



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

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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 Kharidhu 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 perfor-



mances 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.

Jagan Stands by Ananta Babu... Pawan Drops Vinutha Kota!

- Janasena vs YSRCP in fierce online clash over murder allegations
- Vinutha Kota arrested, expelled from Janasena
- YSRCP trolls attack Pawan Kalyan over Srikalahasti issue
- Janasena, TDP counter with Ananta Babu, YS Viveka cases

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

A fierce war has erupted between YSR Congress Party and Janasena on social media following the arrest of Janasena's Srikalahasti in-charge Vinutha Kota and her husband. The couple was arrested by Chennai police in connection with the murder of their former driver and personal assistant Srinivasulu alias Rayudu. The development created a political stir across Andhra Pradesh. Janasena immediately swung into action, announcing the expulsion of Vinutha Kota from the party. The leadership clarified that she had already been distanced from party responsibilities in the past and was now officially removed. But the political damage didn't stop there. YSRCP's social media handles began attacking Janasena, posting images and statements questioning Pawan Kalyan's decision to appoint such individuals in key positions. They accused him of double standards, often criticizing others for violent incidents but remaining silent when it happened within his party.

In response, Janasena supporters, backed strongly by TDP social media teams, launched a counterattack. They brought up the high-profile Anantha Babu case — the former YSRCP MLC who confessed to killing his driver and delivering the body to the victim's house. Despite admitting to the crime, he faced only suspen-



sion and later reappeared in party activities, often seen close to Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy. They questioned Jagan's silence on that matter and accused the YSRCP of protecting murder accused leaders.

Adding further fuel to the debate, Janasena and TDP digital platforms highlighted the YS Vivekananda Reddy murder case, pointing fingers at Kadapa MP YS Avinash Reddy — an accused in the case — who was not only defended by the ruling party but even given a ticket again in the recent elections.

While the Janasena acted swiftly by removing the accused leader, critics point out that the YSRCP took a softer approach with its own. The social media discourse surrounding these cases shows how political narratives are increasingly being shaped and fought in the digital space, where public perception can change rapidly. This entire episode underscores a larger issue — that public representatives are always under scrutiny.

Lockout Drama at Andhra Paper Mill...

- A third lockout in a row, lifted in just a day – workers' issues unresolved
- Mill announces sudden lockout, lifts it after 24 hours
- Workers' strike lasted 25 days, demands still unmet
- Trade unions, political leaders face criticism for silence

TPN | Ch. Sri

East Godavari: Amid high drama, the Andhra Paper Mill at Rajahmundry witnessed yet another lockout episode — the third in recent times. Though the management lifted the lockout just a day later, questions remain about the intentions behind the move and the silent roles played by trade unions and political parties.

A Lockout Lifted, But Workers Still Waiting

The mill workers, who had been on strike since September 2, called it off on the 25th after 25 days of protest demanding the implementation of the 2023 wage agreement. Despite multiple failed talks — including those led by the District Collector, Labor Department, and JCL Commissioner — the management remained indifferent. Eventually, after talks at the Collectorate on Thursday, the strike was called off and the management lifted the lockout the very next day.

The workers expressed anger over the sudden lockout notice, which was put up without informing the trade unions. While nearly 2,800 employees participated in the strike, no effective mediation came from trade union leaders



or local political figures. The lack of resistance raised doubts about collusion between union heads and mill management.

A Blessing for Union Heads, A Curse for Workers?

In East Godavari, the Andhra Paper Mill stands as a giant — both economically and politically. Yet for workers, the mill has turned into a battlefield of uncertainty. While union leaders enjoy backroom negotiations and political blessings, workers continue to face wage suppression and job insecurity. The lockout announcement — and its swift



Is YSR Behind NTR's Ouster?

‘Maya Sabha’ Web Series Sparks Debate

- New trailer explores YSR-Chandrababu friendship and political betrayal
- Fictionalized web series to stream on Sony Liv from August 7
- Dialogues hint at YSR's influence during NTR's ousting

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A powerful trailer from the upcoming political drama ‘Maya Sabha’ has sparked intense debate in Telugu political and film circles. Set to premiere on Sony Liv from August 7, the web series delves into the lesser-known friendship between two of Andhra Pradesh's biggest political figures — Nara Chandrababu Naidu and YS Rajasekhara Reddy. Directed by Deva Katta and Kiran Jayakumar, the series promises to explore the behind-the-scenes drama of power, betrayal, and political transformation, raising the provocative question: Was YSR involved in Chandrababu's backstabbing of NTR?

The trailer opens with a dramatic portrayal of a rebellion within the party and a phone call between Chandrababu and YSR during a tense moment. The fictional dialogues, while dramatized, are causing a stir: YSR is shown encouraging Chandrababu, saying, “War is your dharma,” and even warning him, “If you win today, that victory becomes my arrow — the arrow of betrayal.” These exchanges have prompted a wave of reactions, especially from YSR fans, who are questioning the creative liberties taken in linking YSR to one of the most controversial episodes in Telugu politics — the ousting of NTR at Hotel Viceroy.

‘Maya Sabha’ features Adipinisetty as Krishnama Naidu, Chaitanya Rao as MS Ram Reddy, and Divya Dutta as Airavati Basu. The trailer has received praise for its intense dialogues, rich visuals, and emotional depth. Produced by Vijay Krishna Lingamaneni and Sriharsha under Hitman and Prudos Productions LLP, the series comes with the tagline Rise of the Titans.

In a recent episode of Unstoppable 2 with Balakrishna, CM Chandrababu Naidu openly spoke about his political friendship with YSR. He recalled how the two were once inseparable as MLAs and ministers — even claiming they “brought down Chief Ministers” together during their early careers. He clarified that though they became political rivals, their personal bond remained intact.

Now, Maya Sabha fictionalizes those political highs and lows, showing how a personal friendship clashed with political ambitions. While the makers haven't claimed it as a direct biopic, the series' bold approach — especially dragging YSR's name into the NTR removal episode — has left viewers stunned.

Director Deva Katta is no stranger to political storytelling, having previously handled socially and politically charged subjects. But with Maya Sabha, he seems to be treading a fine line between fact and fiction, history and narrative, leaving the audience and political observers to decide what is real and what is imagined. The series is expected to fuel debates, particularly among political supporters and historians. All eyes are now on how YSR fans and the wider public will respond when the full series drops on August 7.



Lockout Drama at...

withdrawal — exposed the questionable co-ordination between political leaders, union heads, and company officials. Strikingly, union leaders like Chitturi Praveen Chowdhury didn't even attend public press meets during this crisis, fuelling speculation of silent deals and weakened resistance.

Where Is Industrial Progress?

The Andhra Paper Mill situation is symptomatic of East Godavari's overall industrial decline. Over the past five years, despite YSRCP's rule, major new industries have not come up. With the exception of the Grasim unit in Bikavolu, Triveni Solar Panels in Kovvur, and the now-quiet Industrial Estate project in Rajanagaram, there is little to show in terms of industrial development.

Once-bustling sectors like spinning mills, sawmills, ceramic units, and even power plants like GMR and GVK have either shut down or are running in losses. The closure of industries has pushed up unemployment, while political leaders seem directionless in bringing in new ventures — or even maintaining the existing ones.

A Century-Old Mill with Expired Permits?

Originally founded in 1921 as Carnatic Paper Mills Ltd., the Andhra Paper Mill has seen numerous ownership changes — from West Coast Paper to L.N. Bangur and eventually, to American paper giant International Paper in 2011. Today, it's one of India's largest paper manufacturers with two units in Rajahmundry and Kadiyam, producing over 20,000 tons per day and employing thousands.

However, despite massive growth in production, the mill still operates under the outdated permit of 1961 — when it was allowed to produce just 10 tons per day. The Environment Board remains inactive, and labor enforcement is near silent. Questions about pollution in the Godavari and internal corruption continue to haunt the paper mill's management, yet remain unanswered by the government.

The Flip Side: Environmental & Ethical Concerns

Activists have long raised concerns about the paper mill's environmental impact — from polluting the Godavari River to unchecked emissions. Simultaneously, multiple allegations of financial irregularities and insider corruption continue to surface against the mill's leadership. Despite these serious issues, the government and local MLAs have maintained studied silence.

As workers return to their duties, nothing concrete seems to have changed. Their core demands — fair wages, improved working conditions, and accountability from management — remain in limbo. And once again, a lockout was used as a tactical maneuver rather than a real solution.

With no serious pressure from union leaders or political representatives, it's the workers who bear the brunt — caught between corporate apathy and political indifference. The Andhra Paper Mill episode may be over for now, but the deeper questions about governance, transparency, and workers' rights continue to echo loudly across East Godavari.

BITS Pilani charts a bold new vision for a future-ready digital nation

- **AI+ Campus to be built on 35 acres in Amaravati**
- **₹1,219 Cr. Project Vistaar to boost infrastructure**
- **BITS Pilani Digital platform to reach 1 lakh learners**

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In a bold step towards transforming higher education, BITS Pilani has announced the establishment of a futuristic AI+ campus in Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh, as part of its 2025 convocation highlights. The announcement was made by Chancellor Kumar Mangalam Birla, who also launched two other major initiatives: Project Vistaar, a ₹1,219 crore investment to modernize existing campuses, and BITS Pilani Digital, a new EdTech platform.

Mr. Birla called it a pivotal moment in BITS Pilani's journey of innovation and nation-building. "We are reimagining higher education at the intersection of physical and digital learning," he said, adding that these initiatives are aligned with the Prime Minister's vision for a trillion-dollar academic economy.

The new AI+ campus at Amaravati, spread across 35 acres, will act as an innovation hub offering AI/



ML, innovation, and strategy programs. It will feature an Experiential & Adaptive Curriculum, smart classrooms, IoT integration, and AI-powered services. Phase 1 will accommodate 3,000 students, while Phase 2 will scale the capacity to over 7,000 with dedicated research and entrepreneurship zones.

Project Vistaar, the largest capital

investment in the institute's history, will enhance research capabilities and student infrastructure across Pilani, Goa, and Hyderabad campuses. The plan includes ₹60 crore for upgrading undergraduate laboratories and aims to increase student intake to 26,000 by 2030.

To extend BITS' academic excellence to digital learners, BITS Pilani Digital was also launched. This platform will offer 32 industry-aligned programs (11 degrees and 21 certificates) over five years, targeting 1 lakh learners. It will include real-world projects, career support, and campus immersion options.

Vice Chancellor Prof. V. Ramgopal Rao said the institute is committed to staying ahead of global education trends. "We aim to build a responsive, purpose-driven ecosystem that deeply connects with industry and society," he noted. With these initiatives, BITS Pilani is reinforcing its leadership in innovation, accessibility, and future-ready learning.

Tension in Machilipatnam Over Vangaveeti Ranga Plexi Tear

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Tension gripped the Machilipatnam bypass road at midnight after unidentified persons allegedly tore a flex board of the late leader Vangaveeti Mohana Ranga. The incident sparked strong protests from Jana Sena Party workers, who staged a demonstration demanding immediate action.

The Jana Sainiks expressed anger and frustration over what they claim is a repeated targeting of Vangaveeti Ranga's images. They alleged that such incidents have been happening over the past few days, and despite complaints, the culprits remain unidentified.

Upon receiving information, police rushed to the scene to control the situation. Jana Sena activists filed a formal written complaint demanding a probe into the incident and the arrest of those responsible. They warned that such acts are deeply hurtful to Ranga's followers and could escalate ten-



sions if not addressed swiftly. Protesters recalled a recent controversy where Nara Lokesh was accused of a similar act, though they refrained from making direct accusations this time. "We do not suspect anyone specific-

ly, but if we find out who did it, we won't spare them," the agitated Jana Sainiks warned.

Police have begun an investigation and assured action against the perpetrators. The situation remains tense but under control.

Major Changes in Self-Certification Rules for Building Construction

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The Andhra Pradesh government has introduced key amendments to the self-certification scheme in the building construction sector, aiming to simplify processes and eliminate delays. Municipal Administration Principal Secretary Suresh Kumar issued the new Joint Verification Order (JVO) outlining these changes, which are expected to encourage rapid growth in construction and reduce corruption.

Under the earlier policy, the self-certification system was applicable only for constructions up to five floors, allowing builders to proceed with minimal official intervention, based on declarations from Licensed Technical Persons (LTPs). However, if any violations of rules were found, criminal cases were being filed against LTPs, along with cancellation of their licenses.

In a major relief, the government has now exempted LTPs from criminal cases, thereby boosting their confidence and participation in the self-certification process. Officials noted that this move aims to make the system more builder- and professional-friendly, while ensuring accountability through revised verification protocols.

Additionally, in a significant policy shift, self-certification has now been extended to "white category" industries – which include low-pollution units permitted by the Pollution Control Board. This provision applies to industrial structures with a built-up area of less than 500 square meters. Earlier, these industries were not covered under the self-certification regime.

The government stated that these changes were made to curb irregularities, remove procedural delays, and eliminate scope for corruption in the building permissions process. Authorities believe that simplified and transparent systems will attract more investments into construction and industrial development, particularly in urban zones.



Minister handed over agricultural equipment of Rs 4.87 lakh

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Tenali: State Minister Nadendla Manohar said that the government is working with integrity only to advance the small-scale farmers in technological and mechanization. Farmers were given the necessary equipment at the event at the Tenali Agricultural Market Yard on Sunday.

He said that the government is taking steps to ensure that the welfare of the farmer is the use of every farmer's machinery to achieve the highest yields. Many programs that need farmers

Tenali said he was conducting the Agriculture Market Yard. It is suggested that the fertilizer required for the kharif season is ready and the crop details should be registered in the coming period. A subsidy of Rs 4,87,060/- was provided to agricultural machinery to 33 farmers in the Tenali constituency. Agriculture Department Jedi Aita Srinivasa Rao, DPM Rajakumari, Nageswara Rao, Gogireddy Manasa Reddy, Jetti Renuka and Zonal Agriculture Department officials participated.

AP Wins 10 ODOP Awards, Big Boost to Weavers and Farmers

- **7 awards for handlooms & handicrafts, 2 for agri products**
- **Guntur chilli, Bobbili veena, Etikoppaka toys among winners**
- **Free power & thrift fund for weavers from August 7**

TPN | V.V. S Madhu Babu

Vijayawada: Andhra Pradesh has emerged as a top performer under the "One District – One Product" (ODOP) initiative, winning 10 prestigious national awards, providing a major boost to its handloom and agriculture sectors. According to R.P. Sisodiya, Special Chief Secretary (Handlooms & Textiles), the state received seven awards for handloom and handicrafts, two for agriculture-based products, and one in the inter-state ODOP category. The awards will be formally presented on Monday at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, by Union Minister Piyush Goyal. Artisans and district collectors from the winning districts have already reached the capital to attend the felicitation ceremony. Driven by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu's vision to revive



traditional industries and rural livelihoods, Andhra Pradesh's ODOP performance reflects the government's dedication to promoting local crafts. Sisodiya noted that the recognition highlights the commitment to strengthen the rural economy and preserve the state's cultural heritage. The awarded products include Bobbili Veena from Vizianagaram, Etikoppaka toys from Anakapalli, and Peddapuram silk sarees from Kakinada. Chirala and Venkatagiri sarees from Bapatla and Tirupati respectively, along with Dharmavaram silk sarees from Sri Sathya Sai district, also received recognition. Narasapur crochet lace from West Godavari represented the handcraft category, while Guntur chilli and Srikakulam cashew were honored in the agricultural category. Sisodiya added that within a year of the coalition government coming to

power, Andhra Pradesh's products have achieved national acclaim due to the combined efforts of the government and artisans.

In a move to empower weavers further, the government will launch the Free Electricity Scheme for the weaving community from August 7, National Handloom Day. The scheme provides 200 units of free power to handloom operators and 500 units to power-loom operators. Thrift fund contributions will also be released on the same day, fulfilling a pre-poll promise by CM Naidu and Minister Lokesh.

Plans are underway to include banana (Kadapa), tomato (Chittoor), and groundnut (Anantapur) under ODOP. Efforts are also being made to strengthen marketing through APCO showrooms and e-commerce platforms, ensuring better visibility and income for artisans and farmers.

YSRCP Ruined Power Sector, No Hike in Tariffs: Minister Gottipati

- ₹1.3 lakh crore burden left by YSRCP on power sector
- Not a single megawatt produced during Jagan’s rule
- Free bus scheme from August 15, ₹20,000 aid for farmers soon

TPN Correspondent | Kadapa

State Energy Minister Gottipati Ravi Kumar has come down heavily on the previous YSRCP regime, accusing it of completely destroying the power sector in Andhra Pradesh and imposing an enormous financial burden. Speaking in Badvel, the minister declared that the present government will not increase electricity charges in the future. “The YSRCP government has left a burden of ₹1.30 lakh crore on the electricity department during its five-year rule,” the minister alleged. He pointed out that not a single megawatt of electricity was produced under Jagan Mohan Reddy’s government, while under the previous TDP regime, 7,000 megawatts of solar power had been generated after 2014. The minister reiterated the new government’s commitment to green energy expansion, saying that the



Rayalaseema region is ideal for clean energy investments, which would generate large-scale employment. He urged the public to take full advantage of central schemes like PM Suryodaya and PM Kusum. Earlier in the day, Minister Gottipati reviewed the RDSS works in Kada-

pa district in a meeting with electricity officials at the camp office of TDP’s Badvel constituency in-charge Ritesh Reddy. The review covered ongoing work on substations, agriculture power connections, transformer distribution, and measures to tackle low-voltage issues in rural

areas. He directed the officials to ensure quality 9-hour daytime electricity to farmers and a round-the-clock power supply to homes and industries. As part of the “First Step in Good Governance” initiative, the minister conducted a door-to-door campaign in Balayapalli. He explained to the people the progress made under the new government and the welfare schemes being implemented. He highlighted that under the Deepam scheme, three gas cylinders are being given free of cost to eligible families. He also mentioned that nearly ₹10,000 crore had been credited in a single day into people’s accounts through the Thalliki Vandanam scheme. He assured that the free bus travel scheme for women will begin from August 15, and under the Annadata Sukhibhava scheme, ₹20,000 aid will soon be provided to farmers.



Advani Quit at 75... Why Not Modi?

- Questions BJP’s consistency on age policy for leaders
- Recalls Advani, Joshi and others who retired at 75

TPN | Nagaraju

Kadapa: Senior Congress leader and state chief spokesperson Dr. Narreddy Tulasi Reddy has strongly demanded that Prime Minister Narendra Modi resign from active politics by September 17, 2025 — the day he turns 75. Citing BJP’s own principles and statements by its top leaders, Dr. Tulasi Reddy questioned whether Narendra Modi would follow the precedent set by his seniors like L.K. Advani and Murli Manohar Joshi. Speaking to the media in Vempalli on Saturday, Dr. Tulasi Reddy recalled that in 2019, Union Home Minister Amit Shah had clearly stated that no leader above the age of 75 would be given party tickets. “This policy was the reason why veterans like Advani, Joshi, Venkaiah Naidu, and Jaswant Singh were sidelined from electoral politics,” he said. He also cited the recent statement by RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat, who in a July 9 speech in Nagpur asserted that politicians should voluntarily retire from active politics upon reaching the age of 75. “If BJP is truly a party with moral values, and Modi is a leader with those values, then by the same logic, Modi should step down by September 17,” Dr. Reddy said. He further added that the whole country would be watching whether Modi follows in the footsteps of Advani or creates a separate set of rules for himself. “Will the BJP maintain one set of ethics for Advani and another for Modi? Only time will tell,” he remarked.

Students First, Welfare for All: MLA Amilineni

MLA goes door to door under ‘Good Governance’ program in East Kodipalli

TPN Correspondent | Anantapur

As part of the first step towards the Good Governance initiative launched by Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, Kalyanadurgam MLA Amilineni Surendra Babu conducted door-to-door visits in East Kodipalli village of Kalyanadurgam Rural Mandal to understand the implementation of welfare schemes and the concerns of local residents. Speaking during the Telugu Desam Party program, MLA Amilineni emphasized that educating students is his foremost priority. “Students will be educated first,” he said, reaf-



firming his commitment to extend support to poor families, especially those of party activists. Highlighting his personal contributions, he stated that he had provided ₹10,000 to Chowdappa, who was recently injured in a road accident,

and ₹5,000 to the family of Vetti Mallesh, who passed away due to kidney failure. He also arranged free nursing education for Varsha, daughter of the deceased Mallesh, in coordination with the KPK and Advaita College of Nursing, Anantapuram. Additionally, another student, S. Vanita, received ₹25,000 in support for her hostel expenses at PVVKK College, along with a promise to provide clothing and other necessities. For orphaned children Abhi and Revanth, the MLA arranged both hostel and school facilities. He reassured residents that pensions and houses would be granted to all

eligible beneficiaries and that the Telugu Desam Party would always stand by its people. Residents expressed happiness at receiving benefits through the ‘Thalliki Vandhanam’ scheme, particularly families with multiple school-going children. The MLA assured farmers that financial aid under the ‘Annadata Sukhibhava’ scheme would be deposited into their accounts within this month. “CM Chandrababu has asked us to visit every house and see if mothers are being greeted and if their families are receiving benefits. This is not just a scheme—it is a responsibility,” said MLA Amilineni.

Kadapa MLA Limited to Words, No Action on Ground: Anjad Bhasha

TPN Correspondent | Kadapa

Former Deputy Chief Minister Anjad Bhasha came down heavily on the coalition government and Kadapa MLA, stating that despite being in power for over a year, no real development has taken place in the constituency. Participating in the YSRCP’s North Zone wide-ranging meeting held in Kadapa on Sunday, he accused the current MLA of offering only words, with no concrete action on promises made. “The coalition came to power by deceiving the public. They haven’t implemented even a single welfare scheme so far. Kadapa has been pushed into a state of neglect. The MLA visited Ravindranagar in 10 cars the day after the election and promised to complete the bridges over Shamirya and Buggavanka near the Law College within six months, but even after a year, not a single brick has been laid,” Anjad Bhasha said. He alleged that the GOs issued by former CM Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy are being replaced with new ones without executing the original projects. “People want development, but the MLA is focused only on propaganda. She must answer the public for the unfulfilled promises,” he said, also accusing the coalition of attacking YSRCP workers and resorting to diversionary tactics. He asserted that no one is afraid of the pressure tactics and that justice will be restored under



Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy’s leadership in government 2.0. Kadapa Mayor Suresh Babu, speaking at the same event, said the YSRCP government under Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy implemented transformative welfare schemes, unlike the current coalition, which is targeting party workers and leaders with fabricated cases. He reminded the public that only leaders like the late Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy and Jagan Mohan Reddy brought real development to the region. Deputy Mayor Nityananda Reddy, North Zone President B.H. Iliaz, South Zone President Ice Cream Ravi, West Zone President Nagendra Reddy, District Secretary Ramesh Reddy, District Youth President Devi Reddy Aditya, District Women President T.P. Venkatasubamma, and several local leaders and women representatives participated in the meeting.

Not as a Leader... I Came as a Servant: Satyakumar Yadav

Minister conducts padayatra in Dharmavaram to listen to public grievances

TPN Correspondent | Anantapur

State Medical and Health Minister Satyakumar Yadav declared that he has not come to rule, but to serve as a people’s servant, and promised door-to-door justice during a development padayatra held in Dharmavaram on Sunday. On the third day of the padayatra, he visited wards 21 and 22, interacting directly with residents and collecting petitions regarding their grievances. Addressing the media, he said, “I have the courage to stand at your doorstep and answer every question. I am here to witness your pain and deliver solutions.” He criticized the previous YSRCP regime for leaving sanctioned houses without locations, issuing title deeds with no clarity, and denying pensions to the deserving based on political affiliation. He assured the people that every unfairly denied pension will be restored, asserting that his government’s actions are driven not by politics but by humanity. He promised a permanent drinking water solution, acknowledging the incomplete Amrit scheme tanks, and said temporary direct water supply is being arranged until tank works are completed. The 87-kilometer highway upgrade, including a 27-kilometer bypass, is underway to fix traffic issues in the town. On the handloom front, he announced that the Mega Handloom Cluster project worth ₹40 crore (₹30 crore from the Centre and ₹10 crore from the State) had been cleared in principle.



velopment,” he added. Lauding PM Narendra Modi’s third-term victory, he called it “a reward for years of committed leadership, not age-related debate.” He vowed to replicate such trust-driven leadership in Andhra Pradesh. During the padayatra, the minister personally received hundreds of grievances, handed them to officials on the spot, and issued instructions for swift resolution.

Arunodhaya Kala Samithi Celebrates 7th Gurupujosthav with Devotion and Grace

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada

Arunodhaya Kala Samithi marked the 7th anniversary of its revered Gurupujosthav on Sunday evening in a vibrant, spiritual atmosphere that celebrated classical dance and the guru-shishya tradition at

Sri Ghantasala Venkateswara Rao Music and Dance College, Vijayawada. The evening began with Jyothi Prajwalana in front of Lord Nataraja, symbolizing an auspicious start. Under the guidance of Natya Guru Manzoosha Pakki, the stage came alive with

enchanting performances. Students of the Samithi presented a captivating Kuchipudi recital, beginning with a Ganesh Bhajan and moving through Tandava Nruthyakari, Brahmanjali, Dasavathara Shabdham, Ashtalakshmi Stotram, Tarangam, and Paras Thillana. Each performance reflected intricate choreography and classical finesse. Adding variety, Bharatanatyam items like Tisra Alarippu and Vasantha Jathiswaram were also performed, displaying the discipline and grace nurtured through dedicated training. Following the performances, the Sabhakaryakramam commenced with Guru Vandanam,



expressing heartfelt gratitude to the guru. Guest of Honour Madhurakavi Valiveti lauded Guru Manzoosha's relentless commitment to classical arts, calling her choreography of Ashtalakshmi Stotram "distinctive and deserving of recognition."

Kandula Lakshmi Narsamma, Principal of GVR College of Music and Dance, praised the guru's dedication and rendered a soulful song in her honor. Madhavi Latha, Secretary of Asha Jyothi Foundation, and Ramaa Gayatri Karanam, Telugu teacher at DPS, also

expressed admiration for the guru and her disciples. The guests were felicitated, and in a touching gesture, students were honored for their devotion. The evening's emotional peak was the Padha Pooja performed by students to their beloved guru, a powerful tribute of love and respect. Behind the smooth execution of the event were Madhuri and Vijay Mohan, whose coordination ensured its success. The 7th Gurupujosthav beautifully reinforced the spirit of classical arts and the sacred bond between guru and shishya, leaving the audience inspired and uplifted.



Ashadam Saree Offered to Goddess by Vijayawada Police Chief

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Continuing the tradition followed every Ashadam month, NTR District Police Commissioner S.V. Rajasekhara Babu, IPS, on Saturday led a grand ceremonial procession and offered the customary Ashadam Saree to Goddess Kanaka Durgamma at the Indrakeeladri temple in Vijayawada.

The Commissioner and his wife, accompanied by fellow officers and staff, began the procession from the One Town Police Station in the West Division after performing a special puja at the sacred Ravi Chettu tree, a symbolic ritual

rooted in local tradition. With drumbeats and festive fervor, the police contingent marched to the Kanaka Durga Temple to make the sacred offering. Upon arrival at the temple, Executive Officer Srina Nayak and other officials from the temple administration warmly welcomed the Commissioner and his team. Vedic scholars conducted special rituals and blessed the saree and the police delegation with Vedic chants. Speaking on the occasion, Commissioner Rajasekhara Babu stated, "It is a long-standing tradition of the NTR District Police to offer Ashadam



Saree to Goddess Kanaka Durgamma every year. We pray for the happiness, peace, and prosperity of our police families and the people of Vijayawada." Several senior officers participated in the ritual, including DCPs A.B.T.S. Udayarani, IPS, and S.V.D. Prasad, Additional DCPs

G. Rama Krishna and A.V.L. Prasanna Kumar, Western ACP N.S.V.K. Durga Rao, Central ACP K. Damodar Rao, as well as multiple Inspectors, SIs, and family members of the police department. The event reflected the department's deep cultural connect and spiritual devotion.

Illegal Sand Mining in North Vallur Raises Alarm

TPN Correspondent | Krishna

Illegal sand mining activities have come to light in North Vallur village of Thotlavallur mandal in Krishna district, sparking serious concerns over environmental violations and official inaction. Despite strict directives from the National Green Tribunal (NGT), sand mining continues unchecked in the area. Local reports reveal that sand blasters are not only excavating from the riverbed but are also causing severe damage to nearby roads. Adding to the concern, repeated attempts to reach revenue officials over the phone have gone unanswered, raising suspicions about administrative negligence or possible complicity.



Locals allege that water levels in the river are being disturbed and that the surrounding environment is being severely degraded due to constant sand lifting by heavy machinery. The uncontrolled quarrying has become a threat to both the ecological balance and public infrastructure. Residents are now urging

district authorities and environmental enforcement agencies to intervene immediately and take action against those violating environmental regulations. The silence of concerned departments has left many questioning—will action finally be taken, or will the destruction continue unchecked?

Red Book Constitution Has Turned AP Lawless: Velampalli

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada

YSRCP leaders staged a strong protest in Vijayawada West constituency on Saturday against the alleged attack on Krishna ZP Chairperson Uppala Harika in Gudivada. Former Minister Velampalli Srinivasa Rao led the demonstration, where leaders and cadres wore black badges and raised slogans condemning the coalition government's failure to protect women representatives. Speaking at the protest, Velampalli came down heavily on the TDP-Jana Sena coalition, saying the state was being run un-



der a "Red Book Constitution," which he described as a symbol of destruction. "The entire state is witnessing how goons are ruling Andhra Pradesh. The Red Book Constitution

has thrown law and order into chaos," he said. Velampalli questioned whether the coalition respected a BC woman occupying a constitutional post like ZP Chairperson. "Do

you not like a BC woman as ZP Chairperson? Is this how you treat elected representatives?" he asked. He strongly criticized the silence of key leaders. "Where is Home Minister Anita? Where is Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan hiding? What is the coalition leadership doing while their cadre attacks women?" he questioned. He demanded that the state government file murder charges against those involved in the attack and called for a public apology to BC women. Velampalli also alleged that the police system in Andhra Pradesh has failed and is acting in favor of

the ruling parties. "If the police continue down this path, there will be serious consequences in the coming days," he warned. He said it was ironic that Anita, who is now Home Minister, reached that position only due to Jagan Mohan Reddy's political empowerment of women. Mayor Rayana Bhagyalakshmi echoed his concerns, stating that the attack on Harika was an assault on the dignity of all women. "If a ZP Chairperson can't be protected, what protection is left for ordinary women?" she asked, urging the coalition leaders to issue an immediate apology.

Public Grievance Petitions to Be Received on July 14

District Collector urges citizens to make use of the opportunity

TPN Correspondent | NTR District

District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha announced that public petitions will be received under the Public Grievance Redressal System (PGRS) on Monday, July 14, at the Pingali Venkaiah Conference Hall in the Collectorate. In a statement issued on Saturday, the Collector said that, in accordance with government directives, the grievance program aims to resolve public issues efficiently. Officials from the Collectorate, as well as from division, municipal, and mandal levels, will be present at the venue to accept petitions directly from the public. The Collector urged citizens to take full advantage of this opportunity to voice their concerns and seek solutions. He further informed that applicants can also submit petitions online at www.meekosam.ap.gov.in and can call 1100 to track the status of their applications or get additional information.

Unity Among Photojournalists Is the Need of the Hour: APUWJ

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada

In light of rising attacks on photojournalists in Andhra Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh Union of Working Journalists (APUWJ) leaders have called for greater unity among photojournalists across the state. Former general secretary Chandu Janardhan and newly elected general secretary Kanchala Jayaraj said that a united front is urgently needed to face the growing threats and ensure the safety and dignity of visual journalists. Their comments came during the general meeting of the Andhra Pradesh Photojournalists Association (APPIJA), an

affiliate of APUWJ, held at the Vijayawada Press Club on Sunday. The meeting was presided over by APPIJA President Vijayabhaskar. APUWJ leaders expressed deep concern over the repeated attacks on photojournalists by political figures and organized criminal gangs. They appealed to the government to take strict preventive measures and ensure that journalists can work without fear or interference. "Unity is no longer a choice; it is a necessity," said Chandu Janardhan, noting that these attacks are not isolated but part of a larger pattern of intimidation aimed at silencing press freedom.

Several prominent leaders spoke at the event including U Council Member SK Babu, APUWJ Vijayawada Urban Union Secretary Daram Venkateswara Rao, and APPIJA Honorary President Narayana, all of whom echoed the sentiment that collective strength and organization are the best response to rising hostility. A large number of photojournalists from various districts took part in the program. As part of the proceedings, newly elected APUWJ general secretary Kanchala Jayaraj was felicitated by APPIJA leaders for his recent election. New APPIJA Executive Committee Elected:

At the conclusion of the meeting, the following new APPIJA state executive committee was elected:

- Honorary President: G.V. Narayana Rao (Andhra Jyothi)
- President: CH. VS Vijayabhaskara Rao (Andhra Patrika)
- Working President: V. Ruben Besalial (Sakshi)
- General Secretary: G. Mahesh (Times of India)
- Treasurer: CH. Narayana Rao (Deccan Chronicle)
- Vice Presidents: K. Giribabu (Tirupati, Manam), Sudhakar (Kurnool, Hansa), Kommuri Srinivas (Ongole, Hindu)
- Joint Secretaries: N. Sambasiva Rao (Senior Photojournalist), S. Sivakumar (Andhra



Jyothi, Chittoor), C.H.V. Mastan (Hans India, Vijayawada), Shaikh Riaz (Sakshi, Eluru)

- Executive Members: 12 others from various media organizations across Andhra Pradesh

The meeting ended on a strong note of solidarity and a renewed resolve to fight back against any attempt to suppress or threaten journalistic work.

Children's Park Turns 25, Minister Narayana Vows Major Upgrade

Minister Ponguru Narayana plants 25 saplings to mark Silver Jubilee
₹28 lakh allocated for new play equipment, ₹40 lakh for park modernization
Andhra Pradesh wins five Swachh Bharat Awards

TPN | Seshu Nellore: Silver Jubilee celebrations of Children's Park in Nellore were held with grandeur under the auspices of the Walkers Association, marking 25 years since its establishment. State Urban and Municipal Affairs Minister Dr. Ponguru Narayana attended the celebrations as the chief guest and announced plans to transform the park into one of the finest in the state. To commemorate the occasion, Minister Narayana planted 25 saplings, lit a ceremonial lamp, and paid tribute to JS Reddy by garlanding his por-

trait. Addressing the gathering, he reminisced about how the TDP government, back in 2000, converted a dumping yard into a green space, resulting in the creation of Children's Park. He noted that at the time, only Gandhi Park existed in Nellore, and the transformation of this park under the 70:30 Janmahoomi scheme was a milestone. Dr. Narayana announced that new play equipment worth ₹28 lakh will be installed to allow 70 children to play simultaneously. He further shared that Virtusa Developers chairman Vayugundam Venkateswar-

lu had come forward to donate ₹40 lakh for the park's modernization, and that Leo Consultants would be called to redesign the park layout in consultation with the Walkers Association committee. Expressing pride in the city's green achievements, the minister said that 46 parks have been developed in Nellore, and reiterated his commitment to urban beautification and cleanliness. He highlighted the recent announcement that Andhra Pradesh has won five national Swachh Bharat Awards:

- Vijayawada: Super Swachh

- League Award (10+ lakh population category)
- Guntur: Award in 3-10 lakh population category
- Tirupati: Award in 50,000-3 lakh population category
- Visakhapatnam: Ministerial Award (Special Category)
- Rajahmundry: Ministerial Award (State Level)

Dr. Narayana declared that Nellore will be made a model city for cleanliness, citing the use of sweeping machines for road cleaning. Twenty-eight new sweeping machines have been allocated, and an end-to-end road cleaning program will be rolled out once setup is



completed. The event saw participation from senior TDP leader Vemireddy Vijayabhaskar Reddy, City TDP President Mamidala Madhu, corporators Srikanth Reddy and Kartam Pratap Reddy, and Walkers Association members including President Ramamurthy, Secretary Pedda Penchala Prasad, Treasurer Prasad, and committee members. The event was a strong display of community involvement and commitment to urban greenery.

Bobbili Veena Selected for ODOP Honour



TPN | Narasimhulu Vizianagaram: The iconic Bobbili Veena, renowned for its rich heritage and unique craftsmanship, has received rare national recognition under the One District – One Product (ODOP) initiative. As part of this achievement, Vizianagaram District Collector Dr. B.R. Ambedkar has left for New Delhi to receive the prestigious award at a function to be held at Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan today. The Bobbili Veena, also known as the Bobbili Bahumati Veena, has earned a special place both in India and abroad for its cultural significance and melodic richness. The award under the ODOP scheme not only brings pride to Vizianagaram district, but also highlights Andhra Pradesh's rich musical and craft traditions on a national platform. The traditional Saraswati Veena made in Bobbili is known for its distinctive tonal quality and handcrafted excellence. These veenas are often presented as souvenirs at interna-

tional conferences, and have even been featured in postage stamps and coins. They gained further global attention when showcased at the G-20 Summit in Delhi and the Global Summit in Visakhapatnam. Former U.S. President Bill Clinton was among those reportedly impressed by the instrument. The village of Gollapalli, near Bobbili, is the heart of veena craftsmanship. With a legacy spanning over a century, around 300 families depend on veena making for their livelihood. Veenas are also made in Wadada and Badangi mandals, and are considered part of the Bobbili Veena family. The instruments are typically crafted using jackfruit and sam-pangi wood. Recognizing the growing demand, the government has recently initiated efforts to plant more jackfruit trees in Uttarandhra, ensuring sustainable raw material for future generations of veena makers. The ODOP recognition is expected to elevate the profile of the Bobbili Veena further, open new market opportunities, and support the artisans who have kept this tradition alive for generations. The government hopes that with continued support, this unique craft will continue to resonate across global cultural platforms.

Public Grievance Platform Active in Annamaiya District

Petitions can be filed online; Call 1100 for status updates

TPN Correspondent | Rayachoti District Collector Sridhar Chama-kuri announced that the Public Grievance Redressal System (PGRS) is actively functioning across Anna-maiya district to address and resolve public issues effectively. Speaking from Rayachoti on Sunday, the Collector said that the PGRS program is being implemented not only at the district headquarters but also at the village, mandal, and division levels, making it more accessible for citizens. He urged the public to utilize the official website www.meekosam.ap.gov.in to register their grievances



without having to travel to the District Collectorate. For information regarding their petitions or to check the current status, citizens can call the dedicated helpline at 1100. Collector Sridhar emphasized that grievances should first be submitted to officials at the village, mandal, or division level. Only those whose issues remain unresolved at those levels should approach the District Collectorate's grievance forum. The initiative aims to decentralize grievance handling and bring quicker resolutions to the people's problems closer to their homes.

Talupalamma Temple Decked in Shakambari Glory

Six tons of vegetables used to adorn goddess



TPN | NV Surya Tuni: As part of the Asha-damasa festivities, the revered Talupalamma Lovatemple in Tuni was transformed into a spiritual spectacle, with the god-

dess specially adorned in Shakambari Devi attire using six tons of vegetables. The elaborate decoration in the sanctum (antaralaya) drew thousands of devotees who gathered to seek the

blessings of the goddess on this auspicious Sunday — considered especially sacred during Ashadamasa. The temple priests, invoking the spirit of the Shakambari tradition, offered prayers for the protection of farmers and crops from pests, emphasizing the goddess's connection with agriculture and prosperity. The devotion of the public was evident as all queue lines remained packed with devotees throughout the day. To accommodate the huge turnout, Endowment Department Assistant Commissioner Penmatsa Vishwanatharaju oversaw special arrangements. Emergency medical services were established with primary health centers on-site. Fresh drinking water was made available along the queues, milk was distrib-

uted to children, and free prasadam was served to all devotees. The surge in pilgrims filled up all government and private cottages. With accommodation falling short, many devotees cooked and shared meals in open areas around the temple premises. Tuni Rural Circle Inspector Chennakesava Rao ensured tight security. Drone surveillance was deployed around the temple for crowd management, and anti-social activities were closely monitored. Traffic was smoothly regulated with designated parking areas to prevent disruptions. The celebrations highlighted the deep-rooted faith in Talupalamma as Shakambari Devi and reflected the devotion and discipline of the pilgrims who came from near and far.

Muharram Celebrated in Dimmagudi After 30 Years with Police Support

TPN Correspondent | Anantapur

In a remarkable display of communal harmony and administrative coordination, Muharram celebrations were held in Dimmagudi village of Peddavaduguru mandal after a gap of 30 years. The festival, which had been suspended since 1996 due to communal riots, was celebrated this year with grandeur and peace, thanks to the proactive efforts of the local police and village elders. After decades of silence, the village elders initiated the process by approaching the police with a proposal to resume Muharram festivities. Responding to the request, Tadipatri ASP visited Dimmagudi and conducted a gram sabha to

understand the concerns of the community and ensure cooperation among all social groups. Over the past ten days, the Station House Officer (SI) and Circle Inspector (CI) conducted several rounds of meetings with representatives from all castes and communities in the village. The focus was to create mutual understanding and lay out clear norms for a clash-free celebration. As a precaution, the police bound over several key individuals to ensure law and order would not be disturbed. One of the key gestures that won praise from the community was the decision to allow entry to all castes into the Peerla Chavidi, reinforcing the theme of unity and inclusion during



the religious festivities. During the processions of Peers on both small and big days, and particularly on Jaladi day, the Tadipatri police arranged a tight security bandobust, ensuring a smooth and incident-free celebration. No untoward incidents were reported. ASP appreciated the unity shown by the people and

congratulated the entire village for setting an example in communal amity. The villagers, in turn, expressed deep gratitude to the police department for facilitating and ensuring a peaceful environment, making this year's Muharram celebration a symbol of reconciliation and renewal in Dimmagudi.

Durgesh Performs Special Pujas at Shakambari Utsavam in Vadluru

TPN Correspondent | West Godavari

Andhra Pradesh State Tourism, Culture and Cinematography Minister Sri Kandula Durgesh participated as the chief guest in the "Sri Kanaka Durgamma Ammavari Shakambari Utsava" held at Vadluru village in Undrajavaram mandal under Nidadavolu constituency. On this sacred occasion, the Minister performed special pujas to the goddess and extended his wishes to the people, praying that the blessings of Goddess Kanaka Durga-



mma bring good health, peace, and prosperity to all. Following the puja rituals, Minister Durgesh also took time to inspect the surroundings of the temple. During his interaction with local residents, he inquired about the needs of the temple and discussed the steps required for its development. He assured the public that the government would look into measures to preserve and promote the temple as part of broader efforts in cultural and religious tourism development across the state.

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

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

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.

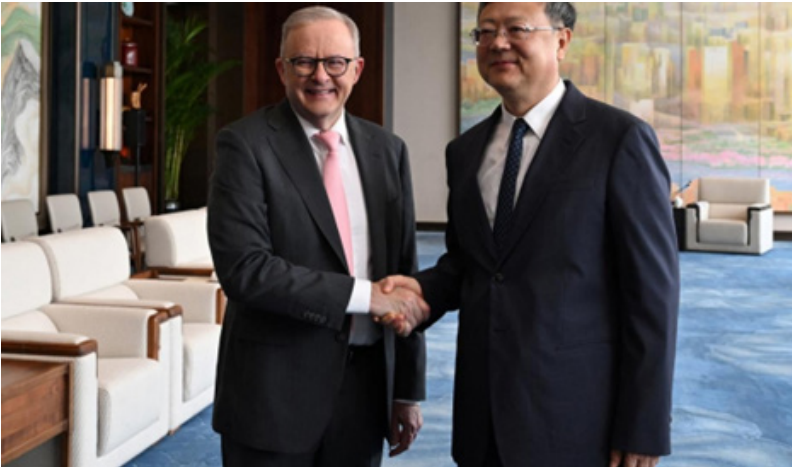
In response, the DMK emphasized swift action in the case, announcing the arrest of five police personnel, suspension of the Deputy Superintendent of Police, and placing the Sivaganga Superintendent of Police on compulsory leave.



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.”

The Trump administration has recently faced backlash, including criticism from some of Trump’s own supporters, following a memo released by the Justice Department and FBI. The memo concluded that Epstein never maintained a client list nor was there evidence of blackmail involving

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.

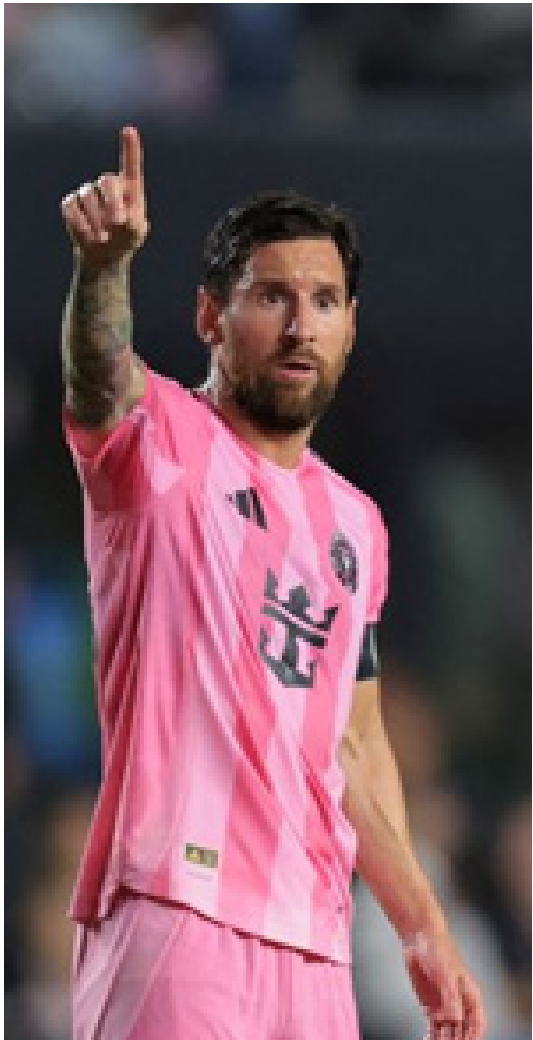
They fear it could lead to a loss of decorum and affect the comfort of other riders who expect a respectful and neutral environment during their commute.

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

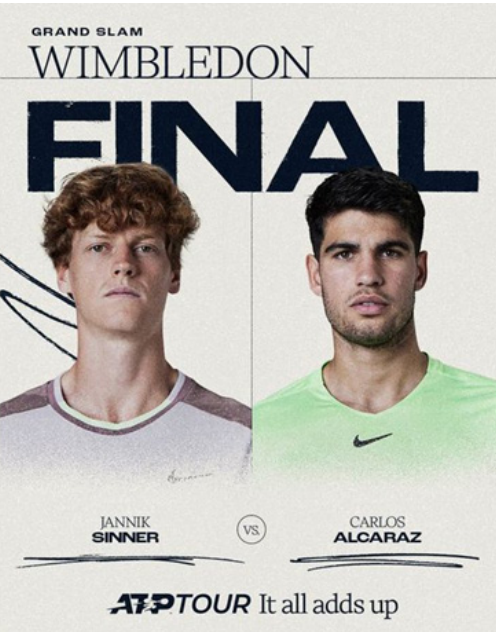
Lionel Messi continued his phenomenal form in Major League Soccer (MLS), scoring twice to lead Inter Miami to a 2-1 victory over Nashville SC on Saturday night at Chase Stadium in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. With the win, Inter Miami snapped Nashville's 15-game unbeaten streak across all competitions and 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 Dharmi 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.

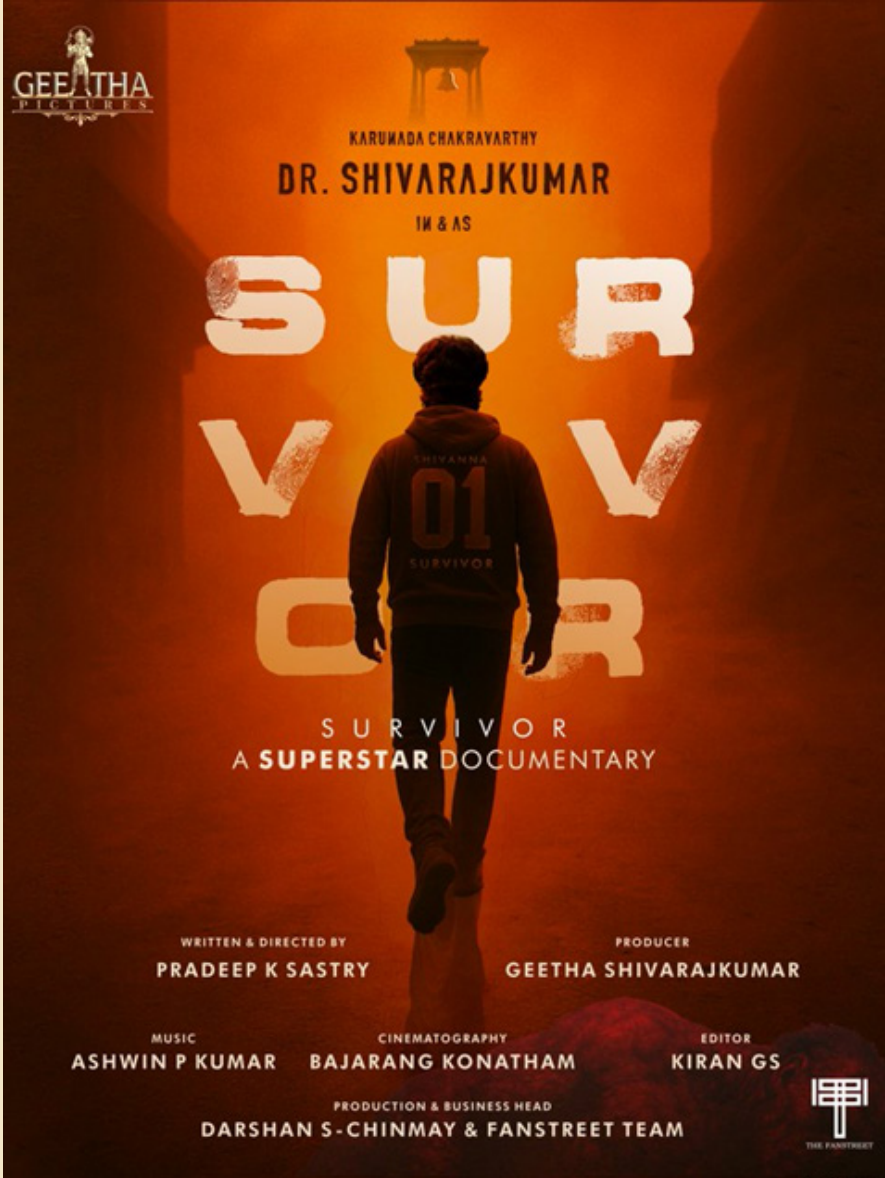
If this truly marks the end of Madhavan's romantic hero phase, it closes a cherished chapter in Indian cinema. His romantic roles will remain etched in the hearts of fans, who will surely miss that side of his cinematic journey.

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.

