



Repeated Attacks on Govt by Perni Nani Stir Political Heat

Calls Vemireddy Prashanthi 'Mahanati', dubs Kollu Ravindra a 'day impostor'

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Home Minister Anita Slams Perni Nani for Threatening Remarks on CM

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A political firestorm has erupted in Andhra Pradesh following explosive remarks by former minister and YSRCP leader Perni Nani, who targeted Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu with threatening language that has shocked the political landscape. Though Nani stayed away from contesting the 2024 elections, his aggressive rhetoric has not slowed down. In recent comments, he reportedly stated, "There is no use with Rappa Rappa. We should get things done silently in the night. And once the job is done, we should sympathize,"—a line interpreted by many as open incitement to political violence. Matters escalated further when Nani, addressing the media, said "Chandrababu's days on earth are numbered," an alarming statement that provoked widespread criticism, especially from the ruling TDP and the government. Reacting strongly, Andhra Pradesh Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha condemned Nani's statements, calling them unacceptable, provocative, and dangerous.

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Can AP FiberNet Get Back on Track? Will Chandrababu's Suggestions Work?

Sharp drop in connections under YSRCP rule

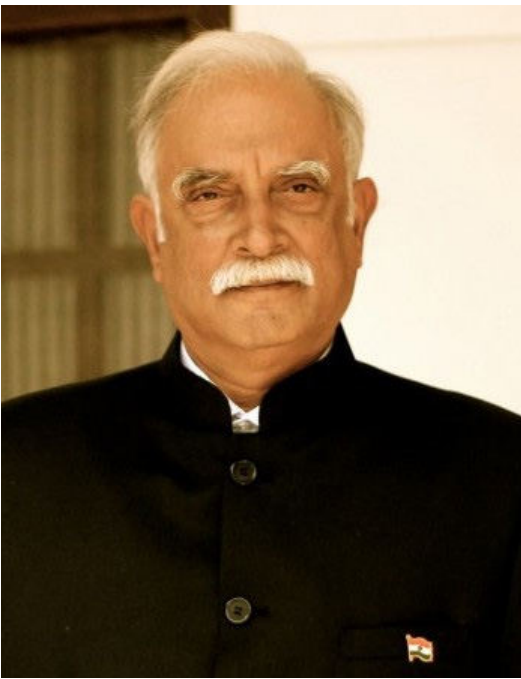
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Amaravati: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has directed officials to bring the AP FiberNet project back on track, blaming the previous YSRCP government for derailing the initiative for political purposes. Holding a review meeting with officials at the Secretariat on Monday, Naidu examined challenges, financial bottlenecks, and policy measures required to restore and expand the project. The CM noted that AP FiberNet, which was designed to benefit students, citizens, and government departments, had 8.7 lakh subscribers in 2019 but has since dropped to 4.5 lakh under the YSRCP regime. He said the project lost direction due to misuse and mismanagement. During the TDP government's earlier tenure, the service was effectively managed with just 130 employees. However, the YSRCP administration expanded the workforce to 1,350 by allegedly appointing over 1,200 party workers without due process. Despite this, subscriber numbers drastically declined. Naidu ordered a thorough probe into these appointments and directed officials to identify and take action against



those responsible. Currently, the FiberNet user base stands at 4.53 lakh. The Chief Minister has set a target to increase this to between 8 and 10 lakh connections in the coming months. Officials informed Naidu that AP has so far laid 78,355 km of FiberNet cables across 12,946 gram panchayats. The state aims to expand this to 2 lakh km, making Andhra Pradesh the national leader in FiberNet reach — ahead of states like Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu.

The project is also being aligned with the amended BharatNet Programme, which will bring ₹1,900 crore over the next decade. An additional ₹430 crore will be used to upgrade infrastructure in 1,692 panchayats in Chittoor and Visakhapatnam, and provide connectivity to 480 more using ring architecture. Naidu also instructed the re-launch of virtual classrooms, strengthening of rural connectivity, resolution of issues faced by local cable operators, and finalizing new set-top box vendors.



Ashok Gajapathi Raju Appointed as Goa Governor

Vizianagaram / Delhi

In a recognition of his decades-long clean political career, Ashok Gajapathi Raju, former Union Minister and royal heir of the Vizianagaram Samsthanam, has been appointed as the new Governor of Goa. The official announcement was made by Rashtrapati Bhavan, with appointments also made for Haryana and Ladakh. Ashok Gajapathi Raju, a TDP Politburo member, is often described as a man beyond reproach — one who brought dignity to every role he held. Despite being born into one of the most prominent royal families in the country, he earned a reputation for simplicity and incorruptible public life.

Four Decades of Spotless Public Service

Born on June 26, 1951, in Madras to PVG Raju and Kusuma Gajapathi, Ashok was the second son in a family known for philanthropy and education. His elder brother Anand Gajapathi Raju and sister Sunitha Devi were also involved in public life. Their family even owned a personal aircraft back in 1945, symbolizing the legacy they carried. Despite his aristocratic roots, Ashok Raju turned away from vast properties, choosing instead to live a humble public life. As an MLA for 25 years in Andhra Pradesh, he served in key portfolios including Commercial Taxes, Excise, Legislative Affairs, Finance, and Planning. Under PM Narendra Modi, he also held the Civil Aviation portfolio at the Centre. His family has donated over 2 lakh acres to educational institutions and temples, making them among the most generous land donors in modern Indian history.

Denied MP Ticket, Now Elevated as Governor

Due to the TDP's "One Ticket Per Family" policy, Ashok Gajapathi Raju did not contest in the 2024 general elections, as his daughter Aditi Gajapathi Raju was given the Assembly seat. However, this gubernatorial post now reinstates his presence in national constitutional affairs. The Centre also announced that noted journalist Ashin Kumar Ghosh will be the new Governor of Haryana, and Kavinder Gupta, former Deputy CM of Jammu & Kashmir, will serve as Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh. All appointments take effect immediately following the President's approval. Ashok's elevation is being celebrated not just as a political gesture, but as a tribute to a rare statesman whose clean record, administrative acumen, and deep-rooted values stand unmatched in contemporary Indian politics.

Tragic Road Accident in Annamayya District: Death Toll Rises to 9



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Annamayya District witnessed a heart-wrenching road tragedy on Sunday night as the death toll from a horrific accident reached nine. The victims included five women and four men, with two others critically injured and currently undergoing treatment. Postmortems for all nine victims are scheduled today at Rajampet Government Hospital. The deceased have been identified as residents of Settigunta ST Colony in Railway Koduru mandal. Initial police investigation suggests that over-speeding led to the fatal incident. The accident occurred when a mango-laden lorry, en route from Rajampet to Railway Koduru market, lost control and overturned on the Reddipalli Cheruvu bund in Pullampet mandal. Eight people died on the spot, and several others sustained serious injuries. Another succumbed to injuries during

treatment, taking the total death count to nine. At the time of the mishap, the lorry was carrying 21 agricultural labourers, including the driver and two children. Upon receiving information, police teams rushed to the scene and rescued nine others from the wreckage. Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu expressed deep sorrow over the incident. Transport Minister Mandipalli Ramprasad Reddy and Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha also conveyed their condolences. "The news of nine mango-harvesting workers losing their lives is distressing. We stand with the families in this hour of grief," CM Naidu said, assuring that the government will support the bereaved families. Officials have been directed to ascertain the cause of the accident and ensure necessary assistance reaches the victims' families without delay. The incident has once again raised concerns over road safety and transport regulation in rural Andhra Pradesh.



Nationwide IT Raids on Fake Tax Exemption Claims

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Special Desk: The Income Tax Department has launched a massive crackdown across the country targeting individuals, offices, and voluntary organizations involved in fraudulent tax exemption claims. In a co-ordinated effort, raids were conducted in around 200 locations across multiple cities, shocking the financial and accounting sectors. According to sources, the raids are aimed at those who have defrauded the government treasury by availing exemptions under false pretenses, using fake documents related to donations to political parties, children's tuition fees, and medical expenses. These exemptions, which are legal under the Income Tax Act, have allegedly been misused on a large scale. The IT Department has specifically targeted the offices of accountants and intermediaries

who are suspected of helping taxpayers create and submit fake documentation to claim illegal refunds or reductions in taxable income. Several individuals who ignored repeated notices and failed to file revised returns after discrepancies were found are now facing direct action. Officials say that some voluntary organizations and shell institutions are also under the scanner for issuing fabricated receipts to help donors claim deductions. The department has also identified cases where political donations were falsely shown to avail tax benefits, despite no actual transactions taking place. "Many of those under investigation have misused provisions in the Income Tax Act, turning legitimate exemptions into loopholes for large-scale embezzlement," said a senior IT official involved in the operation.

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Despite previous efforts to curb such practices, the problem has continued to grow. This time, the department is determined to make an example out of those involved by not only raiding but also registering criminal cases against offenders. The raids are part of a broader effort to strengthen financial accountability and protect the integrity of the national revenue system. While ordinary taxpayers have been given relief through deadline extensions and slab revisions, the department is making it clear that tax fraud will not be tolerated. Further actions are expected in the coming days as the investigations progress and more irregularities come to light.

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“What audacity is it to speak about a Chief Minister in such a tone?” she questioned. “Chandrababu Garu served this state for over 15 years as CM, and such disrespect will not be tolerated.” Anitha warned that no one is above the law, and those making death threats and inciting violence would face serious legal consequences. “Nani has made it a habit to spew venom in front of the media and then cry foul when legal action is taken against him. This pattern must end,” she said. The Home Minister also reminded the public that Perni Nani himself was a cabinet minister in the previous YSRCP government. “We expect some dignity and restraint from someone who held such responsibility. But unfortunately, all we’re seeing is reckless speech and deliberate provocation,” she added. With political temperatures rising, many observers are now calling for strict scrutiny of political rhetoric ahead of local body elections. The TDP leadership has reportedly discussed filing formal complaints against Nani, while the YSRCP has remained silent on the controversy so far. Meanwhile, political analysts believe such inflammatory remarks could further alienate the public from the YSRCP, especially at a time when the new government is focusing on law, order, and governance.

CM Chandrababu Naidu’s Two-Day Delhi Tour Begins July 15

Key meetings scheduled with Union Ministers and policy bodies

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Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu will embark on a two-day visit to New Delhi on July 15 and 16 to hold high-level discussions with key Union Ministers and central agencies. On July 15 (Tuesday), he will depart from Gannavaram Airport in the morning and reach Delhi by 11:45 AM. At 1:00 PM, he is scheduled to meet Union Home Minister Amit Shah to discuss important state matters. Following that, at 2:30 PM, he will hold deliberations with NITI Aayog member Dr. V. K. Saraswat at 1-Janpath. Later at 3:00 PM, Naidu will meet Delhi Metro MD at his 1-Janpath residence to discuss proposed metro rail projects for Andhra Pradesh.



At 3:30 PM, he will deliver a speech at the PV Narasimha Rao Memorial Program at Murti Marg-3. In the evening, at 7:00 PM, he will hold talks with Union IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on key digital and technology initiatives. On July 16 (Wednesday), Naidu will begin his day with a 10:00 AM meeting with Union Labour and Employment Minister Mansukh Mandaviya. At 2:30 PM, he will meet Union Jal Shakti Minister C.R. Patil at Jal Shakti Bhavan to discuss water projects. Later, at 4:30 PM, he will hold a crucial meeting with Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. After staying overnight in Delhi, CM Naidu will return to Amaravati on July 17 (Thursday) morning by 9:30 AM.

AP Minister Konda Srinu Requests Nalco-Based Aluminium Smelter for Vizianagaram



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In a significant push for industrial decentralisation in Andhra Pradesh, State Minister for MSME, SERP, NRI Empowerment and Relations, Kondapalli Srinivas has urged the Union Government to establish a

Nalco-based Greenfield Aluminium Smelter plant in Vizianagaram district. Minister Srinivas met with Union Minister for Coal and Mines, Kishan Reddy, in New Delhi today and submitted a detailed proposal. He stressed the strategic and economic

importance of setting up an aluminium smelter close to Nalco’s alumina refinery in Damanjodi, Odisha, which is just 50 km from Vizianagaram. He stated that the region’s connectivity and available logistics would make the location ideal for a cost-effective and integrated industrial ecosystem. The

proposed smelter plant is expected to create large-scale employment opportunities in Vizianagaram, one of the country’s Aspirational Districts, thereby supporting balanced regional development in north Andhra Pradesh. Minister Srinivas assured full support from the state government in terms of infrastructure, clearances, and policy facilitation to ensure smooth execution of the project. “We are committed to providing all necessary assistance to make this project a reality,” he told the Union Minister. Highlighting the state government’s focus on industrial decentralisation and investment in backward regions, Srinivas said that such initiatives are vital for inclusive growth. “Establishing this smelter will be a critical step toward fulfilling our vision of equitable development across Andhra Pradesh,” he added. He also appealed to the Union Minister to consider the long-term socio-economic benefits of the project for the region, and requested immediate attention and support for initiating the groundwork.

Repeated Attacks on Govt by Perni Nani Stir Political Heat

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Andhra Pradesh: In a fresh round of verbal salvos, former minister and YSRCP leader Perni Nani has once again stirred political controversy with his sharp attacks on the Naidu-Pawan Kalyan-led government. At a press meet, Nani sarcastically called Kovur MLA Vemireddy Prashanthi Reddy a “Mahanati”, applauding her decision to stop mining operations in Nellore district. He said, “Vemireddy Prashanthi Reddy became a Mahanati not because of any film role, but because she ordered a complete halt on illegal mining in her district only to do illegal mining for by their family.” Shifting his focus to TDP leader and Minister Kollu Ravindra, Nani accused him of duplicity, labelling him a “day impostor” who speaks behind Prashanthi Reddy’s back while pretending loyalty. “He’s one thing during the day and something else by night. This is classic Chandrababu-style double speak,” he said. Perni Nani further alleged that false cases were being filed against active YSRCP leaders in various districts and that the ruling coalition is obsessed with political vendetta rather than governance. “For 13 months now, they’ve done nothing but file cases against those who dare to speak or organize. This has become their main agenda,” he thundered. He also warned the current government that if arrests are made based on false cases, the matter would be taken to court. “They’re the ones inciting clashes in places like Gudivada and now framing us for them,” he claimed. Perni Nani accused the ruling dispensation of using police and legal mechanisms to silence the YS-



RCP cadre, particularly in districts like Krishna and Guntur. In a particularly sharp remark, Nani commented on the declining morale within YSRCP ranks, saying that while some leaders like Kodali Nani and Vallabhaneni Vamsi are facing legal and mental pressure, it won’t stop him from speaking out. “Even if others are in hibernation, I will slap my thighs and speak for the party. No one can silence me,” he said defiantly. These bold statements have added fuel to an already charged political atmosphere in Andhra Pradesh. While YSRCP leaders remain largely restrained after the electoral setback, Perni Nani has taken on the role of a loud and unfiltered critic of the Naidu-Pawan-led administration. Observers say such remarks might energize a demoralized cadre, but they also risk inviting stronger legal and political retaliation from the ruling front.

National Honour for Andhra Handlooms..

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In a proud moment for Andhra Pradesh, Chirala Kuppadam Silk Sarees from Bapatla district and Narasapur Crochet Lace Products from West Godavari district received national recognition under the One District One Product (ODOP) initiative at a grand ceremony held at Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, on Monday. Union Minister for Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal presented the awards. Bapatla District Collector J. Venkata Murali accepted the award for Chirala Silk, while West Godavari Collector Chadalawada Nagarani received the honour for Narasapur Lace. Andhra Pradesh Minister for Textiles and BC Welfare Savita, and senior officials from central and state governments attended the event. Chirala’s famed Kuppadam Silk sarees, known for their intricate weaving, vibrant colours, and traditional motifs, secured the top national rank in the handloom category. Collector Venkata Murali lauded the collective efforts of local handloom weavers and artisans, crediting them for elevating the district’s textile brand to national prominence. He expressed confidence that this recognition would boost local industries and provide greater market access for these heritage weaves. Narasapur’s handcrafted Crochet Lace, celebrated for its delicate artistry, also achieved another milestone after receiving Geographical Indication (GI) status in November last year. Collector Nagarani expressed pride in the achievement, stating that the ODOP



recognition would further empower thousands of lace artisans and women’s self-help groups in the region. She added that efforts are underway to enhance branding, market linkages, and national visibility. The awards symbolise the craftsmanship and cultural richness of Andhra’s traditional textiles. Artisans and stakeholders believe this recognition will strengthen economic empowerment, preserve heritage crafts, and open new opportunities across global markets.

Transparent Liquor Policy to Protect Public Health: CM Naidu

Branded liquor prioritized, prices reduced, AI surveillance to curb illegal trade

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Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has emphasized that transparency and quality will define the state's liquor policy, ensuring that the poor are not exploited and public health is not compromised. Chairing a review on the Excise Department, Naidu said the government will not tolerate substandard liquor sales and ordered the removal of all dubious brands from the market. Only branded, certified national and international liquors will be allowed for sale. Officials informed the CM that during the YSRCP government, nearly 68% of the liquor market was filled with unbranded, poor-quality alcohol, impacting both revenue and people's health. Now, such brands have almost vanished from shelves. Currently, all leading domestic and international brands are available in the market. Historic Price Cuts and Increased Revenue



Marking a first in Andhra Pradesh's excise history, liquor prices have been reduced by ₹10 to ₹100 across brands under the new policy introduced by the coalition government. This has resulted in a ₹116 crore monthly relief for consumers. Officials stated that Andhra Pradesh

now sells the top 30 liquor brands at prices lower than those in Telangana, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu. Naidu highlighted that the shift from spurious brands to genuine ones has not only improved quality but also helped recover revenue that was previously lost to black-market trade. The CM ordered a comparative report between 2014-19 and the YSRCP-era liquor policies to be presented publicly. He asserted that his government's goal is to ensure that no illegal or harmful alcohol is sold, and that any deviation will face strict action. Tech-Driven Monitoring and Policy Reform The CM directed officials to implement AI-based tracking systems across the liquor supply chain—from distilleries to retail shops. GPS-enabled real-time monitoring, digital payments, and drone surveillance will be used to track vehicle movements and control illegal production, especially "natu sarai". Belt shops will be banned across the state.



Andhra Pradesh Accelerates Tobacco Procurement to Support Farmers

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Guntur: Andhra Pradesh Agriculture Minister Kinjarapu Achchennaaidu directed MARKFED officials to speed up tobacco procurement and ensure farmers—especially small and marginal ones—are not affected. Chairing a high-level meeting at the Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University in Guntur Rural with officials from Prakasam, Bapatla, Guntur, and Palnadu districts, as well as local MLAs and agriculture officials, the minister stressed urgent measures to protect farmer interests during the ongoing procurement season. The minister noted that in 2024-25, 80 million kg of NLS Black Virginia tobacco was produced in the state, of which only 36 million kg had been procured by 22 tobacco companies so far. He instructed MARKFED to prioritize farmers with 1 kg to 20 quintals of tobacco, particularly those not registered on the procurement app. He emphasized that every farmer's produce, even if minimal, must be purchased and warned that no stock should remain unsold. To accommodate growing procurement needs, he asked officials to increase the number of buying centres and hire private godowns if necessary. District Collectors pointed out transportation challenges between centres and godowns, to which the minister responded promptly, assuring that MARKFED would bear the transportation costs. He reiterated that procurement must also cover unregistered farmers and that full-scale purchases under the new strategy must begin from the coming Monday. Fertilizer Availability Strengthened Across AP Minister Achchennaaidu also addressed fertilizer distribution, assuring that required fertilizers are available through 1,276 Rythu Seva Kendras (RSKs) and PACS outlets statewide. He directed officials to identify areas with high fertilizer demand and ensure additional supply through nearby RSKs. Strict measures were recommended to avoid shortages and ensure timely support to farmers. The meeting was attended by Special Chief Secretary B. Rajasekhar, MARKFED Director Dilli Rao, Palnadu Collector Arun Babu, Marketing Director Sunitha, and other senior agriculture and MARKFED officials.



CMRF Sanjeevani for Needy Families: Kandula Durgesh

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Nidadavolu: Tourism, Culture, and Cinematography Minister Kandula Durgesh described the Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) as a "Sanjeevani" for the poor, offering crucial health security for underprivileged families. On Monday, at the party office in Nidadavolu, the minister personally distributed CMRF cheques and Letters of Credit (LoC) worth ₹30,94,913 to 33 beneficiaries from his constituency. Of the total, ₹22,94,913 worth of CMRF cheques were handed over to 30 beneficiaries, while LoC papers worth ₹8 lakh were distributed to three others. The support extended covered patients from various villages who are undergoing treatment for serious illnesses in private hospitals. Minister Durgesh stated that, so far, 192 patients in Nidadavolu constituency have received financial aid totalling ₹1.84 crore through the CMRF scheme. Beneficiaries expressed heartfelt gratitude to Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Minister Durgesh for their timely help. Many praised the government's commitment to healthcare, especially for those unable to afford private medical treatment. Speaking at the event, Minister Durgesh emphasized that no poor person should suffer due to lack of funds for medical care. He said the CMRF is acting as a protective shield for low-income and middle-class families in times of medical emergencies. He credited Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu's special focus on health and welfare, assuring that the coalition government is committed to the well-being of every citizen.

YSRCP Survives Only on Dramas and Provocations: MLA Kagita



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Krishna: Pedana MLA Kagita Krishna Prasad came down heavily on the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP), accusing it of promoting violence and attempting to derail the state's progress through diversionary tactics and political theatrics. Speaking at a press conference held in Madaka village on Monday, the MLA expressed deep concern over what he called the party's deliberate efforts to disturb the democratic process. "The YSRCP's five-year rule has taken Andhra Pradesh backwards by three decades in development," said Kagita. He alleged that former Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy and his followers have consistently encouraged violent politics, especially when they see progress taking place under the new government. "Unable to digest the positive momentum in governance, the YSRCP leadership is indulging in disruptive activities," he said, warning that the people are ready to teach them another lesson. The MLA slammed Krishna district YSRCP in-charge Perni Nani for his controversial comment — "If you wink in the dark, you become a leader." Reacting strongly, MLA Kagita said, "When senior leaders speak like this, what can we expect from party activists on the ground? These remarks are meant to provoke unrest among the public." Kagita further criticized Jagan Mohan Reddy, saying, "Even after being ousted from power, he continues to deceive the public with the same old gimmicks. His drama in Gudivada and now in Pedana has only exposed his desperation." He accused the YSRCP of becoming a party that only makes baseless accusations and provocative statements, rather than addressing real public issues. "The people are aware and alert now. There's no space left in the state for such deceitful politics," Kagita added. The press meet was attended by ZPTC members Arja Nagesh, Seeram Prasad, Parasa Kameswara Rao, and other local leaders, who echoed the MLA's views and pledged full support to the coalition government in its mission of rebuilding Andhra Pradesh.

75,000 Agri Connections, 12 Substations in Pipeline: Gottipati

TPN | V V S Madhu Babu

Kanigiri: Andhra Pradesh Energy Minister Gottipati Ravikumar has blamed the previous YSRCP government for the severe power crisis faced by the state, asserting that the coalition government is now working to restore order and provide uninterrupted electricity to all. During his tour of Prakasam district on Monday, the Minister laid the foundation stone for a 33/11 kV substation at Garlapeta Road in Kanigiri, being constructed at a cost of ₹3.80 crore, alongside DBV Swamy. Speaking at the event, Minister Gottipati said that with electricity consumption increasing, the government is proactively building substations to prevent overload and voltage issues, particularly in rural areas. He revealed that 12 new substations have already been approved in the undivided Prakasam district alone. Highlighting the government's commitment to farmers, the Minister said that since the formation of the coalition government under CM Chandrababu Naidu, over 75,000 agricultural power connections have been provided. "Each connection costs the government ₹2.60 lakh," he noted, adding that nine hours of daytime power supply is being ensured for agriculture. Gottipati urged the public to make use of the PM Surya Ghar scheme by installing rooftop



solar panels, which would reduce electricity charges and ease load on the grid. He directed MLAs and officials to coordinate with bankers to expedite the installation of 10,000 solar units per constituency and also promote the PM Kusum scheme. Criticizing the previous regime, the Minister alleged that the YSRCP had ignored central schemes and hiked electricity tariffs nine times, burdening the people. In contrast, the coalition government has not increased tariffs even once since coming to power and plans to maintain stable rates throughout its tenure. Later, the Minister participated in the "Good Governance – First Step" and "Intintiki TDP" campaigns in Darsi, interacting with beneficiaries and inspecting welfare program implementation.

Do Ruling Alliance Leaders Even Understand Good Governance? Asks YSRCP



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YSRCP district president Ravindranath Reddy and former MLA Raghurami Reddy have lambasted the ruling alliance, questioning whether its leaders even understand what "good governance" means. Addressing a wide-scale YSRCP review meeting in Khajipet, Mydukur constituency, the leaders said that governance is not just about ruling, but fulfilling promises made to the people. They pointed out that despite assurances of ₹20,000 under the Rythu Bharosa scheme (in coordination with the central government), not even a single rupee has reached farmers so far. "Neither the Centre nor Chandrababu has delivered. Has Chandrababu implemented even one promise he made?" they asked. Contrasting this with YSRCP's achievements, the leaders stated that their government confidently stands by its welfare record. They claimed that under Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy's leadership, historic development took place in

Andhra Pradesh — the likes of which are unseen in other Indian states. "We built 10 lakh pucca houses. Can Chandrababu say he gave even a single house site?" they challenged, adding that colonies like Jagananna, Rajiv, and Indiramma were all established under the YSRCP regime. They further criticized the current government for suppressing public discontent with police force. "People are opposing the TDP-led administration, and instead of addressing the concerns, the government is resorting to undemocratic actions," they said. "When Jagan visits farmers after crop loss, why is there fear? Why obstruct him using law and order as an excuse?" they asked. They pointed out the stark contrast in treatment given to TDP leader Lokesh's "Yuva Galam" yatra, which faced no restrictions, unlike the clampdowns YSRCP is currently witnessing. "Why such fear and suppression now?" they asked, concluding that the public is not fooled and remains firmly behind Jagan.

Minister Kondapalli Seeks Livelihood Boost through Micro Enterprises in Amaravati

Support sought for micro enterprises & food units in CRDA villages
₹57.5 crore proposals for SHG-led livelihood centres

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Andhra Pradesh Minister for MSMEs, Rural Poverty Alleviation, and NRI Empowerment, Kondapalli Srinivas, has sought the Centre's support for sustainable alternative livelihoods for small and marginal farmers, and landless labourers in the Amaravati Capital Region. Meeting Union Rural Development Minister Dr. Pemmasani Chandrasekhar in New Delhi, Srinivas, along with SERP officials, submitted detailed proposals under the DAY-NRLM framework to support SHG women through micro enterprises and food processing units. He noted that around 29,000 farmers from 22 villages gave up 33,000 acres under the Land Pooling Scheme, leading to loss of traditional livelihoods, especially for women in SHGs. He stressed that CRDA villages

like Amaravati, Thulluru, Mangalagiri, and Tadikonda offer vast potential for SHG-led enterprises. To address this, the Minister urged expansion of the Kudumbashree-NRO model in Andhra Pradesh to support institutional development, capacity building, market linkages, and sustainability of SHG enterprises. He also requested special budget allocation under NRLM to promote micro enterprises in CRDA villages. Two major proposals were submitted. First, the Lakhpati Didi Industrial Park – Livelihood Tech Centre (LTC) at Jakkampudi, Vijayawada, with an estimated cost of ₹37.5 crore. The project aims to scale up 500 micro enterprises annually into viable SMEs and is expected to benefit over 45,000 rural women across 600+ mandals. The centre will provide shared infrastructure, digital design stu-



dios, and advanced production systems. The second proposal was for a Guntur Chilli and Pickle Processing LTC at Motadaka village in Amaravati. This ₹20 crore project focuses on adding value to Guntur's famed pickles and chilli powder, with a monthly capacity of 5 metric tonnes. It will support 2,000 SHG women

and establish 10 branded retail outlets connected to tourism. Minister Srinivas expressed confidence that these initiatives will bridge livelihood gaps, empower rural women, and serve as models for heritage-based economic growth. SERP CEO Vakati Karuna and Additional CEO Sriramulu Naidu were also part of the delegation.

AP to Set Up 8 Waste-to-Energy Plants: Minister Narayana

TPN | V V S Madhu Babu Amaravati: Andhra Pradesh will soon establish eight waste-to-energy (WTE) plants to generate electricity from solid waste, announced State Minister for Municipal Administration and Urban Development Ponguru Narayana. Speaking to the media at the State Secretariat on Monday, he said the initiative follows a review by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on the state's Swachh Andhra programme. The minister stated that between 2014–19, ten WTE plants were sanctioned, of which two were completed. The re-



maining eight faced delays under the previous government. Now, with the government back in power, tenders for Nellore and Kakinada plants have been finalized, and those for Kurnool and Kadapa will follow shortly. Given the volume of waste (1,400 tonnes/day) in Vijayawada and Guntur, plans are underway for another 1,000-tonne

capacity plant in Vijayawada, with a new one also proposed for Tirupati. In total, the eight plants will help process 6,000 of the 6,500 tonnes of daily solid waste generated in the state. Additionally, MRF units will be set up in rural areas for proper waste disposal, as directed by the CM. Special drives will be held for drainage system construction and scientific e-waste management, with three tonnes of e-waste already collected in the past three months. The minister also revealed a new policy to produce oil and fertilizers from aqua

waste, to be approved soon by the cabinet. The Pollution Control Board is handling 17,783 kg of daily biomedical waste generated from 1.68 lakh hospital beds. In a major recognition, Andhra Pradesh secured five Swachh Bharat awards this year: Vijayawada, Guntur, and Tirupati won in the Swachh Super League category, while Visakhapatnam and Rajamahendravaram received special ministerial awards. The minister congratulated the respective civic bodies and urged others to strive for similar achievements.

Lokesh Launches 100-Day Challenge to Beautify Mangalagiri

TPN | B Madhusudanarao Mangalagiri: In a bid to transform Mangalagiri into a model constituency with pothole-free roads, Andhra Pradesh Minister for Education and IT, Nara Lokesh, launched a 100-day challenge and flagged off a fleet of advanced sanitation and road-repair vehicles on Monday. The initiative is part of the government's mission to enhance cleanliness and urban infrastructure under the Mangalagiri-Tadepalli Municipal Corporation (MTMC). Speaking at his residence in Undavalli, Minister Lokesh formally inaugurated five modern vehicles worth ₹4.40 crore. These include two refuse compactor machines (₹1.91 crore), two mechanical road sweeping machines (₹1.2 crore), and one advanced pothole repair vehicle (₹1.48 crore) for filling gaps on BT roads. These vehicles, used in cities like Bengaluru, Chennai, and Hyderabad, are now being deployed for the first time in Andhra Pradesh through the Mangalagiri municipal system. The compactors will transport waste collected from tractors and autos directly to the dumping yard. The pothole repair vehicle will allow real-time road patching across the city. The new fleet is expected to play a vital role in achieving the goal of "Swachh Mangalagiri." Minister Lokesh directed officials to take up the 100-day challenge seriously and ensure Mangalagiri becomes a pothole-free constituency. He also instructed them to create a public grievance mechanism via WhatsApp or the Swachh Andhra app for reporting any remaining road damage after the challenge period. Officials affirmed their commitment to the challenge and pledged to make Mangalagiri the No.1 in cleanliness in the state. Key officials and leaders including MTMC Commissioner Shaik Aleem Basha, Swachh Andhra Corporation Chairman Kommareddy Pattabhiram, APMIDC Chairman Chilla Srinivasa Rao, and various TDP functionaries participated in the event.



Retired Engineer Rama Rao Murder Case Cracked; Two Accused Arrested

TPN | V V S Madhu Babu Vijayawada: Police have arrested two accused in the sensational murder case of retired engineer Rama Rao. The accused were presented before the media by Central ACP Damodar, who revealed shocking details of the crime. The main accused, Manga alias Anusha, had recently joined Rama Rao's household as a caretaker. She, along with her husband Upender Reddy, plotted and executed the murder for monetary gain. Manga and Upender Reddy hail from Khammam district and had married after connecting through the "Moj" app. According to ACP Damodar, the couple attacked Rama Rao by spraying chili powder into his eyes and suffocating him using a pillow. After confirming his death, they stole money and a handbag from his almirah and fled the scene. Further investigation revealed that Manga had been married twice before. She has children from her first marriage. Her current husband, Upender Reddy, had no previous criminal record, and neither did Manga, making it difficult initially for police to trace them. The police acted swiftly after the murder came to light, gathering clues from CCTV footage and technical evidence. Based on these leads, the couple was traced and taken into custody. ACP Damodar stated that greed for money was the sole motive behind the cold-blooded murder. The accused had been closely observing the victim's lifestyle and concluded that he kept cash at home. They used this information to plan and execute the crime. Police assured that strict legal action would be taken, and all evidence will be presented to ensure a strong case in court. The arrest has brought a sense of relief to the community and the family of the deceased.

B. Saroja Devi's Soul Should Rest in Peace: Chandrababu, Pawan Kalyan

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Veteran actress and yesteryear screen legend B. Saroja Devi passed away in Bengaluru, leaving a deep void in South Indian cinema. A towering presence in Telugu, Tamil, and Kannada films for over three decades, Saroja Devi's demise has plunged the film fraternity into mourning. Responding to the news, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan expressed heartfelt grief and offered prayers for her soul to rest in peace. Both leaders shared their condolences through social media, remembering her stellar contributions to Indian cinema. Chief Minister Chandrababu

Naidu said, "I am deeply saddened to learn that the legendary actress B. Saroja Devi breathed her last in Bangalore. She received many accolades as a heroine in Telugu, Tamil and Kannada language films. She entertained the Telugu audience by acting in many films with great actors NTR and ANR. I pray to God that her soul may rest in peace. I express my deepest condolences to her family members." Echoing similar sentiments, Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan said, "I am saddened to know that renowned actress B. Saroja Devi has passed away. I pray to God that her soul may rest in peace. She has acted in Telugu, Kannada and Tamil language films for almost three decades since 1955 and has left her mark on



the film industry. She has impressed Telugu audiences with films like Bhukailas, Panduran-

ga Mahatyam, Sitarama Kalyanam, Jagadekaveeruni Katha, Shakuntala, Danaveera Sura Karna and Atma Balam. I express my deepest condolences to the family of B. Saroja Devi." B. Saroja Devi, often referred to as one of the most graceful and celebrated actresses of her time, shared screen space with legendary actors like NTR, ANR, MG Ramachandran, and Dr. Rajkumar. Her career, spanning from the 1950s to the late 1980s, included dozens of critically acclaimed and commercially successful films. Her passing marks the end of an era in South Indian cinema, and tributes have poured in from fans, celebrities, and political leaders alike. The void she leaves behind in the hearts of movie lovers is immeasurable.

Nani Inciting Caste Hatred to Revive Fading YSRCP Cadre: Alliance

TPN | V V S Madhu Babu Machilipatnam: Leaders of the NDA alliance in Machilipatnam criticized former minister and YSRCP district president Perni Nani, calling him a "political oddity" for his inflammatory remarks at a YSRCP cadre meeting in Pedana constituency. At a press conference held at the TDP office on Monday, alliance leaders Dilip Kumar, Madivada Ramu, Syed Khaja, and

Ramagani Ratnakar condemned Nani's attempt to provoke caste- and religion-based divisions to re-energize demoralized party workers. They warned that if any violence erupts, Nani must be held accountable. The leaders challenged Nani to face a public debate over his alleged illegal wealth accumulation. They questioned how someone who didn't possess a PAN card in 2004 now owns

assets worth crores, including a benami house in Ramanayudupeta, registered under Nukala Koteswara Rao's name. Recalling Nani's 2014 election claim that he lacked the funds to contest, they mocked his political re-entry and his broken vow to retire if the Machilipatnam port wasn't built. Defending Minister Kollu Ravindra, the alliance leaders denounced Nani's corruption

allegations as baseless. They emphasized that Ravindra's family had been in the rice mill machinery business for decades, creating jobs for hundreds. They also slammed Nani's alleged political exploitation of the Uppala family, accusing him of earlier sidelining them and now suddenly showing affection toward ZP chairperson Uppala Harika for political gains.



Sri Chengalamma to Appear as Shakambari Devi

TPN | Sekhar
Sullurpeta: On the auspicious occasion of Ashad-ha Bahula Ashtami, Sri Chengalamma Parameshwari temple in Sullurpeta, Tirupati district will feature the goddess adorned in the divine form of Shakambari Devi on Friday, July 18. Assistant Commissioner of the temple, Smt. Prasanna Lakshmi, announced that special darshan and rituals are being arranged to mark this spiritually significant day.

As part of this unique celebration, temple authorities are inviting devotees to participate in the decoration by offering three varieties of vegetables and two varieties of fruits. Devotees can contribute these items as a symbol of their devotion and take part in the sacred event. Those willing to make offerings are requested to submit them at the temple office by the evening of July 16 (Wednesday). In addition to this celebration, the temple is also planning other significant spiritual programs as part of the upcoming Sravana month. On August 1, a Pushpayagam (flower offering ceremony) will be conducted, followed by a mass Varalakshmi Vratam on August 22, informed temple priest Sri Hariswami.

These events are part of the annual festivals dedicated to the goddess and are expected to be conducted with grandeur and devotion. Preparations are already underway, and temple officials emphasized that with the cooperation of devotees, the celebrations will be even more spiritually enriching and vibrant.



Derogatory Posts on Pawan Kalyan: Janasena Files Police Complaint

TPN | C Shekar
Srikalahasti: Janasena Party district secretary Kottesayi has filed a formal complaint with the Srikalahasti I-Town Circle Inspector, demanding strict legal action against individuals who made objectionable remarks on social media against Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan.

The complaint stated that certain individuals affiliated with rival political organizations used social media platforms to post inappropriate and derogatory comments targeting Pawan Kalyan, in relation to an unfortunate incident that occurred recently within the Janasena Party at Srikalahasti. The remarks, according to party members, were intentionally provocative and aimed at defaming the Deputy Chief Minister.

Speaking to the media, Janasena leaders condemned the misuse of social platforms for spreading negativity and hate speech against respected public figures. They urged the police to take swift and firm action under cybercrime laws to set a precedent against such slanderous acts.

The delegation, led by Kottesayi, appealed for proper investigation into the matter and the identification and prosecution of those responsible for the defamatory posts. They emphasized that freedom of speech should not be misused to insult or target individuals holding constitutional positions.

Several Janasena leaders and party activists including Kumar, Mahesh, Garikapati Chandra, Kavitha, Peta Chandra, Peta Chiranjeevi, Pagadala Pratap, Eerla Chiranjeevi, Suresh, Badri, Mohan, and Lakshman participated in the complaint submission, showing solidarity in defense of their party leader.

The party reiterated its commitment to handling dissent through democratic means and requested all political groups to maintain decorum in public discourse.



Major Fire At Tirupati Railway Station

Royalaseema – Shirdi Express bogies go up in flames



TPN | C Shekar
Tirupati: A major fire incident rocked Tirupati Railway Station on Monday, creating panic among passengers and staff. The fire broke out in bogies of the Royalaseema Express and Shirdi Express trains, both of which were stationed on the loop line at the time of the accident. According to initial reports, two coaches caught fire under mysterious cir-

cumstances. The fire first erupted in a bogie of the Tirupati-Hisar Express while it was being moved from the platform to the yard. Acting swiftly, railway officials detached the affected bogie from the rest of the train, successfully preventing a much larger disaster. Within minutes, another fire was reported in the bogies of the Royalaseema and Shirdi Express trains parked on a nearby track. The flames quickly engulfed the compartments, causing widespread panic among passengers present at the station. It took significant effort to bring the situation under control. While no casualties have been reported so far, the incident led to disruption of train operations at Tirupati station, affecting several scheduled services. Railway authorities have ordered a full-scale investigation to determine the exact cause of the fire. Preliminary assessments suggest that the fire may have originated due to an electrical fault, but official confirmation is awaited.

Anantapur Police Tighten Night Security to Reinforce Public Safety

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In a bid to strengthen law and order, Anantapur police have stepped up night patrolling operations across the district on the instructions of District Superintendent of Police P. Jagadeesh, IPS. The intensified efforts aim to prevent crimes and ensure public safety during night hours. Night rounds officers across various subdivisions are actively inspecting beat points and maintaining strict vigil at sensitive locations, including temples, prayer halls, ATMs, banks, and commercial hubs. Security personnel have been directed to remain alert and ensure no scope is

left for criminal activities or untoward incidents. Along with local police, CCS (Crime Control Squad) teams have also joined the operations. They are conducting rigorous checks on suspicious individuals and vehicles, focusing on curbing open drinking and enforcing drunk-and-drive regulations. Random breathalyzer tests are being carried out, and legal action is being initiated against violators. The teams are also verifying vehicle documents, collecting commuter details, and in certain cases, recording fingerprints of suspects. These measures are aimed at preventing thefts, illegal transporta-



tion of goods, and other unlawful activities. The district police have adopted a zero-tolerance approach to crime and are leaving no stone unturned in ensuring a peaceful environment for residents. According to officials, these proactive night security drives are significantly en-

hancing public confidence in the police force and reinforcing safety across urban and rural areas alike. With round-the-clock vigilance and coordinated policing strategies, Anantapur is witnessing robust security mechanisms that deter potential offenders while ensuring community well-being.

Gandi Babji Participates in Good Governance Program in Ward 94



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As part of the first step of good governance initiative, former MLA, State Oil Federation Chairman, and Pendurthi TDP in-charge Shri Gandi Babji actively participated in

a public outreach program held in Ward 94 of Visakhapatnam. Addressing a large gathering of women, Gandi Babji highlighted the welfare measures being implemented under the coalition government. He emphasized that

the “mother’s salute” has reached every child, and three gas wagons have been provided to women. Despite financial constraints, he stated, pensions are being given without delay on the 1st of every month, a benchmark no other state has achieved. He also announced that the Annadata Sukhibhavva program will be launched within this month, ensuring support for the farming community. In a major assurance to women, Gandi Babji said free RTC bus travel for women will commence from August 15. “The coalition government has already fulfilled 80 percent of the Super Six promises,” he said, urg-

ing people to support the government and stand united for further development. He promised that all issues in the constituency would be addressed step by step. The event saw the participation of Visakhapatnam City Mayor Pila Srinivasa Rao, Pendurthi Youth Leader Gandi Vamsi Deep, 94th Ward Corporator Balla Srinivas Rao, Ward President Gandi Venu, Sabbavaram Mandal Telugu Yuva President Balireddy Apparao, and a large number of women leaders from Ward 94. The event marked a strong show of grassroots engagement by the local leadership.

Two Arrested with 230 Kg Ganja in Vizianagaram

TPN | Narasimhulu

Vizianagaram: Acting on a tip-off, the Vizianagaram district police seized 230 kg of ganja near Manapuram railway gate in Dattirajeru mandal. The operation was conducted by the Manapuram Police in coordination with the Eagle Force. The contraband was being transported from Pottangi in Odisha to Visakhapatnam in two cars. Vizianagaram District SP Vakul Jindal disclosed the details during a press conference on July 14. On July 13, based on precise inputs, the police set up vehicle checks near the railway gate. Two cars — a Maruti Alto (OR 02 AJ 7206) and a Maruti 800 (OR 19B 4554) — were stopped. Five individuals inside the vehicles attempted to flee upon spotting the police. However, two of them were apprehended after a chase. The arrested accused were identified as Ghasiram Hantal (24) from Jangarada village in Pottangi mandal and Karan Khilo (24) from Jhaliguda village in Simiguda mandal, both located in



Odisha’s Koraput district. During interrogation, the arrested duo revealed the names of three other accused who fled the scene — Suresh Adakabiya (the main accused), Khanilathi, and Junesh. SP Jindal said efforts are

underway to nab the absconding culprits. The arrested were found transporting ganja in 44 packets. Along with the contraband, police seized two vehicles, ₹700 in cash, and three mobile phones. SP Vakul Jindal further revealed

that Ghasiram Hantal is also involved in seven vehicle theft cases. Karan Khilo was found to have arranged the Maruti 800 specifically for transporting the ganja. The gang had packed the contraband in Pottangi and was en route to Visakhapatnam when they were intercepted. The SP warned that the department is taking ganja smuggling cases very seriously. He stated that anyone accumulating assets through illegal drug trade will face property seizures. Already, assets worth around ₹5 crore belonging to drug traffickers have been frozen. SP Jindal appreciated the efforts of DSP G. Bhavyareddy (Bobbili), CI G.A.V. Ramana (Gajapathinagar), SI R. Jayanti (Manapuram), and constables K. Appanna, K. Shankar, and HG K. Appalaswamy for their crucial role in the operation. He also presented them with commendation certificates for their exemplary service.

The Great Indian IT Crash: Why Young Engineers Are Struggling to Find Jobs

In cities like Bengaluru, Hyderabad, and Pune, countless young engineers live in PG hostels, anxiously refreshing job portals day after day. Their dreams of a thriving IT career seem to be slipping away, leaving them puzzled about what went wrong. The once booming entry-level IT job market in India, which fueled the aspirations of millions two decades ago, is now facing an unprecedented crisis. Back in the early 2000s, landing a job at Infosys, TCS, or Wipro was considered a golden ticket. Engineering graduates, armed with basic coding skills, were snapped up in large numbers to fill Level 1 roles—tasks like software testing, bug fixing, or tech support. This conveyor belt of campus hiring not only provided financial stability but also social validation. India's IT industry wasn't just growing; it was becoming a global powerhouse, with Indian talent admired worldwide. Fast forward to 2025, and the landscape is unrecognizable. Entry-level IT jobs are disappearing rapidly, and the reason is no longer lack of talent—it's technological disruption, primarily driven by artificial intelligence (AI). AI tools such as ChatGPT and GitHub Copilot are automating many of the tasks once assigned to junior engineers. Writing boilerplate code, debugging simple errors, and routine software maintenance are increasingly being handled by intelligent software,



leaving fewer roles for fresh graduates. Companies like Wipro have drastically cut down fresher hiring—from 38,000 in FY23 to just 10,000 in FY25. TCS and Infosys have also slowed or delayed onboarding new graduates. Even global firms are feeling the pressure, with

computer science graduate unemployment rising in the US and the UK. The World Economic Forum's 2025 report warns that AI-driven automation may eliminate 75 million jobs worldwide by 2030, while creating 170 million new ones—but these new roles demand skills far beyond traditional coding.

Indian engineering colleges are struggling to keep up. Less than 12% offer courses in AI or machine learning, and only a small fraction of faculty have hands-on experience with generative AI tools. This means graduates are often ill-equipped for the new tech landscape, causing a widening gap be-

tween industry demands and academic training. Families invest heavily in education, but many students end up unemployed or forced to switch to unrelated jobs. However, the story is not entirely bleak. AI is also creating new opportunities in emerging roles like AI trainers, prompt engineers, chatbot testers, and model auditors. These positions require curiosity, adaptability, and a willingness to learn rather than elite degrees. The future belongs to those who embrace AI as a collaborator, not a threat. To navigate this shift, India's education system must overhaul its curriculum, integrating AI and machine learning as core subjects. Universities should promote internships and hands-on projects, replacing rote exams with real-world problem solving. National skilling initiatives must expand, and startups should partner with campuses to nurture innovation. Finally, the concept of "entry-level" jobs must be redefined to include these new AI-driven roles. For young engineers, the message is clear: the old ladder to IT success may be broken, but new pathways are opening. Embracing AI, learning continuously, and adapting quickly are the keys to thriving in the great Indian IT reset. The future is uncertain, but not closed—if you're ready to evolve, your career can still take off.

Karnataka: Rahul Gandhi's Crucial Test — And His Struggle to Deliver



The political drama unfolding in Karnataka has once again put Rahul Gandhi's leadership under the spotlight — and the signs aren't encouraging. The recent hurried trip to Delhi by Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and his deputy D K Shivakumar ended without any resolution, highlighting the fragile state of affairs within the Congress party in the state. The ongoing power tussle between Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar is no secret. Following the Congress's surprising victory in the 2023 assembly elections, the two leaders had reportedly agreed to a rotational chief ministership—each taking charge for two and a half years. Siddaramaiah is supposed to step down this November to make way for Shivakumar. But the CM's public refusal to accept this arrangement suggests he has no intention of relinquishing power anytime soon. Caught between Siddaramaiah's stubbornness and a reluctant party high command, Shivakumar appears to have little choice but to bide his time. This uneasy truce, however, is unlikely to last. Many in Karnataka's political circles fear that Shivakumar's ambitions remain alive and could trigger more internal conflict down the line. This scenario eerily echoes the Congress's past mistakes in Rajasthan. There, a similar power-sharing arrangement between CM Ashok Gehlot and his rival Sachin Pilot led to nearly constant internal strife that hampered governance. While Gehlot managed to hold on to power for a full term, Pilot never got his turn, and the party eventually lost the 2023 elections to the BJP.

Unless Congress acts decisively to broker peace between Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar, and urgently focuses on governance, Karnataka risks a repeat of Rajasthan's political chaos — potentially costing the party one of its last strongholds. This brings us to the bigger question: Is Rahul Gandhi equipped to handle this challenge? The growing sense of unease within the Karnataka Congress ranks stems largely from the perceived lack of engagement from the party's national leadership. Rahul Gandhi's refusal to meet the warring leaders when they sought an appointment is seen as a clear sign of detachment. His hands-off approach to organizational crises strengthens the image of a party adrift without firm direction. For decades, the Congress party has been associated with decisive Gandhis who wielded power with authority and strategic acumen. Indira Gandhi and Sanjay Gandhi were political powerhouses known for their commanding presence and ability to steer the party firmly. Rajiv Gandhi, though initially reluctant, consolidated his authority following the Congress's overwhelming victory in 1984, using cabinet reshuffles and leadership changes to maintain control. Sonia Gandhi, too, despite initial hesitation, proved an effective leader by delegating much of the party's internal management to trusted aides like Ahmed Patel — a master trouble-shooter who quietly kept the organization intact through tough times. Rahul Gandhi, however, has struggled to live up to these legacies. His reluctance to confront dissent openly and his tendency to avoid difficult decisions create an impression of indecision. For example, despite ongoing tensions with Lok Sabha MP Shashi Tharoor in Kerala, Rahul reportedly remained mostly silent during their meeting, leaving many questions about the party's direction there unanswered. With state elections looming in Kerala and Bihar, Rahul Gandhi urgently needs a win to bolster his image both within and outside the party. Stabilizing Karnataka should be a priority — it remains a vital bastion of Congress support. The question remains: Will Rahul Gandhi rise to the occasion, assert his leadership, and restore confidence in the party's ability to govern? Karnataka could well be the defining test of his political career — and so far, he is failing it badly.

New Political Contours in Tamil Nadu: Challenges to the Bipolar Dravidian System

As Tamil Nadu approaches its Assembly elections less than a year away, the State stands at a critical crossroads in its political and economic journey. Known for its distinct identity and governance model, Tamil Nadu has historically resisted national centralising forces, maintaining a unique socio-political fabric shaped by regional aspirations and Dravidian ideology. However, evolving economic challenges and a more assertive central government are testing this identity. The next few years will be crucial in determining whether Tamil Nadu can continue its equitable development while navigating a transforming political landscape. Tamil Nadu's political scene has traditionally been dominated by two major Dravidian parties: the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) and the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK). These parties have built a bipolar system that has shaped the State's governance, social justice policies, and electoral politics for decades. The DMK, often described by political analysts like Narendra Subramanian as embodying "assertive populism," has focused heavily on social justice, federalism, and uplifting historically marginalised communities. Rooted in an ideological commitment to egalitarianism and Tamil pride, the DMK has championed policies that promote social inclusion and decentralisation of power. While its governance has faced criticism for instances of patronage and factionalism, its core ideological stance has remained largely consistent over time. On the other hand, the AIADMK has adopted a different approach, characterised as "paternalistic populism." Founded by charismatic leaders such as M.G. Ramachandran and J. Jayalalithaa, the party has placed greater emphasis on welfare schemes and patronage politics rather than a clear ideological agenda. The AIADMK has traditionally united a broad coalition of groups opposed to the DMK, including upper-caste Congress supporters, landowning castes, and welfare beneficiaries. Notably, it has also successfully mobilised Dalits against intermediate castes who predominantly support the DMK, thus reinforcing the bipolar rivalry between the two parties. This enduring bipolar system has been central to Tamil Nadu's governance and political stability. However, recent shifts in political dynamics, social composition, and economic pressures suggest that this duopoly may face



significant challenges ahead. The emergence of new political actors, growing demands from diverse social groups, and an increasingly interventionist central government threaten to upset the established balance. Furthermore, Tamil Nadu's ruling coalition faces the pressing task of moving beyond narrow regionalism to embrace proactive coalition-building across broader political and social spectra. Sustaining Tamil Nadu's distinctive governance model—one that combines social justice with inclusive growth—will require adaptive strategies that go beyond the historical Dravidian framework. In addition, economic transformations such as industrial diversification, urbanisation, and the need for innovation-driven growth pose fresh challenges. Tamil Nadu's political leadership must align these economic imperatives with the State's social ethos while navigating the complexities of centre-state relations. In conclusion, Tamil Nadu's political landscape is at a turning point. The legacy of the bipolar Dravidian parties has long defined its identity and governance. Yet, the shifting sands of politics, economy, and social change demand a reevaluation of old frameworks. Whether Tamil Nadu can maintain its distinct model of inclusive development and political stability depends on its ability to evolve, build new alliances, and respond effectively to emerging challenges in the years ahead.

ED Charges Sonia, Rahul Gandhi in National Herald Case; Court Reserves Order

TPN | Delhi

A Delhi court on Monday reserved its order on whether to take cognisance of the Enforcement Directorate's (ED) chargesheet in the high-profile National Herald case, which names prominent Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi among the accused. The court, presided over by Special Judge Vishal Gogne, scheduled the next hearing for July 29. The ED has alleged a large-scale conspiracy and financial wrongdoing in the case, which centers around the alleged fraudulent acquisition of over ₹2,000 crore worth of assets belonging to Associated Journals Limited (AJL), the publisher of the now-defunct National Herald newspaper.



According to the ED, the assets were taken over by Young Indian, a company in which Sonia and Rahul Gandhi reportedly hold a 76% majority stake. The agency claims this takeover was

facilitated through a suspicious ₹90 crore loan, used as a pretext to transfer ownership of AJL's valuable assets to Young Indian without any legitimate compensation. In addition to Sonia and

Rahul Gandhi, the chargesheet names several other individuals including Sam Pitroda, Suman Dubey, Sunil Bhandari, and the late Congress leaders Motilal Vora and Oscar Fernandes. Two entities—Young Indian and Kolkata-based Dotex Merchandise Pvt. Ltd.—have also been named. The ED has maintained that the transactions were designed to launder money and conceal the actual ownership and control of AJL's assets. The Congress party has repeatedly denied any wrongdoing, calling the case a political vendetta. The court's decision on whether to take cognisance of the chargesheet will be a key development in a case that has long been under the scanner of central investigating agencies.

Omar Abdullah Slams Centre After Being Stopped at Martyrs' Graveyard: "Don't Expect Delhi-Like Results in Kashmir"

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Chaotic scenes unfolded at Srinagar's Martyrs' Graveyard as Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and his supporters were physically stopped by police while attempting to pay tributes to the 22 Kashmiris killed on July 13, 1931. Videos of Mr. Abdullah scaling a wall and grappling with security forces went viral, sparking political outrage. Reacting to the incident, Omar Abdullah criticized the BJP and the Centre, warning them not to expect Delhi-like political results by portraying the elected Jammu and Kashmir government as powerless. "This isn't about me—it's about the message you're sending. If voter turnout drops, remember this day," he



told NDTV. The National Conference leader compared the situation to Delhi, where the Aam Aadmi Party government had long complained of limited powers under the Lieutenant Governor. In J&K, key matters like law and order

remain under the control of Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha, limiting the state government's authority. Mr. Abdullah said the police attempted to prevent him from offering Fatiha even though the official restrictions were only for

July 13. "They tore our flags, tried to stop us, but we made it," he said. He accused the administration of suppressing democratic expression and targeting Kashmir's historical memory. "13th July is our Jallianwala Bagh," he said, referring to the 1931 massacre of 22 protestors by Dogra forces. The Martyrs' Day function has been banned since 2019, after the revocation of Article 370. Public holidays commemorating July 13 and Sheikh Abdullah's birthday have also been removed. Other regional leaders like Mehbooba Mufti and Sajad Lone condemned the restrictions, calling them undemocratic. Abdullah warned the Centre: "Suppressing elected voices won't make people support you—it will make them stop believing in the system altogether."

Dragon Grace spacecraft undocks from space station; Shubhanshu Shukla begins return journey

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The Dragon Grace spacecraft, part of the Axiom-4 mission, successfully undocked from the International Space Station (ISS) on Monday, marking the beginning of its return journey to Earth after an 18-day stay in orbit. According to NASA, the spacecraft separated from the ISS at 4:45 PM IST, following a slight delay of 10 minutes from the originally scheduled undocking time. The crew aboard includes Shubhanshu Shukla and three fellow astronauts who participated in the private Axiom-4 mission. Shortly after undocking, Dragon Grace executed two departure burns—critical thruster maneuvers designed to safely guide the spacecraft away from the ISS. These burns ensured that the capsule exited the station's vicinity smoothly and safely. A significant milestone in the departure process was the spacecraft's exit from the 'keep out sphere'—a 200-metre safety boundary surrounding the space station. Crossing this boundary indicates that the spacecraft is safely beyond the zone where collision risks with the ISS are heightened. The Axiom-4 mission was a collaborative effort between NASA and Axiom Space, part of a growing number of commercial missions that extend scientific research and private access to low



Earth orbit. During their stay, the crew conducted various experiments in microgravity, participated in educational outreach, and engaged with international audiences. The Dragon spacecraft will now

begin its controlled descent toward Earth. Once atmospheric reentry is complete, the capsule is expected to splash down at a designated site, where recovery teams will be on standby to receive the crew.

With this successful undocking, the Axiom-4 mission marks another step forward in expanding human presence in space through public-private partnerships and advancing commercial spaceflight capabilities.



"No One is Safe in Bihar": Congress Slams Nitish Govt After Family Burnt Alive

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Political tensions have intensified in poll-bound Bihar after a horrific incident in Purnia district, where five members of a family, including three women, were brutally beaten and burned alive on July 6 over accusations of witchcraft. The Congress party has sharply criticized the Nitish Kumar-led JDU-BJP government, claiming the state has become lawless and unsafe for its citizens. Congress leader Dr. Vikrant Bhuria, who also chairs the All India Adivasi Congress, condemned the incident during a press conference at Indira Bhawan, calling it a "barbaric act" fueled by superstition and unchecked mob violence. According to Dr. Bhuria, the victims were first tortured—their limbs broken—before being partially set on fire. They were then doused in petrol and diesel and burned alive. One victim attempted to flee into a nearby pond but was dragged back using a fishing rod and killed. "It was a massacre," Bhuria said, adding that 200 to 250 people were involved, many of them allegedly under the influence of alcohol. He criticized the state's liquor prohibition policy, calling it a "myth," and said that while clean water is scarce, alcohol remains easily accessible. Dr. Bhuria expressed dismay over Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's silence on the tragedy. "No statement, no visit—does the CM not care?" he asked. He reiterated Rahul Gandhi's remark that Bihar has become the "crime capital of India." He demanded that the victims' families be compensated and given security, and that the case be fast-tracked. He further accused the state government of targeting tribals to clear land for corporate interests, linking the violence to systemic displacement. "Even BJP leaders are not safe. This is Nitish Kumar's Bihar," Bhuria said.



No Nuisance Will Be Tolerated During Kanwar Yatra: Rekha Gupta

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Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Monday issued a strong warning against any disruption to the ongoing Kanwar Yatra, declaring that her government will not tolerate any form of nuisance or obstruction during the annual pilgrimage. Her remarks come just days after a concerning incident in Shahdara, where glass shards were found scattered along a 400-metre stretch of the yatra route. Addressing the issue at a public event, CM Gupta stated that ensuring the safety and comfort of kanwariyas (devotees of Lord Shiva) remains a top priority for her administration. "No nuisance will be tolerated. If any hurdle is created during the Kanwar Yatra, strict action will be taken. Anyone responsible will be held accountable," she said, emphasizing her government's zero-tolerance policy toward disruptions of the religious procession. Gupta further reassured devotees that all necessary arrangements were being made to ensure a smooth yatra. "We are committed to providing full facilities and a secure environment for Shiv bhakts. The government is ready to welcome kanwariyas with complete support," she added. The incident that sparked concern involved an e-rickshaw transporting 19 glass panels from Shalimar Garden in Uttar Pradesh to Seelampur in Delhi. According to police, the e-rickshaw was allegedly hit from behind between Chintamani Chowk and Jhilmil Metro Station, causing the glass panels to shatter and scatter along the road. The driver was detained for questioning as part of the investigation. While authorities currently believe the incident was accidental, CM Gupta's statement reflects heightened vigilance during the religious yatra season. She emphasized that public safety and religious harmony would be maintained throughout the pilgrimage, and any threats—intentional or accidental—would be thoroughly addressed.

Donald Trump to Make Historic Second State Visit to the U.K. in September

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U.S. President Donald Trump will make a historic and unprecedented second state visit to the United Kingdom from September 17 to 19, 2025, Buckingham Palace confirmed on Monday. He will be accompanied by former First Lady Melania Trump and hosted by King Charles III and Queen Camilla at Windsor Castle. This marks the first time any U.S. President has been invited for a second official state visit. Trump's previous visit in 2019, during his first term, was hosted by the late Queen Elizabeth II and featured traditional royal pageantry. State visits are reserved for foreign heads of state and are considered the highest form of diplomatic engagement by the U.K.

The invitation was hand-delivered earlier this year by British Prime Minister Keir Starmer during a visit to the White House. Trump called the invitation a "great, great honor" and expressed excitement about staying at Windsor Castle, saying, "That's really something." Typically, U.S. Presidents on a second term receive only an informal audience, such as tea or lunch with the monarch. Past presidents like George W. Bush and Barack Obama followed that tradition. Trump's return as a full state guest signals a notable diplomatic



gesture and reflects the current U.K. government's strategy of maintaining a close relationship with Washington. While the visit is expected to include all the royal ceremonial elements — including a state banquet, military honors, and carriage processions — it may also draw controversy. Trump remains a polarizing figure, and his

support for Israel's war in Gaza and controversial comments about Canada and Greenland have led to criticism, including from members of the ruling Labour Party. Due to ongoing renovations at Buckingham Palace, the Trumps, like French President Emmanuel Macron last week, will stay at Windsor Castle during their visit.

Billboard in Times Square Urges New Yorkers to "Flee" Socialist Zohran Mamdani and Move to Ohio, Backing Vivek Ramaswamy



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A digital billboard has appeared at New York's Times Square urging New Yorkers to "flee" the politics of "radical socialist" Zohran Mamdani and "move to Ohio," the state where Indian-origin Republican Vivek Ramaswamy is running for governor. The \$50,000 ad is reportedly sponsored by VPAC—Vivek Super PAC, known as Victors, not Victims—which sup-

ports Ramaswamy's campaign. The billboard directly contrasts Mamdani, 33, who recently won the Democratic primary for New York City mayor, with Ramaswamy, 39, portraying them as ideological opposites. The banner reads, "Ready To Flee NYC? Move To Ohio," highlighting the Republican's conservative message against Mamdani's socialist policies. Ramaswamy echoed the message on X (formerly Twitter), tweeting, "Capitalism

defeats socialism. There's a better way: move to Ohio." Both Mamdani and Ramaswamy are Indian-American rising political figures in their respective parties, adding a unique dimension to the race. Andy Surabian, chief strategist at VPAC, told the New York Post that the billboard encourages New Yorkers worried about Mamdani's potential mayoral victory to relocate to Ohio—a state poised to elect a "conservative trailblazer committed to liberty and prosperity." Surabian said Mamdani's "job-killing socialist tyranny" contrasts sharply with Ramaswamy's promise to "unleash freedom" and "supercharge the American dream." VPAC's goal, Surabian explained, is to emphasize the stark differences between the two paths: Mamdani's "socialist totalitarianism" versus Ramaswamy's vision of "American freedom." The billboard will remain in Times Square throughout the week. Mamdani's campaign has not yet responded to the billboard. The ad follows Ramaswamy's recent criticism of "race-obsessed" factions on the right targeting Indian-origin politicians like Mamdani and Usha Vance, wife of Senator J.D. Vance, calling such attacks a sad reflection of political polarization.



Imran Khan's Party Launches 'Free Imran Khan Movement' Ahead of August Driv

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The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) has informally launched its "Free Imran Khan Movement" in Lahore, demanding the release of former Prime Minister Imran Khan, who has been incarcerated since August 2023. The 72-year-old cricketer-turned-politician is being held in Adiala Jail and faces multiple legal cases.

Although the PTI had earlier announced a formal countrywide movement beginning August 5, the campaign has now started ahead of schedule. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Chief Minister and senior PTI leader Ali Amin Gandapur arrived in Lahore late Saturday night along with other party leaders and declared the beginning of the protest movement.

Gandapur and key PTI leaders have set up camp at a farmhouse in Lahore's Raiwind area—strategically close to the Sharif family residence—where they are finalizing plans for the full-scale protest. The movement aims to increase pressure on the Shehbaz Sharif-led government and the military establishment to release Khan.

Tensions have escalated as police reportedly detained at least 20 PTI workers who attempted to gather in Lahore to welcome their leaders. A PTI spokesperson claimed Punjab police had been conducting raids on the homes of party leaders and workers, especially in Lahore, in an effort to disrupt protest preparations.

However, a Punjab police spokesperson denied any arrests, though a police source confirmed that at least 20 PTI workers had been picked up.

Gandapur has urged supporters to intensify the campaign in the lead-up to August 5. Meanwhile, Rana Sanaullah, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Political Affairs, reiterated Prime Minister Sharif's invitation for dialogue, suggesting PTI engage in talks to amend electoral laws rather than pursue street protests.

With the political atmosphere heating up, the coming weeks may prove crucial for PTI's push to secure Imran Khan's release.



India-China Relations: Beijing Calls for "Dragon-Elephant Tango" as Jaishankar Visits Amid Improving Ties

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In a significant diplomatic outreach, China on Monday renewed its call for a "dragon-elephant tango" — a metaphor for closer cooperation between China and India — as both countries seek to rebuild their strained relationship. Chinese Vice President Han Zheng emphasized the importance of advancing practical cooperation and respecting mutual concerns to ensure the stable and healthy development of bilateral ties.

"Becoming partners that enable each other's success and achieving the 'dragon-elephant tango' is the right choice for both sides," Han said after meeting Indian External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar in Beijing, according to Global Times. He urged both nations, as major developing economies and key Global South members, to implement the consensus reached by their leaders and work together for mutual benefit.

Jaishankar, in Beijing for the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) conclave, responded positively, noting that bilateral ties have been steadily improving since Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Xi Jinping met in Kazan in October 2024. He stressed that continued normalisation of ties can yield "mutually beneficial outcomes" and highlighted the importance of open exchanges amid a "complex" global scenario.

This is Jaishankar's first visit to China since the deadly 2020 military standoff along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh severely impacted relations. He also acknowledged the resumption of the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra, which he said is widely appreciated in India.

Karachi's Roads in Ruins Despite PKR 11.9 Billion Paid by SSGC for Restoration

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Despite the Sui Southern Gas Company (SSGC) disbursing PKR 11.9 billion to civic bodies for road restoration, Karachi's streets remain in deplorable condition—marked by craters, debris, and impassable pathways.

The funds, paid in advance to the Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC), town municipal corporations (TMCs), and cantonment boards, were meant to ensure prompt restoration of roads following underground gas pipeline work. However, nine months later, most roads are still awaiting repair, with civic authorities either denying responsibility or blaming one another.

SSGC documents reveal that PKR 3.55 billion was paid to TMC New Karachi, PKR 2.1 billion to TMC Model Colony, PKR 1 billion to TMC Lyari, and PKR 490 million to KMC, among others. All payments were made with formal approvals and written documentation, and according to an SSGC spokesperson, the company fulfilled its legal obligations by covering "road restoration charges." However, the intended road repairs have not materialized. Karachi Contractors Association chairman, Syed Naeem Kazmi, stated that the allocated funds were more than sufficient—capable of restoring twice the area that was dug up. His remarks underscore the sheer level of mismanagement and neglect by local authorities. The ongoing crisis illustrates a deeper sys-



temic failure in Pakistan's urban governance. Despite significant public funds being allocated, the lack of transparency, oversight, and accountability has once again left the public to suffer. Karachi's crumbling infrastructure

stands as a harsh reminder of how corruption and bureaucratic dysfunction continue to derail the city's development, leaving its citizens to navigate broken streets and broken promises.

Domestic Markets End Lower Amid Global Uncertainty; Mid & Smallcaps Show Resilience

Domestic stock markets fell on Monday. Benchmark indices fell moderately. The reasons for this are mixed signals from global markets, weakening buying sentiment in the market, and continued uncertainty over the trade deal with the US. The fall in shares of IT companies before the results added fuel to this. However, it is noteworthy that the mid and smallcap indices recovered. Overall, the Nifty lost 247 and Nifty lost 67 points. It is noteworthy that the Nifty is fluctuating at the crucial 25000 level.

The BSE Sensex, which closed at 82,500 in the previous session, started at 82,537 on Monday. It touched an intraday low of 82,010. It reached an intraday high of 82,537. Finally, it closed at 82,253, losing 247 points. The NSE Nifty, which opened at 25,149, touched a low of 25,001 and a high of 25,151. It closed at 25,082, down 67 points. The Nifty Bank rose 10 points to settle at 56,765.

In the Nifty50, 22 companies gained while 28 lost. Eternal, Titan, IndusInd Bank, ONGC, Grasim were the top gainers. Jio Finance, Tech Mahindra, Wipro, Bajaj Finance, and Infosys lost the most. Today, realty, media, healthcare, pharma, PSU bank, energy, metal, and auto indices rose. IT, finance, infra, and private bank indices rose marginally.

Market breadth on NSE today was evenly balanced between buyers and sellers. 1464 gained and 1482 lost. 80 shares touched their 52-week highs and 36 touched their 52-week lows. The upper circuit was 94 and the lower circuit was 73.

The rupee weakened by 19 paise to settle at 85.99 against the dollar. HCL Technologies shares traded in the red ahead of Q1 earnings.



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Ola Electric's net loss widened to Rs 428 crore from Rs 347 crore. Revenue fell 50% to Rs 828 crore from Rs 1644 crore. Motilal Oswal has given a buy rating to Avenue Supermarket with a target price of Rs 4500. HSBC maintains Buy rating on Glenmark Pharma with a target price of Rs 2275. Ahluwalia contract gets Rs 2089 crore order from DLF. Rail Vikas Nigam gets Rs 213 crore letter of acceptance from South Central Railway. Smart Works Coworking IPO gets 6.33 times response on third day afternoon.

Adani Green Energy Ltd

Adani Green shares traded flat amid cautious sentiment in the renewable



energy sector. Investors are awaiting clarity on government incentives for green energy projects. The company continues to expand its solar and wind power capacity, with recent reports suggesting ongoing interest in international partnerships. Long-term fundamentals remain strong, but valuations remain high.

Torrent Pharmaceuticals (TORNTPHARM)

Torrent Pharma shares moved higher as the market anticipates strong quarterly results. Analysts expect improved margins due to better product mix and cost efficiency. Recent product launches in the US and domestic markets have strengthened



growth outlook. The company's pipeline in chronic therapies continues to be a key driver.

Swiggy

Swiggy, India's leading food delivery and quick commerce platform, has seen widening losses amid intense competition from Zomato and Zepto. Reports indicate a revenue slowdown in the food delivery segment while Instamart faces margin pressure. Market watchers are anticipating its IPO in the coming months, but profitability remains a concern.



ICICI Prudential Life Insurance

ICICI Pru shares remained range-bound. Market sentiment is cautious ahead of the Q1 earnings. Analysts expect moderate growth in new business premium and value of new business (VNB). Rising interest rates and regulatory developments in the insurance sector are being closely tracked.



TVS Motor

TVS Motor shares gained as the company reported robust monthly two-wheeler sales, especially in the electric segment. Its iQube electric scooter continues to see good traction. Analysts remain optimistic about the company's exports, premium motorcycle segment, and EV plans. Upcoming earnings are expected to reflect strong YoY growth.



Wholesale Price Inflation Turns Negative in June at -0.13%

Wholesale price inflation (WPI) in India fell to a negative rate of -0.13% in June 2025, marking a notable decline from 0.39% in May and significantly lower than 3.43% recorded in June last year. This deflationary trend was driven primarily by falling prices in key sectors such as food articles, fuel, and manufactured goods, according to data released by the Industry Ministry on July 14. The data highlights that food articles experienced a sharp deflation of 3.75% in June, deepening from a 1.56% decline in May. Vegetables, in particular, saw a steep price drop of 22.65%, slightly higher than the 21.62% deflation observed in the previous month. This steep fall in vegetable prices contributed significantly to the overall negative inflation. Fuel and power also recorded a deflation of 2.65% in June, an increase from the 2.27% decrease seen in May. Additionally, manufactured products saw inflation ease marginally to 1.97% from 2.04% in May. The Industry Ministry attributed the negative inflation rate primarily to falling prices of food articles, mineral oils, crude petroleum, natural gas, and basic metals.



While wholesale inflation has turned negative, it is important to note that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) focuses more on retail inflation data when making monetary policy decisions. The retail inflation figures for June are expected to be released later in the day. In response to easing inflation, the RBI last month reduced its benchmark policy interest rate by a significant 0.50 percentage points, bringing it down to 5.50%. This move aims to support economic growth while keeping inflation under control amid shifting price dynamics. The declining wholesale inflation signals easing cost pressures for producers, which could have positive effects on the broader economy.

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Gold and Silver Prices Surge, Silver Hits Record High Above Rs 1.10 Lakh per Kg

Gold and silver prices witnessed a sharp rise this week, with silver reaching an all-time high by crossing Rs 1.10 lakh per kilogram, according to the India Bullion and Jewellers Association (IBJA). This marks the first time silver has closed above this milestone on a weekly basis, surpassing the previous record of Rs 1,09,550 set on June 18, 2025.



The price of 24-carat gold climbed by Rs 490 to Rs 97,511 per 10 grams from Rs 97,021 last week. Gold had already surged by Rs 1,237 per 10 grams the previous week. Similarly, 22-carat gold rose to Rs 89,320 per 10 grams, up from Rs 88,871, while 18-carat gold increased from Rs 72,766 to Rs 73,133 per 10 grams. Silver showed an even sharper increase, gaining Rs 2,710 to reach Rs 1,10,290 per kilogram, up from Rs 1,07,580 last week. This rise is significant as it reflects growing investor interest amid geopolitical and economic uncertainties. The recent rally in precious metals is largely attributed to escalating global tensions. Announcements by US President Donald Trump about imposing

tariffs on major trade partners such as Canada and Europe have intensified fears of trade conflicts, pushing investors toward safe-haven assets like gold and silver. Since the beginning of the year, the price of 24-carat gold has surged by Rs 21,349, or 28.03%, from Rs 76,162 to Rs 97,511 per 10 grams. Silver's price has increased by Rs 24,273, or 28.21%, climbing from Rs 86,017 to Rs 1,10,290 per kilogram during the same period. With supply constraints and heightened demand amid global uncertainties, gold and silver continue to attract strong investment interest, driving prices toward new highs.

Ola Electric Shares Jump 17% Despite Q1 Loss of Rs 428 Crore: What's Fueling the Rally?

Ola Electric's shares surged as much as 17.2% to Rs 46.67 on the BSE on Monday, ending a five-day losing streak, even as the company reported a consolidated net loss of Rs 428 crore for the quarter ended June 2025. This strong rebound surprised many investors, given the headline loss, but closer analysis reveals encouraging operational progress pointing to a possible turnaround. Despite a 49.6% year-on-year drop in revenue to Rs 828 crore, Ola Electric exceeded its top-line guidance and posted a sequential revenue growth of over

35% compared to Rs 611 crore in the previous quarter. Notably, the company's auto segment turned EBITDA positive in June for the first time, signaling improved operational efficiency. Ola attributed the results to stronger financial discipline and better execution. The auto segment's EBITDA margin improved sharply from -90.6% in Q4 FY25 to -11.6% in Q1 FY26, while consolidated EBITDA margins improved from -38.6% to -28.6%. Sales, however, declined nearly 50% year-on-year, with 68,192 units delivered in Q1 FY26 compared to 1,25,198

units a year earlier, amid intensifying competition from players like Bajaj Auto, TVS Motor, and Ather Energy. The company highlighted improvements in cost structure, driven by its Gen 3 scooter's bill of materials reduction through vertical integration and in-house technology. Ola aims for a gross margin of 35-40% by the end of FY26, aided by government incentives. Cost-cutting under Project Lakshya reduced monthly auto operating expenses from Rs 178 crore to Rs 105 crore. Ola plans to lower consolidated operating expenses further to Rs 130 crore per



month by year-end. Looking ahead, Ola targets sales of 3.25-3.75 lakh vehicles and revenue of Rs 4,200-4,700 crore in FY26. It expects sustained EBITDA positivity in its auto segment from Q2 onwards. However, analysts urge caution. Laksh-

mishree Investments' Anshul Jain warns of possible further downside risk, suggesting investors avoid fresh buys until the stock decisively closes above Rs 45. Others recommend existing investors hold but wait for clearer recovery signs before adding positions.

EaseMyTrip Co-Founder Prashant Pitti Pledges Rs 1 Crore to Solve Bengaluru Traffic Jams

EaseMyTrip co-founder Prashant Pitti recently made headlines after spending over two hours stuck in Bengaluru traffic while covering just 11 kilometers. Frustrated but determined, he has pledged Rs 1 crore to help fix the city's notorious traffic "choke-points" using Google

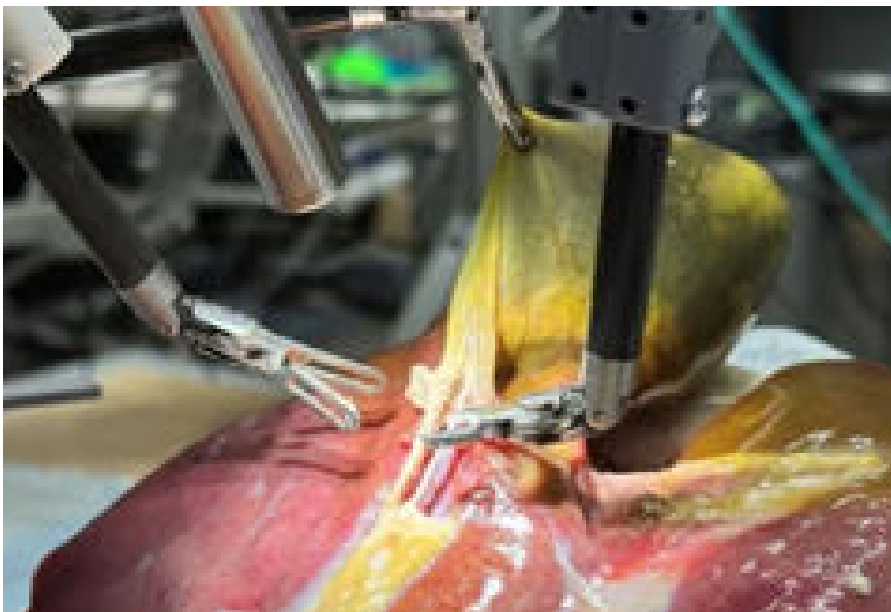


Maps data and artificial intelligence (AI). Sharing his experience on social media platform X (formerly Twitter), Prashant highlighted a severe bottleneck at the Outer Ring Road (ORR) where he was stuck for nearly 100 minutes, noting the absence of traffic lights or police presence. Instead of just ranting about the situation, he is now focused on delivering a real solution. Prashant's plan involves leveraging Google's Road Management Insight tool, which offers detailed traffic data at the city level. By analyzing this data alongside satellite imagery, his team aims to identify exact choke-points and their peak congestion times. This will enable Bengaluru's traffic authorities to target and resolve these problem areas effectively. He also committed to funding 1–2 senior AI/ML engineers and covering the expenses related to Google Maps API calls, GPU credits, and satellite

tools. However, he set a key condition: the project will only proceed if the Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP) or BBMP agree to provide raw traffic data and assign a committed team to act on the insights generated. Prashant called on the public to support the initiative by tagging government officials and encouraging AI/ML professionals to contribute part-time. His message: Bengaluru is India's tech future, and its citizens deserve better infrastructure and smoother commutes. The post quickly gained traction online, with many volunteers eager to join the effort. Meanwhile, the Karnataka government continues to explore infrastructure upgrades like flyovers and tunnels to ease congestion. Prashant's data-driven approach offers fresh hope to Bengaluru's chronic traffic woes, aiming for smarter and sustainable solutions.

AI Robot Successfully Performs Autonomous Gallbladder Surgery, Astonishing Researchers

In a remarkable breakthrough at Johns Hopkins University, an AI-powered robot has successfully performed a complex gallbladder removal surgery on a deceased pig entirely on its own—without any human assistance. This pioneering achievement marks the first time a robot has independently executed such a delicate surgical procedure.



The AI robot was rigorously trained using 17 hours of surgical videos and data from over 16,000 human hand movements to master the intricacies of the operation. Its system functions through two key layers: the first analyzes real-time endoscope video feeds and converts observations into simple language instructions such as "clip the other tube." The second layer translates these commands into precise three-dimensional movements of the surgical tools. What sets this robot apart is its remarkable ability to identify and correct its own errors during the surgery. Across 17 different surgical tasks, repeated eight times each, the robot achieved a perfect 100% success rate. While it occasionally required up to six self-corrections per task—such as re-grasping an artery it initially missed—all corrections were autonomously executed without any human

input. This innovation demonstrates how AI-driven robotic surgery could revolutionize healthcare by increasing precision, reducing human error, and enabling fully automated surgical procedures in the future. The technology holds the promise of making complex surgeries safer and more accessible, potentially transforming surgical practices worldwide. The success of this AI robot heralds a new era in medical robotics, where machines can learn from vast datasets and adapt in real-time, pushing the boundaries of what's possible in healthcare technology. Researchers remain optimistic about its future applications in human surgeries, bringing us closer to a future where autonomous surgical robots may assist or even replace surgeons in certain procedures.

The Streaming Wars Narrow: YouTube vs. Netflix Battle for TV Domination

For years, Netflix insisted it didn't have a true rival in the streaming world. Not Disney, Amazon, or any other Hollywood or tech giant. At one point, Netflix co-founder Reed Hastings famously claimed the company's biggest competitors were people's own distractions—socializing or even going to sleep.

However, that narrative has shifted dramatically as Netflix finds itself locked in an intense rivalry with YouTube for control over the television screen. The competition between these two video giants has become impossible to ignore, even within Netflix's own leadership.

During a recent event hosted by the

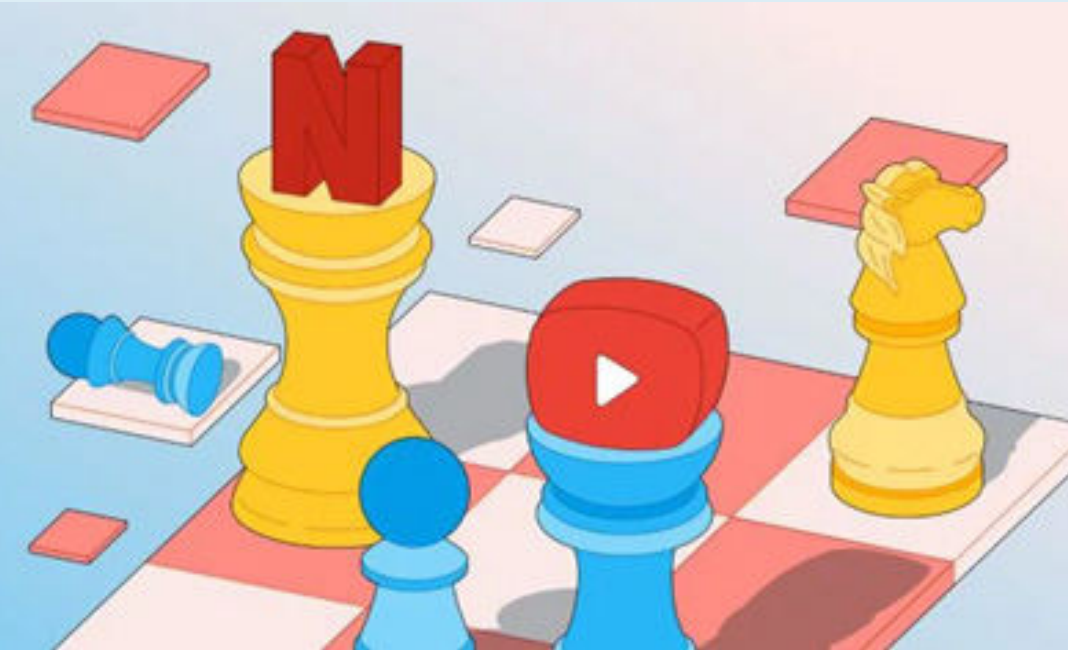
Paley Media Council, Netflix co-CEO Ted Sarandos notably downplayed YouTube, comparing it to the "minor leagues." Yet, industry insiders and experts see things quite differently.

Jason Kilar, founding CEO of Hulu and former WarnerMedia head, weighed in on the reality of the battle: "That was more of a fun narrative than the brutal truth," he said about Netflix's earlier dismissals. "The brutal truth is that YouTube is indeed the biggest competitor of Netflix at this point."

The two platforms have very different strategies but share the same ultimate goal—capturing viewers'

time on their TV sets. Netflix is known for its high-budget original series and films, catering mostly to long-form storytelling and binge-watch culture. YouTube, on the other hand, offers a massive variety of content—user-generated clips, shorts, and live streams—providing viewers with a seemingly endless supply of bite-sized entertainment.

As the streaming wars continue, the fight boils down to this: who will dominate our living rooms? With evolving viewer habits and shifting content consumption, the battle between YouTube and Netflix is shaping the future of entertainment.



Japan Sets World Record with Ultra-Fast Internet Speed of 1.02 Pbps, Downloading Netflix Library in a Second

Japan has shattered global internet speed records by achieving an astonishing 1.02 petabits per second (Pbps), according to the National Institute of Information and Communications Technology (NICT). This groundbreaking achievement makes Japan's internet capability the fastest ever recorded, capable of downloading the entire Netflix library or the English version of Wikipedia thousands of times in just one second.

The new speed far surpasses average internet speeds worldwide. For perspective, it is approximately 16 million times faster than India's current average internet speed of about 63.55 megabits per second (Mbps). It is also roughly 3.5 million times faster than the average internet speed in the United States, highlighting the extraordinary leap in data transfer capabilities.

Japan's record-breaking feat involved transferring a total data volume of 1.86 exabits per second per kilometre — the highest value ever documented. This remarkable advancement in fiber optic technology showcases the potential for ultra-high-speed data networks that could revolutionize digital communication, streaming, and data handling on a global scale.



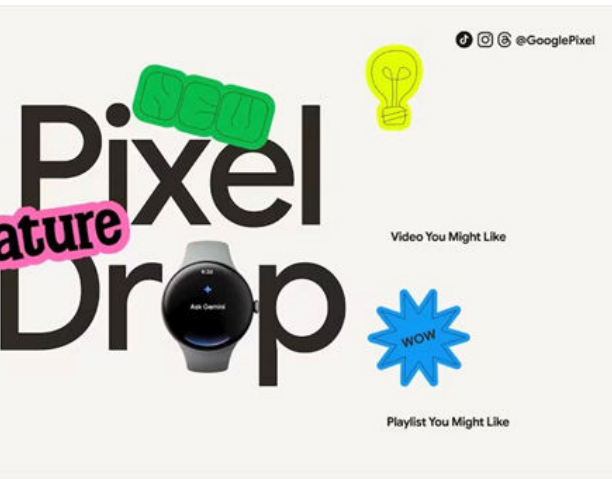
As digital content consumption grows exponentially worldwide, this breakthrough promises to drastically reduce download and buffering times, improving user experience and enabling new possibilities in cloud computing, virtual reality, and artificial intelligence applications. Japan's achievement sets a new benchmark, inspiring other countries to push the boundaries of internet infrastructure. This development comes at a crucial time when reliable, high-speed internet access is more vital than ever for work, education, entertainment, and innovation. With speeds like these, the future of internet connectivity looks brighter and faster than ever before.

Google's July 2025 Pixel Drop Brings Free AI Pro Subscription for Pixel 9 Pro, Circle-to-Search Gets Smarter

Google has surprised Pixel users with an early Pixel Drop for July 2025, introducing several AI-powered features across its ecosystem. The biggest highlight is a free one-year Google AI Pro subscription exclusively for Pixel 9 Pro users — a plan that typically costs ₹1,950 per month in India.

This subscription unlocks access to advanced Gemini models, including Gemini 2.5 Pro and Deep Research on 2.5 Pro, along with limited access to the Veo 3 video generation model. Pixel 9 Pro users also get to try Google's AI filmmaking tool Flow, powered by Veo 3, and enhanced image-to-video capabilities via Veo 2 in Whisk, with up to 1,000 monthly AI credits.

Another major update is the expansion of Circle-to-Search with AI Mode to users in India and the US. This mode now supports text-based prompts with in-line citations, offering a richer search experience. Google is also adding in-game help, allowing users to search for walkthroughs and tips based on their exact location within a game, without leaving the app.



The Pixel Drop doesn't stop at smartphones. Google has also introduced Gemini support on Pixel Watches running Wear OS 4 or later. Users can now interact with Gemini using natural language to send messages, get directions, plan trips, summarize emails, or even remember personal details — all from their smartwatch.

In addition to AI features, Pixel 9 Pro users benefit from 2TB of cloud storage shared across Gmail, Drive, and Photos. With this update, Google continues to weave powerful generative AI into everyday experiences, making Pixel devices smarter, more helpful, and deeply integrated with its AI ecosystem.

Shubman Gill Breaks Dravid’s 23-Year Record Despite Low Score at Lord’s

India’s young Test captain Shubman Gill has etched his name in the history books, surpassing Rahul Dravid’s 23-year-old record for the most runs by an Indian in a Test series in England. Despite a modest score of just six runs on Day 4 of the third Test at Lord’s, Gill now has a staggering 607 runs in just three matches at an average of 101.17, including three spectacular centuries.

Dravid had held the record since 2002 with 602 runs, while Virat Kohli’s 593 runs in the 2016 tour now push him to third place on the list. Gill, now India’s number four

batter, has not only taken charge of the team’s middle order but has also shouldered the responsibility as captain in this crucial away series.

However, the day wasn’t smooth sailing for India. Chasing 193 for victory, India found themselves in trouble at 41/2. The pressure was on Gill to stabilize the innings alongside KL Rahul. But England pacer Brydon Carse delivered a fiery in-swing that beat Gill’s defense and pinned him plumb in front of the stumps. A brief consultation with Rahul led to a review, but it showed the ball hitting the pad

flush on the knee roll. Gill walked back for 6 off 9 balls, much to India’s dismay.

With India reeling at 53/3, Akash Deep was sent in as a nightwatchman. He held his ground for 10 balls before Ben Stokes further rattled India by dismissing another batter, reducing them to 58/4 at stumps — still 135 runs away from the target.

Even with the team under pressure, Gill’s remarkable series so far hints at a massive milestone — the 1,000-run mark in a single series, if he continues his form in the final two Tests.



Lord’s Test Set for Thrilling Finish as India Face Stiff Challenge on Day 5

The third Test between India and England at Lord’s is perfectly balanced heading into the final day, promising fans a dramatic conclusion. With the five-match series currently level at 1-1, the winner of this game will take a crucial



2-1 lead, putting themselves in the driver’s seat with two Tests remaining — at Old Trafford and The Oval.

At stumps on Day 4, India were 58/4, chasing a tricky target of 193 runs. While KL Rahul stood firm at 33 not out*, India suffered a late collapse that saw captain Shubman Gill, Karun Nair, Yashasvi Jaiswal, and nightwatchman Akash Deep fall cheaply, with England tightening the screws under fading light.

Despite the early blows, India still have depth in their batting. Rishabh Pant, in red-hot form with a gritty 74 in the first innings, is yet to bat. The explosive wicketkeeper-batter also broke MS Dhoni’s long-standing record for most runs by an Indian keeper in England, amassing 416 runs so far in this series.

Joining him in the lower middle-order are Ravindra Jadeja, who contributed a composed 72 (131) in the first innings, and young all-rounders Nitish Kumar Reddy and Washington Sundar. Both have proven credentials — Nitish scored a century in Australia, while Sundar has delivered under pressure in previous England and Australia tours.

On the English side, Brydon Carse has emerged as a key weapon, dismissing both Karun Nair and Shubman Gill late on Day 4. Skipper Ben Stokes will be India’s biggest threat on Day 5, having already claimed the wicket of Akash Deep and looking hungry for more.

With just 135 runs required and six wickets in hand, the final day is set for a nail-biting showdown at the Home of Cricket.

Chelsea Clinch Inaugural FIFA Club World Cup with Dominant 3-0 Win Over PSG

Chelsea have been crowned champions of the inaugural FIFA Club World Cup 2025, defeating Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) in a stunning 3-0 final in New Jersey. It was a commanding performance from the London club, especially in the first half, as they outclassed the French champions with clinical finishing and relentless pressing.

PSG, who had not conceded a single goal in their previous four matches in the tournament, were stunned early when Cole Palmer opened the scoring in the 22nd minute. The young midfielder received a neat layoff from Malo Gusto, controlled beautifully, and curled a perfect strike into the far corner, leaving Gianluigi Donnarumma rooted.

Just eight minutes later, Palmer struck again. This time, he ran onto a long pass from deep, showed tremendous composure, and replicated his first goal — once again curling into the far post. PSG’s defence had no answers.



Palmer wasn’t done yet. As PSG tried to regroup, the Chelsea star turned provider. He played a slick through-ball to João Pedro, who coolly chipped Donnarumma to make it 3-0 before halftime. PSG were rattled and fortunate not to concede more before the break.

The second half slowed in tempo but still offered moments of drama, including the first-ever halftime show at a FIFA event featuring Coldplay, Doja Cat, J Balvin, and Tems.

Despite tactical tweaks, PSG couldn’t break through Chelsea’s solid defence.

Substitute Liam Delap forced two superb saves from Donnarumma late on, while PSG’s frustration boiled over when João Neves was shown a red card for pulling Marc Cucurella’s hair.

Chelsea, who also won the UEFA Conference League in May, end the season on a high, delivering a major title in Maresca’s debut season as manager.

Mumbai Indians Clinch Second MLC Title, Celebrate 13th Global Trophy

The Mumbai Indians franchise has once again underlined its global dominance in T20 cricket, with MI New York lifting the 2025 Major League Cricket (MLC) title—marking their second MLC trophy in just three years. This victory takes the Mumbai Indians’ global trophy tally to an astounding 13 titles, and their third major championship in 2025 alone.

After an impressive campaign in the U.S.-based MLC, MI New York put up a commanding performance in the final to secure the crown. Their latest triumph adds to an already stellar year, which includes victories by MI Cape Town in the SA20 and the Mumbai Indians Women’s team in the WPL.

Across five different leagues and three continents, Mumbai Indians have reached the playoffs in every competition they’ve participated in this year—across both men’s and women’s formats. Out of those, they’ve emerged champions in three, underlining the franchise’s unmatched consistency and depth.

Nita M. Ambani, co-owner of the Mumbai Indians, expressed her pride and gratitude:

“MI New York lifting their second MLC trophy is more than just a win—it’s a celebration of belief, passion, and unity. From India to South Africa to the USA, 2025 has been a phenomenal journey. Our MI Paltan has been at the heart of it all.”



Akash M. Ambani added:

“This title hat-trick is a testament to the MI ecosystem built over years. It’s not just about silverware, but about nurturing global talent and inspiring fans worldwide.”

Mumbai Indians now hold:

- 5 IPL titles
- 2 WPL titles
- 2 MLC titles
- 2 Champions League T20 titles
- 1 ILT20 (MI Emirates, 2024)
- 1 SA20 (MI Cape Town, 2025)

The franchise’s influence across four countries and three continents continues to shape the global T20 landscape.

Saina Nehwal and Parupalli Kashyap Part Ways After 7 Years of Marriage

The recent news of former badminton star Saina Nehwal announcing her divorce from husband Parupalli Kashyap has taken fans across the country by surprise. Saina, who etched her name in history with a bronze medal at the London Olympics 2012, shared the announcement on her social media platforms. The couple, who tied the knot in 2018, had trained together at the prestigious Pullela Gopichand Academy in Hyderabad. Known for being one of Indian badminton’s power couples, their split has drawn considerable attention.

While the separation is unfortunate, Saina and Parupalli are not the first Indian sportspeople whose marriages didn’t stand the test of time. Sports careers often demand intense dedication, frequent travel, and mental pressure—factors that can sometimes strain personal relationships.

Over the years, several well-known Indian athletes have faced similar challenges in their personal lives. Former cricketer Mohammad Azharuddin parted ways with his wife Naareen before marrying actress Sangeeta Birlani, a marriage which also eventually ended. Tennis star Leander Paes was involved in a high-profile legal battle with former partner Rhea Pillai. Boxer Mary Kom, though still married, has openly discussed the struggles of maintaining a work-life



balance in a high-pressure sports career.

The lives of athletes, often celebrated for their victories on the field, can be equally complex off it. As fans, it’s important to remember that they too face the same emotional and relational challenges as anyone else.

While Saina and Parupalli’s split is saddening, both continue to inspire millions with their achievements and dedication to sport. Hopefully, they will find peace and success in their individual journeys ahead.



‘K-Ramp’ Glimpse Promises High-Energy Entertainment on October 18



Rising star Kiran Abbavaram is back with a bang in his upcoming film K-Ramp, which promises a roller-coaster of entertainment, action, and humor. Produced by Razesh Danda and Shiva Bommak under the banners of Hasya Movies and Rudransh Celluloids, the film is helmed by debut director Jains Nani. The film features Yukti Thareja as the female lead opposite Kiran, and the production is currently progressing at a brisk pace. The makers, confident in their content, unveiled an exciting glimpse of K-Ramp on the occasion of Kiran Abbavaram’s birthday, instantly creating a buzz among fans and moviegoers. The teaser is packed with fast-paced cuts, witty one-liners, quirky humor, and showcases Kiran in a refreshing new avatar. Director Jains Nani seems to have crafted a vibrant and energetic narrative, putting Kiran’s comic timing and screen presence to full use. Adding an unexpect-

ed twist, the teaser also includes playful jabs in Malayalam, further enhancing its appeal. The K-Ramp glimpse has elevated expectations for the film, suggesting it will be a full-length entertainer that blends humor, mass appeal, and character-driven action. Kiran’s portrayal in this high-octane teaser has already become a talking point, with fans eagerly awaiting the film’s release. Music for K-Ramp is composed by Chaitan Bhadraraj, marking his third collaboration with Kiran after the successful albums of SR Kalyana Mandapam and Vinaro Bhagyamu Vishnu Katha. Known for his catchy tunes and impactful background scores, Chaitan is expected to deliver another musical hit. K-Ramp is all set to hit theatres on October 18, and with every promotional release, the excitement surrounding the film continues to soar.

Motion Poster & First Look of Priyadarshi’s ‘Premante’ Unveiled, Promises Love with a Twist

Actor Priyadarshi, known for his seamless transition from comedy to lead roles, is back with another promising film titled Premante, carrying the intriguing tagline “Thrill-u Praptirasthu!” The first look and motion poster of the film were unveiled today, giving audiences a charming glimpse into what promises to be a unique blend of romance, comedy, and thrill. The first look showcases a warm, playful moment between Priyadarshi and leading lady Anandhi. Seated on a window seat, the two characters share coffee and smiles, radiating chemistry and comfort. The imagery sets the tone for a heartwarming romantic narrative, while the quirky tagline hints at unexpected twists. Premante is written and directed by Navaneeth Sriram, who aims to bring a fresh flavor to the romantic-comedy genre with elements of suspense. The film is produced by Puskur Ram Mohan Rao and Jhanvi Narang under the banner of Sree Venkateswara Cinemas LLP, with Rana Daggubati backing the project as presenter through Spirit Media. Adding musical magic to the film is composer Leon James, known for his melodic sensibilities and modern soundscapes, who will be scoring the film’s soundtrack. Priyadarshi has previously earned praise for lead roles in critically acclaimed films like Malleshham, Balagam, and most recently, Sarangapani Jathakam. With Premante, he continues to explore heartfelt narratives with a mix of emotional depth and humor.



With its visually appealing first look and engaging motion poster, Premante has begun generating buzz among cinephiles. As audiences await more updates, the film promises to offer a refreshing take on love—with thrills and laughter along the way.

Pawan Kalyan’s ‘Hari Hara Veera Mallu’ Certified U/A; Runtime and Release Details Announced

The much-awaited period action epic Hari Hara Veera Mallu: Part 1 – Sword vs Spirit, starring Power Star Pawan Kalyan, has officially received a U/A certification from the censor board. With its worldwide release just 10 days away on July 24, 2025, anticipation around the film is soaring. The censor board reportedly lauded the movie for its gripping storyline and spectacular visuals, highlighting the film’s grand scale and compelling narrative. Clocking in at a runtime of 2 hours and 42 minutes, the film promises an immersive, action-packed cinematic experience that blends emotion, drama, and high-octane sequences. Directed by Jyothi Krishna, Hari Hara Veera Mallu is set against the backdrop of the 17th-century Mughal Empire. Pawan Kalyan plays the titular character Veera Mallu, a heroic figure who rises against oppression and tyranny. The film boasts a strong supporting cast including Bobby Deol, Nidhi Agerwal, Vennela Kishore, Sunil, Sathyaraj, and Pujita Ponnada. The musical score is composed by the legendary M.M. Keeravaani, adding to the film’s grandeur.



A grand pre-release event is scheduled for July 20, 2025, in Vizag, creating excitement among fans and the film fraternity. Meanwhile, advance ticket bookings have already opened internationally, especially in the USA, signaling strong overseas interest. Produced by A. Dayakar Rao and presented by A.M. Rathnam, the film will release simultaneously in Telugu, Hindi, Tamil, Kannada, and Malayalam. Combining historical drama with powerful performances and breathtaking action sequences, Hari Hara Veera Mallu is all set to captivate audiences worldwide when it hits theatres on July 24.

Vijay Deverakonda’s ‘Kingdom’ to Release in Hindi, But Limited Theatrical Screening Planned

Vijay Deverakonda’s much-anticipated spy action thriller Kingdom, directed by Gowtam Tinnanuri, is set to hit theaters worldwide on July 31, 2025. Alongside the excitement around the film’s latest song “Anna Antene,” the makers quietly confirmed that the movie will also release in Hindi, putting to rest earlier speculations that the Hindi version had been canceled. The Hindi dubbed version, titled Saamraajya, will release simultaneously with the original on the same date. However, there is a notable difference in its theatrical release strategy. Due to contractual agreements with Netflix, Saamraajya will not be screened in large multiplex chains but will



instead be available only in single-screen theaters. This limitation has disappointed some fans eager to watch the film on the big screen but ensures the film’s wider accessibility through alternative venues. Kingdom stars Vijay De-

verakonda in the lead role, supported by Bhagyashri Borse, Satya Dev, and other prominent actors. The film is produced jointly by Sithara Entertainments and Fortune Four Cinemas, with a high-energy soundtrack composed by the celebrat-

ed Anirudh Ravichander, whose music is expected to add to the film’s intense action and dramatic moments. The movie promises a gripping narrative full of espionage, thrills, and drama, making it one of the year’s most awaited releases. Fans of Vijay Deverakonda and action cinema alike are gearing up for the release, and the dual-language strategy aims to capture a pan-Indian audience. While the Hindi version’s limited multiplex release might be a disappointment for some, the simultaneous release ensures fans across languages can enjoy Kingdom in their preferred format starting July 31.

Andhra King Taluka’s First Single Update Sparks Excitement

Energetic star Ram Pothineni, popularly known as RAPO, is gearing up for his upcoming film Andhra King Taluka, directed by Mahesh Babu P. The movie also stars Bhagyashri Borse and Upendra in key roles, raising anticipation among fans and cinephiles alike. Today, Ram Pothineni took to his social media to tease fans, writing, “It’s been a while since we heard a good Telugu song, right?” His post created a wave of excitement, and shortly after, the film’s production house, Mythri Movie Makers, confirmed that details about the movie’s first single would be revealed later today at 5:04 PM. Rumors are swirling around the first song, with insiders suggesting that Ram Pothineni himself has penned the lyrics, while the popular composer and singer Anirudh Ravichander might have lent his voice to the track. However, official confirmation is awaited,

and fans are eagerly looking forward to the announcement. The music for Andhra King Taluka is composed by the talented duo Vivek & Marvin, known for their vibrant and catchy tunes. Their collaboration with the team promises a fresh and energetic soundtrack that complements the film’s dynamic storyline and star cast. Alongside Ram Pothineni, Bhagyashri Borse, and Upendra, the film also features other well-known actors, making it a highly anticipated project. With the first single about to drop, expectations are high that the music will add another exciting layer to the film’s appeal. Stay tuned for more updates on Andhra King Taluka, as the film moves closer to its release, and get ready for what promises to be a thrilling cinematic experience!

