047, and government employee capacity building.

Technology Must Be Useful to the People

Chandrababu Naidu stated that while technology is advancing rapidly, its true value lies in reaching and benefiting the public, especially the poor. He noted that by August 15, around 95% of government services would be accessible online. He emphasized the need to make citizens aware of these services and highlighted initiatives like WhatsApp Governance to bring the government closer to the people.

Education and Healthcare Shouldn't Burden Citizens

The CM expressed concern over the rising cost of healthcare and stressed the need



for tech-driven solutions. He advocated for regular blood tests, digital health records, early disease detection, and affordable online/offline consultations. In education, he called for leveraging technology to provide high-quality, low-cost education to underprivileged and middle-class families. He also emphasized the need for real-time data in agriculture—from soil testing to crop marketing—to ensure farmer profitability.

Capacity Building Needed for Citizens Too

Naidu said Andhra Pradesh ranks fourth in the country in employee capacity building and aims to do even better. He emphasized extending capacity-building tools to the public as well. Citing online file clearance systems and MedTech Zone as examples, he said the state is pioneering in tech-driven governance. He also announced plans for an Artificial Intelligence University in Amaravati with Gates Foundation's support. The CM proposed holding review meetings with the Foundation every two months to ensure consistent progress.

BJP State Chief Meets Pawan Kalyan, Lokesh to Strengthen NDA Coordination

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Mangalagiri: Andhra Pradesh BJP State President P.V.N. Madhav held two significant meetings with coalition leaders—Deputy Chief Minister and Jana Sena Party President Pawan Kalyan, and Minister for Human Resource Development Nara Lokesh—underscoring a renewed focus on unity, coordination, and collaborative governance within the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) in the state. On Wednesday evening, Madhav visited the Jana Sena Party's central office in Mangalagiri, where he was warmly received by Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan. In a cordial gesture, Pawan Kalyan felicitated Madhav with a shawl and a commemorative memento. The meeting,



though held as a courtesy call, involved discussions on the ongoing welfare programs and development initiatives undertaken by the coalition government. Both leaders agreed on the importance of transparent communication and collective efforts to ensure that the government's work effectively reaches the grassroots. They also reaffirmed their commitment to



strengthening the NDA's spirit of inclusive, people-centric governance. Earlier in the day, Madhav paid a similar courtesy visit to State Minister Nara Lokesh at his Undavalli residence. Lokesh welcomed him with a traditional Mangalagiri shawl and extended his best wishes for Madhav's new role as BJP State President. The two leaders fondly recalled their ten-

ure as opposition members in the Legislative Council, where they frequently collaborated to raise public concerns. Lokesh expressed confidence in Madhav's calm leadership and his sound understanding of critical state issues, emphasizing their shared intent to work towards the holistic development of Andhra Pradesh. These meetings are widely seen as crucial steps in consolidating the ruling NDA coalition and reinforcing internal coordination among its key leaders. They reflect a unified approach to governance and a mutual commitment to addressing public needs through teamwork and transparency. The political camaraderie and dialogue displayed during these interactions indicate a forward-looking vision for effective governance and alliance stability in the state.

Minister Narayana, CRDA Commissioner Visit Penumaka



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In a key outreach effort, Andhra Pradesh Municipal Administration Minister P. Narayana and CRDA Commissioner Kurmannayudu Kannababu visited Penumaka village on Tuesday, a prominent village in the capital region of Amaravati. The visit aimed to assess the concerns of farmers who had voluntarily contributed land under the Land Pooling Scheme and to address their requests regarding residential and commercial plot allocations. Minister Narayana held a meeting with local officials and land-donor farmers, where farmers expressed their views and concerns regarding the ongoing plot allocation process. Several farmers highlighted the need for fair distribution of plots that are accessible, well-connected by roads, and suitable for residential or commercial development as per their original understanding with the government. Listening attentively to their grievances, Minister Narayana assured the farmers that their concerns would be taken into consideration. He directed CRDA officials to ensure transparency and fairness in the allocation of plots, emphasizing that farmers who contributed land to the capital city project should be given the rightful and appropriate share they were promised. He further added that the Amaravati capital project is built on the foundation of the farmers' sacrifice, and the government remains committed to honoring that sacrifice through proper compensation and infrastructure development.

Minister Walks with People: 3-Day Padayatra Begins in Dharmavaram

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Minister Satyakumar Yadav will undertake a three-day padayatra in Dharmavaram town starting July 11, to mark one year of his service as Andhra Pradesh Minister. The announcement was made by Dharmavaram Constituency In-Charge Harish Babu, who said the initiative reflects the Minister's commitment to people-centric governance.

The padayatra, beginning at 7 a.m. on Friday from the Shiva Temple in Tikkaswamy Nagar, will continue through Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. During the march, Minister Yadav will walk through several municipal wards, personally interact with citizens, listen to their concerns, and gather feedback on ongoing developmental activities.

The initiative aims to highlight projects undertaken over the past year and explain future development plans. Harish Babu noted that the padayatra is not about position but responsibility—walking beside the people, understanding their needs directly, and responding with effective solutions. Wards to be covered include Ward Nos. 6 (Shivanagar), 7, 8 (Keshavanagar, Boya Veedhi), 9 (Lingasetti Palem), 17 (Sanjay Nagar), 18 (Gandhi Nagar), 19 (Indira Nagar), 20 (PRT Veedhi), 21 (Siddayya Gutta), 22 (Sai Nagar), 24 (Jogonikunta), 34 (Rajendra Nagar), 35 (Balaji Nagar), 36 (Lakshmi Nagar), 37 (Teachers Colony), 38 (Kothapeta), and 39 (Ram Nagar).

Believing that development is possible only through public participation, the Minister will visit every street and home with a personal approach. Citizens are invited to make use of this opportunity to present their issues directly to the Minister. Harish Babu urged all residents to participate actively in this outreach effort.



MLC Bhoomireddy Slams YSRCP for Misleading Architecture Students

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YSRCP student unions should stop provoking and misleading architecture students for political gain, said MLC Bhoomireddy Ramgopal Reddy. Addressing the media at his residence in Pulivendula on Wednesday, he alleged that the architecture college in question has been operating without any proper permissions since its inception in 2020, during Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy's tenure as Chief Minister.

He questioned how a college could be established without the necessary approvals from central authorities, claiming that the institution was set up solely for the benefit of the former CM's brother-in-law. Now, Jagan is conveniently shifting the blame onto the current coalition government, he added. Bhoomireddy accused Jagan of playing with the future of hundreds of students by enrolling them in a college that lacks basic infrastructure and faculty.

He assured students that their future would be protected and their issues resolved soon. The matter will be brought to the attention of Education Minister Nara Lokesh, and a permanent solution will be found, he said. He urged students to avoid strikes and focus on their studies instead.

Further criticizing the previous government, Bhoomireddy pointed out that neither Jagan nor MP Avinash Reddy ever took the issue to the Centre or held any discussions with Union officials. Their only goal, he alleged, was to establish a university in their father's name, even if it meant jeopardizing students' futures.

He warned students not to fall prey to the false promises of YSRCP student wings and reiterated the coalition government's commitment to justice. Former District Library Chairman Ramana Reddy and TDP leaders Subba Reddy and others were also present at the press meet.

Vemuru MLA, Bapatla MP Inaugurated Roads Under Good Governance Drive



TPN Correspondent | Bapatla

Vemuru: As part of the 'First Step Towards Good Governance' initiative marking one year of the coalition government's tenure, Vemuru MLA Nakka Anand Babu and Bapatla MP Tenneti Krishna Prasad inaugurated newly constructed roads in multiple villages of Vemuru constituency.

In Turimella village of Amruthalur mandal and Alapadu village of Chunduru mandal, the leaders flagged off CC roads built at a cost of ₹20 lakh. Additionally, they inaugurated a major rural connectivity project under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), where a new road connecting Yadlapalli to Chinaparimi was constructed at a cost of ₹5.13 crore.

During the program, public representatives visited households to explain the development works completed over the past year. Pamphlets were distributed detailing the achievements and ongoing efforts. They also collected feedback and assured villagers that any pending issues would be resolved at the earliest.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Anand Babu highlighted that the coalition government has initiated significant developmental work within just one year. He emphasized the importance of transparent governance and public outreach at the grassroots level.

MP Tenneti Krishna Prasad, who participated in the road inaugurations, praised the efforts to improve infrastructure in rural areas, especially through centrally funded schemes like PMGSY.

Also present at the event were Vemuru Market Yard Chairperson Gottipati Poornakumari, Chunduru MPDO Sudeep, along with several local TDP leaders, party workers, and residents of Amruthalur and Chunduru mandals.

The event reflected the government's commitment to improving rural infrastructure and maintaining direct contact with citizens. The leaders reiterated their dedication to ensuring that developmental benefits reach every household in the constituency.

Transfer Row at Rajamahendravaram RD Office Sparks Outrage

Junior Assistants Denied Duty, Face Bribe Demands Amid Unofficial File Handling

TPN | V.V.S Madhu Babu

Amaravathi: Serious allegations of harassment, bribery, and procedural violations have rocked the Office of the Regional Director of Medical and Health Services in Rajamahendravaram during the ongoing 2025 general transfer period. Several junior assistants who were officially transferred to the RD Office from various districts have reported being denied joining, intimidated by senior staff, and pressured for bribes. According to credible sources, at least three junior assistants who arrived with valid transfer orders were stopped at the gate. They were reportedly told that the RD Office is a “separate unit” and hence their joining could not be processed. Senior assistants Sri Arji Narasimha Murthy and Sri Jagadish allegedly told the transferees to return to the DMHO offices that issued their

transfers or pay a bribe if they wished to take charge. The situation worsened when these officials allegedly sent letters to the concerned DMHO offices questioning the legitimacy of the transfers—effectively blocking the junior assistants’ postings and sending them back. In a disturbing twist, Arji Narasimha Murthy, who himself was recently transferred to the RD Office, has reportedly begun functioning without being officially assigned a section or seat. Despite lacking any formal role, he is said to be handling sensitive files, issuing notes, and taking unofficial decisions—all allegedly under the silent approval of the Regional Director. Staff described the situation as being driven by “unofficial power centers.” “This kind of backdoor administration is killing the morale of genuine employees,” a se-



nior staffer remarked.

Employee unions are demanding a full and independent inquiry into the denial of postings, the bribe allegations, and

the unauthorized file handling. Until higher authorities step in, the credibility of the RD Office remains in serious question.

Minister Narayana Meets Accredited Journalists’

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Minister for Municipal Administration Narayana held separate meetings with delegations from the Municipal Commissioners’ Association and the Amaravati Accredited Journalists’ Housing Society at the Secretariat on Tuesday. Both groups submitted representations regarding pressing administrative and infrastructural concerns. The Municipal Commissioners’ Association delegation, led by President Naganarasimha Rao, General Secretary Balaswamy, and Vice President Bhavani Prasad, urged the Minister to prevent the appointment of officers from other departments as municipal commissioners. They stressed the importance of preserving the cadre structure and professionalism within municipal governance. The representatives also sought speedy resolution of pending non-financial cases against some



commissioners and proposed the establishment of an Urban Managers’ Training Institute to strengthen capacity building. In a separate meeting, representatives of the Amaravati Accredited Journalists’ Housing Society appealed for the revival of the journalists’ housing project originally proposed during the 2014–19 TDP govern-

ment. They reminded the Minister that 30 acres had been allocated in Amaravati for the society, but the project was stalled after a change in administration. The journalists requested the government to resume the initiative and take responsibility for constructing multi-storey residential buildings for accredited journalists.

Vijayawada’s Anusha Shines in Poland, Wins Bronze in Soft Tennis

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N. Anusha from Vijayawada secured a bronze medal at the 18th Poland Cup International Soft Tennis Tournament, held in Grodzisk Mazowiecki, Poland from July 3 to 7. The achievement was announced by Andhra Pradesh Soft Tennis Association General Secretary D. Dilip Kumar. Anusha, paired with Tanushree from Uttar Pradesh, won the bronze medal in the women’s doubles category, representing India at the prestigious international event. Their performance was recognized as a proud moment for Indian soft tennis and a significant milestone for Andhra Pradesh athletes on the global stage. Congratulating the medal-winning pair, Association President V. Srinubabu, Treasurer Billa Neeraj, and office bearers from various district units extended their appreciation and lauded Anusha’s dedication and performance.



MP Kesineni Unveils 2025 Differently-Abled Cricket Cup Poster

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada

Andhra Cricket Association (ACA) President and Member of Parliament Kesineni Sivanath announced that the ACA would stand firmly with and support the development of differently-abled cricketers in the state. He said that ACA is committed to promoting inclusive sports and will extend its full cooperation to ensure opportunities and recognition for players with disabilities. On Wednesday, Kesineni Sivanath unveiled the poster for the upcoming Swarnandhra Inter-District Zonal Inclusive Cricket Cup – 2025 at his office in Vijayawada, alongside ACA Differently-Abled Cricket Committee Chairman Yadlavalli Suryanarayana. The tournament is being organized by the Andhra Cricket Association to promote inclusive cricket across various districts of Andhra Pradesh. Chairman Suryanarayana briefed

the MP on the zonal schedule of the tournament. The Central Zone matches will be held in Guntur from August 8 to 10, followed by the North Zone matches in Srikakulam from August 15 to 17, and the South Zone matches in Anantapur from September 5 to 7. The grand final leg of the Swarnandhra Inclusive Cup 2025 will be held in Vijayawada, bringing together top performers from all zones. MP Kesineni appreciated the efforts of the ACA Differently-Abled Cricket Committee and encouraged the team to continue fostering inclusivity through sports. He reiterated that the ACA is proud to nurture talent from all backgrounds and is committed to providing equal platforms for all players. Also present at the event were Konada Satyavara Prasad, a member of the Differently-Abled Cricket Council, and other dignitaries.

Ayyanna Patrudu Reviews Amaravati MLA, MLC Quarters Progress

TPN Correspondent | Amaravathi

Hon’ble Speaker Chintakayala Ayyanna Patrudu on Wednesday visited the under-construction residential quarters for MLAs and MLCs in the capital city of Amaravati. The inspection was conducted in the presence of CRDA Housing & Buildings (Housing Projects) Chief Engineer N. Srinivasulu and other senior engineering officials, who briefed the Speaker on the design, interior work, and modern facilities being incorporated in the housing blocks. Officials informed the Speaker that a total of 288 quarters are being built across 12 towers to accommodate members of both the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council. They showcased the progress in interior works and other key facilities. Expressing satisfaction with the pace and quality of construction, the Speaker stressed that the housing complexes should be developed innovatively, keeping in view the anticipated reorganization of constituencies. He directed officials to ensure the inclusion of modern amenities such as a swimming pool, hospital, and clubhouse to enhance the comfort of the legislators. Additionally, he advised the incorporation of sustainable infrastructure including solar energy systems, groundwater recharge mechanisms, and efficient wastewater management. The Speaker also suggested creating dedicated residential blocks with special distinction for the Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Legislative Council Chairman, and Deputy Chairman, alongside quarters being constructed for 35 Ministers and 36 Judges. These are expected to be completed by March next year. During the visit, Ayyanna Patrudu enquired about various facilities being developed in the complex and provided several suggestions for improvement. He also instructed officials to make arrangements for temporary accommodations for MLAs, MLCs, and MPs visiting Amaravati from other states.



Minister Ramanaidu Offers Jal Harathi at River Confluence

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada

Ibrahimpatnam: Andhra Pradesh Minister for Water Resources Nimmala Ramanaidu offered Jal Harathi at the sacred confluence of the Krishna and Godavari rivers, presenting traditional offerings such as sarees and turmeric water (saare) to the holy waters. He was accompanied by Vijayawada MP Kesineni Chinni, Jaggayyapeta MLA Sriram Tatayya, and other dignitaries. Addressing the gathering, Ramanaidu criticized former CM Jagan Mohan Reddy, stating that he once mocked the Pattiseema project as “Vattiseema,” but it ultimately proved beneficial. Constructed with ₹1,300 crore, the Pattiseema project facilitated Godavari-Krishna river water transfer between 2014 and 2019, generating revenue of ₹50,000 crore, he claimed. He accused the previous YSRCP government of neglecting basic maintenance, even failing to provide funds for greasing project gates. In contrast, ₹350 crore was allocated for the repair and maintenance of Srisailem and Dhavaleswaram projects under the current regime, with floodwater already released through Srisailem gates. Ramanaidu added that three damaged bunds in Budameru were reconstructed with a CC wall last year. He asserted that the damage caused by Jagan’s rule exceeded that of the state’s bifurcation. He concluded that the state’s collapsed economy is now being revived with the support of Chandrababu Naidu, Pawan Kalyan, and Prime Minister Modi.



Theft at Agastheeswara Swamy Temple

TPN | Madhu

Guntur, Tenali: A theft took place at the Agastheeswara Swamy temple in Kolakaluru village of Tenali Mandal on Tuesday night. According to temple priests, unidentified miscreants broke the lock of the main entrance and stole cash from the temple hundi. The incident came to light on

Wednesday morning when the priests arrived and found the temple door broken. Upon further inspection, they discovered that the hundi (donation box) was also damaged, and the offerings inside were missing. The temple authorities immediately informed officials from the Endowments Department. Executive Officer and temple

staff visited the site to assess the situation and confirmed the theft. A formal complaint was lodged, and police from Tenali Taluka Police Station arrived at the scene and registered a case. Initial estimates suggest that the stolen amount could be between ₹15,000 and ₹21,000. Temple officials stated that this is the first such incident in the

temple’s history, and the local community has expressed deep concern. The Agastheeswara Swamy temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva and Goddess Ganga Parvati, is a revered shrine in the region. Devotees have been left shocked and disheartened by the incident, urging for increased security and quick investigation.





Union Housing Secretary Visits Sri City, Assures Support for Worker Housing

TPN | C Shekar

Sri City: Union Housing and Urban Affairs Secretary R. Srinivas Katikitala visited Sri City on Wednesday to review industrial progress and discuss sustainable urban development and housing needs. He was welcomed by Sri City President (Operations) Satish Kamath, who gave a detailed overview of the planning, development, and industrial expansion of Sri City.

During his visit, the Secretary was presented with an outline of the social infrastructure being developed in Sri City, including housing complexes, educational institutions, shopping centers, and other essential amenities. The team also highlighted Sri City's focus on sustainability through efficient water resource management, sewage recycling, solid waste disposal systems, and green initiatives. Kamath stressed the importance of promoting "walk to work" models through township development and sought the Ministry's support in this regard.

The Union Secretary engaged in detailed discussions with the Sri City team about existing industrial operations, upcoming expansion plans, and the urgent need for residential infrastructure, especially affordable rental housing and dormitories for low-income groups. He advised the management to study successful housing models in other industrial zones and come forward with innovative, Ministry-aligned proposals. Later, he held talks with industry representatives and assured that the central government would extend support for worker housing, with a focus on facilities for women employees. Sri City Managing Director Dr. Ravindra Sannareddy expressed gratitude for the visit and said that the guidance from senior officials of the Union Housing Department would help strengthen social infrastructure. He said the visit created an opportunity for meaningful dialogue with industry leaders on infrastructure development and labor housing.

As part of the visit, Secretary Srinivas also toured the Alstom facility and surrounding industrial zones, reviewing the operational and infrastructure capabilities firsthand. He praised Sri City's well-planned development and said it is emerging as a major industrial and financial hub that will play a key role in the regional and national economy.

Srinivas assured that the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) would extend all necessary support for integrated urban planning and housing initiatives in Sri City. He wished for further growth of the region and reaffirmed the Centre's commitment to assist in its progress. He was accompanied by Isha Kalia, Joint Secretary (AMRUT Scheme), Rohit Kakkar, MoHUA Technical Advisor, Tirupati Municipal Commissioner N. Maurya, Sullurpet RDO Kiranmayi, and other senior officials.

In Simhapuri... A Grand Roti Festival!

Devotees gather in lakhs at Nellore's symbol of religious harmony
Over 4 lakh devotees attend Rottela Festival at Swarnala Cheruvu
Rotis exchanged with prayers for marriage, jobs, children, and more

TPN | Seshu

Nellore: The city of Simhapuri (Nellore) witnessed a grand spiritual spectacle as lakhs of devotees participated in the renowned Rotela Panduga (Roti Festival) held at Swarnala Cheruvu (Golden Pond). The annual event, which stands as a symbol of religious harmony, drew over 4 lakh devotees from across Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Kerala, and several northern states. People of all faiths gathered in unity to exchange rotis (breads) — a ritual deeply rooted in belief and devotion. Devotees carried breads and exchanged them in the pond, each offering tied to personal wishes — for marriage, jobs, childbirth, or house construction. The crowd reflected

the deep-rooted faith that wishes placed here come true, which draws multitudes year after year. The district administration, anticipating the massive turnout, made elaborate arrangements. Large tents, public toilets, and medical camps were set up to ensure comfort for visiting devotees. Traffic and crowd management were handled through designated parking areas, and the police department established a control room to monitor and manage the event without disruptions. Sanitation efforts were intensified under the supervision of the municipal corporation, while fire engines and rescue staff were stationed near the dargah premises to avoid any mishaps. The festive atmosphere was also



supported by donors, who voluntarily provided food, water, and other amenities to thousands. The Golden Pond became the center of devotion, where rotis floated symbolically with the devotees' wishes and prayers. As breads were exchanged, emotions ran deep, reaffirming faith

and unity across communities. The buzzing activity in Nellore throughout the day captured the spirit of this unique spiritual and cultural celebration — a blend of faith, tradition, and collective hope, marking yet another successful year of the Rotela Festival.

Labor Laws Must Go, Say Health Workers

Dharna Held at Nellore GGH in Support of Nationwide Strike

TPN | Seshu

Nellore: United Medical and Health Employees Union Honorary President Naramala Satish Kumar demanded the repeal of four newly introduced labor laws, calling them detrimental to workers. Addressing a dharna held at Nellore Government General Hospital (GGH) on Wednesday, he extended support to the nationwide labor strike. Satish Kumar said the protest was to demand a minimum monthly wage of ₹26,000 for sanitation and security staff, job security for contract and OPCOS employees, implementation of welfare schemes, a minimum time scale, and clearance of pending dearness allowances (DA). He also demanded the imposition of the PRC

commission, restoration of the old pension scheme, and fulfillment of long-pending demands of National Health Scheme employees. Leaders of the Union, including President Kammati Srinivas and Secretary Sandani Bhasha, joined the dharna along with executive members Rajiv Reddy, Vijaya, Penchalayya, Manoj Kumar, Samel, Ramanjulu, Mohan Raju, Yanadi Setty, Yaswanth, Venkateswar Reddy, Ravi, Jeevan, Ramesh, and Polaiiah.

The protesters raised slogans demanding immediate action from the government and emphasized that the existing labor laws weaken workers' rights rather than protect them.



Workers Rally Against Labor Codes in Kadapa

TPN | Nagaraju

Kadapa: Protesting against the anti-worker policies of the BJP-led central government, trade unions staged a massive rally in Kadapa on Wednesday as part of the nationwide general strike. The rally, which began from the local CSI Church and proceeded to Seven Roads junction, was organized under the banner of United Trade Unions. Leaders from CPI, CPM, AITUC, CITU, UTUC, TUCC, and UTF addressed the gathering. CPI District Secretary Gali Chandra, CPM District Secretary Chandrasekhar, AITUC District General Secretary L. Naga Subbareddy, CITU District General Secretary B. Manohar, and other senior trade union leaders participated in the protest, raising serious concerns over the labor reforms being pushed by the Centre. The leaders criticized the Modi government's move to scrap 44 existing labor laws and replace them with four labor codes. They alleged that these codes would curtail workers' rights and strip them of their ability to organize and protest. They also condemned the attempt to increase working hours, calling it a reversal of hard-won labor rights dating back to colonial times.

Concerns were raised about the plight of Anganwadi, Asha, and municipal workers, who, despite working under government departments, are not paid minimum wages or provided job security. The union leaders claimed that the country is witnessing a dangerous shift toward authoritarianism, where dissent is being suppressed and workers are left voiceless.

Among those who participated in the protest were CPI and CPI(M) city secretaries Venkatasiva and Rammohan, AITUC city general secretary Udde Maddileti, and leaders Linganna, Brahmananda Reddy, Nagi Reddy, Pratap Reddy, Suresh, Venugopal, Bhagyalakshmi, Nagendra, Sunil, and AITUC-affiliated AP Asha Workers Union district leader Shantamma. The event witnessed strong participation from workers across sectors and widespread protests in front of government offices throughout the district.

Excise Officials Seize 3,400 Kg of Black Jaggery in Kakinada



TPN | NV Surya

Tuni: Excise department officials seized a massive 3,400 kilograms of black jaggery, commonly used in the production of illicit liquor, during a raid in Lacchireddipalem village of Rautulapudi mandal, Kakinada district. The operation was disclosed at a press meet held at the Excise Police Station in Tuni. According to Kakinada District Prohibition

and Excise Officer M. Krishnakumari, the raid was carried out based on a tip-off. Officials, along with SI Y. Pattabhi Chaudhary and his team, conducted inspections in the area. During the checks, they found an Ashok Leyland vehicle (AP 39 UV 715) parked by the roadside, which was found to be transporting black jaggery illegally. The driver, Endapalli Srinivas of Durgada village in Gollaprolu mandal, was detained and questioned. He revealed that the jaggery was being transported on the instructions of Boddu Sunil of Lacchireddipalem. Further investigation led to the arrest of Sunil and another accused, Pedapati Loveraju, also from Durgada village. Officials also seized 50 liters of illicitly transported liquor from them. Along with the contraband, the team seized the Ashok Leyland van and Activa Fashion Pro motorcycles used in the operation. The three accused have been booked under relevant excise laws and produced before the court.

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Six Arrested in Sullurpet Ganja Case, 10 Kg Seized

TPN | C Shekar

Sullurpet: In a major crackdown on illegal drug activity, police in Sullurpet constituency of Tirupati district arrested six individuals for possessing and attempting to trade ganja. The operation, carried out within the Sullurpet police station limits, led to the seizure of 10 kilograms of ganja, four mobile

phones, and a Bajaj Pulsar motorcycle. A case has been registered under Cr. No. 152/2025 and is being investigated under Section 8(C) r/w 20(b) (ii)(B) of the NDPS Act, 1985. The arrests were made under the leadership of Circle Inspector M. Muralikrishna, along with his team of sub-inspectors, who successfully

apprehended the accused and presented them before the Hon'ble Court. The arrested individuals have been identified as residents of Sullurpet, Vijayawada, and Tada mandal, and include youth between the ages of 20 and 30. District Superintendent of Police V. Harshavardhan Raju, IPS, and Naidupeta DSP G. Chen-

chu Babu praised the timely action of the police team, particularly commending CI Muralikrishna for his swift and skillful handling of the case. The SP appreciated the efforts of the entire team for curbing the ganja trade in the region. CI Muralikrishna appealed to the public to stay alert and report any information relat-

ed to the use or sale of ganja or other narcotic substances. He assured that the identities of informants will be kept completely confidential. He reiterated that the police will take strict action against drug-related activities and urged citizens to cooperate in keeping the community safe and drug-free.



Designing Learning Excellence in AP: The Vision of MEGA PTM 2.0

In today's world, where individuals are increasingly encouraged to "design their life journey," meticulous planning is key to success. Over the past few decades, the concept of "designing a student's life" has gained considerable traction, with a proliferation of private educational agencies creating the impression that a tailored path is the exclusive route to a child's personal growth with only them. However, the reality paints a different picture. Ambitious middle and lower-income parents have often been swayed by this narrative, unfortunately, it has destroyed the public education system. Yet, free health and education remain fundamental commitments of good governance. From an external perspective, Andhra Pradesh boasts a significant number of its youth in prestigious IITs and other national institutions. Nevertheless, the percentage of students who dream of reaching these institutions and achieve their goals remains starkly low, less than 3% considering the number of students who enter coaching factories. This often results in irrecoverable financial burdens for parents and a disillusioned youth, who then frequently resort to

private professional institutes within the state. Majority resorted to this path often culminates in low-paying jobs and a relentless struggle to make ends meet. The MEGA Parent-Teacher Meeting (PTM) taking place today is a deliberate and crucial step towards revitalizing public education and rebuilding public trust. The schedule of two MEGA PTMs and two quarterly parent-teacher meetings represents a well-designed and predefined strategy to cultivate a manpower that is happy, successful, and capable of contributing to the state's futuristic programs. Without such proactive measures, Andhra Pradesh risks facing the same challenges as states like Maharashtra and Karnataka, where economic growth and prosperity have become increasingly reliant on imported skilled labor and revolts from the natives. In this endeavor, a well-informed parent plays a lead role, and a joint parent-teacher effort becomes critical in shaping a child's future that truly leverages their inherent strengths and addresses their weaknesses. This collaboration transcends traditional education, fostering a personalized



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development journey that is foundational for building vital human resources for a developed nation. Our public education system is undergoing a long-overdue rejuvenation, coinciding with a global era marked by the disruptive power of Artificial Intel-

ligence and the nuanced preferences of Generation Z. Through a holistic review of each student's progress, parents and teachers can collaborate to gain a comprehensive understanding of a child's learning style, strengths, and weaknesses. This collaborative insight ensures success and informs optimal career choices, allowing for tailored support both at home and at school. This synergy leads to improved academic performance, higher grades, and instills a lifelong love for learning. One of the major features of today's meeting is the review of the Holistic Progressive Card of the student designed by the State education department, which not only gives the academic review, it gives a comprehensive view of a student's non-academic, extracurricular, mental, and physical health, which is a vital milestone for defining a student and design a future. This year, the State is prioritizing emotional well-being and informed career choices through dedicated in-house trained psychologists and career specialists appointed under Samagra Shiksha Andhra Pradesh, the state's proactive educational manage-

ment team. In today's smaller, nuclear families, consistent messaging and strategies between home and school are vital. They help children develop crucial social-emotional skills such as empathy, resilience, self-confidence, cultural values, and effective communication. This coordinated approach empowers both families and schools to make informed decisions, equipping children to navigate challenges, form healthy relationships, and thrive in diverse social settings. The planned key outcomes of the parent-teacher meetings can be defined as consistency, resource expansion, and a positive school culture. All these efforts are meticulously monitored using LEAP (Learning Excellence in Andhra Pradesh), a robust application designed for school management and planning. Just as all progressive nations rely on quality data, LEAP will ensure and drive learning excellence across Andhra Pradesh to ensure a strong and economically stable future for all. Please remember education is for all, and strengthening public education ensures these rights.

Note: the above article is the author's perspective only.

Is New Team India Beginning to Peak? A Closer Look at the Young Squad's Rise

After India's thrilling victory at Edgbaston in the ongoing Test series against England, a debate has ignited: Is this new Team India finally reaching its peak? The narrative around this young squad has swung wildly—first heavy criticism after the loss at Leeds, then euphoric praise following their historic win in Birmingham. But rather than getting caught up in extremes, it's time to take a measured view and examine the facts. The Leeds Test loss frustrated many fans and critics who had high hopes for Shubman Gill and the team. However, cricket is a sport of highs and lows, where wins and losses are part of the journey. More importantly, India's response in the second Test showed resilience, learning, and adaptation. This young squad, led by a relatively new captain, has plenty of potential. Except for Ravindra Jadeja, every player in the current lineup is under 34, signalling a team that could represent India for years to come. Winning a Test series in England is notoriously difficult for subcontinental teams. India's last series win on English soil was in 2007 under Rahul Dravid's captaincy. Even legends like MS Dhoni and Virat Kohli couldn't clinch a series victory there. This context makes the second Test win even more impressive—not only did India secure a rare away win, but they did



so in emphatic fashion, smashing England by a massive 336 runs—their biggest away win by runs ever. The margin and manner of the win send a strong message. India piled up an incredible 1014 runs in the match,

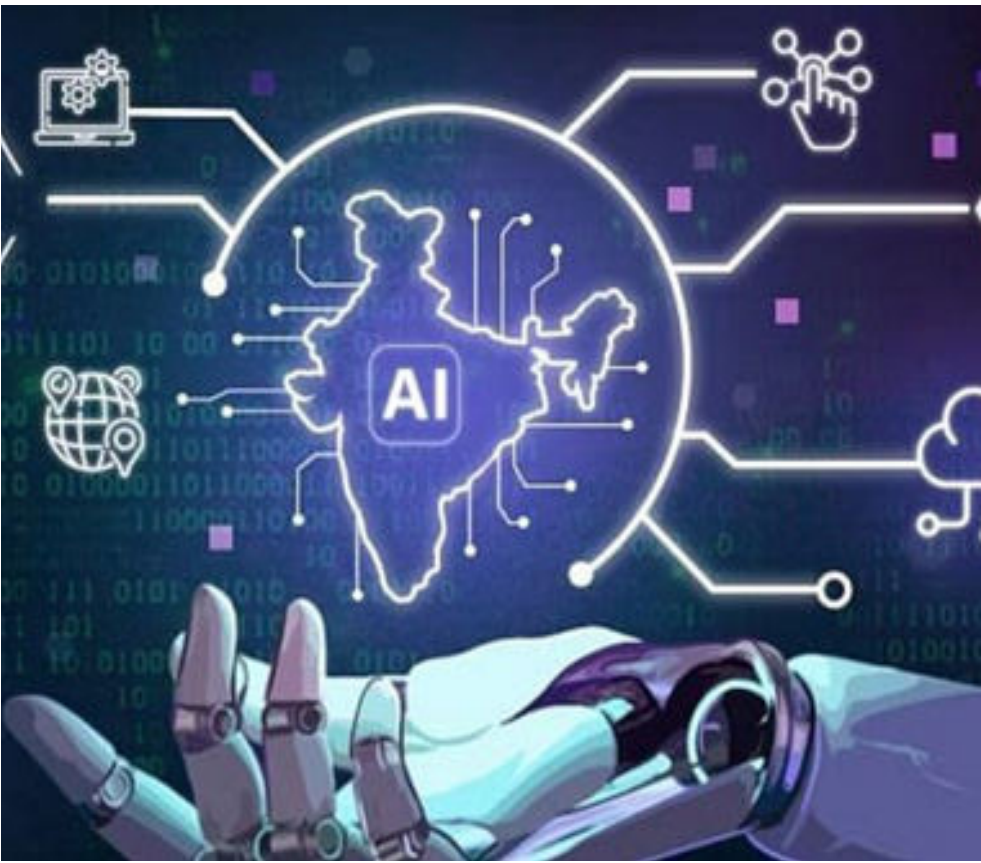
the first time an Indian team has crossed the 1000-run mark in a Test. Shubman Gill made history too, becoming the first Test player to score a double century and a century in the same match. Key players like Rishabh

Pant and Ravindra Jadeja also found form at crucial moments. England, on the other hand, struggled with their bowling attack, missing key pacers like Jofra Archer, Olly Stone, and Mark Wood. India's bowl-

ers stepped up brilliantly despite the absence of their star Jasprit Bumrah. Akash Deep and Mohammed Siraj dismantled the English batting lineup, with Akash Deep's 10-wicket haul across both innings marking the best bowling figures by an Indian in England Tests. Their disciplined, relentless bowling on a flat pitch was a masterclass. While England has been rattled, they're expected to bounce back. With Archer likely returning for the third Test and other bowlers regaining fitness, the hosts will look to regain their footing. The flat pitches and absence of key players have tested England's depth. Still, with three Tests remaining, the series is far from decided. India's confidence is soaring, bolstered by their historic win and the knowledge that a fully fit Bumrah could turn the tide even further. This young Indian team has shown grit, talent, and the ability to learn from setbacks. Their win at Edgbaston wasn't just a victory on the scoreboard; it was a psychological breakthrough, breaking a long-standing English stronghold. Whether they can sustain this form and push for the series win remains to be seen. But one thing is clear—this Team India might just be hitting its stride, ready to challenge the best in the world on their turf.

Graffiti and the Dawn of AI in Mathematics: A Call for India to Embrace the Future

During a lecture visit to the US, I had a fascinating one-on-one tutorial with my friend and colleague Siemion Fajtlowicz from the University of Houston. Siemion introduced me to Graffiti, a groundbreaking software he had developed. This program was capable of generating novel and non-trivial conjectures in graph theory—a branch of mathematics that studies networks of nodes and edges. To me, Graffiti represented one of the earliest forms of artificial intelligence (AI), particularly in the realm of mathematics and computer science during the 1980s and 1990s. Graffiti's ability to autonomously produce mathematical conjectures demonstrated several hallmarks of AI, such as automated reasoning and creative problem-solving. By 1992, Siemion had expanded Graffiti's reach to chemistry as well, and it gained international recognition. The New York Times featured an article highlighting the software's impact. Leading graph theorists



worldwide began publishing proofs of conjectures originally generated by Graffiti. The legendary mathematician Paul Erdős even worked on some of these conjectures, underscoring the software's significance. Finally, the AI revolution we see today owes much to early platforms like Graffiti, which sowed the seeds for later developments in data science, neural networks, and machine learning. Although India once showed promise in software development, it has largely been sidelined in the AI boom due to uninspired curricula and a lack of intellectual courage. This neglect over decades may come at a high cost. The current surge in AI is both thrilling and daunting. In mid-May, about 30 top mathematicians, including experts from the UK and the US, secretly gathered in Berkeley, California, to test a cutting-edge reasoning chatbot. Led by Ken Ono from the University of Virginia, these mathematicians posed challenging, pro-

fessor-level problems to the AI over two days. Remarkably, the chatbot solved every problem, even tackling a difficult PhD-level question within ten minutes—a feat that would impress the brightest human minds. This AI, based on OpenAI's o4-mini model, showcased an advanced reasoning capability that outperformed many human experts. Yet, there is a danger: its confident and authoritative responses can intimidate, leading some to accept its solutions without scrutiny. As Ono wryly noted, the chatbot has mastered "proof by intimidation." For mathematicians and society alike, this moment is both exciting and unsettling. The tools that once took decades to develop and master now solve complex problems in moments. India, with its rich intellectual tradition, must rise to the challenge and embrace AI not only as a tool but as a partner in discovery, lest it fall further behind in this transformative era.

India, Brazil partnership relevant to the entire world: PM Modi

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday reaffirmed India’s commitment to global peace and co-operation, emphasizing that India and Brazil are united in their belief that international challenges must be addressed through dialogue. Speaking in Brasilia after high-level bilateral talks, Mr. Modi praised Brazil’s President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva as the “chief architect” of the India-Brazil Strategic Partnership and thanked him for bestowing Brazil’s highest civilian honour upon him.

“Our partnership is not only strategic but also built on mutual trust and shared democratic values,” Modi said. “India and Brazil have always stood together on global platforms, supporting peaceful resolutions and multilateral dialogue



to address international issues.” Modi highlighted the significance of India-Brazil ties as both nations represent major democracies of the Global South. “Our cooperation is not just vital for our countries but is an important pillar for the entire

world. Together, we are shaping a global order that is more just, inclusive, and equitable,” he stated. Emphasizing shared concerns, Modi reiterated that India and Brazil have consistently worked in coordination to champion the in-

terests of developing nations. “As two large democracies, our collaboration is relevant not just for the Global South, but for all of humanity,” he said. During the talks, the two leaders discussed a wide range of issues including trade, climate change, digital transformation, and sustainable development. Both sides agreed to strengthen cooperation in sectors such as agriculture, renewable energy, defence, and space technology. Modi’s visit marks a significant milestone in deepening bilateral ties, with both countries committing to enhanced strategic engagement. The leaders also pledged to continue working closely at international forums such as BRICS, G20, and the United Nations to advocate for peace, cooperation, and sustainable global progress.



I Should Get A Nobel Prize For Governance, Says Kejriwal

TPN Correspondent | Punjab

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) National Convenor and former Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has stirred controversy by claiming he deserves a Nobel Prize for his work in governance and public administration. Speaking at a public rally in Mohali, Punjab, Kejriwal alleged that despite constant hurdles created by the BJP-led Centre, his government achieved remarkable progress in Delhi.

“I believe I should get a Nobel Prize for the governance and administrative work we managed to do in Delhi, even though we were never allowed to function freely,” Kejriwal said, accusing the central government and Delhi’s Lieutenant Governor V.K. Saxena of obstructing AAP’s initiatives.

Kejriwal reiterated his long-standing claim that the BJP deliberately targeted AAP’s welfare schemes. “They sent bulldozers and demolished five Mohalla Clinics through the BJP-run municipal corporation. What did they gain by doing this?” he asked.

Highlighting the deterioration in Delhi’s conditions over the past four months, Kejriwal blamed the BJP for the alleged collapse of public services following the curtailment of AAP’s administrative powers. “Now, people are seeing the difference. Mohalla Clinics are being shut down, free medicines and diagnostic tests have stopped, and the city is drowning in garbage,” he said. Kejriwal also emphasized his government’s signature welfare initiatives, such as 200 units of free electricity and 20,000 litres of free water for every household. He recalled his protest fast in 2013 over Delhi’s electricity crisis. “People got bills worth thousands but had no supply. I used to climb poles myself to restore power,” he claimed. The remarks have drawn criticism from political opponents, who accuse Kejriwal of exaggeration and making unrealistic claims for political mileage.

Gujarat Bridge Collapse Triggers 50-km Detour

Key shortcut between Anand and Vadodara crumbles, kills 11

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A major transportation lifeline connecting South Gujarat to Saurashtra was severed on Wednesday morning after the Gambhira bridge near Padra town in Vadodara district collapsed, claiming 11 lives. The tragic incident occurred during peak hours when four vehicles—two trucks, a Bolero SUV, and a pickup van—plunged into the Mahisagar river as a section of the bridge gave way. The Gambhira bridge, built in 1986 at a cost of ₹343 lakh, was the only shortcut connecting Anand and Vadodara districts to Saurashtra. With the 900-metre-long structure now rendered unusable, commuters will be forced to take a 50-kilometre detour via Vasad to reach Saurashtra



from South Gujarat. The impact is expected to be severe, not only for regional connectivity but also for local employment. Several people from Anand district

villages who commute to Padra for work will now face extended travel times. Although traffic has temporarily been diverted through Sindhrot as an alternate route, even

this requires a 16-kilometre detour. Constructed by the UP State Bridge Construction Company, the 40-year-old bridge has long been notorious as a suicide point. It had 23 piers and covered a catchment area of over 30,000 sq km. Now, with its collapse, thousands of daily commuters and transporters are left stranded or forced to reroute. Officials have initiated diversions for all vehicles headed to Saurashtra via Vasad Road, where heavy traffic congestion is already being reported near the toll plaza. The bridge collapse has raised serious questions about the maintenance and safety inspections of aging infrastructure, especially one so critical to regional logistics and public movement.



Two Pilots Killed As IAF Jaguar Fighter Crashes in Rajasthan

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A twin-seater Jaguar fighter aircraft of the Indian Air Force crashed near Bhanoda village in Rajasthan’s Churu district at 1:25 pm on Wednesday, killing both pilots on board. The aircraft was on a routine training sortie after taking off from the Suratgarh Air Force base. The Indian Air Force confirmed that there was no damage to civilian property. A Court of Inquiry has been ordered to determine the cause of the crash. “The IAF deeply regrets the loss of lives and stands firmly with the bereaved families in this time of grief,” a statement from the Air Force said. This marks the third Jaguar fighter crash in 2025 alone. On March 7, a Jaguar crashed near Haryana’s Panchkula due to a system malfunction, though the pilot managed to eject safely. The second incident occurred on April 2 near

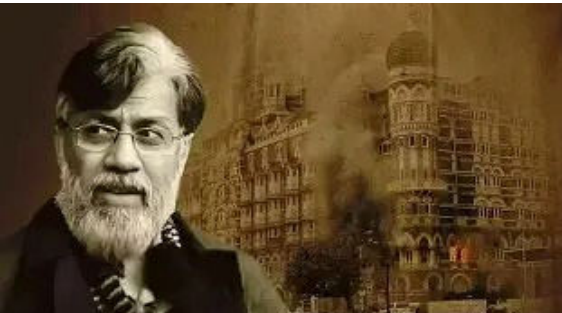
Gujarat’s Jamnagar, where one of the two pilots, Squadron Leader Siddharth Yadav, died while saving his co-pilot. Yadav ensured the safe ejection of the second pilot but could not exit the jet in time himself. The Jaguar, a twin-engine fighter-bomber developed in the 1960s, remains a crucial component of the IAF despite its vintage status. India currently operates around 120 Jaguar aircraft across six squadrons. The fleet has undergone multiple upgrades to enhance its capabilities, but repeated crashes have raised concerns over the aging platform’s operational safety. The loss of two more trained pilots has cast a shadow over the IAF’s training operations and the continued use of Jaguar jets. Defence experts have called for a faster phase-out plan and enhanced scrutiny of legacy aircraft to prevent further tragedies.

Bharat Bandh: Trade Unions Stage Nationwide Strike

Services Largely Unaffected Except in Select States

A daylong nationwide strike called by ten central trade unions went into effect on Wednesday, with protests reported in several states. While essential services such as banking, postal, and electricity remained largely unaffected across the country, partial disruptions occurred in states like Kerala, Jharkhand, and Puducherry. The strike, backed by the All India Trade Union Congress (AITUC) and other unions, is a protest against the central government’s new labour codes and economic policies. Union leaders claim that around 25 crore workers are being mobilized in what they described as a “general strike” to push for key demands. AITUC General Secretary Amarjeet Kaur told PTI that demonstrations were reported from West Bengal, Kerala, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Bihar. The unions are demanding the repeal of four labour codes, an end to contractualisation and privatisation of pub-

lic sector undertakings (PSUs), and an increase in minimum wages to ₹26,000 per month. Farmers’ organisations in Punjab, Haryana, and Rajasthan also joined the protests, demanding a legal guarantee for minimum support prices (MSP) based on the Swaminathan Commission’s C2+50% formula, along with farm loan waivers. In Kerala, where the strike received strong backing from Left-aligned unions and organisations, normal life was significantly impacted. Public transportation services were hit in Puducherry, where private buses, autos, and tempos stayed off the roads, and schools remained shut. West Bengal, however, witnessed minimal disruption due to proactive steps taken by the government to maintain public order. Security was tightened, and arrangements were made to ensure transportation and other services continued smoothly.



Tahawwur Rana’s Judicial Custody Extended Till August 13

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A Delhi court on Wednesday extended the judicial custody of Tahawwur Hussain Rana, an accused in the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks, till August 13. Special Judge Chanderjit Singh passed the order after Rana was presented before the court via video conferencing at the end of his previous custody period. Rana, a Pakistani-origin Canadian businessman, is considered a close associate of David Coleman Headley, also known as Daood Gilani—the key conspirator in the 26/11 attacks and a U.S. national. Rana was extradited to India from the United States earlier this year after the U.S. Supreme Court, on April 4, rejected his plea challenging the extradition order. Rana is accused of playing a crucial role in facilitating Headley’s reconnaissance missions for the attacks by helping him establish a cover identity through a fake immigration office. These activities laid the groundwork for the horrific assault on Mumbai that left 166 people dead and hundreds injured. The coordinated attack, which began on November 26, 2008, lasted nearly 60 hours. Ten heavily armed Pakistani terrorists infiltrated Mumbai via the sea route, targeting multiple high-profile locations, including Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus, the Taj Mahal and Oberoi-Trident hotels, and the Jewish Chabad House. The assault sent shockwaves across the globe and remains one of the deadliest terror strikes in Indian history. Rana’s continued detention marks a significant development in India’s ongoing pursuit of justice for the victims of the attack. Investigative agencies are expected to intensify their questioning of Rana as they attempt to gather more evidence about the planning and international network behind the massacre.

European Court of Human Rights Finds Russia Violated International Law in Ukraine



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The European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) has officially ruled that Russia committed serious violations of international law during its conflict in Ukraine. This landmark judgment, delivered on July 9, 2025, marks the first time an international court has held Moscow accountable for human rights abuses following the full-scale invasion that began in 2022. The Strasbourg-based court considered four separate cases brought by Ukraine and the Netherlands, addressing a broad spectrum of alleged violations committed by Russia since the war's outbreak. Among the most notable issues examined were the downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17 in 2014 and the forcible deportation and kidnapping of Ukrainian children. Presiding over the session, ECHR President Mattias Guyomar emphasized the gravity of the findings, underscoring the extensive evidence presented that demonstrated Russia's responsibility for war crimes and breaches of human rights obligations. The court's ruling reinforces international concerns about Moscow's conduct throughout the conflict and signals an important legal precedent in holding aggressors accountable. The cases span various abuses, including unlawful killings, arbitrary detentions, torture, and the disruption of civilian life, all linked to Russia's military actions in Ukraine. The court's decision calls for reparations and demands that Russia cease its violations immediately, reiterating the importance of upholding human rights and international humanitarian law even in times of armed conflict. This judgment also echoes warnings from United Nations human rights experts, who have repeatedly documented evidence of war crimes in Ukraine, further validating the global outcry over Russia's military campaign. While the enforcement of the court's rulings may face challenges, this decision strengthens Ukraine's position in the international legal arena and increases pressure on Russia to comply with global legal standards. It is a critical step in the ongoing effort to seek justice for victims of the conflict and to uphold the rule of law on the international stage.

Donald Trump Faces Backlash from MAGA Base Over Jeffrey Epstein Files Reversal

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Donald Trump is facing fierce backlash from his MAGA supporters after his administration publicly dismissed long-held conspiracy theories surrounding Jeffrey Epstein. A memo released by the Department of Justice (DOJ) and FBI on Sunday stated there is no evidence that Epstein maintained a "client list" or blackmailed influential figures, effectively shutting down claims that have obsessed many of Trump's diehard followers. The memo also confirmed Epstein's death in 2019 was a suicide, rejecting theories that he was murdered while in jail, and declared no further information on the investigation would be released. This marks the first time officials linked to Trump have publicly debunked these stories, which had been promoted by various right-wing figures—including top FBI officials hired during Trump's tenure. MAGA loyalists reacted with anger and disbelief. Pro-Trump conspiracy theorist Alex Jones called the DOJ's statement "sickening," while many supporters



blamed FBI director Kash Patel and his deputy Dan Bongino. However, the most criticism targeted Attorney General Pam Bondi, who had previously claimed to possess Epstein's client list and promised to uncover the truth. Bondi came under fire after distributing binders labeled "The Epstein Files" to White House influencers that contained mostly public information. White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt's clarification that Bondi was referring to general Epstein paperwork only fueled further outrage within the

MAGA movement. Trump himself appeared frustrated when asked about Epstein at a cabinet meeting, dismissing the topic. The fallout coincides with other recent divisions within the MAGA base over Trump's foreign policy decisions, including resuming weapons supplies to Ukraine and easing immigration raids. Adding to Trump's troubles, Elon Musk, who recently launched a new political party and publicly split with Trump, questioned Trump's refusal to release Epstein files, intensifying the pressure on the former president.

PM Modi Set to Visit UK This Month for Landmark India-UK Free Trade Deal Signing

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to visit the United Kingdom later this month, with plans to formally sign the landmark India-UK free trade agreement (FTA) and strengthen bilateral cooperation in defence and security, diplomatic sources revealed on Tuesday. The visit is likely to take place by the end of July or in early August, as both countries finalize the schedule. Earlier, it was suggested that British Prime Minister Keir Starmer might visit India first, but his trip is now anticipated to occur later this year. The India-UK FTA, sealed in May after three years of negotiations, is the most significant trade deal the UK has finalized since leaving the European Union. The agreement will eliminate tariffs on approximately 99% of Indian



exports to the UK, boosting market access across nearly all sectors. It also allows British firms easier entry into the Indian market for products like whisky, cars, and more, expected to enhance the overall trade relationship. Alongside the FTA, the two countries agreed on a double contribution convention, which Prime Minister Modi described as a "historic milestone" that will promote trade, investment, eco-

nomics growth, and job creation, deepening the comprehensive strategic partnership between India and the UK. India has been the UK's second-largest source of investment by project count for five consecutive years, reflecting growing economic ties. During the visit, Modi and British officials are also expected to discuss expanding defence and security cooperation and advancing the Technology Security Initiative (TSI). Launched last July, the TSI aims to foster collaboration in critical areas such as telecom, semiconductors, artificial intelligence, and critical minerals. It also envisions building a resilient UK-India semiconductor partnership to drive joint research, development, and supply chain security, reinforcing the broader India-UK Roadmap 2030 cooperation agenda.



Elon Musk says exposing Jeffrey Epstein files 'top priority' for America Party

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Tesla CEO Elon Musk has announced that exposing the Jeffrey Epstein files will be a top priority for his newly launched political group, the "America Party." Musk's move intensifies his public feud with former President Donald Trump, whom Musk criticized for not releasing Epstein-related documents. On his social media platform X, Musk questioned, "How can people be expected to have faith in Trump if he won't release the Epstein files?" When a user asked if unveiling the files would rank high on the America Party's agenda, Musk responded with a "100" emoji, signaling strong commitment. Earlier, Musk mocked the Trump administration for failing to make any arrests connected to Epstein's sex trafficking case by posting an image labeled "The Official Jeffrey Epstein Pedophile Arrest Counter," which showed zero arrests. He captioned it sarcastically, "What's the time? Oh look, it's no-one-has-been-arrested-o'clock again." Musk's announcement of the America Party came after polling his followers on X about their desire for independence from the traditional two-party system. He criticized the current political landscape as a "one-party system" rife with waste and graft and vowed to restore freedom through his new party. The feud with Trump deepened after Republicans, with Trump's support, passed a major policy bill that Musk opposed. Musk declared he would back primary challengers against GOP members who voted for the bill. Trump dismissed Musk's new party as "ridiculous" and labeled Musk a "train wreck," warning that third parties only cause "complete and total disruption & chaos." Once allies, the relationship between Musk and Trump has soured dramatically. Trump had previously praised Musk's government efficiency efforts and even gave him a White House gold key. Now, Trump has hinted at deporting the South African-born Musk and suggested using government agencies against his companies, marking a sharp turn in their dynamic.

Taiwan Launches 10-Day Military Drills Amid Rising Chinese Pressure

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Taiwan began its annual Han Kuang military exercises on July 9, 2025, aiming to bolster defenses against increasing threats and harassment from China. This year's drills, lasting 10 days, are the longest to date and include live-fire exercises involving new weaponry such as tanks and unmanned waterborne drones. The Taiwanese Defence Ministry emphasized that the exercises focus on countering China's "gray zone tactics"—aggressive actions that stop short of outright war but aim to intimidate and destabilize. Recent provocations have included Chinese Coast Guard and maritime militia vessels harassing Taiwanese ships near offshore islands close to the Chinese mainland. Taiwan's military is preparing for possible Chinese invasion attempts disguised as minor harass-

ment, including fortifying ports and key landing zones on islands about 160 kilometers off China's coast. The drills involve all branches of Taiwan's armed forces and are supported by 22,000 reservists, conducting continuous, realistic training around the clock to prepare for various scenarios, especially simulated anti-landing operations. The Defence Ministry also urged the public to be patient with any flight or traffic disruptions and warned against misinformation about the exercises. China swiftly condemned the drills, with Defence Ministry spokesperson Col. Jiang Bing dismissing them as "bluffing" aimed at pushing Taiwan



toward independence, which Beijing vehemently opposes. He reaffirmed

China's stance that Taiwan's reunification with the mainland is inev-

itable. In response to the drills, China intensified its military presence near Taiwan. On July 8, PLA aircraft and ships conducted what Taiwan described as harassment operations under the guise of joint combat patrols in Taiwanese air and sea zones. Taiwan's armed forces responded by deploying intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance resources, along with mission aircraft, vessels, and missile systems to monitor and counter these activities. The Han Kuang exercises highlight Taiwan's determination to strengthen its defenses amid escalating regional tensions with China.

Indian Stock Market Opens in Red Amid Mixed Global Cues and Trade Uncertainty

The Indian stock market began Wednesday's trading session on a subdued note, tracking mixed global cues and on-going uncertainty over global trade developments. At around 9:34 am, the BSE Sensex was down 181.63 points or 0.22%, trading at 83,530.88. Meanwhile, the NSE Nifty slipped 44.25 points or 0.17% to 25,478.25.

Analysts attributed the weak opening to global trade tensions and the lack of clarity surrounding tariff announcements. "Nifty may find support at 25,500, followed by 25,400 and 25,300, while facing immediate resistance at 25,600, and further resistance at 25,700 and 25,800," said Hardik Matalia of Choice Broking. In recent global developments, U.S. President Donald Trump proposed steep tariffs—up to 200% on pharmaceuticals and 50% on copper products. This caused a sharp spike in copper futures, which surged over 17% before stabilizing. Analysts say markets are cautiously watching for more clarity on these potential tariff actions before making directional moves. The Nifty Bank index was down 196.25 points or 0.34% at 57,060.05. On the broader indices, the Nifty Midcap 100 rose 72 points or 0.12% to 59,487.45, while the Nifty Smallcap 100 gained



84.55 points or 0.45%, reaching 18,979.75. Among Sensex constituents, top losers included HCL Tech, Infosys, Tata Steel, L&T, ICICI Bank, Tata Motors, UltraTech Cement, M&M, Eternal, and Trent. On the other hand, Hindustan Unilever, Bajaj Finance, Maruti Suzuki, NTPC, and Power Grid were among the top gainers. On the institutional side, Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth ₹26.12 crore on July 8, while Domestic Institutional Investors (DIIs) were net buyers, investing ₹1,366.82 crore. Across Asia, Bangkok and Hong Kong were trading lower, while Japan, Seoul, China, and Jakarta were in the green. In the U.S., the Dow Jones closed down 165.60 points at 44,240.76, the S&P 500 edged down 0.07%, and the Nasdaq saw a slight gain of 0.03%.

Gold ETFs See Sharp Surge in June 2025 as Market Volatility Drives Investor Demand

Gold exchange-traded funds (ETFs) saw a remarkable revival in investor interest in June 2025, recording net inflows of Rs 2,080.85 crore — the highest in five months, according to data from the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI). This marked a sharp six-fold rise from May's inflows of Rs 292 crore, signaling renewed confidence in gold as a safe-haven asset. Nehal Meshram, Senior Analyst – Manager Research at Morningstar Investment Research India, highlighted that this surge follows subdued activity in March and April, when investors opted for profit booking despite high gold prices. "The robust inflows in June reflect a decisive shift in investor sentiment, driven by elevated gold prices, global geopolitical tensions, and increased volatility in equity and debt markets," she explained. While earlier profit-taking behavior dampened flows into gold ETFs, June saw investors return to the yellow metal amid rising uncertainty across financial markets. Gold's consistent price performance and its reputation as a hedge against risk appear to have



reinforced its appeal. In parallel, systematic investment plans (SIPs) also reached a new milestone, with monthly inflows hitting Rs 27,269 crore in June — a 2% increase from May and the highest ever recorded. The mutual fund industry overall witnessed significant growth, with total assets under management (AUM) climbing to a record Rs 74.41 lakh crore in June, up from Rs 72.20 lakh crore in May. Total inflows stood at Rs 49,301 crore, a 67% month-on-month jump. Equity mutual funds contributed Rs 23,587 crore, marking a 24% rise, with all equity categories — except ELSS — seeing positive traction. This momentum suggests a strong investor preference for both equity and gold amid an uncertain macroeconomic environment.

India's Retail Securitisation Market Grows 6% in Q1 FY26

Backed by Investor Confidence and Diversified Demand



India's retail securitisation market saw a 6% year-on-year growth in Q1 FY26, reaching a total volume of ₹45,400 crore, driven by rising investor confidence, robust asset quality, and growing demand for vehicle and microfinance loans, according to a report by CareEdge Ratings. Including both pass-through certificate (PTC) issuances and direct assignment (DA) transactions, the total transaction volume stood at ₹52,000 crore. The sector's continued growth signals market resilience and a strategic shift by lenders to diversify funding sources. A major milestone this quarter was India's first residential mortgage-backed securitisation (RMBS) deal by RMBS Development Company Limited (RDCL), also marking the first securitisation executed on the Electronic Book Provider (EBP) platform. This innovation is expected to spur further investor participation in mortgage-backed securities and enhance long-term funding opportunities. PTC transactions accounted for 56% of total vol-

umes in Q1 FY26, reversing the earlier dominance of DA transactions. This shift reflects growing investor preference for standardised and tradable financial instruments. Within PTCs, asset-backed securitisation (ABS) products led the way, comprising about 75% of the volume, with vehicle loans contributing ₹14,600 crore or 51% of ABS issuances. However, the share of vehicle loan-backed PTCs has declined as other segments like unsecured personal loans, business loans, and gold loans gain traction. Unsecured loans alone made up 15% of PTC volumes, indicating a widening investor appetite for diverse retail credit products. Microfinance institutions (MFIs) also saw a significant jump in PTC contributions, rising to 15% from 8% a year ago, reflecting improved asset quality and investor confidence in the sector. In the DA segment, mortgage-backed deals dominated with a 67% share, while asset-backed DAs contributed 26%.

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. Vijaya-kumar, 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.

Rupee Slips 17 Paise to 85.90 Against US Dollar Amid Stronger Greenback and Weak Equities

The Indian rupee weakened by 17 paise to trade at 85.90 against the US dollar in early trade on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, as the greenback gained strength and domestic equity markets saw a subdued opening. The rupee had opened at 85.84 at the interbank foreign exchange before slipping further, marking a decline from its previous close of 85.73 on Tuesday. Forex traders attributed the rupee's decline to stronger US dollar demand and risk-off sentiment in Indian markets. However, a slight drop in global crude oil prices helped limit further losses for the currency. On Tuesday, the rupee had appreciated by 21 paise, supported by optimism around a possible U.S.-India mini trade agreement. However, with no official announcement made overnight, the optimism faded, leading to Wednesday's dip. Anil Kumar Bhansali, Head of Treasury and Executive Director at Finrex Treasury Advisors LLP, noted that Brent crude had earlier surged to a two-week high of \$70.15 per barrel due to renewed supply concerns following Houthi attacks in the Red Sea. However, prices softened slightly after the American Petroleum Institute reported an unexpected 7.1 million barrel in-



crease in US crude inventories. As of Wednesday morning, Brent crude futures were trading marginally lower at \$70.05 per barrel, down 0.14%. Meanwhile, the US dollar index, which measures the greenback's strength against six major currencies, rose 0.17% to 97.68, further pressuring emerging market currencies like the rupee. In domestic markets, equities opened lower with the BSE Sensex falling 170.42 points to 83,542.09, while the NSE Nifty slipped 44.35 points to 25,478.15, adding to the cautious mood in forex trading. Bhansali expects the rupee to trade in the 85.50–86.00 range in the near term.

Is Cinnamon Really a Natural Fat-Burner? Here’s What Science and Trends Say

As weight-loss medications and supplements flood the wellness market, a growing number of people are turning back to natural, kitchen-based solutions—and cinnamon has emerged as the latest star ingredient. Commonly known as dalchini in India, cinnamon is a fragrant spice derived from the inner bark of trees from the Cinnamomum genus.



While some claim it’s a miracle fat-burner, the truth lies somewhere in between hype and science. Recently, cinnamon has been trending online as a natural aid for weight loss. This surge in interest is partly fueled by influencers and wellness enthusiasts, as well as Bollywood personalities. One notable example is actor Harshvardhan Rane, whose old video praising cinnamon as his personal “fat burner” has resurfaced on social media, adding to the spice’s popularity. A recent survey revealed that 87% of Indians are interested in exploring weight loss methods that don’t involve drugs—despite the growing availability of injectables like Wegovy and Mounjaro in India. This explains the rising attention to traditional remedies like

cinnamon, which are easily available, inexpensive, and perceived as safer alternatives. So, does cinnamon really help with weight loss? Research shows that cinnamon may play a supportive role. It can help regulate blood sugar levels, improve insulin sensitivity, and potentially reduce hunger and sugar cravings. However, experts warn against viewing it as a miracle solution. Weight loss requires a combination of healthy diet, exercise, and sustainable habits—cinnamon can only support that process, not replace it. In conclusion, while cinnamon isn’t a quick fix, it’s also more than just a fad. When used mindfully alongside a balanced lifestyle, it might offer mild benefits. As with any wellness trend, moderation and evidence-based practice are key.

Scientists Unveil 200-Million-Year-Old Flying Reptile: A New Pterosaur Species

In a groundbreaking discovery, scientists have identified a brand-new species of pterosaur—a large flying reptile that soared the skies nearly 200 million years ago, long before birds and alongside early dinosaurs. This ancient predator, known for preying on hard-scaled, primitive fish, has been named *Eotephradactylus mcintireae*, meaning “ash-winged dawn goddess.”

The fossil that led to this discovery was first unearthed in 2013 in Arizona, when a fragment of a pterosaur’s jaw was recovered from an ancient riverbed. At the time, scientists could not confirm its classification. However, with the advancement of modern scanning and imaging technologies, researchers have now determined that the jaw belongs to an entirely new species previously unknown to science. A team from the Smithsonian’s National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C., led the study and named the new species. The name pays tribute to the volcanic ash that helped preserve the creature’s remains in remarkably good condition. It also honors the dawn of pterosaur evolution, as this species represents one of the earliest known examples of these flying reptiles.

Pterosaurs were not dinosaurs but belonged to



a separate group of reptiles that evolved flight independently. *Eotephradactylus mcintireae* is especially significant because it provides insight into the early development and diversity of pterosaurs. These creatures are often overshadowed by their dinosaur contemporaries, but discoveries like this highlight their evolutionary importance.

This find not only adds a new chapter to the history of prehistoric life but also underscores the value of revisiting old fossils with new technology. As tools improve, so does our understanding of Earth’s distant past—revealing that many ancient species may still be waiting to be discovered or properly understood.

AI Chatbots as Psychedelic Trip-Sitters? Emerging Trend Raises Safety Concerns

In a surprising new trend, people are beginning to use AI chatbots as digital “trip-sitters” while under the influence of psychedelic substances—sparking concern among mental health experts and technologists alike. Traditionally, a trip-sitter refers to a sober, trusted individual who supports and monitors someone during a psychedelic experience. Now, some are turning to artificial intelligence for that role instead. According to a recent report from MIT Technology Review, users are increasingly seeking out AI chatbots—ranging from well-known tools like ChatGPT to niche platforms like “TripSitAI” and “The Shaman”—to provide virtual companionship and guidance while tripping on substances like psilocybin mushrooms

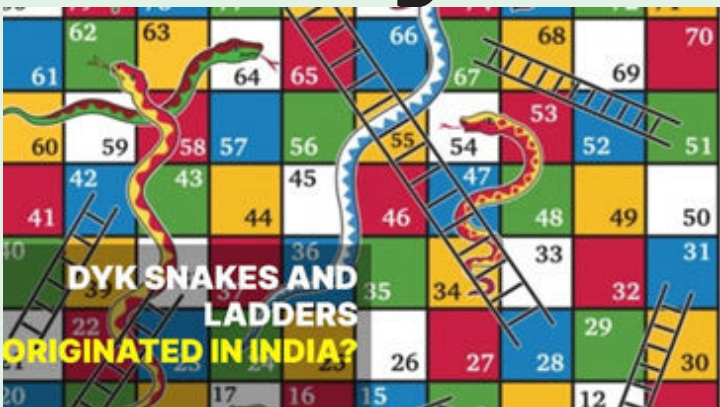


or LSD. This unconventional use of AI appears to be an extension of a broader trend: people turning to chatbots for emotional support and therapeutic conversations, often citing the high cost and limited availability of mental health services. However, using AI in such a vulnerable and altered state of consciousness is largely uncharted territory, raising questions about safety, ethics, and psychological stability. The report highlights a striking case from 2023, involving a man named Peter, who consumed an extremely high dose—eight grams—of psilocybin mushrooms. During his trip, Peter turned to ChatGPT for support. The chatbot responded by suggesting a soothing music

playlist and offering words of reassurance, mimicking the role of a human trip-sitter. Peter later described the experience as emotionally transformative. Still, experts caution against using AI as a substitute for a real, present, and sober individual during psychedelic use. The combination of hallucinogenic drugs and machine-generated dialogue could create unpredictable and potentially harmful outcomes. One researcher called it a dangerous “psychological cocktail,” emphasizing that AI cannot replace trained professionals or human intuition during altered states of consciousness. As the trend grows, it’s raising urgent discussions about responsible AI use in deeply personal and risky settings.

Did You Know? Snakes & Ladders Originated in India as a Moral Teaching Tool

We’ve all played Snakes and Ladders—the beloved childhood board game that brought fun, frustration, and fierce competition to family gatherings. But behind the thrill of climbing ladders and the heartbreak of sliding down snakes lies a surprisingly deep history. What many don’t know is that this iconic game originated in ancient India, where it was called Moksha Patam and was designed to teach players important moral lessons. A recent video shared by the British Museum has gone viral, featuring historian Dr. Sushma Jansari, who explains the game’s spiritual roots. “Snakes and Ladders originated in ancient India just like chess,” she says. But unlike its modern version, the game had a deeper purpose. “It was created to teach moral values, karma, and the path to salvation,” she adds. The original Moksha Patam board featured gods, ladders, and snakes—all symbolizing the journey of life. Ladders represented virtues like kindness, faith, and honesty, helping players ascend toward moksha, or spiritual liberation. Snakes, on the other hand, symbolized vices such as greed, anger, and pride, pulling players back down into the cy-



cle of rebirth. Interestingly, in the U.S., the game is known as Chutes and Ladders, where slides replace snakes. “In both versions, you climb the ladder, but in America, you slide down a chute. Elsewhere, you slide down a snake,” Sushma noted. Viewers were fascinated. One commented, “It’s not just a game—it’s a philosophy lesson.” Another wrote, “Our ancestors truly understood how to teach through play.” Even the phrase “back to square one” is believed to have originated from this game. Long before the term “gamified learning” existed, Moksha Patam was already teaching life’s biggest lessons—through a simple roll of the dice.

Can the Brain Really Go Blank? Doctors Stunned by Man’s ‘Empty’ Brain Scan

In a bizarre and baffling medical case, doctors in France were shocked to discover that a man was living a relatively normal life despite a brain scan showing that nearly 90% of his brain was missing. The man, who held a job and maintained a family life, was diagnosed with a rare condition known as hydrocephalus. The case has sparked viral headlines and intense public curiosity—can the brain truly go blank?

To unpack the science behind this mysterious condition, News18 spoke with Dr. Saurabh Nandwani, Consultant Neurologist at Fortis Hospital, New Delhi. Dr. Nandwani clarified that the term “empty brain” is misleading. What appears as a void in CT scans is not actual emptiness, but rather a buildup of cerebrospinal fluid (CSF)—a clear liquid that plays a vital role in brain function and cleansing. Hydrocephalus occurs when excess CSF accumulates in the brain due to infections, blockages, or absorption issues. “This fluid normally circulates through the brain and spinal cord, removing metabolic waste,” Dr. Nandwani explained. “But when something disrupts this flow, pressure builds, causing brain tissue to



shrink or displace.” Infections like tuberculosis (TB) are known to trigger hydrocephalus by obstructing the brain’s absorption pathways. In children, this may result in an enlarged head, while in adults, symptoms include headaches, nausea, fatigue, irritability, vision issues, and muscle weakness. Thankfully, hydrocephalus is treatable. Depending on the cause, doctors may use medications to manage infections or surgical procedures to insert a shunt (a small tube) that drains excess fluid and relieves pressure. While headlines of “missing brains” capture attention, the real story lies in the brain’s astonishing adaptability—and in how modern medicine continues to unravel its many mysteries.



India A Begin Europe Tour with Emphatic 6-1 Win Over Ireland in Men’s Hockey

Eindhoven [Netherlands], July 9, 2025 (ANI): The India A Men’s Hockey Team kicked off their Europe tour in emphatic fashion, defeating Ireland 6-1 in their opening match at Hockey Club Oranje-Rood in Eindhoven, Netherlands. India displayed complete dominance across all four quarters, delivering a clinical and composed performance. Forward Uttam Singh opened the scoring, setting the tone early for the men in blue. Amandeep Lakra followed up with another goal to double India’s lead. Aditya Lalage then stole the spotlight with a brilliant brace, netting two goals in quick succession. Selvam Karthi and Bobby Singh Dhami also made it to the scoresheet, rounding off an all-round attacking display. Ireland, meanwhile, managed just a single consolation goal, as India’s defense remained tight and organized throughout the match, giving little room for their

opponents to threaten. India A will face Ireland once again later tonight (July 9) at 21:30 IST, aiming to secure back-to-back wins and build further momentum in what is a crucial European tour. Over the next two weeks, India A will play a total of eight matches — two each against Ireland, France, and the Netherlands, and one each against England and Belgium. This tour, organised by Hockey India, is designed to provide valuable international exposure to a blend of emerging talents and experienced players. It serves as a testing ground for India’s hockey bench strength, as the national program looks to strengthen its pipeline for the senior team. With high-intensity fixtures lined up against strong European sides, the tour offers a key opportunity to assess the readiness and depth of India’s next generation of hockey stars.

Pro Kabaddi League Season 12 Set to Begin on August 29

The Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) has officially announced that Season 12 of the tournament will kick off on Friday, August 29. The highly anticipated season will see reigning champions Haryana Steelers return to defend their maiden title after a memorable triumph in Season 11. Following an action-packed player auction, where a record 10 players crossed the ₹1 crore mark, all 12 franchises have revamped and strengthened their squads, setting the stage for what is expected to be one of the most fiercely contested seasons in PKL history. The league, known for its unpredictability and thrilling finishes, has firmly established itself as one of India’s most exciting sporting properties. With new talent entering the mix and seasoned veterans looking to prove their mettle, Season 12 is poised to deliver top-tier kabaddi action to fans across the country. Anupam Goswami, Business Head of Mashal Sports and League Commissioner of the Pro Kabaddi League, expressed excitement about the upcoming



ing season. “We are thrilled to unveil the commencement date for Panchkula Season 12. Following a record-breaking Player Auction, we have laid the foundation for what promises to be our most competitive season yet,” he said in a statement. While the specific venues and match schedules for Season 12 are yet to be announced, organizers have assured fans that further details will be revealed shortly. The Pro Kabaddi League continues to grow in popularity, thanks to its unique blend of athleticism, strategy, and regional pride. With the August 29 start date now confirmed, kabaddi enthusiasts can gear up for another thrilling edition filled with high-octane action and fierce rivalries.

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 cru-



cial for both teams as they aim to build momentum in the lead-up to major international tournaments. England’s squad blends experienced campaign-

ers 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 “tremendous 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.



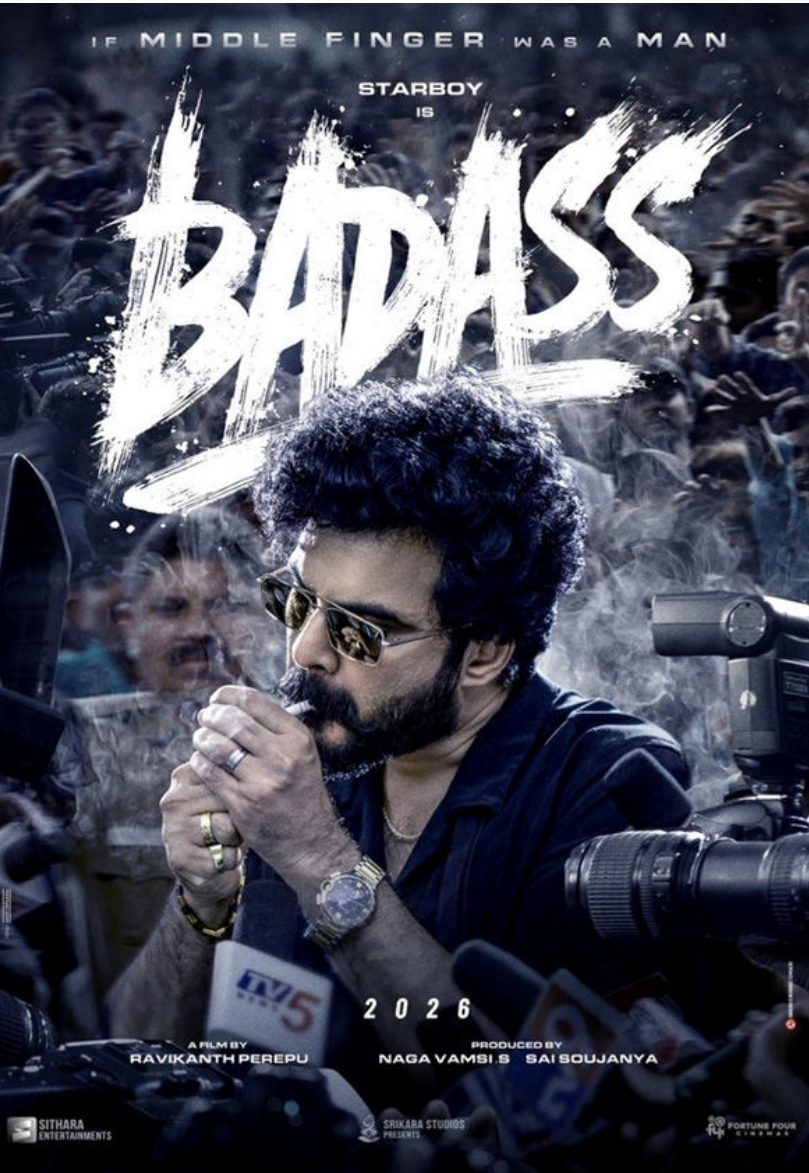
Siddhu’s Bold Transformation in ‘Badass’: First Look Promises Intense Drama

Sithara Entertainments has unveiled the first look of their upcoming film *Badass*, and it’s making waves for all the right reasons. The striking tagline, “If Middle Finger Was a Man,” sets the tone for a gritty, no-holds-barred narrative that marks a major departure from actor Siddhu Jonnalagadda’s previous roles.

Reuniting with director Ravikanth Perepu—his collaborator on the hit *Krishna* and *His Leela*—Siddhu steps into darker territory this time. While their earlier work was lighthearted and romantic, *Badass* ventures into intense emotional drama, promising to showcase a deeper, more serious side of Siddhu’s acting range.

The project boasts a substantial budget and is backed by a seasoned production team. It’s produced by S. Naga Vamsi and Sai Soujanya under the banners of Sithara Entertainments, Fortune Four Cinemas, and Sri Kara Studios. The sleek visuals and bold concept in the teaser have already piqued interest among cinephiles and fans alike.

Slated for release in 2026, *Badass* is shaping up to be one of the most anticipated Telugu films of the year. With a powerful first impression and a promise of emotional depth, it’s clear the film is aiming not just for box office



success, but also for critical acclaim. All eyes are now on Siddhu as he prepares to show the world his most intense avatar yet.

RGV’s Bold Drama Saaree Gears Up for Aha OTT Release on July 11

Ram Gopal Varma’s controversial film *Saaree*, which stirred attention earlier this year for its bold narrative, is set for a second innings—this time on a major streaming platform. After a lukewarm performance at the box office upon its theatrical release in April 2025, the film is now slated to premiere on Aha starting July 11, 2025.

Written and presented by RGV himself and directed by Giri Krishna Kamal, *Saaree* stars Aaradhya Devi in the lead role. The film delves into provocative themes that generated buzz prior to its release but ultimately struggled to draw significant footfall in cinemas. Despite this, the film is once again making headlines, hoping for a fresh response from digital audiences.

Previously, *Saaree* had a brief digital release on Lionsgate Play (India), a platform that hasn’t yet gained major traction among Indian viewers. The move to Aha—known for its strong regional content and wider viewer base, especially in Telugu-speaking regions—might offer the film a better chance to connect with audiences who missed it in theatres.



Whether *Saaree* will find redemption on OTT remains to be seen, but its availability on Aha certainly opens the door for renewed interest, especially among audiences who are drawn to RGV’s edgy storytelling. As the film readies for its digital debut, it remains a topic of curiosity in the indie cinema space.



HHVM: Makers Drop Musical Surprise Ahead of Title Track Release

The excitement surrounding *Hari Hara Veera Mallu: Part 1 – Sword vs Spirit* continues to build as the film approaches its grand theatrical release on July 24, 2025. Directed by Jyothi Krishna, the much-awaited historical action drama features Power Star Pawan Kalyan in the lead, alongside Bollywood actor Bobby Deol and actress Nidhhi Agerwal in pivotal roles. While fans eagerly await the release of the film’s official title track, the makers have taken everyone by surprise with a fresh musical update. The trailer OST (Original Soundtrack) is all set to drop today, July 9, at 4 PM, and it will be released in all major Indian languages. This strategic move is expected to boost the film’s pre-release mo-

mentum and further ignite fan excitement. Produced by A. Dayakar Rao and presented by noted filmmaker A.M. Rathnam, *Hari Hara Veera Mallu* is being mounted on a large scale, aiming to deliver a visually stunning cinematic experience. The film’s music is composed by Oscar-winning composer MM Keeravaani, raising expectations for a memorable and emotionally stirring soundtrack. Set against a historical backdrop, the film blends epic storytelling with intense action, promising a rich mix of drama, patriotism, and spectacle. With Pawan Kalyan returning to the big screen in a powerful avatar and a strong supporting cast, *HHVM: Sword vs Spirit* is shaping up to be one of the biggest pan-India releases of the year.

For the Legal Controversy Around Nayanthara’s Documentary

Faces Legal Heat Over Unauthorized Footage in Netflix Documentary

Actress Nayanthara has found herself at the center of yet another controversy, this time involving legal action over alleged copyright infringement in her Netflix documentary *Nayanthara: Beyond The Fairy Tale*. This follows closely on the heels of online criticism she and husband Vignesh Shivan faced for supporting choreographer Jani, who is currently embroiled in a POCSO case.

According to reports from film circles, the producers of the Tamil blockbuster *Chandramukhi* have accused the documentary’s makers of using scenes from the film without obtaining the necessary permissions. The production house, AP International, which holds the copyright for *Chandramukhi* from the original producers Sivaji Productions, claims the footage was taken directly from YouTube and used in the documentary without authorization. As a result, the Madras High Court has now issued legal notices to both Netflix and the production company behind the documentary. This move follows an earlier cease-and-desist notice issued by AP International, in which they demanded damages of ₹5 crore. Only after receiving the notice, the producers reportedly reached out to seek formal rights for the footage—an effort that seems to have come too late.



AP International is now pushing for a permanent injunction that would prohibit the documentary’s producers from using any *Chandramukhi* clips and is seeking the immediate removal of the content in question from the documentary. To make matters worse, actor Dhanush has also reportedly filed a legal complaint against Nayanthara for allegedly using a brief segment from his production *Naanum Rowdy Dhaan* without proper clearance. With multiple legal issues now looming, this controversy adds further strain to Nayanthara’s image and ongoing professional commitments. How the actress and her team respond in the coming days will be closely watched by both fans and industry insiders.

Director Girish AD Confirms Premalu 2 Is Still Happening, Shares Timeline



Fans of the hit Malayalam romantic comedy *Premalu* can finally breathe a sigh of relief—director Girish AD has officially confirmed that *Premalu 2* is very much on track, despite recent rumours suggesting otherwise. Released last year, *Premalu* quickly became a nationwide favourite, thanks to its charming narrative, light-hearted romance, and the en-

dearing chemistry between lead actors Mamitha Baiju and Naslen. The film’s widespread popularity naturally sparked buzz about a sequel, which was later officially launched. However, the journey since then hasn’t been entirely smooth.

In the meantime, Girish AD announced his next directorial venture, *Bethlehem Kudumba Unit*, a

romantic drama featuring Nivin Pauly and Mamitha Baiju. The film is being produced under the Bhavana Studios banner, which also backed *Premalu*, leading many to believe that the sequel may be shelved indefinitely.

Putting all doubts to rest, Girish AD has now confirmed that *Premalu 2* has not been cancelled. The sequel

will proceed after the completion of *Bethlehem Kudumba Unit*. While it may arrive later than fans had hoped, its future is secure. For those eager to know what happens next in the *Premalu* universe, this update is a welcome assurance. Though the wait might be a bit longer, Girish AD’s confirmation ensures that the journey of this lovable romantic saga will indeed continue.