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Adulterated Toddy Claims Three Lives in Kukatpally



4 dead, 28 others critically ill after consuming adulterated toddy

Ministers visit victims at Gandhi and NIMS hospitals

Officials under fire for negligence and failure in surveillance

TPN | V. Krishna Kumar
Hyderabad: Negligence by excise officials and failure of local police surveillance have led to a tragic incident in Kukatpally, where consumption of adulterated toddy has claimed four lives and left 28 others hospitalized. The growing influence of adulteration mafias, amidst lax enforcement, has

once again come under public and political scrutiny. The incident took place on Tuesday evening, when several daily wage laborers consumed toddy at local toddy compounds located in HMT Hills, Shamsiguda, Bhagyanagar Colony, Sardar Patel Nagar, and Hyder Nagar—areas under the jurisdiction of the Kukatpally police. Soon after consumption, the victims began vomiting, collapsing, and experiencing severe health complications. Alarmed family members rushed them to nearby private hospitals. As dozens of victims lined up at hospitals, doctors confirmed that the illnesses were due to consumption of chemically adulterated toddy. With the death toll rising to three, police shifted the bodies to Gandhi Mortuary. Scenes of mourning and outrage unfolded outside the hospitals, as grieving relatives blamed authorities for failing to prevent such a disaster. Despite frequent claims of raids and

vigilance by the excise department, questions are now being raised about how such a serious lapse occurred. Families of the victims allege that officials turned a blind eye to the thriving illegal toddy trade and adulteration practices. “Our loved ones are gone. Who is accountable? Mere promises and compensation won’t bring them back,” cried a relative outside Gandhi Hospital. Ministers, Leaders Reach Hospitals Upon learning of the incident, Minister Jupally Krishna Rao, MLA Madhavaram Krishna Rao and other local leaders visited the hospitals and consoled the victims. They ordered special medical arrangements at NIMS and assured strict action. “The culprits behind the adulteration will not be spared,” the minister said. Police Register Case, Search On Police have registered a case against the owners of the toddy compounds under the

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CM’s Delhi Dash: No Darshan of Congress High Command

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Hyderabad: Chief Minister Revanth Reddy returned to Hyderabad on Wednesday after a two-day visit to Delhi, raising eyebrows in political circles for not meeting any of the AICC leaders during his trip. While the visit was officially centered around administrative matters, the absence of any interaction with the party high command became a talking point. Revanth Reddy, who landed in the national capital on Monday, held meetings with several Union ministers to push forward Telangana’s developmental agenda. He met Union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya and requested cooperation in establishing a sports university in the state. He also pitched for Telangana to host the upcoming Khelo India Games and certain events of the 2036 Olympics. Additionally, the CM held discussions with Union Ministers JP Nadda and Piyush Goyal on key issues, including the supply of urea to Telangana, financial assistance for Zaheerabad Smart City, development of Warangal Airport, and

boosting the state’s industrial corridors. Beyond the political space, Revanth Reddy engaged with prominent figures from the sports and entertainment industries. His meeting with cricket legend Kapil Dev focused on enhancing sports infrastructure in the state. Bollywood actor Ajay Devgan also met the CM and reportedly expressed interest in setting up a film studio in Telangana. However, the political buzz around the visit was dominated by what did not happen—Revanth Reddy did not call on any senior Congress leaders from the AICC. With no interactions with the party’s central leadership, speculations arose regarding the underlying reasons, especially in the backdrop of recent internal challenges within the Telangana Congress unit. While the CM’s office maintained that the visit was purely for administrative engagements, the conspicuous lack of political meetings has sparked chatter within party and opposition ranks alike.

KCR–Jagan Nexus Cost Telangana: CM Revanth



TPN Correspondent | Telangana
Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has blamed former Chief Ministers K. Chandrasekhar Rao (KCR) and Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy for causing serious and long-term damage to Telangana in the Krishna river water-sharing issue. Speaking after a detailed PowerPoint presentation by Irrigation Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy at Praja Bhavan, Revanth said the BRS govern-

ment’s decisions were detrimental to Telangana and directly aided Andhra Pradesh’s interests. He alleged that KCR, during his tenure, made strategic mistakes that deprived Telangana of its rightful share of Krishna waters. “KCR claimed there were no basins here and pushed the idea of diverting Godavari water to Krishna and

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Telangana to Get Adequate Fertilizer Supply for Kharif Season

- Union Minister JP Nadda responds positively to CM Revanth’s request
- Centre assures urea supply for July–August to meet Kharif demand
- Union Minister flags rising urea usage; promotes organic alternatives

TPN Correspondent | New Delhi
In response to Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy’s request, the Union Government has assured full support in ad-

ressing the fertilizer shortage in the state ahead of the crucial Kharif season. Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers JP Nadda, who met the Chief Minister and his delegation in Delhi on Tuesday, said the Centre will ensure uninterrupted supply of urea and other fertilizers during July and August. The Telangana delegation appealed for timely and sufficient supply to support

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HCA President Jaganmohan Rao Arrested

CID moves after vigilance report confirms pressure on SRH management

Dispute centered on ticket allocation during last IPL season

SRH corporate box locked; franchise threatened to leave Hyderabad



TPN | V. Krishna Kumar
Hyderabad: In a major development that has sent shockwaves through cricket administration circles, Hyderabad Cricket Association (HCA) President Jaganmohan Rao was arrested on Wednesday by the Criminal Investigation Department (CID). The arrest is linked to a long-standing dispute with the Sunrisers

Hyderabad (SRH) management over ticket allocation during the last IPL season. CID officials detained Rao along with another individual following the findings of a vigilance inquiry ordered by the Telangana government. The report confirmed that Jaganmohan Rao had

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Ranganath’s Clarification on Owaisi’s College Triggers Netizens’ Outrage

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Hyderabad: HYDRAA Commissioner AV Ranganath's recent remarks on why authorities did not demolish Fatima College, a prominent institution run by AIMIM chief and MP Asaduddin Owaisi, have drawn mixed reactions from the public and social media users. The institution, located within the Full Tank Level (FTL) of Suram Cheruvu in Old Basti, has been under scrutiny as the GHMC has undertaken a demolition drive against illegal structures encroaching lakes and water bodies.

Addressing public criticism on the issue, Commissioner Ranganath revealed that demolition of the college was halted last year, despite its location being within FTL limits, because more than 10,000 poor Muslim girls are receiving free education from KG to PG. “We looked at this matter from a humanitarian angle,” he stated, citing the institution's social service in uplifting disadvantaged Muslim women.

However, he asserted that this should not be interpreted as weakness or political compromise. “We have already taken strict action against illegal structures built by several MIM MLAs, MLCs, and corporators. Properties worth ₹1,000 crore have been seized from Majlis leaders, and we even recovered encroached land in Chandrayangutta,” Ranganath added.

But this justification hasn't gone down



well with a large section of the public. **Netizens Unconvinced by “Humanitarian” Reason**

Many social media users, activists, and citizens called out the apparent double standards, questioning why the poor and middle-class families' homes are being demolished without such “humanitarian” exceptions.

“It's hard to believe the same HYDRAA is razing huts and small homes of daily wage workers in other lake FTLs with police force, but here they're justifying inaction because it's a college built by a political heavyweight,” one user commented.

Some even referenced recent High Court orders that pulled up the authorities for demolishing homes without adequate notice. “If rule of law is supreme, then

why spare an illegal structure just because it has a noble cause attached?” questioned another.

A few said that even people who supported Hydra's strict action on encroachments are now rethinking their stance after this selective leniency. “This sends a dangerous message: If you are politically powerful and build for a ‘noble cause’, encroachment becomes acceptable,” said a netizen.

Wrong Signal or Necessary Exception?

While some acknowledge that educational access for underprivileged girls is important, they argue that legal violations can't be overlooked, especially in ecologically sensitive zones like lake beds. “It's a dangerous precedent. Tomorrow anyone can build illegally and claim they're doing social service,” said an urban planner.

Authorities Face Trust Deficit

The growing sentiment on social media reflects a trust deficit in the enforcement mechanism. Citizens are asking for a uniform and transparent approach to demolitions and encroachment clearances — irrespective of religion, caste, political affiliation, or institution type. As AV Ranganath continues to justify the decision on humanitarian grounds, pressure mounts on HYDRAA and city officials to clarify their long-term strategy for handling structures in FTL zones, especially when political and religious sensitivities are involved.

Officials Suspect Missing 8 Turned to Ashes in Pashamilaram Blast

Families advised to perform last rites...



TPN Correspondent | Sangaredy

Officials have stated that the eight individuals who remained missing after the deadly explosion at the Sigachi industry in Pashamilaram are now believed to have perished in the fire, with their bodies likely reduced to ashes due to the intensity of the blast.

The missing individuals—Rahul, Shivaji, Venkatesh, Vijay, Akhilesh, Justin, Irfan, and Ravi—could not be traced despite thor-

ough searches. Authorities have informed the families that it is unlikely any remains will be recovered and have advised them to perform last rites.

With this, the official death toll from the industrial tragedy stands at 44, marking one of the gravest industrial disasters in Telangana. Rescue teams, forensic experts, and local authorities have continued efforts to recover evidence and establish the exact cause of the explosion, while grieving families await closure.

New Look for the Old Kotwal Office

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Hyderabad: The iconic Purani Haveli, which once served as the administrative heartbeat of Hyderabad, has received a remarkable facelift, thanks to the determined efforts of City Police Commissioner C.V. Anand. A structure steeped in over 150 years of legacy, the old Police Commissioner's Office—fondly called the Kotwal Office—has been restored and reopened, preserving an essential piece of the city's policing history.

Originally built during the era of the Nawabs, the building functioned as the main administrative office for the Hyderabad state. Over time, it became known as the Kotwal Office, later serv-

ing as the headquarters for the city police. From Purani Haveli to Basheer Bagh and finally to the Banjara Hills Integrated Command and Control Center, the evolution of the Commissioner's offices tells the story of the city's administrative journey.

However, the heritage building at Purani Haveli had fallen into severe neglect. In 2020, the roof of the building collapsed, rendering it unusable. But Commissioner C.V. Anand, committed to preserving the city's architectural and historical legacy, stepped in to restore it. The renovation project was launched in December 2022 with the financial support of Greenco CMD Anil, but progress halted after Anand's

transfer in October 2023.

The project gained new momentum after his reappointment as Commissioner in September 2024. Under the expert supervision of Mir Khan, head of the Deccan Terrain Agency, the restoration was carried out with high-quality standards. From structural reinforcements to aesthetic enhancements, the building now stands as a beautiful fusion of heritage and functionality.

The building today houses the South Zone DCP Office, Task Force, and Special Branch units. Commissioner Anand, during his visit to the old city, expressed pride in reopening the restored structure, describing it as a respectful tribute to the city's roots. “This



is more than an office; it's a symbol of our cultural and administrative continuity,” he remarked.

Local residents of the old city also welcomed the restoration efforts with joy. “This is not just about the police; this

is about Hyderabad's soul,” said one resident, praising Anand's dedication. Many see the revival of the Kotwal Office not only as a nod to the Nizam's legacy but also as an acknowledgment of the old city's identity and pride.

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Kukatpally and Balanagar ACP limits. A search is underway to nab those who went absconding after the incident came to light. Police also collected samples from the affected toddy units for forensic testing.

Criticism of Excise, Police Departments

Political parties like BJP and BRS have severely criticized the lack of surveillance. They questioned why local toddy shops, known for operating under unsafe and suspicious conditions, weren't monitored regularly. “The police and excise officials are busy showing statistics on drug

seizures, but ignore what's happening in their backyard,” said a local BJP leader.

All victims were reportedly daily wage laborers, whose families now face a grim future. Activists and political leaders are demanding not only compensation but immediate action against negligent officials, and a state-level crackdown on adulteration.

The incident has once again brought to light the dangerous consequences of unregulated alcohol trade and the urgent need for stronger enforcement and accountability.

Telangana to Get Adequate Fertilizer Supply for Kharif Season

farmers during the ongoing sowing season. Following the meeting, Minister Nadda issued directions to fertilizer department officials to prioritize Telangana's needs, ensuring smooth and adequate distribution across all districts.

The Union Minister also cautioned against misuse or diversion of urea, stressing the need for the state to ensure that fertilizers are used strictly for agricultural purposes. He instructed Telangana officials to maintain proper supply channels to prevent imbalances across districts.

However, Minister Nadda also expressed concern over the rising consumption of urea in Telangana. He pointed out that urea usage during the 2024–25 Yasangi season increased by 21% compared to the

previous Yasangi season (2023–24). Highlighting this trend, he said that the central government is taking steps to promote sustainable farming practices.

To encourage reduced dependency on chemical fertilizers, the Union Minister cited the ‘Pranam’ scheme, which provides incentives to state governments that actively promote organic and natural farming. Telangana, he said, can benefit from these initiatives by encouraging balanced fertilizer use and transitioning gradually to eco-friendly agricultural methods.

With this assurance from the Centre, Telangana is expected to overcome the fertilizer concerns ahead of the peak sowing months, ensuring that farmers receive timely inputs without disruption.

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Penna rivers to benefit Rayalaseema. In doing so, he not only advised Jagan but also cooperated with the AP government in tenders and Joint Implementation issues,” Revanth said. He emphasized that Tungabhadra and Krishna waters first enter Telangana through the Jurala project in Gadwal, and if the previous government had prioritized lifting water there, it could have served projects like Palamuru-Ranga Reddy and Nalgonda. “Instead, by allowing Andhra Pradesh to lift water further downstream, Telangana's farmers have paid the price,” he stated.

Revanth further criticized the BRS government's inability to secure Telangana's fair share of water and electricity. “If our rightful share in Krishna basin projects had been claimed, Hyderabad's drinking water issues would be less severe today, and we wouldn't have to bear the current power burden either,” he noted. He went on to ask: “Who gave KCR the authority to sign off on decisions that have become a death

sentence for Telangana's people?”

Uttam Reddy: Telangana Betrayed Over a Decade

Supporting the Chief Minister's remarks, Irrigation Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy alleged that Telangana was deliberately wronged over the past ten years and that a calculated conspiracy had unfolded to benefit Andhra Pradesh at Telangana's expense. He pointed to the previous government's failure to complete key projects initiated before bifurcation.

“If projects like SLBC, Kalwakurthy, and Nettempadu—launched in united Andhra Pradesh—had been completed, Telangana would have secured a much larger share of Krishna waters,” he said.

Uttam also highlighted a controversial 2016 communication to the Apex Council, where the BRS government reportedly agreed to a division of Krishna water—512 TMC to AP and only 299 TMC to Telangana. He described this as a shocking betrayal

of Telangana's rights.

The minister further criticized the BRS leadership for failing to resist Andhra Pradesh's aggressive push to expand the Pothireddypadu head regulator and commence the Rayalaseema Lift Irrigation Scheme. “The Apex Council meetings were intentionally delayed, allowing AP to proceed with tenders. Telangana's silence enabled AP's gain,” Uttam asserted.

He warned that if the Rayalaseema Lift Scheme is completed, the Nagarjunasagar ayacut could face desertification. “Had the Palamuru-Ranga Reddy Lift Irrigation Project been completed before 2019, Telangana would be in a much stronger position today,” he said.

Revanth and Uttam made it clear that the current Congress government will fight to restore Telangana's rights, taking both legal and administrative steps to undo the damage caused by what they described as the KCR–Jagan political alliance.

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allegedly pressured SRH management during the IPL 2024 season over ticket distribution issues. Acting on the recommendations of this report, the CID registered a case and proceeded with the arrests.

The controversy dates back to the last IPL season when HCA officials allegedly locked the corporate box allotted to SRH at the Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium in Uppal, citing ticket allocation disagreements. The action provoked strong backlash from the franchise,

with the SRH management reportedly threatening to shift the team out of Hyderabad due to repeated interference and hostile treatment from the HCA.

Following this episode, serious allegations were levelled against Jaganmohan Rao, prompting a full-fledged vigilance probe. With the confirmation of pressure tactics used against SRH, the CID initiated legal action.

The case has brought fresh scrutiny on the functioning of the HCA,

already marred by administrative rifts and controversies in recent years. The incident also highlights the widening gap between franchise teams and local cricket associations, particularly around revenue-sharing and governance issues during high-profile events like the IPL.

Further investigation is underway, and sources indicate more arrests or summons could follow depending on the evidence collected.

Massive Additions to BJP from KCR's Stronghold

Over 200 leaders from BRS and Congress join BJP in Gajwel
BJP Telangana chief Ramchander Rao welcomes new members

TPN Correspondent | Medak
In a significant political shift from what was once a stronghold of former Chief Minister K. Chandrababhan Rao, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has welcomed more than 200 leaders and key representatives from the BRS and Congress parties in the Gajwel Assembly segment under the Medak Parliamentary constituency. The joining program was held under the leadership of Medak MP Raghunandan Rao, in the presence of BJP Telangana State President N. Ramchander Rao, who welcomed the new members by ceremonially draping them with party scarves. Among the prominent individuals

who joined the BJP are former Gajwel Municipal Chairman Bhaskar, former councilors Subhash Chandra Bose, Ramachandrar, G. Narasimhulu, and several community leaders such as Padmasali Sangam President Arepu Balachandran, Congress IT Cell President Balaram, Vishwakarma Sangam President Murali, and Munnurukapu Samaj President Aila Krishna. Speaking to the media, BJP State President Ramchander Rao hailed the event as a significant milestone. He stated, "This is the first joining program since I assumed office, and it is happening in Gajwel — a symbolic location once represented by Indira Gandhi

and ruled by KCR. The people's growing support for BJP is evident from today's massive turnout." He said that both BRS and Congress have failed to retain public trust, and that people are now looking towards the BJP as a credible political alternative in Telangana. He appealed to youth and women to join the BJP in large numbers and emphasized that the party is open to welcoming capable leaders from all corners. Ramchander Rao also raised several concerns regarding governance in the state. He highlighted that old age, widow, and disability pensions have not been released for the past 18 months. "Many differ-



ently-abled citizens came to our office yesterday in tears. This negligence by the Congress government is unacceptable," he said, announcing that he would write an open letter to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy demanding the immediate release of pending pensions. He also criticized the Congress government's selective release of Rythu Bharosa funds, call-

ing it an election gimmick aimed at the upcoming local body polls. The BJP leader strongly condemned the recent attack on the EO of the Bhadrachalam temple and alleged attempts to encroach temple lands across various districts including Khammam and Tirumala. He accused people from other regions of trying to build church-

es and mosques on temple land and said the state government has failed to protect Hindu temple properties. "We will launch a statewide movement to safeguard temple lands and demand immediate action from the government against those responsible for the attacks and encroachments," he added.

CFOs Are Strategic Navigators of Growth: Deputy CM Bhatti

Finance, Industry, and Social Justice Must Move Forward Together

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu addressed the Chief Financial Officers (CFO) Conclave organized by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in Hyderabad, highlighting Telangana's transformation into a hub of urban growth, industrial progress, and inclusive governance. The event was held at a private hotel in Somajiguda on Wednesday. Calling Telangana a "paradise for investments", Bhatti said the state is rapidly emerging as a vibrant, modern urban center with strong infrastructure and a progressive policy framework. "Hyderabad has become a magnet for global investors. Now, with Hyderabad, Secunderabad, Cyberabad, and soon the 'Future City', we are building the next big investment destination," he stated. The Deputy CM emphasized that Telangana provides uninterrupted 24-hour power, skilled labor at lower costs, a

pollution-free environment, and progressive governance—factors that have made the state an ideal place for businesses. **Infrastructure & Industrial Growth** He praised the Outer Ring Road's success and announced that the upcoming Regional Ring Road is being developed as a prestigious infrastructure initiative under Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's leadership. This project will facilitate growth in pharma, IT, housing, handlooms, and agriculture clusters across the state. He also pointed to the Musi River Rejuvenation Project, inspired by the Thames in London, as a transformative step for Hyderabad's urban landscape. **Role of CFOs and Industry** Calling CFOs the "navigators of corporate direction," Bhatti said that modern finance is no longer just about number-crunching. "You must embrace AI, analytics, and automation not just for effi-



ciency, but to drive long-term strategy," he said, urging CFOs to become skilled risk managers and technology leaders. He asserted that government and industry are one family, and that the Cabinet is always open to the suggestions of the business community. "The Telangana government treats industrialists as its own. Let us work together for a stronger, more inclusive state," he said. He encouraged the use of CSR funds beyond schools and

urged companies to support women empowerment and farmer welfare. **Inclusive Development** Stressing the need for equitable growth, Bhatti outlined key welfare initiatives: • 100 Young India Integrated Residential Schools being built on 25 acres each, with ₹200 crore per school, to offer global-standard education to all. • Ambedkar Knowledge Centres launched as digital and skill hubs for unemployed youth. • ₹21,000 crore farm loan waiver already disbursed, benefitting two lakh farmers within three months of governance. • ₹21,500 crore in interest-free loans given to women self-help groups in the first year, part of a ₹20,000 crore annual commitment to make one crore women millionaires. He emphasized that social justice and economic growth are twin wheels of the same chariot, and both must move forward together.

MLA Veeresham Responds Swiftly... Launches Road Repair Work in Narketpally



TPN Correspondent | Nalgonda
Demonstrating a commitment to public service, Nakirekal MLA Sri Vemula Veeresham personally launched the repair works of the damaged road between Narketpally and Ammanabol. The initiative came in direct response to public requests made during the MLA program held at the Narketpally Mandal Parishad office. Locals had appealed for urgent repairs to the road, which had been in poor condition and causing inconvenience to daily commuters. Taking im-

mediate action, the MLA ensured that the roadwork began without delay, reflecting his hands-on approach to governance and responsiveness to citizen concerns. Speaking to the media, residents expressed gratitude for the prompt response and appreciated MLA Veeresham for being accessible and proactive in addressing public needs. The move has drawn praise from all quarters, with many hailing it as a positive example of grassroots leadership in action.

Massive BRS Shift to Congress in Thimmapur Mandal

Congress to give priority and positions to new entrants: MLA Kavvampally

TPN Correspondent | Karimnagar
In a significant political development, a large number of former BRS leaders and activists from Parlapalli and Mannempalli villages in Thimmapur Mandal formally joined the Congress party on Wednesday. The joining ceremony was held at MLA Camp Office in LMD Colony, where Manakondur MLA and District Congress Committee President Dr. Kavvampally Satyanarayana welcomed them into the party by covering their shoulders with Congress scarves. Among those who joined were former Thimmapur Mandal Parishad President Karivedha Singa Reddy, former Neeti Sangam President Karivedha Sudhakar Reddy, former Mannempalli Sarpanch Medi Anjaiah, and various leaders from caste-based organizations and local committees. Addressing the gathering, MLA Dr. Kavvampally stated that the Congress party is open to anyone who appreciates the governance of the Revanth



Reddy-led government and is willing to work for the people. "The dictatorial rule under KCR caused immense suffering over ten years. That chapter has closed, and now Telangana is witnessing a true people's government," he said. He emphasized that those who join the party will be given recognition and appropriate roles based on their commitment and contribution. "Congress is working for public welfare and

development, and many are now turning toward our policies and ideology," he added. Prominent community leaders who joined included Rajaka Sangam's former president Gudepu Mondayah, Mala Sangam's Bhullu Ramesh, and dozens of other BRS-affiliated leaders, including P. Basavaiah, Gudepu Shankar, Yeleti Ravi, Kasarla Raju, MD Khalil, and Gunti Rajasekhar.

Why Not Take Entire Party to Delhi? Asks BC JAC Convener

Calls for 42% Reservation Bill to Be Added to 9th Schedule



TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
Balraj Goud, the convener of the BC caste associations' Joint Action Committee (JAC), has questioned the Telangana government's sincerity over its commitment to Backward Classes (BCs). Speaking at a meeting held in Chikkadapalli, Hyderabad, he alleged that the state government is planning to announce a Government Order (GO) on 42% reservations in the upcoming cabinet meet-

ing as a mere eyewash. "If the government is truly committed to the BCs, why is it not taking the entire party to Delhi to pursue this issue?" he asked. Balraj Goud emphasized that the promise of 42% reservation for BCs in local body elections must be given legal backing. He said that only through the inclusion of this reservation bill in the 9th Schedule of the Constitution can its implementation be secured.

He demanded that the state government put pressure on the central government to make this a reality. Otherwise, he urged all BC public representatives in the Congress party to resign and come out in protest. "The government should stop playing political games and act with sincerity toward the welfare of BCs," he stated, reiterating the JAC's stance that legal reinforcement is the only way to ensure lasting justice for the backward classes.

96 AMVIs Complete Training at Telangana Police Academy

Minister Ponnam Calls on Officers to Lead with Responsibility



TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
The passing out parade of 96 Assistant Motor Vehicle Inspectors (AMVIs), trained at the Raj Bahadur Venkata Ramireddy Telangana Police Academy, was held with grandeur today. Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnam Prabhakar attended as the chief guest and received the ceremonial salute from the trainees. Congratulating the AMVIs on completing four months of rigorous training, Minister Ponnam said, “Today, you stand in a position of pride and respect in society. You’ve made your parents proud.” He emphasized

that the AMVIs will play a vital role in road safety and enforcement and called upon them to create awareness about traffic laws and strictly act against violations. Minister Ponnam highlighted that the Telangana Transport Department has been gaining national recognition under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. “With reforms like AI integration and vehicle fitness systems, we are transforming the department. Cashless treatment for road accident victims has been introduced nationwide,” he added. The 96 AMVIs received com-

prehensive training in legal aspects including the Motor Vehicles Act, Telangana Motor Vehicles Tax Act, and relevant rules. They also underwent sessions on road safety, technical analysis of accidents, communication, stress management, physical fitness, and weapons handling. Evaluation tests were conducted at the end of the program to assess their readiness for field duty. Further two-month training will include advanced modules on new vehicle technologies, administrative practices, and field visits. The Minister also stated that those already in service — over 300 staff —



would also undergo similar training to align with new standards. Among the trained officers were individuals with experience in the Railways, Police, and other departments. “You must now become role models in the transport sector and work in coordination with district authorities,” the Minister

said, urging the officers to uphold discipline and bring honor to their communities. The event was attended by Special Chief Secretary Vikas Raj, Police Academy Director Abhilasha Bisht, Transport Commissioner Surendra Mohan, Joint Transport Commissioners, Transport Department officials, and police personnel.

Hydra Commissioner Inspects Bairamalguda Tank Encroachments

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) Commissioner Ranganathan visited the Bairamalguda tank in LB Nagar constituency on Tuesday following allegations of encroachments around the lake. His inspection came after State Road Development Corporation Chairman Malreddy Ramreddy raised the issue of illegal occupations and land misuse around the historic tank. Commissioner Ranganathan, accompanied by a team of officials, conducted a field-level inspection of the tank and surrounding areas. He assured that encroachments and unauthorized constructions would be removed at the earliest. He stated that coordinated efforts involving multiple departments would be taken to clear the occupied lands and restore the tank’s original boundaries. The Commissioner also promised to revisit the LB Nagar constituency to inspect all lakes in the area and take necessary action for their protection and conservation.



Speaking to the media, Malreddy Ramreddy accused local MLA Sudheer Reddy and his followers of grabbing several lakes in LB Nagar, including Bairamalguda and Chapala tanks, and selling the occupied lands as real estate plots. He pointed out that these actions have led to serious flooding issues in surrounding residential areas. “Due to the illegal occupation of Bairamalguda lake, floodwater from more than 150 colonies, including Hastinapura Division and Reddy Colony, is now entering homes,” Malreddy alleged. He recalled that Revanth Reddy, during his tenure as Malkajgiri MP and TPCC president, had

strongly objected to the lake encroachments and supported efforts to restore water bodies. Malreddy urged the government and municipal authorities to take immediate steps to protect the remaining lakes in the constituency. He demanded strict action against those involved in the illegal land grabs and emphasized the urgent need for lake conservation to prevent further environmental and civic hazards. Gaddi Annaram Market Committee Director Panyala Jaipal Reddy also participated in the inspection and extended support to the campaign to safeguard lakes in the region.

Eagle Team Busts Drug Racket Operating From Restaurant

Doctor Among 23 High-Profile Clients; Drug Parties Held in City Pubs

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
The Eagle team has busted yet another major drug racket in Medchal district, uncovering a network involving doctors, businessmen, and pub owners. The operation was centered around the Malnadu restaurant in Kompally, owned by Surya, who is believed to have led the drug distribution. According to police, Surya supplied drugs to Dr. Prasanna, a cardiologist from Bhimavaram working in a leading hospital, who had purchased drugs over 20 times. The transactions were facilitated through Surya’s associate, Harsha. Further investigation revealed that Surya had supplied drugs to at least 23 businessmen and organized exclusive drug parties at



prominent pubs. Police have registered cases against the owners of Prism Pub, Farm Pub, Bird Box Pub, Block 22 Pub, Walk Kora Pub, and Broadway Pub. Specific individuals named in the case include Quack Raja Shekhara, Walk Kora Pub’s Prudhvi Veeramachineni, and Broad-

way owner Rohit Madishetti. Surya admitted to organizing parties with these pub owners and also hosting private parties at a resort in Mulugu. In a shocking detail, authorities found that the drugs were being smuggled from Delhi in women’s slippers and heels. Two Nigerian nationals from Delhi, Nikki and Jerry, reportedly packed and sent the drugs in this manner to Surya. Based on a tip-off about drug activity in Kompally, the Eagle team conducted a raid leading to the arrest of Surya and Harsha. Investigations are ongoing to trace the full network, and more arrests are likely in the coming days.

Workers Take to Streets in Hyd Against Labour Codes

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A massive rally was held in Hyderabad on Wednesday, July 9, as part of the nationwide general strike called by central and sectoral trade unions protesting against the Centre’s new labour codes and privatisation policies. The rally began at Sundarayya Vignana Kendram in Baghlingampalli and concluded at Indira Park, drawing the participation of thousands of workers from diverse sectors. Trade unions accused the Modi-led Union Government of diluting workers’ rights and weakening job security, especially for those in the informal and contract sectors. Across India, over 25 crore workers reportedly took part in the protest. In Hyderabad, demonstrations were also held in multiple locations, including Vidhut Soudha, Mint Compound, Cyber City, Rajendranagar, Secunderabad, Medchal, Banjara



Hills, Erragadda, and Saroor-nagar. Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) workers were active in Mandamarri, Srirampur, and Ramakrishnapur areas of the Bellampalli region in Mancherial district. The Telangana Power Employees Joint Action Committee (TPE-JAC) also observed a work boycott, resulting in a shutdown of electricity generating stations across the state. The Telangana Gig and Platform Workers Union (TGP-WU) staged a flash strike that included participation from nearly 40,000 cab drivers, auto drivers, and delivery personnel across Telangana. Anganwadi and ASHA workers, GHMC sweepers, sani-

tation staff, hamalis, labour adda coolies, postal department employees, and various scheme workers were also part of the demonstration. Farmers’ organisations, unions affiliated with political parties, and associations representing government departments participated as well. A representative from the All India Postal and RMS Pensioners Association criticized the new labour codes, stating that they aim to enforce a 12-hour workday, which would lead to greater exploitation of workers while benefiting large corporate houses. The rally concluded peacefully but sent a strong message of unified resistance against policies perceived as anti-labour.

Vanamahotsavam Held at Nagarjuna Nagar Park

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The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) conducted a Vanamahotsavam program at Nagarjuna Nagar Park in Secunderabad Zone as part of its ongoing efforts to promote environmental awareness and greenery in the city. GHMC Deputy Mayor Smt. Mothe Srilatha Shobhan Reddy and TTUC State President Shri Mothe Shobhan Reddy graced the occasion as chief guests. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from Nagarjuna Nagar Committee members, local residents, women’s groups, students, and GHMC officials. Addressing the gathering, Deputy Mayor Srilatha Shobhan Reddy emphasized the importance of environmental protection.



tion. “Environmental conservation is the responsibility of all of us. Planting trees is a good start, but the real benefit comes only by taking care of them. Everyone should come forward to increase greenery in the city surroundings,” she urged. TTUC State President Mothe Shobhan Reddy praised the Congress government for its commitment to future generations through green initiatives. “Small actions lead to big

changes. If a tree is planted in front of every house, it is like giving breath to the society of tomorrow,” he remarked. The event concluded with tree plantation by several local dignitaries and community members, symbolizing their collective commitment toward protecting the environment. GHMC officials were lauded for the effective coordination and arrangements that ensured the success of the Vanamahotsavam program.

Commissioner Karnan Orders Completion of Padmarao Nagar Drain Works

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GHMC Commissioner R V Karnan on Tuesday inspected the stormwater drain development works from Nagamayya Kunta to Padmarao Nagar under the Musheerabad Circle. The final stretch of the drain,

previously undertaken by the Strategic Nala Development (SND), remained incomplete due to various issues. During the inspection, Commissioner Karnan directed engineering officials to take immediate steps to complete the remaining works.

He instructed the department to send proposals for the required funds to finish the pending development. Emphasizing safety, Karnan also directed officials to take adequate precautions around the open drain, especially during floods, to prevent any accidents.

The Commissioner ordered the construction of slab covers and boundary walls along the open drain to ensure public safety. He warned that if any mishaps occur due to negligence—such as failure to install warning signs during rains or road repair

work—disciplinary action would be taken against the responsible engineers. The inspection was also attended by Zonal Commissioner Ravi Kiran, Deputy Commissioner Rama Suja Reddy, and engineering officials from the zonal and circle levels.



Bandi Sanjay Distributes 20,000 Bicycles to Students in Karimnagar

Promises ‘Modi Kits’ soon...

TPN | Srikanth Gurram
Karimnagar: In a grand event held at Ambedkar Stadium in Karimnagar, Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar launched the distribution of 20,000 bicycles to government school students, particularly those studying in Class 10. The program, held amid cheers and chants of “Jai Bandi Sanjayanna” by students, marks a major initiative aimed at supporting the educational journey of economically backward students. Bandi Sanjay, who personally procured the bicycles with the support of corporate sponsors under CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) funds, said the inspiration behind this program was Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s commitment to education. “These bicycles are a gift

from Modi ji. Soon, we will also provide ‘Modi Kits’ to all government school students. No matter how many students are there—thousands or lakhs—I will ensure each one gets a kit,” he announced. He revealed that the idea to distribute bicycles was proposed by District Collector Pamela Satpati under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao initiative. The first phase of distribution began with Karimnagar town and will cover all schools in the Karimnagar Parliamentary constituency within a month. Speaking emotionally to the students, Bandi Sanjay shared his personal struggles growing up in poverty. “Like many of you, I grew up with very little. My parents worked hard to feed and educate me. I’ve seen



hunger and hardship. That’s why I understand your pain,” he said. Encouraging the students to pursue education seriously, he added, “Study with your head down now, so you can walk with your head held

high later.” He emphasized the role of students in his electoral success, saying, “Children are the main reason for my victory. I believe 50 percent of my votes came from children who convinced their families to vote for the lotus symbol. I can never forget that love. As long as I am an MP, I will continue this program every year.” Collector Pamela Satpati, who participated in the event, said that the bicycle is a symbol of self-confidence and mobility for students, particularly girls. MLC Malka Komaraiah, City Police Commissioner Ghaus Alam, and several other district officials and BJP leaders were present at the event. Komaraiah also echoed Sanjay’s sentiments, saying, “This program is an inspiration to public representatives across the country. Just like Modi and Bandi



Sanjay, many of us have risen from humble backgrounds. Sincerity in education is the key to success.” During the event, many students also wished Bandi Sanjay a happy birthday in advance, creating a festive atmosphere at the stadium. Some students rode their newly received bicycles from Ambedkar Stadium

to Pratima Junction, proudly chanting slogans in support of the Union Minister. Bandi Sanjay concluded with a heartfelt message: “These bicycles are not just for transport—they carry the dreams of your parents. Ride them with pride. I pray that your families live long, healthy lives and see your success.”

Non-Local Confusion EAPCET Sparks Student, Parent Anxiety

New GO alters local status rules

Students who studied in AP until 10th now marked non-local

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The local vs. non-local classification in the EAPCET engineering counseling process has triggered confusion and concern among thousands of students and parents in Telangana. The issue has especially affected students who studied Class 10 in Andhra Pradesh and completed Intermediate in Telangana, as they are now being marked under the non-local quota, making them ineligible for local quota seats in engineering colleges. The Telangana government recently issued a Government Order (GO) in May 2024, bringing significant changes to the local and non-local classification system for admissions into higher education courses, including professional degrees, undergraduate programs, and engineering. The GO aims to facilitate admissions for Andhra Pradesh students by allowing them access to all seats under the non-local quota in Telangana, up to the 2024–25 academic year. From 2025–26 onward, 15% of en-

gineering seats are to be allocated specifically for non-local candidates, including those from Andhra Pradesh. While this is part of the broader post-bifurcation educational cooperation, students and parents are now discovering that if a student has studied even one year outside Telangana during the crucial four-year period prior to admission, they are automatically categorized as non-local. Before bifurcation, students were classified based on university zones such as Osmania, Sri Venkateswara, and Andhra. But with ten years having passed since the formation of Telangana, the Osmania region quota has been scrapped, and a new unified reservation system has been put in place. Further complicating the matter, residential qualifications now extend to parents. If either parent lived in AP for at least 10 years, or is currently employed there, the student is eligible under the 15% non-local quota, but not under the Telangana

local category. This has caused distress for families where parents work in Andhra Pradesh but their children studied and lived entirely in Telangana after bifurcation. Several affected families are now scrambling to obtain residency certificates to qualify under the 15% quota, while others are left out of both local and non-local benefits due to technicalities. Parents have expressed deep concern, urging the Telangana government to review the implementation of the new policy and protect the interests of students who have grown up and studied in the state. “Our children have studied here, lived here, and yet are being told they are non-locals. This is unjust,” said a parent in Hyderabad. With the EAPCET counseling underway, affected students are calling for immediate clarity and intervention from education authorities to ensure that genuine Telangana students are not deprived of rightful opportunities due to bureaucratic classifications.

ATM Robbed Hours After Cordon Search

Thieves Use Gas Cutters to Rob HDFC ATM in Medchal

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In a daring heist that has shocked the police, unidentified thieves looted an HDFC Bank ATM within hours of a cordon and search operation conducted by the police in the same area. The incident took place in Markandeya Nagar under the Geddimetla police station limits of Medchal district. According to officials, four men on two-wheelers targeted two ATM machines late at night and used gas cutters to break open the cash boxes inside. The gang reportedly brought a gas cylinder with them and executed the theft with precision. Just four hours earlier, Balanagar ACP had led a cordon and search operation in the vicinity. Despite this, the robbers carried out the theft undeterred. The crime came to light when authorities in Mumbai alerted the local police at 3:20 a.m. Local police, including the Circle Inspec-



tor, reached the spot within five minutes to begin an investigation. DCP Suresh Kumar of Balanagar Zone inspected the crime scene and confirmed the involvement of four individuals. “The accused used gas cutters and looted the money from the machines. We are awaiting confirma-

tion from HDFC Bank on the exact amount stolen. Preliminary investigation has yielded some clues. We will arrest the culprits soon,” he stated. Police are reviewing CCTV footage and believe they have partially identified the suspects. A formal case has been registered, and further investigation is underway.

Workers Demand Rollback of Labor Codes in Shahpur Nagar Strike



TPN Correspondent | Medchal
A large-scale workers’ strike was organized in Shahpur Nagar on Wednesday as part of a nationwide protest against what trade unions have termed anti-labor and anti-farmer policies of the Narendra Modi-led central government. The bandh, held in the Jeedimetla Industrial Corridor, was jointly organized by AITUC, CITU, and TUCI. Speaking at the protest, chief guest MD Yusuf lashed out at the BJP government for abolishing 44 labor laws and attempting to replace 29 of them with four controversial labor codes. “These new codes are aimed at suppressing trade unions and making workers subservient to employers,” he said.

Yusuf also criticized the replacement of the old pension system with a unified pension system, calling it even worse than the previously introduced new pension scheme. “This unified pension system is a tactic to weaken the struggles of employed workers across the country,” he added. He accused the government of ignoring the unemployment crisis while pushing schemes that hurt workers’ rights. “Fixing the national minimum wage at ₹178 per day and claiming one can survive on ₹4,628 per month is an insult to the working class,” he said, demanding that the minimum wage be raised to ₹26,000 per month, the PF pension increased to ₹9,000, and the

minimum pension under government schemes set at ₹6,000. Protesters demanded immediate scrapping of the new and unified pension systems and the full reinstatement of the old pension scheme. A massive rally was held by the workers, displaying unity and outrage over the central government’s policies. CPI District Secretary Uma Mahesh, CITU District President Ashok, AITUC District President K. Swamy, CITU Mandal Secretary K. Laxman, TUCI leader Eshwar, and AITUC leader Narasimha Reddy, along with thousands of trade union activists, participated in the rally. The leaders declared that the struggle would continue until all four labor codes are completely repealed.

Vanamahotsavam Held at Forest Corporation Office in Kothagudem

Congress Leaders and Officials Join in for Plantation Drive

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Bhadradri Kothagudem: A grand Vanamahotsavam program was organized today at the premises of the Telangana State Forest Development Corporation office in Kothagudem constituency, under the leadership of Sri Podem Veeraiah, Chairman of the Telangana State Economic Development Corporation and President of the Bhadradri Kothagudem District Congress Party. Sri Podem Veeraiah participated as the chief guest and took part in the sapling plantation program, emphasizing the importance of preserving green cover and promoting environmental sustainability. The event saw enthusiastic participation from a wide range of Congress Party wings, including members of the District SC, ST, OBC Cells, Mahila Congress, Yuva Jana Congress, PCC, and various affiliated associations. Mandal Congress Presidents and local activists also joined in large numbers, contributing to the success of the program. From the administration



side, officials from the District Forest Department, Kothagudem-Palvancha Divisional Managers, and senior staff of the Forest Development Corporation were present and actively participated

in the plantation activities. The program highlighted the Congress Party’s commitment to environmental protection and community participation in afforestation efforts across Telangana.

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,

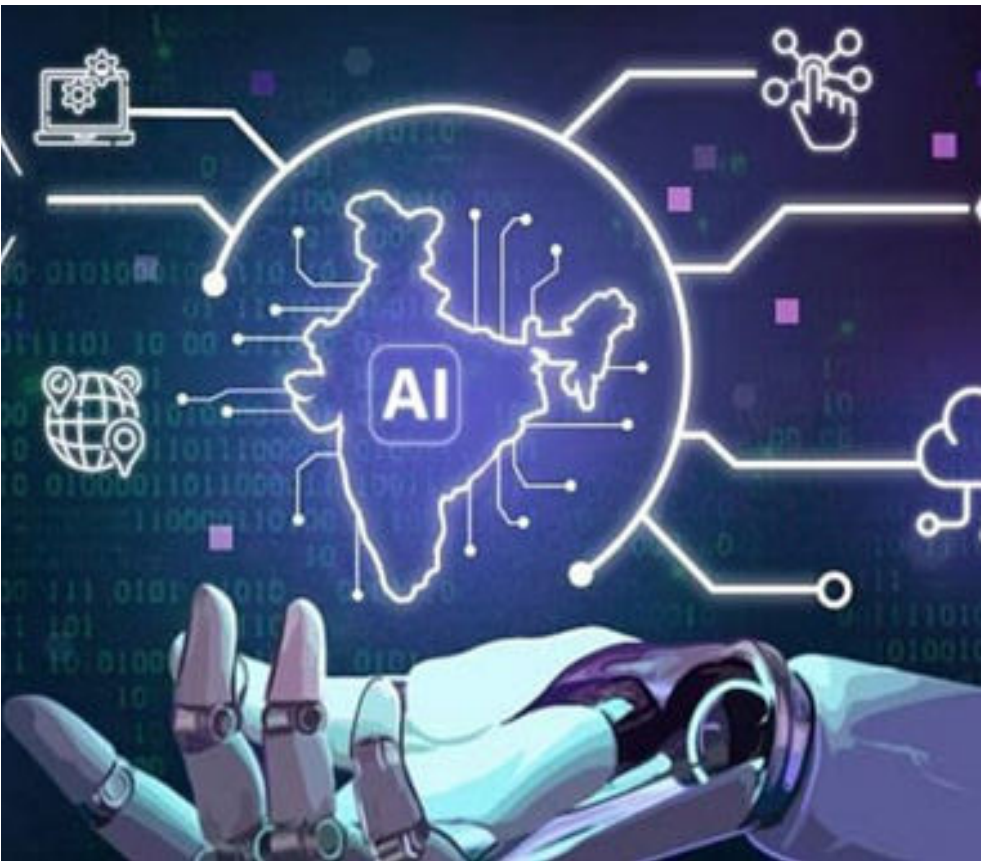
the first time an Indian team has crossed the 1000-run mark in a Test. Shubman Gill made history too, becoming the first Test player to score a double century and a century in the same match. Key players like Rishabh

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

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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

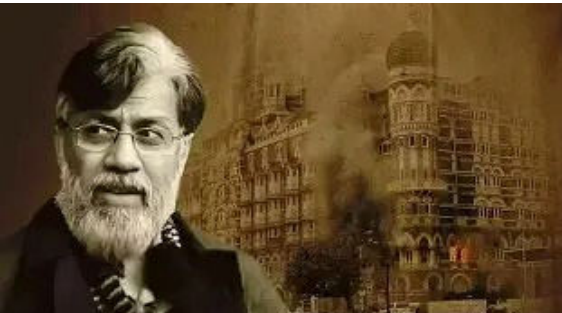
Gujarat’s Jamnagar, where one of the two pilots, Squadron Leader Siddharth Yadav, died while saving his co-pilot. Yadav ensured the safe ejection of the second pilot but could not exit the jet in time himself. The Jaguar, a twin-engine fighter-bomber developed in the 1960s, remains a crucial component 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

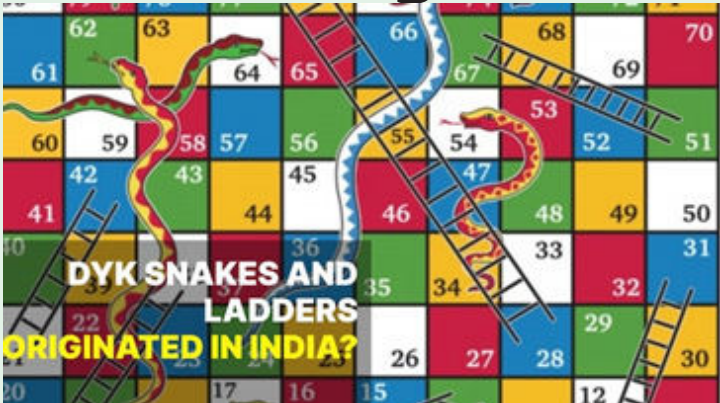


or LSD. This unconventional use of AI appears to be an extension of a broader trend: people turning to chatbots for emotional support and therapeutic conversations, often citing the high cost and limited availability of mental health services. However, using AI in such a vulnerable and altered state 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 Utam 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.



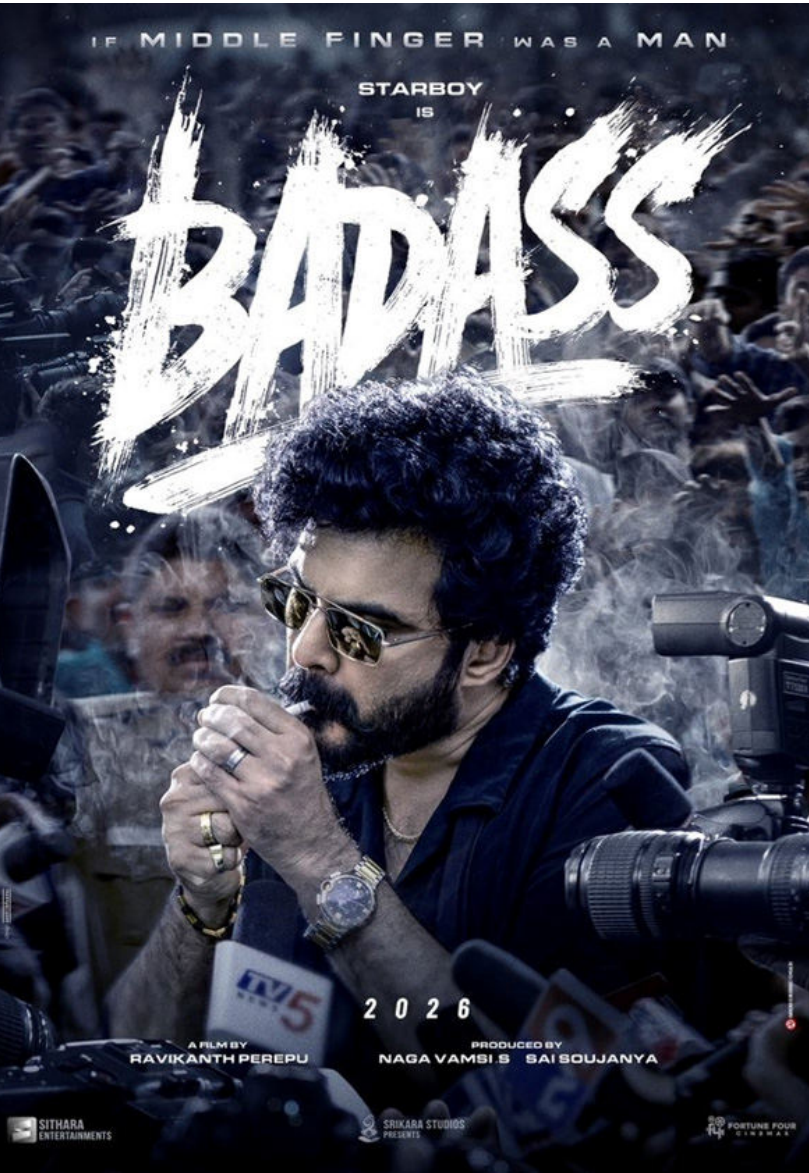
Siddhu’s Bold Transformation in ‘Badass’: First Look Promises Intense Drama

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 Nidhi 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.