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HYDERABAD

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Teenmar Mallanna Office Attacked, Gunfire Sparks Tension

Gunman fires as Telangana Jagruti activists storm Q News office

Telangana Jagruti activists attack Mallanna’s office over remarks on Kavitha

Several injured; police rush to control the situation



TPN | V. Krishna Kumar
Medipalli: A tense situation erupted in Medipalli on Saturday after a violent attack on the office of MLC Teenmar Mallanna, also known as Chintapandu Naveen. The incident occurred at the Q News office, where Telangana Jagruti activists, including women and leaders, launched a physical assault in response to a controversial video released by Mallanna targeting BRS MLC Kalvakuntla Kavitha. The video, which has gone viral, shows Mallanna questioning Kavitha’s support for the proposed BC reservations with comments that many deemed inappropriate. “What does this have to do with you?” he questioned, provoking outrage among Kavitha’s supporters. Following the uproar, a group of Telangana Jagruti activists stormed the Q News office, chanting slogans against Mallanna. They vandalized property, broke mir-

rors, and damaged furniture, while Q News staff tried in vain to stop the attack. Several individuals sustained injuries during the melee, and blood stains were reportedly seen across the office. As the situation escalated, Mallanna’s private gunmen responded to the chaos. One of them fired into the air to disperse the crowd, while another reportedly brandished a pistol to chase the attackers out of the premises. The sudden gunfire created panic in the area, heightening the already volatile environment. Following the attack, Teenmar Mallanna condemned the incident, calling it a “planned assault” orchestrated by BRS leaders and supporters of Kavitha. “This is an attempt to silence me. From the BRS government to now, there has been a conspiracy to eliminate me,” he alleged. He defended the gunman’s actions, stating they fired in self-defense to protect lives within the office. The Medipalli police arrived at the scene shortly after the incident and began an investigation. Meanwhile, Telangana Jagruti activists warned of further consequences if Mallanna continued making derogatory statements against Kavitha.

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Kota Srinivasa Rao Passes Away at 83

- A colossal loss to the Telugu film industry
- Veteran actor breathed his last at 4 AM on Sunday in Filmnagar
- Acted in over 750 films across multiple languages



TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

A wave of grief has swept through the Telugu film industry as legendary actor Kota Srinivasa Rao passed away in the early hours of Sunday. He was 83. Known for his unmatched dialogue delivery, versatile acting, and iconic roles, Kota breathed his last at 4 AM at his residence in Filmnagar, Hyderabad, after suffering from prolonged illness. He had been mentally disturbed since the loss of his son, which reportedly affected his health deeply. Born on July 10, 1942, in Kankipadu of Krishna district, Kota Srinivasa Rao started his cinematic journey with the film Pranam Khareedhu in 1978. Before entering films, he was a stage actor with 20 years of theatre experience and had worked in a bank. Over the next four decades, Kota became a household name, winning hearts with his natural performances—be it as a villain, a comedian, or in emotionally intense roles. Kota acted in more than 750

films in Telugu, Tamil, Kannada, Malayalam, and Hindi. His contribution to Indian cinema was recognised with several honours, including nine Nandi Awards, a SIIMA Award for Krishnam Vande Jagadgurum, and the prestigious Padma Shri in 2015. His performances alongside Babu Mohan in nearly 60 films remain a treasured memory for Telugu audiences. Apart from his film career, Kota also had a stint in politics. He served as the MLA of Vijayawada East from 1999 to 2004. Known for his articulate speech and strong opinions, Kota was respected both on-screen and off. The film fraternity and his admirers are in deep mourning as they come to terms with the demise of an actor who redefined performance in Telugu cinema. Kota is survived by two daughters and a son. His absence leaves a void that will be hard to fill in the hearts of movie lovers across the country.

Another Fire in Patancheru Industrial Estate

Major fire at Enviro Waste Management Services Pvt. Ltd.

Second fire in Pashamilaram in recent days

Allegations of poor safety enforcement in industrial zones

Repeated incidents spark criticism over official negligence



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Sangareddy: A fresh fire accident has been reported at Enviro Waste Management Services Private Limited in Pashamilaram Industrial Estate, Patancheru, Sangareddy district—just days after a previous fire rocked the same industrial zone. The recurrence of such incidents is raising serious questions over the enforcement of industrial safety norms and the accountability of concerned authorities. Thick plumes of smoke enveloped the area as a massive



blaze broke out at the facility. Alerted by locals, fire brigade teams rushed to the spot with multiple fire tenders and began efforts to contain the flames. As of now, the extent of damage and the cause of the fire are yet to be officially confirmed. This marks the second time that a fire has occurred at this particular industry, raising widespread public concern. Locals allege that repeated incidents within such a short span point to a deep-rooted failure

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Is It Becoming Difficult to Find Safe Toddy in Telangana?



- Calls grow louder for a ban amid chemical adulteration concerns
- Adulterated toddy linked to 9 deaths in Hyderabad
- Raids on toddy compounds intensify across Telangana
- State under pressure as public demands a total ban

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Special Desk: Today — once a proud symbol of Telangana’s cultural identity — is now at the center of a growing public health and political storm. Once regarded as a traditional drink tied deeply to the rural lifestyle and heritage of the region, toddy is now increasingly associated with danger, following a spate of deaths caused by its alleged adulteration. The recent tragedy in Kukatpally, Hyderabad, where 9 people lost their lives and over 50 others were hospitalized after consuming adulterated toddy, has jolted the state. What

was once seen as a harmless, naturally fermented drink has now become a potential poison — allegedly laced with harmful chemicals by unscrupulous vendors to increase potency and profits. In response, the Telangana Excise Department has launched a statewide crackdown. Raids are being carried out across GHMC limits and beyond, targeting toddy compounds that are suspected of selling spurious or unauthorized toddy. Already, cases have been filed against three compounds in Hyderabad, and one unauthorized toddy facility in Musheerabad has been sealed. Despite these enforcement actions, anger is growing among the public. Social activists, health groups, and even cultural associations are now demanding a complete ban on toddy. They argue that while toddy is a part of Telangana’s tradition, its modern-day version is far from pure and has become a threat to life.

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BC Quota in 48 Hours If Rahul Were PM: Revanth Reddy

- **CM slams BJP, vows legal, political fight for 42% reservation**
- **Asks Centre to include 42% BC quota in the 9th Schedule**
- **Warns of legal action, social boycott against quota opponents**

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy launched a scathing attack on the BJP-led central government during a meeting with BC leaders on Sunday, asserting that if Congress leader Rahul Gandhi were the Prime Minister, the 42% reservation for Backward Classes (BCs) would have been achieved in just 48 hours. The Chief Minister reiterated his unwavering commitment to BC welfare and warned that any attempts to block the new quota system would face stiff resistance both legally and socially. Revanth accused Union Ministers from Telangana, including G Kishan Reddy and Bandi Sanjay, as well as senior MPs Laxman and R Krishnaiah, of remaining silent on the issue of BC quota. “If you are sincere about BC empowerment, mount pressure on Modi to include the quota in the 9th Schedule,” he said. Revanth highlighted that Telangana is the first state to conduct a caste census and initiate 42% reservation for BCs in local body elections, something no BJP-ruled state has dared to do. He attributed the move to the Congress party’s long-standing commitment, particularly under the leadership of Rahul Gandhi and Mallikarjun Kharge, and recalled Rahul’s promise during the Bharat Jodo Yatra to conduct a caste census across India. The Chief Minister said Telangana’s caste census and reservation ordinance had not only made history but had also forced the BJP-led Centre to rethink its stand, citing the pressure created after a dharna at Jantar Mantar by Congress and 16 other parties. The CM revealed that the Centre had previously submitted an affidavit to the Supreme Court opposing caste census. Revanth slammed the former BRS government



for inserting a cap of 50% in the Panchayat Raj Act, 2018, which legally restricted BC quota expansion. He accused KCR of now instigating protests against the very quota he earlier helped restrict, and pointed fingers at BRS leaders like G Kamalakar, Srinivas Goud, and Srinivas Yadav for supporting the 50% limit. Revanth reiterated that the local body elections were postponed solely to provide 42% BC reservation, and that he is willing to convene cabinet meetings at midnight if needed to push the quota through. He also warned of legal retaliation, declaring the government’s readiness to hire top lawyers from Delhi to defend the ordinance and appealed to BC leaders and the public to socially boycott anyone who files cases against the reservation policy. Calling BC quota the central agenda for the 2029 elections, Revanth promised to conduct Power-Point briefings for Congress and INDIA bloc MPs to push for nationwide implementation. He said that the real success lies in implementing this model across the country and praised the scientific methods and digital safeguards used in Telangana’s caste census. “This is a historic moment,” Revanth declared. “Support me like a shield. Let us make BC reservation a national movement.”

Centre Launches ADEETIE Scheme for MSME Energy Efficiency

- **Panipat to host national roll-out on July 15**
- **ADEETIE to promote energy-efficient tech in MSMEs**
- **Scheme includes tech support, interest subvention, and policy push**
- **TS REDCO lauded for successful EE pilot in pharma clusters**

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
In a landmark step towards industrial energy transformation, the Union Ministry of Power, through the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), has announced the nationwide launch of the ADEETIE scheme—Assistance in Deploying Energy Efficient Technologies in Industries & Establishments—with a special focus on the MSME sector. The official roll-out of the ADEETIE scheme will take place on July 15, 2025, in Panipat, Haryana. The event will be attended by Union Minister for Power and Housing & Urban Affairs, Shri Manohar Lal, and other key dignitaries from the Ministry of Power and the Haryana government. ADEETIE aims to revolutionize the MSME sector by accelerating the adoption of advanced energy-efficient technologies. The scheme provides technical guidance, interest subvention on loans, and policy facilitation, enabling MSMEs to reduce energy consumption, boost productivity, and contribute to India’s clean energy transition. As part of the national event, BEE will unveil the dedicated ADEETIE web portal (adeetie.beeindia.gov.in), release the scheme brochure, felicitate early-adopting MSME units, and sign MoUs with key MSME industry as-

sociations to scale up implementation across sectors. Senior officials from the Ministry of Power, State Designated Agencies (SDAs) including the Andhra Pradesh State Energy Conservation Mission (APSECM), MSME stakeholders, and financial institutions will be part of the program. A senior BEE media advisor stated, “This launch is a defining moment in embedding energy efficiency into MSME operations.



ADEETIE is a step forward in ensuring greener, smarter, and more sustainable industrial growth for India.” India has pledged to reduce its emissions intensity by 45% by 2030 as part of its Paris Agreement commitments. ADEETIE plays a crucial role in supporting this target by promoting decarbonization and sustainable industrial practices at the grassroots level. The Bureau also acknowledged the efforts of several states for successfully implementing pilot projects under the ADEETIE framework. Notably, Telangana State Renewable Energy Development Corporation (TS REDCO), the state’s designated energy agency, has implemented impactful pilot initiatives in key MSME clusters such as the pharmaceutical sector, contributing to both energy savings and emissions reduction. With the MSME sector being the backbone of India’s economy, ADEETIE is expected to set the benchmark for energy-smart manufacturing, innovation, and climate leadership—aligning with India’s long-term vision of achieving Net Zero by 2070.

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Ironically, just months ago, Telangana was being praised internationally for promoting toddy as a part of its culture. At the Miss World 2024 event hosted in Hyderabad, contestants had lauded the state’s Tati toddy, calling it a unique and refreshing local experience. During the previous BRS government’s tenure, toddy was actively promoted through ‘Nira Cafes’ across urban centers like Hyderabad to revive its traditional value. However, the recent spate of deaths has now turned this celebration into a crisis. With the opposition also questioning the government’s control over toddy regulation, the current administration is under mounting pressure to act swiftly. Behind the scenes, officials are reportedly

ly deliberating the possibility of imposing a temporary or permanent ban on toddy, or introducing stricter regulatory mechanisms for its sale. At the heart of the issue lies the sharp contrast between preserving cultural heritage and ensuring public safety. While many continue to associate toddy with tradition, others argue that culture cannot be an excuse for negligence — especially when lives are being lost. As the government mulls its next move, one thing is clear: unless urgent and decisive steps are taken to clean up the toddy supply chain, this age-old tradition may fade into obscurity — not by cultural erosion, but by the very hands of those who are poisoning it.

Another Fire in Patancheru Industrial Estate

in enforcing safety standards and monitoring industrial practices. Residents in and around the area are demanding a comprehensive investigation and strict punitive action against those responsible for lapses. The repeated nature of these accidents has triggered serious criticism of the officials tasked with overseeing industrial estates. Activists and local leaders argue that safety audits are either not being conducted properly or are being overlooked altogether, allowing hazardous operations to continue without proper safeguards. The Pashamylaram and Patancheru belt is home to several chemical and waste management units, making it highly vulnerable to such incidents if standard operating procedures are not followed diligently. Despite previous accidents, no significant reforms

or visible safety reinforcements appear to have been undertaken, adding to the frustration of the residents. With back-to-back fire mishaps in the region, public pressure is mounting on the Telangana Pollution Control Board, local industrial safety departments, and the district administration to explain the repeated lapses. Immediate calls have been made for a high-level inquiry, revocation of licenses of negligent units, and a re-evaluation of safety protocols in all hazardous industries in the estate. As the fire-fighting operation continues and more information emerges, the incident is once again drawing attention to the urgent need for stronger oversight and a systemic review of industrial safety practices in Telangana’s industrial corridors.

CM Revanth Reddy Presents Silk Garments to Goddess Mahakali

Ministers, MLAs, and dignitaries join the grand celebration

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
Telangana Chief Minister Shri Anumala Revanth Reddy today took part in the grand Ujjaini Mahakali Bonalu Jatara held in Secunderabad as the chief guest and offered silk garments to Goddess Mahakali on behalf of the state government. As per tradition observed during the auspicious Ashadam month, the Chief Minister’s gesture marked the government’s reverence and support for Telangana’s rich cultural heritage. On his arrival at the temple premises, CM Revanth Reddy was warmly received by Greater Hyderabad City Deputy Mayor Mothe Srilatha Shobhan Reddy, who extended greetings on behalf of GHMC. The temple witnessed a



huge turnout of devotees and dignitaries for the event, which is one of the most prominent religious festivals in Hyderabad. Accompanying the Chief Minister were Ministers Konda Surekha, Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, and Ponnampallabharathi, all of whom participated in the Bonalu festivities. In a significant spiritual gesture, Minister Konda Surekha

offered a bonam to the goddess, invoking blessings for the state’s peace and prosperity. Among the prominent attendees were senior BJP leader and Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatreya, MP Anil Kumar Yadav, Minister Adilur Rahman, CM’s advisor Vem Narender Reddy, and several MLAs and public representatives, who also offered gold bonams and silk garments to the deity. The Ujjaini Mahakali Bonalu Jatara is a centuries-old festival celebrated with grandeur in Telangana, especially in the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad. With the Chief Minister’s participation and the presence of senior political and administrative leaders, this year’s celebration saw a heightened spiritual fervor and cultural vibrancy.

Goddess Procession Held Grandly in Old City

- **22 temples participated in mass ghat installation**
- **Dazzling Potharaju dances mesmerize crowds**

TPN | V. Krishna Kumar
Hyderabad: As part of the Bonala festival celebrations in the month of Ashada, a grand mass procession of goddess ghats from 22 temples in the Old City was conducted with great devotion and fervor. The event commenced from the Sri Kashi Vishwanatha Swamy Temple located in the Salibanda area and saw enthusiastic participation from devotees and cultural artists. One of the main highlights of the procession was the vibrant and energetic perfor-



mance of Potharajus, who appeared in colorful traditional costumes and thrilled the crowds with their rhythmic dances. Spectators gathered in large numbers along the procession route, adding to the festive atmosphere. A special welcome stage was arranged at the Lal Darwaza

Mod area by Gopisetty Ravavendar, President of the Bhayanagar Sri Mahankali Bonala Festival Joint Temple Procession Committee. Hyderabad in-charge Ponnampallabharathi participated in the event as the chief guest. BC Commission Chairman Niranjan, Goulipura Corpo-

rator Ale Bhagyalakshmi, and members of the Joint Temples Committee also attended and offered greetings to the goddess ghats. In view of the large turnout and to ensure smooth conduct of the event, heavy police security was arranged. South Zone DCP Snehamaheswari, Additional DCP M.A. Majid, ACP C.H. Chandrasekhar, and Inspectors from Chhatrinaka, Moghalpura, and Shalibanda took charge of security arrangements, deploying personnel along key points of the route. The devotional fervor, colorful traditions, and seamless coordination between cultural groups and officials made the event a memorable celebration for all participants and onlookers alike.

Kavitha Can't Hit KCR, So Hits Me: Mallanna

Teenmar Mallanna lashes out after Q News office attack
Says Kavitha's followers tried to snatch gun, cause harm
Alleges attack aimed at silencing BC movement

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

A tense situation prevailed at the Q News office in Medipalli after a group of Telangana Jagruti activists attacked the premises, reportedly angered by comments made by MLC Teenmar Mallanna (Chintapandu Naveen) on MLC K. Kavitha. Several staff members were injured in the attack, and Mallanna himself sustained a hand injury. In response, Mallanna's gunman fired into the air to disperse the mob, escalating the situation further. Reacting strongly to the incident, Teenmar Mallanna alleged that the attack was a direct result of Kavitha's political frustration. "Kavitha can't show her intolerance towards KCR and KTR, so she takes it out on me," he said, accusing her of orchestrating the violence. He claimed that the attackers tried to snatch the firearm from his security personnel, which could have led to a far more dangerous outcome. Mallanna reiterated that the attack would not deter him or the ongoing fight for BC rights. "It's a mistake to assume that the BC movement will stop because of these threats," he stated. He further questioned why Kavitha was so offended when the agitation was against the government's stance on BC reservations. Calling the attack politically motivated, Mallanna demanded the immediate cancellation of Kavitha's MLC membership. He said, "She has no moral right to continue as an MLC after encouraging such



violent retaliation." He also warned, "You may attack me now, but I will drag you to the bottom politically in three years." The clash appears to have been triggered by Mallanna's recent comments questioning Kavitha's commitment to the BC community, where he allegedly said, "Is it a golden alliance or a bed alliance with the BCs?" Telangana Jagruti activists, largely loyal to Kavitha, responded with aggression, storming the Q News office, damaging property, and confronting the staff. Medipalli police reached the location and brought the situation under control. The investigation into the incident is ongoing. Meanwhile, the Q News team has demanded action against those who incited and carried out the attack, calling it a serious assault on freedom of speech and the media.

Spreading Gandhi's Ideals Across Villages...

Gandhi Gyan Pratishthan celebrates 50 years with golden jubilee events

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

Marking the golden jubilee of Gandhi Gyan Pratishthan, Minister Seethakka participated in the ongoing celebrations and praised the organization's efforts in promoting the ideology of Mahatma Gandhi. Speaking at the event, she said it is commendable that a program of this scale is being held to commemorate 50 years of the institution's journey and to further spread Gandhi's message of peace and non-violence. "As part of this initiative, 1,500 statues of Mahatma Gandhi are being installed across the country to remind society of his sacrifice and timeless ideology," she stated. Seethakka emphasized that Gandhi's ideology acts as a spiritual protection for the nation, comparing it to the shelter of Sri Rama for India. "Success has always come to us through non-violent and



peaceful means. We walked in the path shown by Gandhi and chased away dictators and evildoers," she said. She also highlighted that under the leadership of Congress national president Mallikarjun Kharge, Rahul Gandhi, and Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, the Congress party is committed to taking Gandhi's ideology to the people. "We are spreading the ideals of both Mahatma Gandhi and the architect of the Indian Constitution, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, to every village. As part of this, we have launched the 'Jai Babu, Jai Bhima, Jai Samvidhan' campaign to strengthen the values of peace, equality, and constitutional democracy," Seethakka said. She concluded by reaffirming the commitment to follow in the footsteps of great leaders and work for the welfare of the people. "Peace and harmony will always prevail. Long live Gandhi," she declared.

Kavitha Demands Mallanna's Suspension, Arrest

Kavitha lodges complaints with DGP, Council Chairman
Alleges Teenmar Mallanna made derogatory remarks
Tensions rise after attack on Q News office

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

BRS MLC Kalvakuntla Kavitha has demanded the suspension and arrest of Congress MLC Teenmar Mallanna for making derogatory remarks against her. In a serious turn of events, Kavitha has filed formal complaints with the Telangana DGP and Legislative Council Chairman Gutta Sukhender Reddy, urging immediate action against Mallanna. The controversy erupted after Kavitha expressed happiness over the Telangana government's move to provide 42 percent reservation to the Backward Classes (BCs). In response, Mallanna questioned her connection with BC reservations and made controversial remarks that have since gone viral. Referring to her, he reportedly asked whether she had a "golden or a bed alliance" with the BCs, sparking widespread outrage. Following these comments, activists from Telangana Jagruti stormed Teenmar Mallanna's Q News office in Medipalli. They damaged property and furniture during the attack. In her complaint, Kavitha alleged that Mallanna made comments inciting violence



against her and the activists. She also pointed out that such remarks are unacceptable, especially when directed at women leaders who are actively participating in public life. Kavitha emphasized that her advocacy for BC rights is being targeted by politically motivated attacks and demanded action not only to protect her dignity but also to discourage misogynistic behavior in public discourse. In retaliation, Teenmar Mallanna accused Kavitha's followers of attempting to assassinate him

during the attack on his office. He claimed that his gunmen had to fire into the air to disperse the attackers and protect staff members. He further warned Kavitha that he would politically challenge her and not be silenced by threats or violence. With heated exchanges from both sides, this clash has added to the already intense political atmosphere in Telangana, with sharp divisions surfacing over BC quota politics, gendered attacks, and freedom of speech.

Bhatti Vikramarka Promises Special Development for Adilabad

Deputy CM addresses massive public meeting in Luxettipet

TPN Correspondent | Mancherial

Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, speaking at a massive public meeting in Luxettipet, Mancherial district, reaffirmed the Congress government's commitment to women's empowerment, regional development, and welfare schemes. Addressing a crowd of over one lakh people, he praised local MLA Prem Sagar Rao for the large turnout and called him a strong force for Mancherial's development. As part of the "Sankalp Se Siddhi" campaign, he said the Congress government is focused on delivering on pre-poll promises and is ready to go to any extent to uplift financially struggling women. "In every Assembly constituency, micro-industries will be set up to enable women to run businesses. Solar power projects will also be allocated to self-help groups," he said. The Deputy CM announced that the government is considering a special development program for

Adilabad district, including the revival of the Babasaheb Ambedkar Pranahita-Chevella project. He recalled how Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge had pledged to address the region's demands during the election campaign and assured that CM Revanth Reddy and the entire Cabinet are now focused on Adilabad and Mancherial's development. Bhatti Vikramarka said under congress government ₹21,600 crore worth of interest-free loans distributed to women's groups in the first year; loans continue to be disbursed across the state from July 12 to 20. Over 150 buses already leased to RTC through women's groups, earning ₹1 crore in returns; 450 more to be leased soon. Land allotted for canteens, petrol bunks, and micro-enterprises in every Assembly segment. On Agri front ₹9,000 crore deposited into 70 lakh farmer accounts under Rythu Bharosa in just 9 days. ₹21,000 crore loan waiver implemented in 3 months. Rajiv

Aarogyasri covers 93 lakh families; 4.5 lakh Indiramma houses being built at ₹5 lakh each, totaling ₹22,500 crore. 200 units free electricity to 51 lakh families, gas cylinders at ₹500, and continuation of Shaadi Mubarak scheme. Launch of Young India International Schools and various employment/self-employment schemes. Under Indira Soura Girijana Vikasam Scheme, tribals receive solar pump sets, sprinklers, drip systems, and horticultural support. Bhatti Vikramarka also took a strong swipe at the previous TRS regime, blaming it for abandoning interest-free loans for women and failing to address key issues. "This Congress government is spending every single rupee for the people. We are fulfilling every promise made before the elections," he declared. He ended the speech on a personal note, stating that Mancherial holds a special place in his heart as it is close to his own Madhira constituency.

There is no danger to the Kaleshwaram

Jagadish Reddy claims water can still be supplied; accuses CM of ignorance

TPN Correspondent | Peddapalli

As part of his visit to the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project, former Minister and Suryapet MLA Jagadish Reddy held a press conference at the residence of former Ramagundam MLA Korukanti Chander in Peddapalli district, strongly criticising the Congress-led state government over its handling of irrigation and water management. Jagadish Reddy stated that he personally inspected the Kannepalli Pump House, Medigadda, Annaram, and Sundilla barrages. "There is no danger to the Kaleshwaram project. Water is still available at the



Kannepalli Pump House, and it is possible to draw water even without relying on Medigadda," he asserted. He accused the Congress government of conspiring to

damage the credibility of the project. "Water from here has already reached Nalgonda. Even now, there is potential to supply water. The only thing missing is intent," he said.

The former minister lashed out at Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and the water resources minister, calling them clueless and ignorant. "Farmers are suffering losses because of

a minister who doesn't understand water management and a chief minister who doesn't care," he said. "While projects are being built, water is not being used for farming." He demanded that the Kaleshwaram pump houses be switched on immediately and made a bold claim: "If Congress leaders can't do it, ask KCR. We will supply water within three days." Taking a direct jab at Revanth Reddy, Jagadish Reddy said, "Come to KCR with pen and paper. He'll explain in such a way that even you can understand. He knows what needs to be done when water isn't reaching fields."

He warned that the delay has already cost two crop seasons and called out the government's alleged mismanagement. "Your greed, stupidity, and ignorance are dragging the state backwards. The uninterrupted electricity provided for ten years under KCR is uncertain now," he added. He claimed that income levels that were once ₹60,000 have doubled to ₹2 lakh under BRS leadership and blamed the current Congress administration for last year's ₹15,000 crore loss. He ended by saying, "Revanth Reddy can't go a day without uttering KCR's name. That says everything."

‘Bhai Bachcha Aa Gaya Bhai’ – Code Cracked, Drug Racket Busted!

Eagle busts WhatsApp-based drug network using code words
14 arrested in decoy operation at Gachibowli, 86 still absconding
Shocking: Couple caught with child while buying Ganja

TPN | V. Krishna Kumar
Special Desk: “Bhai Bachcha Aa Gaya Bhai...” – Sounds like an innocent line, doesn’t it? But this small sentence held a big secret that took narcotics authorities, cybercrime teams, and the elite Eagle unit on a wild chase through Hyderabad’s underbelly. Behind these coded WhatsApp messages was an organised drug racket involving techies, businessmen, students, and even families. Acting on a specific input, the Eagle team, under the leadership of SP IPS Rupesh and the supervision of DSP Harishchan-

dra Reddy, launched a decoy operation that could rival a movie script. They infiltrated a secret WhatsApp group allegedly run by drug peddler Sandeep from Maharashtra. This group included a bizarre mix—software employees, real estate agents, ad professionals, and even architecture students. The system? Order ganja using code. Receive confirmation. Go to a drop point. Once the delivery boy is at the spot, he sends a message: “Bhai Bachcha Aa Gaya” — code for “your guy is here.” Buyers then show up, collect their ganja, and disappear.

But not this time. The Eagle staff joined the group undercover, mimicked the process, and planned their move for a Sunday evening. The drop was fixed near the HDFC Bank, Gachibowli. Just like clockwork, the messenger arrived — and was immediately caught red-handed. In one swoop, 14 people were detained, including a couple with their 4-year-old son. The couple tried to escape but failed. Shockingly, all of the arrested tested positive in narcotic screening. Among those arrested were online trader Naveen, student



Ayush, racing engineer Nikhil, architect Sindhura, property manager Hassan, IT employee Kranthi, and denture technician Akhil. Also caught were business relationship manager Shiva, advertising executive Sandesh (associated with Reliance), real estate sales execu-



tive Sai Raj, travel agency manager Akhil, driver Swami, and two IT entrepreneurs, Tushar and Arpit. Each of them had reportedly paid ₹3,000 for their ganja dose. The team seized 5 kg of ganja during the bust. Authorities believe this is just the beginning. The remaining 86 members of the WhatsApp group are being tracked. Cyber-

crime teams are now scanning similar codeword-based networks in Hyderabad and beyond. As the authorities say—“Bhai Bachcha Mil Gaya.” And with it, the curtain fell on one more tech-driven drug cartel. CI Ramesh Reddy and other Eagle staff played a key role in the operation.

Etala Rajender Offers Prayers at Ujjaini Mahakali Temple

TPN Correspondent | Secunderabad

Secunderabad MP Etala Rajender visited the historic Sri Ujjaini Mahakali Temple on Sunday as part of the ongoing Bonalu celebrations and offered prayers to the presiding deity, Mahakali Ammavaru. Speaking on the occasion, Etala Rajender reflected on the origins of the Bonalu tradition, stating, “In 1805, when cholera took many lives in Hyderabad, Appaiah Mudiraj brought the deity from Ujjain, consecrated it, and offered the first Bonam, praying for an end to the tragedy. Today, his seventh generation continues to celebrate the Bonalu festival with great devotion and grandeur.” Highlighting the cultural significance of Bonalu, he said, “This festival, which begins at Golconda



and concludes at Lal Darwaza, is a vibrant symbol of Telangana’s spiritual and cultural traditions. Every home offers Bonam with devotion.” Etala also mentioned his personal prayers during the visit: “We prayed for the protection of Pilla Jalla (young children), for happi-

ness and prosperity among the people, and for abundant dairy and crop yields.” He concluded by stating, “We offer our vows each year with faith. We want to fulfill the vision and commitment of the BJP through service and devotion to the people.”

Serval Cats Unveiled at Nehru Zoological Park

PCCF Dr. C. Suvarna launches plantation, inaugurates Fossil Park Garden

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

As part of the Vana Mahotsav 2025 celebrations, a mega plantation drive and several new initiatives were launched at Nehru Zoological Park, Hyderabad, on July 13. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF) & Head of Forest Force (HoFF) Dr. C. Suvarna, IFS, along with PCCF (Wildlife) Sri Elusing Meru, IFS, and other forest officials, participated in the program. The dignitaries planted Ficus and other fruit-bearing and shade-giving saplings near the reptile house, promoting the theme of increasing green cover. A major highlight of the day was the public unveiling of a pair of Serval Cats, a rare exotic species native to Africa. The 2-year-old felines were released into the Small

Cats Enclosure by Dr. C. Suvarna. With this addition, Nehru Zoo’s species count has reached 195.

Dr. Suvarna also inaugurated the newly renovated Fossil Park Garden, which features various plant species arranged in the shape of Telangana state. Speaking on the occasion, she praised Nehru Zoo’s success in captive breeding and urged everyone to adopt the plantation drive slogan “Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam” (One Tree in Mother’s Name). Other participants included Director of Zoo Parks Dr. Sunil S. Hiremath, IFS, former zoo officials, veterinary staff, forest officers, and administrative personnel. The event reflected a strong commitment to biodiversity, ecological awareness, and environmental stewardship in Telangana.



Minister Ponnam Offers First Bonam to Goddess Durga

TPN Correspondent | Secunderabad
State Civil Supplies and Irrigation Minister Ponnam Prabhakar, along with his wife, offered the first Bonam and silk clothes to Goddess Durga at the historic Sri Ujjaini Mahankali Temple in Secunderabad on Sunday, marking the beginning of the Lashkar Bonalu festivities. The offering was made on behalf of the Telangana government. Special prayers were performed at the temple, invoking blessings from Goddess Durga for abundant rains, a good agricultural season, and the well-being of the people across the state. Minister Ponnam Prabhakar extended Bonalu greetings to the people of Telangana, stating, “Under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, all departments have worked in coordination to ensure smooth arrangements for the Bonalu celebrations. We pray to Goddess Durga for good rains and prosperous crops throughout the state.” He also emphasized the cultural and devotional significance of the Bonalu festival, noting that it is being held with great grandeur and devotion this year. The month-long Ashada Bonalu festival had begun with the Golkonda Bonalu on June 26. The historic Lashkar Bonalu, being celebrated today, is among the most prominent events of the season. The Minister concluded with a prayer for the welfare and development of Telangana, urging all to come together in devotion and celebration.

C.V. Anand Inspects Ujjaini Mahankali Temple

Hyderabad Police ensures smooth darshan for lakhs of devotees

TPN Correspondent | Secunderabad

On the auspicious occasion of the Bonalu festival at the historic Sri Ujjaini Mahankali Temple in Secunderabad, Hyderabad Director General and Commissioner of Police Shri C.V. Anand, IPS, visited the temple and offered prayers to Goddess Mahankali. Following darshan, Commissioner Anand conducted a detailed inspection of the temple premises, personally examining the queue lines and public areas to ensure



that devotees do not face any inconvenience during their visit. Addressing the media, C.V. Anand stated that lakhs of devotees are expected to par-

ticipate in the Bonalu festivities, and the Hyderabad City Police has made extensive security and crowd management arrangements for a smooth and safe experience.

528 Caught in Drunk Driving Drive in Cyberabad

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

As part of a weekend-special enforcement campaign, the Cyberabad Traffic Police conducted a massive drive against drunk driving, apprehending 528 individuals for operating vehicles under the influence of alcohol. According to officials, the violators were caught across various vehicle categories:

- Two-wheelers: 391
- Three-wheelers: 22
- Four-wheelers: 113
- Heavy vehicles: 2

The offenders were classified based on their Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) levels:

- 484 had BAC levels between 35 mg/100 ml and 200 mg/100 ml
- 27 had levels between 201 mg/100 ml and 300 mg/100

CYBERABAD TRAFFIC POLICE WEEKEND SPECIAL DRIVE- DD CASES					
PS WISE BOOKED CASES		Wheeler type		Gender wise	
PS NAME	NO OF CASES		No of cases booked	MALE	FEMALE
Madhapur Tr PS	18	2 Wheeler	391	528	00
Madhapur Nagar Tr PS	40	3 Wheeler	22		
Shamshabad Tr PS	23	4 Wheeler	113		
Gachibowli Tr PS	48	Heavy vehicle	02		
Shamshabad Tr PS	29				
Chandrababu Tr PS	35				
Shamshabad Tr PS	46				
Madhapur Tr PS	26				
Madhapur Tr PS	65				
Kotamreddy Tr PS	18				
Kotamreddy Tr PS	15				
Jandamra Tr PS	20				
Alwal Tr PS	23				
KPHB Tr PS	16				
Madhapur Tr PS	21				
KC Puram Tr PS	34				
Total	528	Total	528	Total	528

ml

- 17 had levels between 301 mg/100 ml and 500 mg/100 ml

All the apprehended individuals will be produced before the Hon’ble Court. The Cyberabad Police emphasized that drunk driving remains a serious offence, warning that in case of a fatal accident caused under the in-

fluence, the offender will be charged under Section 105 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 — Culpable Homicide Not Amounting to Murder — which carries a punishment of up to 10 years of imprisonment along with a fine. Citizens are urged to act responsibly and avoid risking lives on the road by driving in an intoxicated condition.

Repeat Offender Caught With ₹5.97 Lakh Stolen Cash

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

The Hyderabad Commissioner’s Task Force, South East Zone team, along with Rein Bazar Police, apprehended a habitual property offender and recovered stolen cash amounting to ₹5,97,800 on July 12. The accused, identified as Shaik Hafeezuddin (22), a wall painter residing in Shah Colony, Dabeerpura, had previously served jail time for similar thefts. Despite his past arrests, he continued engaging in criminal activities to fulfill his lavish desires, having become addicted to bad habits. According to police, on July 11 around 2:00 PM, Hafeezuddin spotted a crowd near Waheedunnisa Begum Masjid in Ganga Nagar Nala and took advantage of the distraction. Using a duplicate key, he opened the dicky of a Scooty and found a



black polythene bag containing a large sum of cash, which he promptly stole and fled. Rein Bazar Police registered a case under Cr. No. 108/2025, Section 303(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), and began investigation. Acting on a tip-off, the Task Force and Rein Bazar Police traced and arrested Hafeezuddin, recovering the stolen amount. The arrest was made under the supervision of Inspector S. Saidababu, with efforts led by Sub-Inspectors Rama Rao and M. Madhu and their team.

Vadla Puja Performed for 2026 Bhadrachalam Sitarama Kalyanam

TPN | Anvesh Reddy Jayashankar Bhupalpally: With the divine festivities of Bhadrachalam Sitarama Kalyanam drawing attention from across Telangana, the Sri Ramadasu Bhakti Mandali of Jayashankar Bhupalpally district has begun preparations for the 2026 Sri Ramanavami Swamy Kalyana Mahotsav in earnest. As part of the grand spiritual tradition, the Mandali conducted the Vadla Puja today, led by Vedic Brahmins and in the presence of temple

authorities and devotees. This puja, performed amidst Vedic chants, marks the beginning of cultivating Vadlu (special grains), which are later used in preparing crores of goat hair-covered talambbras — a traditional offering made during the Sitarama Kalyanam in Bhadrachalam. The grains are grown in the personal fields of Sri Ramadasu Tirupati and Srimati Tirupatamma, a devout couple who have been upholding this spiritual practice with unwavering dedication for the



past nine years. Speaking on the occasion, Ramadasu Tirupati Garu, who has been organizing this ritualistic preparation year after year, stated that the seeds grown with devotion are used exclusively for the divine wedding ceremony of Lord Sitarama. The Sri Ramadasu Bhakti Man-

dali of Chelpur has continued this tradition of offering seeds for Talambbras, with the participation and support of devotees who assist in the sacred process of cleaning and preparing the grains using goat hair. The Vadlu are considered holy and are offered with the utmost reverence during the celestial wedding of Lord Rama and Sita in Bhadrachalam. As part of the ceremony today, special pujas were conducted for the sacred seeds by temple priests in front of the dei-

ties. Present at the program were temple officials, Temple Incharge Sai Baba, CC Srinivasa Reddy, Bhakta Ramadasu's tenth-generation descendant Kancharla Srinivasa Rao, and several devotees including Usharani, Kommidi Rajitha Reddy, Vijaya Teacher, and Rama Anjali. This spiritually rich and culturally rooted initiative, started by the Bhakti Mandali in Chelpur, continues to serve as a symbol of unwavering faith and service in honour of Lord Sitarama's divine union.

Andela Sriramulu Offers Prayers at Adi Pochamma Temple

TPN Correspondent | Rangareddy Maheshwaram BJP in-charge Andela Sriramulu visited the ancient Sri Adi Pochamma temple in Nadar Gul village under Badangpet Municipal Corporation in the Maheshwaram Assembly constituency. His visit coincided with a special gathering organized by the villagers of Nadar Gul. As part of the event, special prayers were offered at the temple for the well-being of the people and farmers in the region. Addressing the gathering, Andela Sriramulu said, "With the divine blessings of Sri Adi Pochamma, may the people of Maheshwaram and the farmers of Nadar Gul lead happy, healthy, and prosperous lives." Several local leaders and committee members participated in the prayers, including Temple Committee Presidents Chirra Raju and Marri Prabhakar Reddy, Minister Mahesh, B. Bhaskar, and other executive members. The event witnessed a strong sense of devotion and community unity.



Eatala Plants Saplings at 'Sankalp Se Siddhi' Program

500 saplings distributed as part of BJP's Environment Day initiative



TPN | Srikanth Gurram Jeedimetla: As part of the "Sankalp Se Siddhi" program commemorating 11 years of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, BJP MP Eatala Rajender participated in a sapling plantation drive held in Jeedimetla village of Qutbullapur Assembly constituency on July 13. The event, organized in collaboration with the Prakriti Environment Society, saw the distribution and planting of 500 saplings at the Gandhi statue. It was conducted under the guidelines of the central and state BJP units, marking Environment Day celebrations held from July 5 to 15 across the country.

Eatala Rajender, who served as the chief guest, was joined by BJP Medchal District President Mallareddy, General Secretary Girivardhan Reddy, Qutbullapur Assembly Convener Shekhar Yadav, 132 Division Corporator Tara Chandra Reddy, along with several other party leaders and activists. Speaking on the occasion, leaders emphasized the importance of environmental protection and collective responsibility in making the country greener and more sustainable. The plantation drive aimed to inspire citizens to contribute to ecological balance and climate resilience through active participation.

Koona Srisailam Goud Attends Dundigal Durgamma Thalli Bonalu

TPN Correspondent | Medchal Former MLA Koona Srisailam Goud took part as the chief guest in the Sri Sri Durgamma Thalli Bonala festival held at Dundigal under Quthbullapur Assembly constituency in Medchal district. The grand event, celebrated with devotion and tradition, drew large participation from devotees and local residents. Srisailam Goud offered special pujas and aarti to Goddess Durgamma and conveyed his joy in attending the festivities. "I am truly happy to be part of the Dundigal Durgamma Thalli Bonala festival. On this auspicious occasion, I pray that the blessings of Goddess Adishakti Durgamma be upon the people of Dundigal and across Telangana," he said. He emphasized the cultural significance of Bonalu, calling it a unique and deeply rooted tradition in the state of Telangana. Sri Sri Saikumar Baba, head of the Kandlakoya Sai Geetha Ashram, honored Koona Srisailam Goud with a shawl and blessed him during the event. The celebration witnessed the presence of several prominent figures including Temple Committee Chairman CH. Venkatesham, former Zilla Parishad Vice Chairman Prabhakar Reddy, former Sarpanch Kaval Ganesh, Lingam Goud, Akula Prem Kumar, Uday, Vishwanath Goud, Jakkula Mallesh, Amaram Mutyam Reddy, Kothapeta Srinu, Naveen, Narsingha Rao, Bal Reddy, Lakshman, Sadanand, Koteswara Rao, and many others. Devotees, temple committee members, and local residents participated with enthusiasm, offering prayers and celebrating the occasion with traditional fervor.

Gita Recitation Festival Held in Vikarabad

Event aims to protect Dharma through spiritual unity



TPN Correspondent | Vikarabad A grand spiritual event centered

around the recitation of the Bhagavad Gita was held in the premises of Gautami College, located in Anantagiri limits of Vikarabad district. Organized under the auspices of the Geeta Vahini team, the event saw active participation from women belonging to the Kanyalal Bagh Colony. The program featured Bhagavad Gita Puja and mass recitation as part of a larger campaign aimed at spreading the message of Dharma and divine knowledge. Speaking on the occasion, Geeta Vahini President Sridevi Sadananda Reddy said, "For the protection of Hindu Dharma, we are reciting the Bhagavad Gita not only in the

Vikarabad district center but also in the surrounding colonies. We are taking this great program forward with the divine blessings of our Guru Kirtisheshu Ramakrishna Guru. The Geeta Vahini team hopes that the essence of Bhagavad Gita will reach every home." The Gita recitation drive is ongoing across various colonies in Vikarabad and will conclude at the Vaibhav Lakshmi Temple in Maruthi Nagar. The organizers affirmed that Geeta Vahini will continue its mission of spiritual service, working to expand the propagation of the Bhagavad Gita and its teachings in the future as well.



Man Beaten to Death in Medchal Over Scrap Dispute

TPN Correspondent | Medchal A man was brutally murdered in the Medchal police station limits on Saturday evening following a heated dispute over scrap material. The incident took place near the Venkataramana Liquor Land outlet at the Medchal check post.



According to the police, the deceased, identified as Narsimlu (37) from Thimmapur village in Medak district, was consuming alcohol outside the liquor outlet when he got into an argument with Edunuri Narsimha alias Chinna (32) and his wife Anita (30), who reside nearby and make a living by collecting waste paper. The altercation reportedly turned violent when Narsimha and Anita attacked Narsimlu with sticks. Due to the severity of the injuries, Narsimlu succumbed to the assault. At around 8 p.m., Mahesh, a cashier at the wine shop, noticed that Narsimlu was unresponsive and immediately alerted the local police. Medchal police reached the spot, shifted the body to Gandhi Hospital for postmortem, and took the husband-wife duo into custody. A murder case has been registered, and further investigation is underway.

Bonala Festival Celebrated Across Villages in Shamirpet

MLA Mallareddy performs special pujas in Aliabad, Jaganguda

TPN Correspondent | Medchal The traditional Bonala festival, an integral part of Telangana's cultural heritage, was celebrated with great fervor across many villages in the joint Shamirpet mandal during the Ashadha month. Devotees in Shamirpet, Aliabad, Jaganguda, Laxmapur, and Uddemarri villages joyfully observed the festival, offering Bonam and prayers to the goddess as part of the age-old tradition. Former Minister and Medchal MLA Chamakura Mallareddy actively took part in the festivities. He visited several villages including Aliabad in Shamirpet

mandal and Jaganguda and Laxmapur in Muuchinthalapalli mandal, performing special pujas and offering prayers to the deity. Local villagers gave a warm welcome to MLA Mallareddy upon his arrival. Devotees carried Bonams with traditional offerings and participated in the celebrations with devotion and enthusiasm. The event reflected the deep-rooted spiritual and cultural connection of Telangana's rural communities to the Bonala festival, showcasing their collective faith and festive spirit.



Revolutionary Changes Needed in Government Welfare Hostels

Article 15 of the Indian Constitution, enshrined in Part III under Fundamental Rights, explicitly prohibits discrimination based on religion, race, caste, sex, or place of birth. It mandates the State to treat every individual equally, upholding the dignity and unity of the nation. However, in practice, one can still observe forms of institutional discrimination that contradict this constitutional promise, particularly in the government-run hostels meant for students from weaker sections. Across India, nearly 50,000 government and institution-affiliated hostels are functioning, primarily catering to students belonging to Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), Other Backward Classes (OBC), and minority communities. While the objective behind these hostels is undeniably noble to support

underprivileged students with accommodation and access to education, there exists a deeper concern regarding their implementation. These hostels are often segregated by caste or category, with names such as SC Hostel, ST Hostel, or BC Hostel. As a result, students are brought up in a segregated environment, where their social interactions are largely confined within their own communities. From childhood through adolescence, these children live, study, and grow only among peers of the same background, unintentionally reinforcing a psychological and social divide from other communities. This institutional separation, though well-intentioned, leads to social alienation and implicit discrimination, contradicting the very essence of Article 15. The result is not only a divided student communi-



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Committee,
Krishna District

ty but also a lost opportunity for fostering social harmony, mutual respect, and national integration. Such caste-based segregation is rarely seen in private or corporate-run institutions, where students from all communi-

ties live and grow together. Why, then, should public institutions, meant to set examples, continue outdated models that isolate rather than integrate?

To address this concern and align our practices with constitutional values, the following changes are essential:

- **Renaming Hostels as “Welfare Hostels “: Re-move caste or category tags from hostel names to eliminate symbolic segregation and promote inclusivity.**
- **Unified admissions across all Communities : Ensure that children from all communities live together in these hostels. This fosters understanding, equality, and unity from a young age.**
- **Upholding Reservation**

Without Segregation : Maintain the constitutional reservation percentages for SC/ST/OBC/ Minorities during admissions without creating separate hostel facilities.

- **Equitable Budgeting by Category : While the hostels become inclusive, the financial support can continue through category-specific budget allocations. This ensures affirmative action goals are not compromised.**

Such reforms will go a long way in reshaping the social fabric, cultivating mutual respect and emotional integration among youth, and nurturing a harmonious society. In 2020, the Chairman of the Child Welfare Committee, Krishna District, submitted a representation on this issue to the Hon'ble Governor of Andhra Pradesh. Unfortunately,

ly, it did not result in any tangible action. A progressive step in this direction has been taken recently. On June 26, 2025, the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu announced a landmark change, renaming all government hostels for poor school and college students as “Social Justice Hostels”. This initiative reflects the commitment to eliminating discrimination and promoting inclusive living. It is now time for the Government of India and all State Governments to follow this visionary path. Policy-level amendments must ensure that every citizen's fundamental rights are protected, practiced, and preserved, not just in law, but in daily life. Inclusive welfare hostels are a small step toward a larger dream, an India where equality is not just guaranteed but genuinely lived.



Can India Help Pull Putin Away From Xi? And Should It?

Recently, India's Deputy Chief of Army Staff, Lieutenant General Rahul R Singh, openly confirmed what many have long suspected: China actively aided Pakistan during India's Operation Sindoor. Speaking at a FICCI event, Singh referred to China's use of an ancient military strategy — “killing the adversary with a borrowed knife” — highlighting China's role in bolstering Pakistan's military capabilities, including plans to supply Islamabad with advanced fifth-generation fighter jets. Despite India's strategic focus on China, it is unusual for Indian military officials to openly name Beijing as the country's main threat. Singh's remarks come amid complex geopolitics, including US President Donald Trump's recent meeting with Pakistan's military chief Asim Munir, reinforcing Islamabad's importance to American regional interests despite India's expectations of support following the Pahalgam terror attack. India's limited backing from Western powers after its military response to Pakistan's terror attack underscores a key strategic dilemma: while New Delhi has cultivated stronger ties with the West to counter China, it must also reconsider its relationship with Russia — a long-standing ally with deep historical ties and crucial military partnerships. Since the Ukraine war, Russia has grown closer to China, relying heavily on Beijing amid Western sanctions. Yet, this partnership has limits. A leaked Russian intelligence report described China as a serious security threat, accusing Beijing of espionage and territorial ambitions in disputed areas like the Arctic and Central Asia. Moscow's mistrust of Beijing suggests Russia might be open to strengthening ties with India to reduce dependence on China. India and Russia already collaborate on advanced defense projects like the BrahMos missile and could potentially co-produce systems

such as the S-500 missile defense shield. Recently, Russia offered India its stealth fighter jet Su-57 with full technology transfer — a stark contrast to Western reluctance to share cutting-edge defense tech. While India is weighing options like the American F-35, Russia remains its largest defense partner. Meanwhile, former US President Trump has sought to drive a wedge between Russia and China, aiming to end the Ukraine conflict to loosen Moscow's reliance on Beijing. However, Putin remains skeptical of Trump and the West, while Xi Jinping has reiterated China's “no-limit” partnership with Russia, benefiting from increased trade and supplying critical military components. For India, a thaw between Russia and the West could revitalize Indo-Russian defense cooperation, easing sanctions and boosting military technology development. Reduced Chinese influence in Russia would be strategically advantageous for India, especially given the increased oil imports from Russia since the Ukraine war. Yet, Beijing is unlikely to relinquish its grip on Russia easily. With record-high trade and deepening civil-military ties, China remains Russia's largest crude oil buyer and a key partner. India faces a delicate balancing act. Strengthening ties with Russia while maintaining its strategic partnership with the US could help Delhi navigate the complex triangular relationship. By doing so, India might contribute to pulling Putin away from Xi, reducing the Sino-Russian axis's strength. However, this requires careful diplomacy to assure Western allies that India's goal is not to side with Russia against them but to preserve a multipolar world order and counter China's rise effectively. Ultimately, India's strategy must focus on leveraging its unique position — as a trusted partner to both Russia and the US — to secure its interests in a rapidly shifting geopolitical landscape.

Deporting Elon Musk? What Would Happen If Trump Actually Did It



Scrolling through headlines, we've seen a lot — but when Elon Musk and deportation come up in the same breath, especially linked to former President Donald Trump, it's a whole different level of drama. Yes, you read that right. The idea that Trump might try to deport Elon Musk, the world's richest man and an iconic figure in American innovation, sounds like the plot of a political thriller. Musk, a South African-born entrepreneur who became a U.S. citizen in 2002, has been deeply woven into America's tech and cultural fabric — from Tesla's electric cars to SpaceX's rockets, and X (formerly Twitter), the social media platform that shapes so much of today's discourse. Musk and Trump have had their ups and downs — smiles, nods, public support, and sharp criticisms. But when Trump hints at deporting Musk, it's no longer just politics as usual. It's political theater with first-class chaos on the horizon.

Can Trump Actually Deport Elon Musk?

Technically, Musk is a naturalized U.S. citizen, and while revoking citizenship is rare, it is not impossible. Historically, denaturalization was used extensively during the McCarthy era, targeting citizens for political beliefs or actions perceived as disloyal. Over 22,000 denaturalizations occurred during that time, though the practice was curtailed after a 1967 Supreme Court ruling made it harder to strip citizenship. So, while Trump has no clear legal reason to deport Musk simply for political disagreement, his administration could theoretically pursue denaturalization if they wanted to. The current political climate in the U.S.,

with increasing polarization and concerns over authoritarian tendencies, makes this hypothetical scenario unsettling but plausible.

What Would It Mean?

If Trump were to deport Musk, it would be a stunning paradox. Musk, who helped build America's image as a land of innovation and entrepreneurship, would become a stateless figure in the country that propelled his rise. He'd join the ranks of dissidents exiled by authoritarian regimes, casting a shadow over American democracy. Moreover, deporting Musk would send shockwaves far beyond immigration law. It would spark global debates about free speech, political dissent, and the precariousness of power in an era dominated by billionaire influence. Musk's career thrives on being provocative and unpredictable. Silencing him by exile might backfire, giving him an even bigger international platform.

The Ultimate Irony

Trump's potential move against Musk would be a cautionary tale about the volatility of loyalty and power. The billionaire who built rockets and cars, created media storms, and influenced millions would become a symbol of how quickly fortunes and freedoms can change in modern America. In the end, deporting Elon Musk wouldn't just be a political stunt — it would be a dramatic warning about the fragility of democracy, the price of dissent, and the spectacle of power in today's world. And for Musk, it could mean a new, even larger stage on which to play out the next chapter of his extraordinary saga.

PM Modi Asks Ujwal Nikam: “Should I Congratulate You in Marathi or Hindi?”

TPN | Delhi

In the midst of the ongoing debate over Hindi versus Marathi in Maharashtra, Prime Minister Narendra Modi personally reached out to newly nominated Rajya Sabha MP and renowned lawyer Ujwal Nikam on Sunday. During the call, PM Modi asked Nikam, “Marathi mein bolun ya Hindi mein?” (“Should I speak in Marathi or Hindi?”) and then continued their conversation in Marathi. This friendly exchange was shared by BJP general secretary organisation BL Santosh on his X handle, highlighting Modi’s sensitivity amid rising local sentiments around language in Maharashtra. The controversy centers on the state government’s ear-



lier move to mandate the teaching of three languages—Marathi, English, and Hindi—in primary school sections, which sparked backlash over fears of Hindi im-

position. Following the protests, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis withdrew the order and set up a committee to recommend the best way to implement the three-language formula prescribed by the Na-

tional Education Policy. The issue has also led to a surprising political reunion, with long-estranged cousins and political rivals Shiv Sena UBT chief Uddhav Thackeray and Maharashtra Navnirman Sena chief Raj Thackeray coming together after two decades to defend ‘Marathi asmita’ (Marathi pride). PM Modi’s gesture to converse in Marathi with Nikam was seen as a thoughtful move amidst this sensitive political and cultural debate, emphasizing respect for regional identity while navigating national unity. The language debate continues to be a flashpoint in Maharashtra, with political parties and local leaders balancing regional pride with the demands of a multilingual India.

Sonia Gandhi to Lead Congress Meeting on July 15 to Finalize Monsoon Session Strategy



TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Congress Parliamentary Party leader Sonia Gandhi will chair a crucial meeting on July 15 to finalize the party’s strategy for the upcoming Monsoon session of Parliament. The session, slated to begin on July 21 and run until August 21, has been extended by a week to accommodate a packed legislative agenda and is expected to witness intense confrontations between the opposition and the government. Opposition parties, including Congress, plan to raise strong concerns over the Election Commission’s decision to conduct a Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls in Bihar, which has sparked controversy. Additionally, the Congress is pushing for discussions on key issues such as the Pahalgaon terrorist attack, Operation Sindoor—the recent strike on terror camps in Pakistan—and the government’s diplomatic outreach related to these events. The strategy meeting, to be held at Sonia Gandhi’s residence at 10 Janpath, will be attended by prominent Congress leaders including party president Mallikarjun Kharge and Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, among others. The government aims to introduce important legislation during the session, including amendments to the Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act and the Atomic Energy Act. These changes are intended to open the nuclear energy sector to private players, in line with announcements made in the Union Budget. The opposition has also demanded a parliamentary debate on Operation Sindoor and sought answers regarding US President Donald Trump’s claims of mediation efforts between India and Pakistan to prevent nuclear conflict. The government has firmly denied these claims, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi reportedly telling Trump during a phone call that India neither accepts nor will accept any third-party mediation in its conflicts. With these key issues on the table, the Monsoon session promises to be a challenging period for both the government and opposition parties.



Delhi Minister Parvesh Verma Conducts Yamuna Survey, Emphasizes Pollution Control and Flood Readiness

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Delhi Irrigation and Flood Control Minister Parvesh Sahib Singh Verma took an early morning boat survey on the Yamuna River at Palla, where it enters Delhi from Haryana, on Saturday. Accompanied by senior officials, Verma inspected the riverbank, assessed water levels, and collected samples for quality testing as part of ongoing efforts to monitor the river’s condition. “The water here looks visibly clean,” Verma told reporters, pointing to the river at Palla. “But once it flows further into Delhi, it darkens. The real task is keeping this quality consistent inside the Capital.” The inspection aimed to better understand the river’s flow and pollution levels at Delhi’s northern edge. This visit comes ahead of a high-level review on the Yamuna’s rejuvenation, chaired by Union Home Minister Amit Shah. Shah urged Delhi to collaborate closely with neighboring states like Haryana and Uttar Pradesh to improve upstream water inflow and tackle pollution sources. Officials confirmed that the water samples collected during the survey will be sent for laboratory testing to determine pollutant levels and identify contamination sources. The initiative is part of the Delhi government’s broader monsoon preparedness drive, focusing on flood control measures and pollution monitoring amid rising river levels and increasing urban flooding concerns. Verma assured the public that the government is actively monitoring the situation “around the clock.” He also responded to opposition claims about waterlogging in the city, accusing the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) of exaggerating localized incidents to create panic.

Centre Launches ADEETIE Scheme to Boost Energy Efficiency in MSMEs

National roll-out event set for July 15 in Panipat

TPN Correspondent | Panipat

In a landmark step to transform India’s MSME sector into a hub of energy-smart manufacturing, the Union Ministry of Power, through the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), will officially launch the ADEETIE scheme (Assistance in Deploying Energy Efficient Technologies in Industries & Establishments) on July 15, 2025. The national roll-out ceremony will take place in Panipat, Haryana, and marks a significant milestone in the country’s industrial and climate action journey. The ADEETIE initiative is designed to accelerate the integration of globally recognized energy-efficient technologies into India’s expansive MSME network. The scheme will provide a combination of technical assistance, interest subvention on loans, and supportive policy frameworks to encourage the transition toward



energy-efficient operations in small and medium-scale industries. Union Minister for Power and Housing & Urban Affairs Shri Manohar Lal will serve as the Chief Guest at the roll-out ceremony, which will also feature senior dignitaries from the Ministry of Power and the Government of Haryana.

Highlights of the ADEETIE Launch Event:

- **Inauguration of the ADEETIE web portal (adeetie.bee-india.gov.in)**
- **Release of the official ADEETIE Scheme Brochure**
- **Felicitation of MSME units pioneering energy-efficient technology adoption**
- **Signing of MoUs between BEE and leading MSME industrial associations**

The event will see participation from heads of State Designated Agencies (SDAs) across India, senior Ministry of Power officials, MSME leaders, and representatives from financial institutions. Speaking ahead of the launch, a BEE Media Advisor said, “This Panipat event marks a defining moment in India’s industrial energy transformation. ADEETIE will be remembered as a bold move to embed energy efficiency in the core operations of MSMEs, setting the stage for greener, more resilient economic growth.” India has committed to reducing

its emissions intensity by 45% by 2030 under the Paris Agreement, and the ADEETIE scheme directly supports this goal. It also strengthens India’s long-term vision of achieving Net Zero emissions by 2070. BEE has also acknowledged the role of states in advancing the energy efficiency mission. Several pilot projects have already been successfully executed in key MSME clusters. Among them, Telangana’s TS REDCO has been appreciated for implementing impactful decarbonization and energy efficiency projects, particularly in the pharmaceutical sector, which have resulted in measurable energy and cost savings. ADEETIE is poised to unlock a new era of sustainable industrialization in India, turning the country’s MSMEs — the backbone of its economy — into global models of energy-efficient innovation and climate responsibility.

"A Sorry Model Government": TVK Chief Slams DMK Over 'Custodial' Deaths

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Actor-politician and Tamilaga Vetti Kazhagam (TVK) chief Vijay led a large-scale protest in Chennai on Sunday, demanding justice for Ajith Kumar, a private security guard who died in police custody under allegations of torture. The rally attracted around 12,000 supporters, including many who traveled from various districts to participate. Vijay called for a court-monitored Special Investigation Team (SIT) probe into Ajith Kumar’s death, criticizing the ruling Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) government for handing over the case to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). He accused the state government of hiding behind the central agency, stating, “When in opposition, MK Stalin had slammed the CBI probe in the Sathankulam case. What is this now? Why hide behind the CBI, which is a puppet of the BJP and RSS?” The CBI officially took over the investigation on Saturday, following the Madurai bench of the Madras High Court’s decision to transfer the original jewellery theft complaint—linked to Ajith Kumar’s detention—to the central agency. The CBI has been directed to submit its final report by August 20. Vijay urged the Chief Minister to



apologize to families of over 20 custodial death victims during DMK’s four-year rule, just as he had apologized to Ajith Kumar’s family. “You apologized to Ajith’s family. Apologize to others too and offer the same compensation,” he said. The protest saw the participation of families of other alleged custodial death victims, highlighting

growing discontent with the DMK government. Vijay condemned the regime as a “Publicity Model-turned-Sorry Ma Model” government, accusing it of weakening law and order and relying heavily on courts to intervene in crises. TVK leaders claimed that traffic diversions limited the turnout, which otherwise could have been

larger. Vijay reaffirmed his stance against any alliance with the BJP, rejecting overtures from the AIADMK-BJP alliance. In response, the DMK emphasized swift action in the case, announcing the arrest of five police personnel, suspension of the Deputy Superintendent of Police, and placing the Sivaganga Superintendent of Police on compulsory leave.



Shehbaz Sharif Reiterates Pakistan’s Nuclear Programme Is for Peace and Defence

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Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif on Saturday, July 12, 2025, firmly stated that Pakistan’s nuclear programme is intended solely for “peaceful activities and self-defence,” rejecting any speculation about a potential nuclear exchange during the recent military conflict with India. Speaking to a group of students in Islamabad, Sharif addressed rising concerns following the four-day military confrontation between India and Pakistan. He confirmed that 55 Pakistani citizens lost their lives during Indian airstrikes, which were part of Operation Sindoor—a retaliatory campaign launched by India after the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack that claimed the lives of 26 civilians. “Pakistan responded with full might,” Sharif said, stressing that the country’s response was measured and within the bounds of self-defence. When asked about the likelihood of nuclear weapons being used during the escalation, the Prime Minister firmly dismissed the idea, reiterating that Pakistan’s nuclear arsenal is a deterrent, not a tool for aggression. “Our nuclear programme is a symbol of national security and peaceful advancement. We do not believe in aggression or nuclear brinkmanship,” he told the gathering. Sharif’s remarks come amid growing international concern about the risk of escalation between the two nuclear-armed neighbors. His comments appear aimed at calming tensions and reassuring both domestic and international audiences about Pakistan’s nuclear posture. Meanwhile, India’s Operation Sindoor targeted terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), drawing sharp reactions from Islamabad. While military exchanges intensified for several days, both sides have since called for restraint amid mounting diplomatic pressure. The Prime Minister’s statement underscores Pakistan’s official stance that its nuclear capability is strictly defensive, a position that may be scrutinized or challenged in international forums in the weeks ahead.



Australia PM Albanese Begins Key China Visit to Strengthen Trade Ties

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Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese has begun a significant visit to China, aiming to bolster trade relations and repair diplomatic ties that had been strained in recent years. His trip, which began over the weekend, includes a series of high-level meetings with top Chinese leaders and business engagements across multiple cities. On Sunday, July 13, 2025, Albanese met with Shanghai Party Secretary Chen Jining, marking the start of several key diplomatic exchanges. Over the coming days, he is scheduled to meet with Chinese President Xi Jinping, Premier Li Qiang, and Zhao Leji, Chairman of the National People’s Congress. Speaking to Chinese state broadcaster CGTN upon his arrival in Shanghai, Albanese highlighted the importance of the bilateral relationship. He is leading what he described as “a very large business delegation,” reflecting the renewed emphasis on economic cooperation between the two nations. His weeklong visit will include meetings with leaders in business, tourism, and sports sectors in both Shanghai and Chengdu. One of the major events will be a CEO roundtable discussion in Beijing on Tuesday, July 15. This marks Albanese’s second trip to China since becoming Prime Minister in 2022. Following his party’s reelection with an increased majority in May 2025, Albanese has pushed to reset relations with Beijing. Under his leadership, several trade restrictions—imposed by China during the previous conservative government—have been lifted. These barriers had cost Australian exporters over AUD 20 billion (approximately USD 13 billion) annually. While aiming to strengthen trade, Albanese has also made it clear that Australia seeks to diversify its economic partnerships and avoid over-reliance on China. The visit is seen as a strategic balancing act—improving economic ties while ensuring Australia’s long-term national interests and regional security.

"Just Release Epstein Files": Elon Musk Doubles Down After Trump Post

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Billionaire Elon Musk has publicly urged former US President Donald Trump to follow through on his promise and release the case files related to convicted sex offender Jeffrey Epstein. Musk’s comments came shortly after Trump called on his supporters to stop attacking his team members over the controversial files.



Responding to a post on X, Musk said, “Seriously. He said ‘Epstein’ half a dozen times while telling everyone to stop talking about Epstein. Just release the files as promised.” The plea highlights the ongoing public and political tension surrounding the mysterious Epstein case.

prominent individuals. It also reaffirmed that Epstein died by suicide in his jail cell in 2019.

and ‘selfish people’ are trying to hurt it, all over a guy who never dies, Jeffrey Epstein.”

Earlier on Saturday, Trump defended Attorney General Pam Bondi on his social media platform Truth Social, accusing members of the Biden administration and others of fabricating the files related to Epstein. Trump wrote, “We have a PERFECT Administration, THE TALK OF THE WORLD,

Despite official reports, conspiracy theories about “Epstein Files” containing names of influential clients persist, particularly among Trump’s Make America Great Again (MAGA) supporters. These theories claim Epstein used such files to blackmail powerful figures. During his 2024 presidential campaign, Trump

pledged to make the Epstein case files public, feeding these suspicions. While the Biden administration’s findings support Epstein’s death by suicide, many Republicans, including Trump supporters, continue to allege foul play, claiming Epstein was murdered.

The call from Musk adds new pressure on Trump amid ongoing debates and conspiracy theories surrounding the shadowy Epstein saga.

South Korea Appoints Former PM Kim Boo-kyum as Special Envoy to India

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In a significant diplomatic move, South Korean President Lee Jae Myung has appointed former Prime Minister Kim Boo-kyum as his special envoy to India, according to a report by Yonhap News Agency on Sunday. The decision comes as part of Seoul’s broader strategy to strengthen ties with key international partners and expand its global diplomatic footprint. Kim Boo-kyum, who served as Prime Minister from 2021 to 2022, is a seasoned politician and a four-term lawmaker. He also previously held the position of Interior Minister. His appointment to India signals the importance South Korea places on its strategic and economic relationship with New Delhi.



Kim is expected to depart for India on Wednesday. President Lee’s government is simultaneously ramping up diplomatic engagement with several other nations. This week, three more special envoys were appointed to lead missions abroad. Former En-

vironment Minister Yoon Yeoon will head to the European Union, while former Justice Minister Kang Gum-sil will represent South Korea in France. Meanwhile, Democratic Party lawmaker and former Justice Minister Choo Mi-ae will lead the delegation to the United

Kingdom. All envoys are scheduled to begin their missions by mid-week. Additionally, Yonhap reported that Kim Chong-in, a former interim leader of the main opposition People Power Party, is being seriously considered for the post of special envoy to the United States—a key diplomatic role as relations with Washington remain central to Seoul’s foreign policy. Presidential Secretary for Political Affairs Woo Sang-ho stated that the South Korean government is currently in discussions with 14 other countries about sending additional special envoys. These appointments reflect President Lee’s emphasis on proactive diplomacy and expanding South Korea’s international influence in a rapidly evolving global landscape.

Massachusetts Celebrates Dalai Lama's 90th Birthday, Launches Global Year of Compassion

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In a historic event at the Massachusetts State House, US lawmakers, Tibetan leaders, and state officials gathered on July 10 to honor the 90th birthday of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama. The occasion also marked the official launch of the Global Year of Compassion, a global initiative led by the Central Tibetan Administration (CTA). The event was jointly hosted by the Tibetan Association of Boston (TAB) and the Regional Tibetan Association of Massachusetts (RTAM), and co-sponsored by Massachusetts Senator Jo Comerford, Representative Lindsay Sabadosa, and Representative Mindy Domb. It was the first time that the Massachusetts State Legislature formally celebrated the Dalai



Lama, making it a symbolic milestone in Tibetan-American relations. The celebration was filled with cultural performances, traditional Tibetan music and dance, and moving speech-

es. Keynote speakers included Congressman Jim McGovern and Kalon Norzin Dolma, CTA’s Minister for Information and International Relations. Congressman McGovern praised the Dalai Lama’s unwavering

commitment to nonviolence, compassion, and human dignity, and reiterated bipartisan support for the Resolve Tibet Act of 2024, which strengthens US policy toward a negotiated solution on Tibet’s status. The festivities also gained deeper significance following the Dalai Lama’s recent declaration that the 15th Dalai Lama will be born in a free country—an announcement that added urgency and symbolic weight to the proceedings. The event reflected both a tribute to a revered spiritual leader and a call for continued global solidarity with the Tibetan cause. By launching the Global Year of Compassion from Massachusetts, organizers hope to spread the Dalai Lama’s teachings of peace, empathy, and resilience across nations, emphasizing the need for compassion-driven leadership in today’s world.

Mercedes-Benz India Plans September Price Hike Amid Weak Rupee

Mercedes-Benz India is set to implement a price hike of 1-1.5% in September 2025, citing the sustained weakness of the Indian rupee against the euro. This would mark the luxury carmaker's third price revision this year, following increases in January and July. Managing Director and CEO Santosh Iyer explained that the rupee has consistently hovered around the 100-mark against the euro over the past month, prompting the need for another price adjustment. "We will have to undertake an increase as well in September," Iyer said. Despite rising prices, Iyer noted that the impact on sales may be limited, thanks to easing interest rates. With about 80% of Mercedes-Benz's new cars sold via financing, stable equated monthly installments (EMIs) are helping cushion the blow for buyers. "We've tried to keep EMIs steady even though car prices have risen, which helps mitigate the impact," he added. Commenting on supply chain concerns, particularly around rare earth magnets, Iyer confirmed that the company has not yet been affected. "We



have sufficient stock and good supply chain management, thanks to our team in Stuttgart," he said. Iyer acknowledged that 2025 might see flat growth for the company, amid global geopolitical uncertainties. Still, he pointed out that the luxury car segment in India is performing better than the overall passenger vehicle market, growing at 5-6% compared to the industry's 2-3%. He emphasized that rising vehicle prices are now a global trend, driven by regulations in the mass market and currency-driven costs in the luxury segment. "Considering global headwinds, any growth in the auto sector is a positive sign," he concluded.

Reliance Jio Delays IPO Plans Beyond 2025, Focuses on Growth and Valuation

Reliance Jio Platforms, the digital and telecom arm of Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Industries, has postponed its much-anticipated initial public offering (IPO) beyond this year, according to two sources familiar with the development. The delay marks a significant shift in strategy for one of India's most valuable and closely watched companies.



Valued by analysts at over \$100 billion, Jio was widely expected to go public in 2025. However, the company is now focusing on expanding its revenue streams and subscriber base to strengthen its valuation before entering the public market, a source explained. Jio aims to grow its core telecom business while also accelerating development in its broader digital ecosystem, including platforms related to payments, content, and enterprise solutions.

The decision to hold off on the IPO comes amid a period of rapid digital transformation in India, where Jio continues to be a dominant player. With more than 470 million subscribers, the company remains at the forefront of India's telecom market, but

is now keen to consolidate gains and show stronger financial performance before listing.

Meanwhile, the IPO for Reliance Retail, another major arm of Ambani's business empire, is also not expected before 2027 or 2028, according to one of the sources.

The delay in Jio's public debut could be seen as a move to maximize long-term value, especially as global and domestic markets remain volatile. Investors, while disappointed by the delay, are likely to watch closely how Jio's business evolves in the coming quarters as it builds toward what could be one of India's largest-ever IPOs.

TCS, Bharti Airtel See Steep Market Value Erosion Amid Broader Market Decline



Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) and Bharti Airtel led the list of top losers in market valuation this week, as the domestic equity markets witnessed significant selling pressure. The BSE Sensex plunged by 932.42 points, or 1.11%, impacting the market capitalisation of several blue-chip companies. TCS suffered the sharpest drop in value, losing ₹56,279.35 crore to end the week with a market cap of ₹11.81 lakh crore. The decline followed a nearly 3.5% fall in its share price on Friday after its Q1 results failed to meet investor expectations. Bharti Airtel was the second-largest loser, with a drop of ₹54,483.62 crore in market value, bringing its total valuation down to ₹10.95 lakh crore. Other major firms such as Reliance Industries, Infosys, ICICI Bank, LIC, HDFC Bank, and State

Bank of India also saw erosion in their market capitalisation. In total, eight of India's top 10 most valued companies lost a combined ₹2.07 lakh crore in market value during the week. On the positive side, only Hindustan Unilever Ltd (HUL) and Bajaj Finance bucked the trend. HUL's market value surged by ₹42,363.13 crore after it appointed Priya Nair as its first woman CEO and MD, leading to a nearly 5% rally in its share price. Bajaj Finance also added ₹5,033.57 crore in market cap. Broader indices reflected market volatility, with the Nifty falling 311.15 points, or 1.22%, to settle at 25,149.85. Sectorally, IT stocks led the slide, with the Nifty IT index falling 3.76%. Auto, Infra, and Energy indices also posted losses, while the Nifty FMCG index gained 2.15% as investors showed interest in defensives.

NBFCs Double Loan Advances to ₹48 Lakh Crore, Says Finance Minister Sitharaman

Gross loan advances by Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) have surged significantly, doubling from ₹24 lakh crore in March 2021 to ₹48 lakh crore as of March 2025, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced at the NBFC Symposium 2025 on Wednesday. Highlighting their growing role in India's financial ecosystem, Sitharaman emphasized that NBFCs have become a vital source of credit for traditionally underserved and excluded segments. "NBFCs are no longer shadow banks," she remarked, adding that their stronger regulation and compliance frameworks demonstrate their increasing significance in the broader economy. The Finance Minister pointed to recent RBI regulatory steps—such as the recalibration of risk weights on bank lending and a more accommodative financial environment—as key factors enhancing credit prospects for the sector. She



urged NBFCs to pass on the benefits of reduced funding costs to end-users, especially following recent RBI measures aimed at easing financial conditions. Sitharaman also reaffirmed the government's support for the NBFC sector, stating, "We remain committed to a consultative approach. Issues raised

during consultations will be examined with due attention." The Minister called for deeper collaboration between NBFCs and banks, particularly through co-lending arrangements. She advocated for the institutionalisation of such partnerships, supported by a seamless digital co-lending infrastructure, standardized onboarding processes, and interoperable servicing platforms. These efforts, she said, would help increase credit flow to priority sectors while enhancing risk-sharing and operational efficiency. Sitharaman acknowledged the evolution of some systemically important NBFCs, noting that many now operate with governance and compliance standards on par with banks. This progress, she added, paves the way for robust NBFCs to eventually transition into full-fledged banks, strengthening the overall financial system.

Union Bank of India Lowers 2025-26 Inflation Forecast to 3.6%, Aligns with RBI Outlook

Union Bank of India has revised its headline inflation forecast for FY 2025-26 downwards from 4% to 3.6%, closely aligning with the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) latest estimate of 3.7%. The revision comes amid easing food prices, which have pushed Consumer Price Index (CPI)-based retail inflation below 4% since February 2025. In its report dated July 11, the bank projected June retail inflation at 2.3% and expects July to mark the near-term bottom. "In our optimistic scenario, we forecast FY26 CPI at 3.1%, while in the pessimistic scenario, we expect 4.2% — still 40 basis points below FY25 levels," the report stated. A major factor contributing to this downward revision is the projected drop in persistent food inflation. After hovering in the 6.5-7% range between 2022



and early 2025, food inflation is expected to decline sharply to 3% in FY26 — the lowest in seven years — assuming favorable climate conditions prevail. The report also emphasized that a sustained dip in overall inflation depends

largely on the softening of "sticky" food prices, which have traditionally influenced broader inflation trends in India. On monetary policy, Union Bank believes the RBI has concluded its rate-cutting cycle, holding the terminal repo rate at 5.50%. The central bank has cut rates by 100 basis points so far this year. Looking ahead, both Union Bank and the RBI anticipate a gradual uptick in CPI starting August, as base effects fade. Inflation may slightly exceed the 4% comfort level in the second half of FY26. May's provisional CPI inflation stood at 2.82% — the lowest in over six years — driven by declining prices of food items and essential household goods. Inflation has remained within the RBI's 2-6% tolerance band since October 2024.

Believe It or Not: This French Restaurant Charges ₹1,500 Fine for No-Shows and Surprise Guests



A French restaurant's strict new policy is Astirring debate online after the owner announced fines for customers who don't show up as expected. L'ilot, a cozy 20-seat restaurant in Amboise, is run by chef and owner Olivier Vincent, who recently introduced a ₹1,500 (15 euros) fine for any guest who arrives with a different number of people than stated in their reservation.

Vincent explained that this policy came about due to repeated frustrations caused by no-shows and unexpected extra guests turning up without prior notice. Such changes disrupt the restaurant's smooth operation, seating arrangements, and food preparation, which are all carefully planned for each reservation.

In a Facebook post, Olivier Vincent made it clear that any change in party size without warning would result in a fine of €15 per missing or extra person. His caption read simply: "Without warning obviously....."

Despite this strict stance, L'ilot enjoys an impressive 4.7-star rating on Google, reflecting

the high quality of its dining experience and the respect many customers have for the restaurant.

The fine aims to encourage responsibility and better communication from diners, helping the small restaurant avoid last-minute disruptions and losses. It also reflects a growing trend among popular eateries worldwide that face similar challenges with no-shows and unpredictable guest numbers.

While some patrons have supported the decision as fair and necessary, others have criticized it as too harsh. Still, Vincent remains firm, emphasizing that the policy ensures the restaurant can continue to provide excellent service to all guests without the stress of unexpected changes.

In a world where dining spots are in high demand, especially intimate ones like L'ilot, clear communication and respect for bookings have become essential — and this French chef is making sure his guests understand that.



Australia Man Quits Carpentry to Make Rs 20 Lakh a Year from Fart Videos

Nath Wyld, an Australian who once worked as a carpenter and weekend stripper, has found an unusual niche that earns him over Rs 1.1 crore annually—creating fart videos. Wyld started his career in carpentry, working regular hours during the week, while entertaining crowds as a topless waiter and stripper on weekends at a club called Magic Men. His growing popularity on Instagram led fans to encourage him to start an OnlyFans account in 2017.

"At first, my content was tame—just semi-naked photos and short videos that were a little raunchier than what Instagram allowed," Wyld told

The Metro. But things changed when he began posting more explicit content, earning around £3,280 (roughly Rs 3.8 lakh) in his first month on OnlyFans. Encouraged by the demand, he eventually left his carpentry job to focus on content creation full-time. "Not having to work eight hours a day and commute was a huge bonus. Now, I enjoy the freedom of working from home," he said.

His biggest surprise came when fans started requesting fart videos. Initially reluctant, Wyld finally gave it a try, filming his first video in his bedroom as a pay-per-view offering. The response was

overwhelming, with one video alone earning him £2,050 (about Rs 2.3 lakh). Today, he makes around £1,540 (Rs 90,000) monthly just from fart videos, which make up about 20% of his total yearly income exceeding £101,000 (Rs 1.17 crore). Clients often request specific outfits, camera angles, or whether Wyld should speak during the videos. To prepare, he eats foods like chicken and green vegetables to induce bloating, then performs wearing tight shorts or a jockstrap.

Despite some judgment, Wyld is happy with his unconventional career and the freedom it offers.

Friday the 13th: Where the 'Curse' Comes From and Whether You Can Avoid It



Friday the 13th has long been regarded as a day of misfortune in many Western cultures. The superstition surrounding this particular date combines fears tied to both the number 13 and Fridays — a duo many believe brings bad luck. While some brush off the notion as mere myth, others actively avoid travel, important decisions, or even stepping outside on this day.

The number 13 itself has been viewed as unlucky for centuries. It breaks the completeness of the number 12, which is often seen as a symbol of order — 12 months, 12 zodiac signs, 12 apostles. According to Christian tradition, Judas Iscariot, the betrayer of Jesus, was the 13th guest at the Last Supper. Jesus was said to be crucified on a Friday, further fueling the superstition, although historical accuracy remains debated.

Some biblical stories also tie Fridays to misfortune — including the expulsion of Adam

and Eve from Eden, Cain's murder of Abel, and the onset of the Great Flood. Roman legends contributed as well, with beliefs that witches gathered in groups of 12, with the 13th being the devil himself.

Modern pop culture has only amplified these fears. The Friday the 13th horror movie franchise and novels like Dan Brown's The Da Vinci Code have embedded the superstition deeper into public consciousness. The day is also remembered for real-life tragedies — plane crashes, accidents, and other eerie events — further stoking fear.

Despite a lack of scientific proof, many still take precautions on Friday the 13th. Whether avoiding black cats or postponing major life decisions, believers continue to treat it as a date best approached with caution — just in case the curse holds some truth.

Nutella Unveils First New Flavour in 60 Years – Can You Guess What It Is?

For the first time in six decades, Nutella has introduced a brand-new flavour — and it's a game-changer. Since its launch in 1964, Nutella's creamy blend of hazelnuts and cocoa has remained unchanged and loved by millions. But now, Ferrero, the company behind the iconic spread, has announced the release of a new variant: Nutella with Peanut. This new flavour blends Nutella's signature chocolate-hazelnut spread with the rich, roasted taste of peanuts — combining two of the most beloved spreads in the world. The addition of peanuts is expected to appeal to fans of both chocolate and peanut butter, offering a familiar yet exciting new twist. In a statement, Ferrero described the new spread as "a combination of the



distinctive creaminess of Nutella with the delicious taste of roasted peanuts." While the spread retains Nutella's classic dark brown color, the packaging will look different — featuring a yellow lid and label in place of the usual white, symbolizing the peanut element. However, there's a catch. This new flavour will only be available in North

America, and not until Spring 2026. Details about the price and exact launch date have yet to be revealed. Nutella fans may remember Francesco Rivella, the man credited with developing the beloved spread. Rivella, who passed away earlier this year at the age of 97, initially created a hazelnut chocolate stick called Giandujot before refining the formula into the creamy version we now know as Nutella. While the new peanut flavour marks a major shift in Nutella's product line, it remains to be seen how fans across the world will react — and whether it might eventually roll out globally. For now, it's a North American exclusive that promises to shake up breakfast tables and dessert recipes alike.

Internet Reacts to Woman Wearing Sheet Mask in Delhi Metro: 'Now, I Will Bring Toothpaste and Brush'

The Delhi Metro, once just a reliable means of transportation, has evolved into something of a second home for many daily commuters—sometimes quite literally. It's common now to see passengers multitasking during their rides, from applying makeup and straightening hair to even filming "Get Ready With Me" videos. However, not everyone is happy with this trend of treating public transit as a personal space.

The latest incident to go viral on social media features a woman calmly standing near the gate of the general coach, headphones on, holding a book—but what truly caught the public's eye was the white sheet mask she had applied on her face during the metro ride. This unusual sight sparked a wave of reactions online, ranging from amusement to concern.



Many users found humor in the scene, joking about how they might now start bringing toothpaste and a toothbrush to complete their "metro self-care routine." Others expressed discomfort, feeling that such acts blur the lines between public and private spaces, potentially making fellow passengers uneasy.

Some co-passengers voiced worries about the metro increasingly becoming a place where personal grooming overshadows the primary purpose of travel.

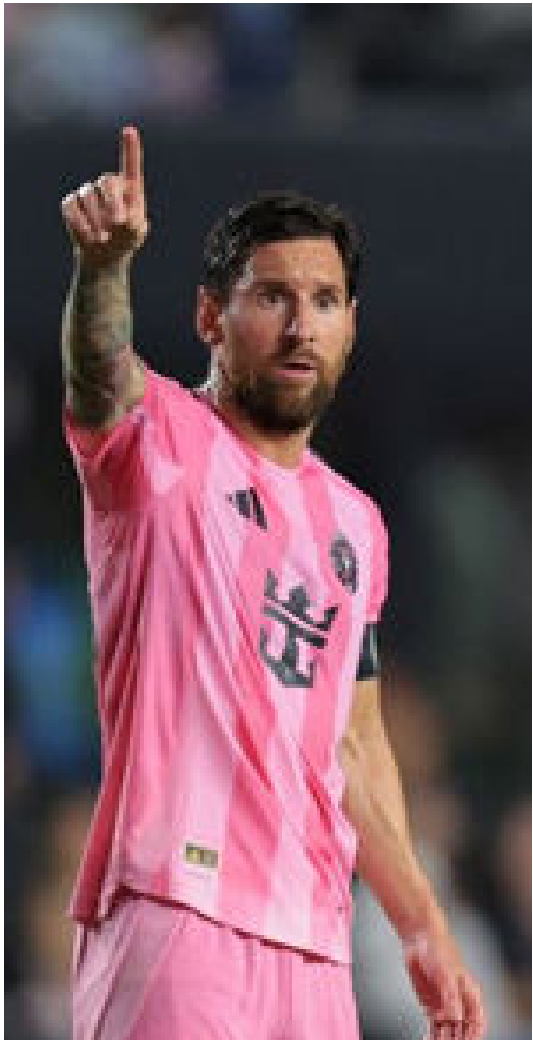
They fear it could lead to a loss of decorum and affect the comfort of other riders who expect a respectful and neutral environment during their commute.

Still, supporters argue that in today's fast-paced lives, commuters are simply trying to make the most of their time, balancing work, self-care, and travel. They see it as a harmless act of adapting to busy schedules rather than a breach of social etiquette.

Whatever the opinion, this viral moment highlights how public spaces like the Delhi Metro are evolving and raises questions about boundaries, privacy, and etiquette in shared environments. The conversation continues as more commuters share their experiences and views on what should or shouldn't be done in public transit.

Messi Makes History Again as Inter Miami Ends Nashville’s Unbeaten Streak

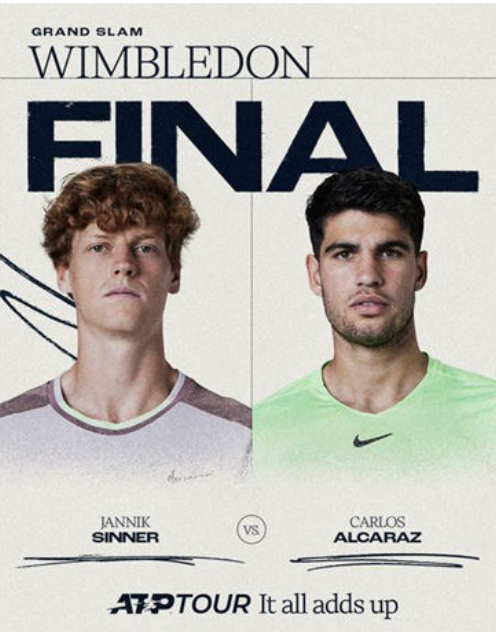
Lionel Messi continued his phenomenal form in Major League Soccer (MLS), scoring twice to lead Inter Miami to a 2-1 victory over Nashville SC on Saturday night at Chase Stadium in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. With the win, Inter Miami snapped Nashville's 15-game unbeaten streak across all competitions and extended their own MLS win streak to five games. Messi's brace marked his fifth consecutive MLS match with two or more goals, setting a new league record. He now has 16 goals in the MLS season, tied for the league lead with Nashville's Sam Surridge, who was kept quiet during the match. Inter Miami improved to 11-3-5 (38 points) on the season, while Nashville dropped to 12-5-5 (41 points), suffering their first loss since April 19 against Seattle. The result also pushed Miami to a 4-0-1 record in their last five meetings with Nashville. Messi opened the scoring in



the 17th minute with yet another stunning free kick. He fired the ball through a narrow gap in Nashville's defensive wall, just out of reach of goalkeeper Joe Willis, who could only watch as it hit the back of the net. Nashville equalized in the 49th minute when Hany Mukhtar scored his 10th goal of the season with a well-placed header off a cross from Andy Najar. Patrick Zebek was also credited with an assist on the play. However, Messi struck again in the 62nd minute. Capitalizing on a blunder by goalkeeper Joe Willis, who miscleared the ball straight to him, Messi calmly controlled it, side-stepped Willis, and slotted home the game-winner. With 22 goals across all competitions and 23 total goal contributions in MLS play, Messi continues to dominate. Inter Miami next faces FC Cincinnati, while Nashville hosts Columbus on Wednesday.

Alcaraz vs Sinner: Tennis’ Next Great Rivalry Set for Wimbledon Final

Carlos Alcaraz and Jannik Sinner, the top two ATP-ranked players, are set to clash in the Wimbledon final on Sunday, continuing what many see as the future of men's tennis. Between them, they have won seven of the last eight Grand Slam titles, drawing comparisons to legends Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal, and Novak Djokovic. Despite their rapid rise, both young stars remain humble. "We are still really young," Alcaraz said. Their last epic encounter was the 2023 French Open final, where Alcaraz saved three championship points to win in a dramatic five-set thriller. Since then, Sinner has had limited match play, losing early at Halle, but insists that loss at Roland Garros isn't on his mind heading into Wimbledon. Alcaraz acknowledged Sinner's growth: "He's going to be better physically, he's going to be better mentally... He'll give 100 percent on Sunday." He does not consider himself mentally advantaged by their previous battle.



On grass, they have met just once before—Sinner won their 2022 Wimbledon fourth-round match in four sets. However, Alcaraz noted that both have evolved significantly since then. Former competitor Taylor Fritz praised both but highlighted Alcaraz's unpredictability, noting his variety in shots including slices, drop shots, and net play. Meanwhile, Sinner dominated Djokovic in the semifinals with a straight-sets victory, though Djokovic was

not at his peak physically. Alcaraz's road to the final was tougher, dropping five sets, yet he boasts an impressive 24-match winning streak and a perfect 5-0 record in Grand Slam finals—second only to Federer's 7-0 start. Novak Djokovic tipped Alcaraz as a slight favorite due to his confidence and past Wimbledon titles, but warned the match will be close. Fans can expect a thrilling contest between two of tennis's brightest stars.

West Indies Dominate Day One of Day-Night Third Test Against Australia

The West Indies showcased their bowling prowess on the first day of the day-night third Test against Australia at Sabina Park, Kingston, before holding firm in the evening session to end the day on a strong note. West Indies pacer Shamar Joseph led the attack with four wickets, supported by Justin Greaves and Jayden Seales, who took three wickets each. Exploiting the seam-friendly conditions and lively pitch, they bowled Australia out for 225 runs. The Australian batting lineup struggled throughout, unable to build significant partnerships. Australia won the toss and elected to bat, but their innings faltered early. Nineteen-year-old Sam Konstas was



the first wicket to fall, trapped lbw by Greaves after a gritty 17 off 53 balls. Usman Khawaja also failed to convert his start, falling for 23 caught behind by Shai Hope off Joseph's bowling. Cameron Green and Steven Smith steadied Australia with a 61-run partnership, scoring 46 and 48 respectively, but their efforts were in vain as the middle order collapsed under pressure. Key batsmen like Marnus Labuschagne, Mitchell Marsh, and Travis Head contributed little, falling cheaply as the pink ball came into play. Seales dismissed Pat Cummins, who was trying to clear the boundary, while Starc was dismissed for a duck on his milestone 100th Test appearance. Joseph sealed the innings by

taking the wicket of Josh Hazlewood. In response, the West Indies began their innings cautiously under lights. Opening batsman Kevlon Anderson fell early to Starc, but captain Shai Hope and Kyle Mayers showed resilience, surviving a tense final hour to close the day at 16-1. Australia opted for an all-pace bowling attack, dropping Nathan Lyon after 12 years, while the West Indies included spinner Jomel Warrican in place of Anderson Phillip. Despite Australia's strong bowling effort, the West Indies held the advantage at stumps, setting the stage for an exciting contest over the remaining days.

PSG and Chelsea Ready for Showdown in Club World Cup Final

The expanded FIFA Club World Cup concludes this Sunday with a high-stakes final between reigning European champions Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) and Chelsea at the MetLife Stadium in New Jersey. The match promises glamour and intensity, with former U.S. President Donald Trump among the expected spectators, as FIFA President Gianni Infantino hails the tournament as the dawn of "the golden era of club football." PSG, under Luis Enrique, enter the final as overwhelming favorites after a historic season. The French giants secured a French league and cup double, then made history by winning their first-ever UEFA Champions League title with a stunning 5-0 victory over Inter Milan in May. Their dominant form continued in the Club World Cup, where they scored four goals each against Atletico Madrid and Inter Miami, then crushed Bayern Munich in the quarter-finals. Most recently, PSG dismantled Real Madrid 4-0 in a commanding semi-final display. Coach Luis Enrique emphasized the team's desire to cap off this remarkable campaign with another trophy, calling it "very important that we end it in the best possible manner." Led by Ballon d'Or contender Ousmane Dembele, PSG



looks to complete a clean sweep of trophies this season. Chelsea, meanwhile, arrive fresh from finishing fourth in the Premier League and lifting the UEFA Conference League trophy. Despite being underdogs, Chelsea's Reece James stressed the unpredictability of finals, reminding that being the favorite does not guarantee victory. Chelsea also await the fitness update on key midfielder Moises Caicedo, who sustained a twisted ankle in the semi-final win over Fluminense. The final promises not only glory but also significant financial rewards and global attention, as both clubs vie to crown the inaugural edition of FIFA's expanded Club World Cup with a memorable climax.

India A Men’s Hockey Team Defeats France 3-2, Registers Third Consecutive Win on Europe Tour

The India A Men's Hockey Team continued their winning momentum on their Europe tour by defeating France 3-2 in a closely contested match held at the Hockey Club Oranje-Rood in Eindhoven on Saturday. This victory marks their third consecutive win on the tour. India's performance was once again led by forward Aditya Arjun Lalghe, who scored twice — once from open play and once from a penalty corner. His sharp finishing in the attacking third gave India the early edge. Bobby Singh Dhami added the third goal for the visitors, further strengthening India's grip on the match. Despite a spirited fightback from France, who relied on Clement's double strike, India held firm to secure the narrow win. The match was filled with fast-paced action, with both teams creating several goal-scoring opportunities. However, it was the Indian side that showed more composure under pressure, especially in the final quarter. Coach Shivendra Singh expressed satisfaction with the team's performance. "The India A Men's Hockey Team has been working very hard behind the scenes in preparation for this tour. It is great to see things coming together on the field. We still have a few games left, and I'm confident the team will keep the momen-



tum going," he said in a press release issued by Hockey India. India A has now won all three of their matches on this European tour. The team will face France once again on Sunday, July 14, at 2:00 PM IST in Eindhoven. With five more matches remaining on the tour, the team will aim to maintain their unbeaten streak and continue building towards future international competitions.



The Last Love Story: Madhavan Bids Farewell to Romantic Roles

R. Madhavan, fondly known as the “Lover Boy” of South Indian cinema, has been a beloved romantic hero since the early 2000s. His breakthrough film *Sakhi* instantly made him a heart-throb, and he went on to deliver several memorable performances in love stories that resonated deeply with audiences—especially the youth.



However, as time passed, Madhavan began exploring more mature roles, portraying intense, serious, and even negative characters with equal finesse. Despite this shift, he recently returned to the romantic genre with the film *Aap Jaisa Koi*, starring opposite the much younger Fatima Sana Shaikh.

While the film showcased his enduring charm and acting prowess, it also sparked a wave of criticism online. Many questioned the age gap between the lead pair and criticized Madhavan for continuing to portray romantic leads at this stage in his career. Initially brushing off the backlash, Madhavan has now opened up about his changing perspective.

In a candid statement, the actor revealed that *Aap*

Jaisa Koi could be his final romantic film. When he signed the project, he felt confident in his ability to pull off such a role. But in light of recent reactions, he believes it’s time to transition to roles that reflect his age and experience.

Despite the mixed reviews, many fans praised his natural chemistry with Fatima and his emotional depth in the film. Still, it’s evident that the negative commentary has left a lasting impression on him.

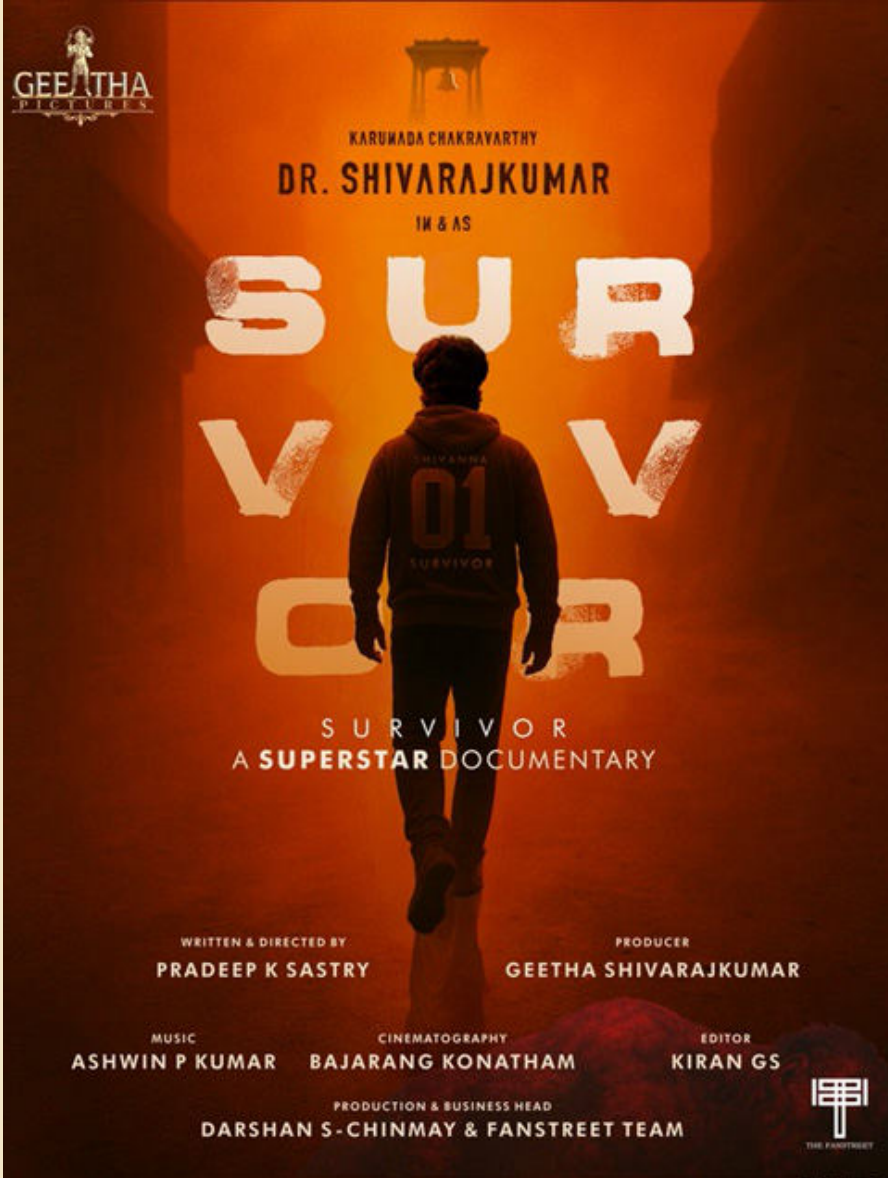
If this truly marks the end of Madhavan’s romantic hero phase, it closes a cherished chapter in Indian cinema. His romantic roles will remain etched in the hearts of fans, who will surely miss that side of his cinematic journey.

Survivor Documentary: Shivarajkumar Opens Up About His Battle with Cancer

Veteran Kannada actor Shivarajkumar, fondly known as Shivanna, is set to share his inspiring cancer recovery journey through a heartfelt documentary titled *Survivor*. After undergoing successful surgery for cancer at the prestigious Mayami Cancer Hospital in Florida, USA, Shivanna has returned to India with renewed strength and determination—not just to continue his career, but also to raise awareness about cancer.

The documentary *Survivor* will be directed by Pradeep K Shastri and is expected to be released in August 2025. It will chronicle Shivanna’s emotional and physical struggle during his treatment, his resilience, and the support he received from family, fans, and the film fraternity. According to sources, the project is more than just a personal account—it aims to offer hope and guidance to those currently facing similar health battles. Shivarajkumar’s decision to publicly talk about his experience has been met with widespread appreciation. Known for his discipline, humility, and connection with fans, this project is yet another testament to his courage and commitment to giving back to society.

Meanwhile, on the professional front, Shivanna is gearing up for his next big-screen appearance in *666 Operation The-*



ater, directed by Hemant Rao. The film is being made under a high-profile collaboration involving Telugu superstar Ram Charan and director Buchi Babu Sana, promising a pan-India reach and high-impact storytelling.

With *Survivor*, Shivarajkumar not only marks a significant personal milestone but also steps into a new role—that of a voice for cancer awareness and survival. As fans await both his upcoming film and this powerful documentary, Shivanna continues to inspire with his strength both on and off the screen.

Back-to-Back Leaks Trouble Fans of Allu Arjun’s AA22xA6



Allu Arjun’s upcoming mega project *AA22xA6*, directed by hitmaker Atlee, is one of the most anticipated films in Indian cinema. Boasting a star-studded cast including Deepika Padukone, Rashmika Mandanna, Janhvi Kapoor, and Mrunal Thakur, the film has generated massive buzz since its announcement. However, the recent wave of leaks around the movie has begun to dampen the excitement for many fans. Over the past few days, multiple unconfirmed reports have surfaced online, revealing key details about the characters and storyline. One of the major leaks claimed that Rashmika Mandanna will be playing a negative role in the film—news that sparked widespread discussion across social media. This was soon followed by wild speculation that Hollywood superstar Will Smith might be joining the film as the main antagonist, further fueling curiosity and confusion.

Most recently, another big leak made headlines: Allu Arjun is reportedly playing four roles in the movie—a grandfather, a father, and two sons. Originally planned as a dual role, the concept was expanded by Atlee during scripting to include three, and eventually four characters for the star. While such a development showcases the scale and ambition of the project, fans are concerned that these major reveals are arriving too early and spoiling the intrigue. Despite the leaks, Atlee and production house Sun Pictures are pushing ahead with grand plans. With a staggering estimated budget of ₹800 crore, *AA22xA6* is positioned to be a landmark film in Indian cinema, blending sci-fi action with emotional storytelling. The film is slated for a global theatrical release in early 2027. As fans hope for tighter secrecy going forward, expectations remain sky-high for what could be a game-changing cinematic experience.

Veteran Actor Kota Srinivasa Rao Passes Away at 83: A Legend Bids Farewell

Renowned Telugu actor Kota Srinivasa Rao passed away in the early hours of Sunday, July 13, 2025, at the age of 83. He breathed his last around 4 AM at his residence in Hyderabad, following a period of ill health due to age-related complications. His passing marks the end of an era in South Indian cinema.

Kota Srinivasa Rao was a towering figure in the film industry, known for his exceptional versatility and commanding screen presence. With a prolific career that spanned over four decades, he acted in more than 750 films across Telugu, Tamil, Kannada, and Hindi languages. From menacing villains and powerful character roles to light-hearted comedic performances, Kota excelled in every genre, earning the admiration of critics and audiences alike. His unique voice, impeccable dialogue delivery, and ability to embody a wide range of

characters made him a favorite among directors and fans. Over the years, he received numerous accolades, including the prestigious



Padma Shri and several Nandi Awards, recognizing his immense contribution to Indian cinema. Kota was not just a remarkable actor but also a respected public figure. He once served as a Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) in Andhra Pradesh, known for his discipline, outspokenness, and integrity.

The Telugu film fraternity and his countless admirers are mourning the loss of a true legend. Tributes and condolences have been pouring in from celebrities, politicians, and fans, celebrating his life and legacy. Kota Srinivasa Rao leaves behind a rich cinematic legacy that will continue to inspire future generations. His unmatched talent and dedication to the craft will never be forgotten. May his soul rest in eternal peace.

Jr NTR to Attend Pre-Release Event of Kireeti’s Debut Film Junior

The upcoming film *Junior*, marking the debut of Kireeti Reddy—son of prominent politician Gali Janardhan Reddy—is gearing up for a grand theatrical release on July 18, 2025. The film will release in both Kannada and Telugu, and excitement is mounting ahead of its arrival, especially with the announcement of high-profile pre-release events.

Kireeti, stepping into the spotlight for the first time, stars alongside the vibrant Sreeleela, who plays his romantic lead. Their fresh pairing, coupled with dynamic visuals and youthful energy, has caught the attention of fans across

the two states.

Adding to the buzz, Kannada superstar Shiva Rajkumar will grace the pre-release event in Bengaluru, while Telugu cinema icon Jr NTR is set to attend the Hyderabad event. Kireeti, a self-proclaimed admirer of Jr NTR, is reportedly thrilled about the star’s presence. Official dates for both events are expected to be confirmed soon, but anticipation is already sky-high.

Junior has already made waves with its catchy song “Viral Vayyari,” which is trending across music platforms. The recently released trailer further amped up audience interest, showcasing a

blend of youthful romance, action, and style.

Directed by Radha Krishna and produced by Rajani Korrapati under the prestigious *Vaaraahi Chalana Chitram* banner, the film boasts a strong production team. It also features Genelia Deshmukh in a pivotal role, marking her return to Telugu cinema after a hiatus.

With strong star support, an appealing cast, and growing online buzz, *Junior* is shaping up to be one of the most talked-about launches of the year. All eyes are now on July 18, as audiences await the debut of a potential new star in South Indian cinema.

