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Teenmaar Mallanna, **Kavitha Clash Rocks** Telangana

Gunfire, rage and political drama as BC reservation remark sparks chaos

TPN Correspondent Hyderabad

A fiery political faceoff between MLC Chintapandu Naveen alias Teenmaar Mallanna and BRS MLC Kalvakuntla Kavitha has erupted into full-blown drama

in Telangana. The spark? Mallanna's sensational comments questioning Kavitha's link to BCs, with a jibe about "Kancham alliance or Mancham alliance," during a recent public event.

The remark, widely condemned as derogatory and misogynistic, drew instant backlash from Telangana Jagruthi activists, who stormed the QNews office run by Mallanna in Medipalli on Sunday morning. Slogans were raised, gates were broken, and furniture was ransacked in pro-

As the mob entered the premises, Mallanna's gunman opened fire with five rounds, creating panic and leaving the office drenched in blood. Mallanna later claimed injury to his hand during the scuffle and accused Kavitha's camp of attempting an assas-

Mallanna stood by his statements, stating, "Kancham-Mancham is a curse word in Telangana. I said what needed to be said. They tried to kill me but we won't stay silent anymore. We'll go to the people with this bloodstain."

In response, MLC Kavitha approached Council Chairman Gutta Sukhender Reddy, demanding action against Mallanna for his comments. She vowed to file a complaint with the National Commission for Women and asked for Mallanna's disqualification from the Council. "If this is democracy, how can gunfire be the answer to a protest?" she asked, warning that Telangana would not forgive such abusive rhetoric.

Cases Filed on Both Sides

Mallanna's Complaint: Rachakonda Police registered a case against Jagruthi activists under IPC Sections 147, 148, 452, 307, 427, 506, 353 read with 149, 109 and relevant BNS sections. Mallanna alleged an assassination attempt and destruction of property.

Counter-Complaint by Jagruthi: Based on a complaint by activist Lingamayya (aka Ashok Yadav), a case was registered against Teenmaar Mallanna and his team under Sections 354B, 307, 506,

147, 148, and Arms Act Sections 25 and 27. They alleged assault, threats with guns and knives, and outraging the modesty of women.

The clash, fueled by caste politics and personal accusations, has now become a legal and political storm that's gripping Telangana.

The Silence of BRS Raises Eyebrows Despite the storm of controversy and the involvement of their own MLC, there has been not a single word from the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) party. Even after Mallanna's comments targeted Kavitha—daughter of BRS chief and former CM K. Chandrashekar Rao—the party has not issued any official statement or even a social media post condemning Mallanna or standing in support of Kavitha. The silence from BRS leadership has sparked speculation within political circles about Kavitha's current standing in the party and whether internal equations are at play behind the lack of public soli-

Nationwide IT Raids on Fake Tax Exemption Claims

- Donations to political parties, medical bills under scrutiny
- Over 200 locations raided by **Income Tax** Department
- Accountants' offices, NGOs, and individuals on radar

TPN | V. Krishna Kumar **Special Desk:** The Income Tax Department has launched a mascrackdown across the country targeting individu-

als, offices, and voluntary organizations involved in fraudulent tax exemption claims. In a coordinated 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 exemptions, which are legal union the operation. der 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 and failed to file revised returns after discrepancies were found are now facing direct action.

Officials say that some voluntary or-

ganizations 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," fees, and medical expenses. These said a senior IT official involved

> 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.

They Didn't Give Water, Now They Threaten to Stop It...



CM Revanth slams BRS at Tirumalagiri ration card distribution meet

Says ration cards uphold poor people's

Criticizes BRS for failing to deliver Godavari water

Announces slew of welfare measures and asserts Congress rule till 2034

TPN Correspondent | Suryapet

Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy launched a scathing attack on the opposition BRS party during a public meeting in Tirumalagiri, Tungaturthi constituency, self-respect and rights as part of the state government's new ration card distribution program. Accusing the former BRS regime of betraying the people of Telangana, he said, "They didn't bring Godavari water when they had power for 10 years, but now they threaten to stop it if the Chief Minister visits."

I Am Protecting You In My Womb: Matangi Swarnalata Bhavishyavani

Ujjaini Mahankali Bonalu Utsavam's Rangam leaves devo-

darity.

- tees in awe Abundant rains and good yield assured by the
- goddess Warning issued over an upcoming pandemic and fire mishaps



TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

The powerful moment of Rangam, one of the most awaited events of the Secunderabad Ujjaini Mahankali Bonalu Utsavam, was held on Monday with immense spiritual fervor. Standing on the sacred green pond, Matangi Swarnalata delivered her divine prophecy, stirring a mix of emotion, devotion, fear, and

hope among thousands of devotees.

In a voice filled with divine authority, Matangi declared, "You are leaving the children born in your womb unattended... But I am protecting you in my womb." This statement set the tone for the intense prophecy that followed. She predicted abundant rainfall in the coming days and assured that farm-

ers would



Another Bus Terminal for Hyderabad

- Proposal for terminal at Aranghar to ease traffic issues
- 7.22 acres identified for new interstate terminal
- RTC offers ₹6 crore compensation for ICSW buildings

TPN | V. Krishna Kumar

Hyderabad: Good news for RTC passengers in Hyderabad. Another major bus terminal for state and interstate services is in the pipeline. With increasing pressure on existing

terminals and frequent delays due to traffic congestion in the city, the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TSRTC) has proposed a new bus terminal to handle the growing number of buses from Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka.

Officials have identified a 7.22-acre site in Aranghar, adjacent to National Highway 44, for the proposed terminal.





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CM Revanth Launches 'Shrimad Bhagavatam' Film, Highlights Telangana's Vision

- CM Revanth Reddy launched the 'Shrimad Bhagavatam Part-1' film project at Ramoji Film City.
- Praised Ramoji Film City as a unique,
- world-class facility in Telangana.

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

Telangana CM Revanth Reddy Launched the Shrimad Bhagavatam Part-1 film project at Ramoji Film City, lauding the city as a premier film hub and a source of pride for Telangana. He congratulated the filmmakers for choosing to bring the culturally rich





Bhagavatam to the big screen.

Recalling the immense impact of the Ramayana TV series, first aired 40 years ago and re-telecast during the COVID-19 pandemic to record-breaking viewership, the CM expressed hope that the new film will similarly captivate audiences.

Revanth Reddy also highlighted Telangana's ambitious economic goals—

targeting a ₹1 trillion economy by 2035 and ₹3 trillion by 2047—and noted that the state's "Vision 2047" roadmap includes a special focus on the film and media sector.

He wished the film team success, expressing confidence that the project will mark a significant cultural achievement for Telangana and the

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They Didn't Give Water, Now They Threaten to Stop It...

of self-respect, identity, and hun- use. ger relief for the poor," Revanth Revanth Reddy highlighted that Reddy declared that the Congress government was committed to restoring dignity through social welfare. He emphasized that the poor had been neglected for years crore in loans, benefitting around and that BRS, despite a decade in 25 lakh farmers, making them power, never thought of distribut- debt-free. ing "sanna biyyam" (fine rice) or He also announced that 60,000 ration cards to the needy.

CM Revanth recounted past promises by opposition leaders, who had claimed they would bring water to Tungaturthi in three days. "They failed to do so even after ten years in power," he said. He also criticized the absence of basic infrastructure like an MRO office in their own constituencies, stating it showed their lack schools under the Amma Adarsh of concern for people's develop- Shala initiative.

Reddy outlined a series of welfare and development initiatives undertaken across Telangana. He Asserting that "agriculture was stated that the government had granted 5.6 lakh new ration cards made it one," Revanth said the and registered 26 lakh names, ensuring food security for millions. had returned. He added that Con-The state has distributed rice to 3.10 crore people, marking a major step in addressing hunger and poverty.

In a move to empower women, Revanth also announced 42% resthe government has provided free ervation for BCs in the upcoming RTC bus travel, spending ₹6,500 crore, and extended ₹21,000 crore in loans to women's self-help groups. To further support these groups, the government is also be a 1 trillion dollar economy unbuying new buses and setting up der Congress," he declared.

Calling the ration card a "weapon petrol bunks exclusively for their

the Congress administration had deposited ₹9,000 crore in just 9 days as part of the farmer insurance scheme and waived ₹21,000

government jobs had already been provided, and plans are underway to fill another 1 lakh vacancies in the next two years. As part of its renewable energy push, the government has initiated solar power projects to generate 1,000 megawatts, while the education sector saw a facelift with the revamp of government

He ridiculed the BRS-built Kalesh-Highlighting the achievements waram project, calling it "Kuleshof the current Congress govern- waram", and invited public debate ment, Chief Minister Revanth comparing it with Congress-constructed projects like Nagarjuna Sagar and Srisailam.

never a festival before, but we true spirit of Indiramma Rajyam gress had conducted the caste census for the first time in 100 years and forced PM Modi to act nationally.

local body elections and encouraged Congress cadre to gear up for a sweeping victory. "We will rule from 2024 to 2034. Telangana will

Another Bus Terminal for Hyderabad

This land currently houses the crucial bus hub, catering to both 25, 2025, requesting the land be allotted for this purpose. However, nagar, and Adilabad. six months have passed and the The proposed terminal at Arangfinal approval, RTC officials reterminal, if sanctioned, will help duce travel time for buses arriv-Andhra Pradesh, and Karnataka. At present, Hyderabad has two

as the city's largest and most

Indian Council of Social Welfare intra- and interstate passengers, (ICSW) buildings. To acquire it, with lakhs of commuters using RTC has offered ₹6 crore as comit daily. Jubilee Bus Station (JBS), pensation. Transport Minister located near Secunderabad Pa-Ponnam Prabhakar wrote to the rade Grounds, primarily handles Revenue Department on January routes to northern Telangana districts like Nizamabad, Karim-

proposal still remains pending har is expected to become a third with the Rangareddy Collectorate. major hub, significantly easing Although the file is yet to receive the burden on MGBS and JBS. RTC officials say the new facility main hopeful. They believe the will not only streamline interstate bus services but also offer decongest existing traffic and re- much-needed relief from traffic delays within the city.

ing from southern Telangana, They further stated that once the land allotment is approved, the groundwork for Hyderabad's new main bus stations. The Mahatma interstate terminal can begin im-Gandhi Bus Station (MGBS) serves mediately.

I Am Protecting You In My Womb: Matangi **Swarnalata** Bhavishyavani

witness good outcomes, providing a much-needed morale boost to the agricultural community.

However, her predictions also carried strong warnings. Matangi alerted the public to be cautious of an impending pandemic and fire-related disasters. "When time passes, each person will experience what they are meant to... I won't interfere," she said with a sense of inevitability. She stressed that blessings would not be reserved for occasional devotees but only for those who measure their faith and devotion consistently.

Responding to a question from temple priests about her satisfaction with the Bonalu celebrations, Matangi expressed mixed emotions. She acknowledged that people offered their bonams with happiness and applause, and said she accepted each offering with joy. However, she also voiced frustration that every year the festival faces obstacles, and lamented that despite bestowing prosperity, she has not received her rightful

"I am bringing wealth in abundance, yet I am not receiving even a single penny," she said. She insisted that pujas must be conducted with full sincerity and cautioned that mistakes could lead to severe consequences like death through blood loss. The chief priest humbly acknowledged her concern, assuring her that efforts were being made from near and far to perform the rituals properly and pleaded for her mercy.

Moved by the priest's appeal, Matangi calmed down, bringing a sense of relief to those gathered. The intensity of the Rangam, the divine speech, and the striking blend of blessings and warnings left an unforgettable impact on the devotees, making this year's Bonalu Utsavam one of the most spiritually stirring in recent memory.

Nationwide IT Raids on **Fake Tax Exemption Claims**

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.

AICC BC Council Meet Begins Today in Bengaluru

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TPN Correspondent | Telangana

The All-India Congress Committee (AICC) Backward Classes (BC) Advisory Council meetings will be held in Bengaluru for two days starting today. A delegation of key leaders from Telangana has been invited to participate, with TPCC President and Minister Mahesh Kumar Goud leading the team.

Among the Telangana invitees are Ministers Ponnam Prabhakar, V. Hanumantha Rao, Konda Surekha, Vakiti Srihari, along with MP Anil Yadav and former MP Madhu Yashki Goud. Both Ponnam Prabhakar and Hanumantha Rao will participate as special invitees in the meetings.

TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud is expected to address the council regarding the measures taken by the favor of BC communities. This includes highlighting the implementation of BC suffrage and the landmark 42% reservation for BCs, which the state has adopted to ensure fair representation and empowerment.

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The meetings aim to assess the statewise progress of BC welfare, share success stories, and chart a collective path forward for inclusive development and social justice across Con-



Shops from July 14 to 19 * Excise Dept launches special drive sold. "We are mapping how many on toddy compounds

* Director Shahnawaz Qasim orders

strict action on adulteration

* Raids to target illegal shops, syndicates, and unlicensed

TPN Correspondent Hyderabad

sellers

The Prohibition and Excise Department has launched a week-long special drive across Telangana to crack down on illegal and adulterated toddy trade. The drive

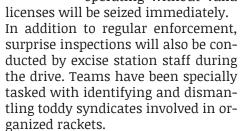
will be conducted from July 14 to 19, following recent reports of adulterated toddy being sold in the Kukatpally

Prohibition and Excise Enforcement Director Shahnawaz Qasim, IPS, issued instructions to the State Task Force (STF), AC Enforcement Teams, and District Task Force (DTF) to carry out intensive raids on toddy comsamples be collected from all toddy depots and shops and sent to laboratories for quality testing.

According to Qasim, excise officials will also track the source and destination of toddy being collected and

toddy societies exist across Telangana, how many shops are operating under each, and whether they are following the norms," he stated.

> The Enforcement Director warned that strict action will be taken against illegal toddy shops, unlicensed sellers, and individuals found transporting or manufacturing adulterated toddy. Shops found selling toddy mixed with prohibited substances or operating without valid



"No one will be spared. We will ensure legal action against anyone violating pounds and shops. He directed that the law," said Shahnawaz Qasim, reaffirming the department's commitment to protecting public health and upholding excise regulations.

> The department has urged the public to report any suspicious toddy activities to local excise officers.

Headmaster Govind Transferred After Student Union Protest



TPN Correspondent | Shabad

Following sustained protests by student unions and villagers, Headmaster Govind of the Government Boys' School in Shabad Mandal Centre has been transferred by the District Education Officer (DEO). The action came after serious allegations of physical abuse, financial irregularities, and misconduct emerged against him.

The protest was led by PDSU, with the support of ABVP, Congress Party, BRS (TRS) leaders, and local villagers. The dharna was staged in front of the school, prompting the DEO to visit the school personally, hold discussions with political and student leaders, and issue a transfer order.

The incident that triggered the agitation involved Headmaster Govind kicking a Class 6 student with his shoe—a move condemned across party lines and by the community. PDSU Joint Ranga Reddy District Gen-

eral Secretary Rajesh and POW State Secretary Y. Geetha questioned Govind's fitness for the teaching profession, alleging he exhibited "criminal behaviour unfit for the education department."

Leaders warned that mere transfer is not sufficient. "The DEO's action is not the end. We will send a formal complaint to Education Commission Chairperson Seetha Dayakar Reddy, demanding permanent removal and legal action," PDSU members declared. Chevella Division President Nyalata Ashok, General Secretary Bojji Srikanth, and student leader Myatari Ashok were present at the protest and said the agitation would continue if justice is not served.

The joint Ranga Reddy District Committee of PDSU confirmed that it will escalate the issue until strict disciplinary and legal measures are taken against Govind.



Deputy CM Highlights Housing, Women's Empowerment Initiatives

Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka announces weekly release of Indiramma housing funds to speed up construction.

TPN Correspondent Telangana

Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu, addressing a public gathering at Chintakani Mandal during the distribution of Indiramma housing titles and interest-free loans to women's self-help groups (SHGs), reaffirmed the government's commitment to inclusive development. He announced the weekly release of Indiramma housing funds to accelerate construction, aiming to provide homes for all eligible families regardless of political affiliation. Currently, 4.5 lakh houses are underway across Telangana, each costing ₹5 lakh.

Highlighting women's empowerment, Bhatti unveiled a

unique solar power project engaging SHGs, encouraging farmers to lease land for the initiative with a promise of ₹35,000 per acre annually. The government is facilitating loans and power purchase agreements to generate 2,000 MW of solar energy through women's groups a pioneering effort in India.

He also noted the revival of interest-free loan schemes, with ₹21,600 crore already disbursed to women's groups engaged in entrepreneurship, including leasing buses to RTC and establishing micro-industrial parks. The government supports skill training, cottage industries, and initiatives like tailoring school uniforms and producing household products through SHGs.



Additional welfare programs include free travel for women, subsidized rice to 93 lakh families, ₹500 gas cylinder subsidies, and free electricity up to 200 units per household. The state is also setting up "Young India Integrated Residential Schools"

with international standards to enhance education.

Deputy CM Bhatti urged women's groups to think ambitiously and collaborate to build a prosperous Telangana, reaffirming the government's dedication to the welfare of every family.

Minister Sridhar Babu Inaugurates Key Projects in Maha Muttaram

TPN Correspondent Telangana

State IT, Industries, and Legislative Affairs Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu took part in a series of development activities in Maha Muttaram Mandal, marking a significant step forward in local infrastructure and community welfare. Alongside District Collector Rahul Sharma, the Minister inaugurated the newly constructed Mandal Parishad Development Officer (MPDO) office building, built at a cost of Rs. 1.20 crore, which features modern amenities aimed at improving administrative efficiency. The event also saw the opening of a cooperative godown and a new office building for agricultural services, constructed at a combined cost of Rs. 73.50 lakh, expected to provide vital



support to local farmers and cooperative societies.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Sridhar Babu emphasized the importance of these facilities in streamlining governance at the mandal level and enhancing agricultural cooperative activities, which are crucial for the region's development.

Earlier in the day, the Minister actively participated in the For-

est Department's Vanamahotsavam program, a plantation drive aimed at promoting environmental sustainability. He called upon the public and officials alike to take responsibility for environmental conservation by planting saplings and protecting green cover.

Further advancing his focus on social development, the Minister visited the Mahila Shakti Sewing

Center, where he underscored the government's commitment to women's empowerment. He announced plans to organize specialized training programs led by experienced instructors to equip women with tailoring and other vocational skills, thus enabling them to achieve financial independence and contribute to the local economy. The inauguration and related programs were attended by key officials including Sub-Collector Mayank Singh, Tehsildar Srinivasulu, MPDO Srinivasa Rao, Cooperation Officer Walia Naik, Agriculture Department ADA Babu, PACS Vice Chairman Anil Reddy, CEO Sridhar, and other dignitaries. Their presence underlined the collective effort towards the holistic development of Maha Muttaram Mandal.

People Want BJP Now, Not Congress or BRS: N. Ramchandra Rao

TPN | Srikanth Gurram

Suryapet: In a fiery address at a BJP workers' meeting in Suryapet, the party's Telangana State President Shri N. Ramchandra Rao lashed out at the Congress-led state government, accusing it of deceiving the people and misusing central government schemes for political mileage.

Speaking at the event, Ramchandra Rao recalled his early days of political work in the Nalgonda district, saying, "When I was Yuva Morcha state secretary in 1985, we rode bicycles from Kodad to collect BJP memberships. Today, we have over one lakh members in constituencies like Kodad, Huzurnagar, and Tun-

He emphasized that more than 40 lakh BJP members have been registered across Telangana, highlighting a growing wave

of support for the party. "The people are clearly looking toward BJP. Telangana is ready for change," he stated.

Taking a direct jab at CM Revanth Reddy, Rao questioned the ration card distribution program in Tungaturthi. "If Congress leaders are handing out cards through middlemen, we will oppose it. These cards should reflect PM Modi's contribution, not Congress's propaganda," he said. He reminded the audience that the Centre is bearing 90% of the cost under the free rice scheme for ration card holders.Highlighting the Ayushman Bharat scheme, Rao asked why the ₹5 lakh medical insurance per family under the central initiative was not being implemented in Telangana. "This is a betrayal of the people," he said.



"They promised loan waivers, Rythu Bandhu, unemployment benefits, and fee reimbursement—but delivered none. The education sector is now in crisis," he added.

Calling Nalgonda district a center of political awareness, Rao said people are ready to oust the Congress for its failures. He urged BJP workers to prepare for the upcoming local body elections, stating that the state is moving toward a double-engine government.On the issue of BC ment in Telangana.

reservations, Rao clarified: "BJP supports 42% reservation for BCs. But if the Congress government tries to include religious reservations under the BC category, we will oppose it tooth and nail. Reservation should be for genuine BCs only."He concluded by calling for a public movement against Congress's "anti-people policies" and asked party workers to align their efforts with the people's growing demand for a BJP-led govern-



Congress Commitment to 42% BC Reservation in Telangana

The Congress conducted a caste survey, passed an Assembly resolution, and sent the bill to the Governor and President.

TPN Cprrespondent | Telangana

Telangana Congress Minister Ponnam Prabhakar reiterated the party's firm commitment to implementing 42 percent reservation for Backward Classes (BCs) once it comes to power. He stated that the party has taken important legal steps, including conducting a caste survey and passing a resolution in the Legislative Assembly to increase BC reservations in political, educational, and employment sectors. The bill has already been sent to the Governor and the President for approval.

Prabhakar criticized BJP National OBC President Laxman for opposing BC reservations and accused the BJP and BRS governments of delaying local body elections for 18 months due to this issue. He called on weaker sections to unite and resist what he described as obstructionist tactics by the BJP and BRS. He assured that Congress is dedicated to implementing 42 percent reservations without any legal hurdles.

He urged BC intellectuals, leaders, and politicians to actively protect these rights and cautioned BJP and BRS leaders against spreading misinformation. Prabhakar welcomed the support from RSS and allied organizations, noting that the Telangana caste census was a revolutionary step towards social justice.

The minister also appealed to the Governor to approve the ordinance promptly and requested the President to sanction the bill. He emphasized the Congress party's respect for women and condemned any derogatory remarks made against women during the political discourse.

Concluding his address, Prabhakar called for unity among BC leaders and reaffirmed the Congress party's unwavering dedication to securing fair reservations for Telangana's weaker sections.



Congress Leader Murdered in Nagarkurnool

TPN Correspondent | Nagarkurnool

A brutal murder has rocked Kalvakol village in Nagarkurnool district, where Congress leader Karnati Damodar Goud (48) was found dead in the Singotam reservoir after being missing for two days. Police investigations have revealed that an illicit affair led to

According to officials, Damodar Goud had developed an extramarital relationship with a woman from the same village. On Friday night, he reportedly went to

her house to meet her, but the situation took a deadly turn when they were caught red-handed by the woman's husband and

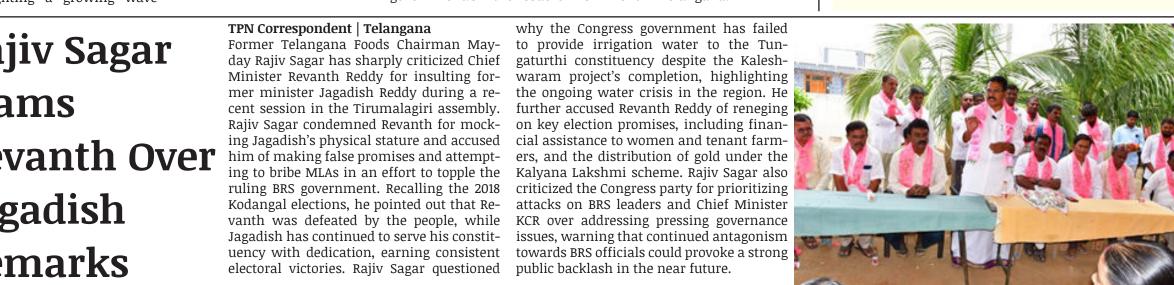
Enraged by the discovery, the duo physically assaulted Damodar Goud and allegedly beat him to death on the spot. In a bid to cover up the crime, they wrapped the body in a bag

and dumped it into the MGKL canal, which eventually carried it to the Singotam reservoir.

After Damodar Goud failed to return home, his wife lodged a missing person complaint with the local police. Following a thorough search operation, his body was recovered from the reservoir, leading the police to register a case of suspicious death.

Subsequent investigation brought out the shocking motive behind the murder. Police have detained the woman, her husband, and son, and are currently questioning them to gather further details and evi-

The incident has caused a stir in Kalvakol and surrounding areas, with villagers expressing shock over the violent end to the Congress leader. The case is under active investigation and further legal action will be taken based on the findings.





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Child Rights Commission Submits Report to Minister Seethakka

TPN Correspondent Hyderabad

Protection of Child Rights Chairperson Seetha Dayakar Reddy, along with other commission members, paid a courtesy call on Women and Child Welfare Minister Seethakka at the Secretariat. The commission submitted its detailed report covering activities undertaken during its first three

The report outlined various ini- Day program at Charminar.

tiatives, including review meetings with district collectors, field Telangana State Commission for visits, and training sessions conducted in partnership with UNICEF. The commission engaged with NGOs and organized awareness campaigns aimed at preventing child marriages and protecting the rights of children of migrant laborers working in brick kilns. It also held child adalats, fairs, and conducted special events like the Anti-Child Labor

Commission members visited Shishu Vihars, Anganwadi centers, and workshops under the Indira Mahila Shakti Mission. They also implemented community programs such as "Amma Maata" and "Anganwadi Path" to strengthen child welfare efforts. Minister Seethakka praised the commission for its proactive approach and urged further expansion of these initiatives to better protect and promote child rights across Telangana.



Steroid-Fueled Murder in Old City Raises Alarm

Drug, steroid, and ganja abuse spike leads to brutal killing near Chandrayangutta Murder of 24-year-old Abdul Aziz linked to steroid abuse and ganja trade Accused stabbed victim 40 times after consuming steroids together Police recover injections, knife, and blood-stained clothes



TPN | V. Kishna Kumar

Hyderabad: The unchecked spread of drugs, steroids, and ganja in the Old City of Hyderabad has culminated in a gruesome murder, raising serious concerns about law and order in the region. The murder occurred in a deserted area near Jepto under Chandrayangutta police station limits and has shocked locals and authorities alike.

The victim, Mohammed Abdul

Aziz alias Athar (24), a resident of Baba Nagar, was brutally murdered by Mohammed Yusuf alias Gullu, also from the same area and originally hailing from Uttar Pradesh. According to the police, both the victim and accused were involved in the illegal sale of ganja and had a long-standing friendship rooted in criminal activities. Aziz, known for his violent behavior and with eight criminal cases already against him, had reportedly been harassing Yusuf both physically and mentally. This constant pressure pushed Yusuf to plan a deadly retaliation.

According to investigators, the tension escalated when Aziz had a dispute with another local named Salim over steroids. On the night of the murder, Yusuf and Aziz left together, reportedly under the pretext of settling matters. They consumed ganja and steroids in a secluded spot, and Aziz is believed to have taken three steroid doses. At this point, Yusuf attacked Aziz. In a shocking act of violence, he smashed Aziz's head with a stone and stabbed him nearly 40 times with a knife he had brought with premeditated intent. He then fled the scene, hiding the bloodstained clothes and the murder weapon in his home.

A team led by Chandrayangutta Inspector Gopi, along with ACP Sudhakar, Detective Inspector Rama Swamy, and Sub Inspector Srinivas, acted swiftly under the instructions of South East DCP Chaitanya. Officers Kiran Kumar, Nanda Kishore, Nagaraju, Zakir, and Ilaiah formed search teams and combed the scene, where they recovered steroid injections and other evidence.

After a rigorous interrogation, Yusuf confessed to the murder, admitting that he wanted to eliminate Aziz due to the persistent abuse. The police were lauded by DCP Chaitanya for solving the case quickly and bringing the accused to justice.

This incident has sparked renewed calls for stricter police surveillance in the Old City, with demands to crack down on the rising drug, steroid, and ganja menace. Locals warn that without immediate intervention, such crimes will continue to endanger the lives of innocent citizens.



Ward Boy Arrested for Attempted Rape in Hyderabad

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

A shocking incident unfolded at Andhra Mahila Sabha Durgabai Deshmukh Hospital in Vidyanagar, Hyderabad, when a ward boy allegedly attempted to rape a female patient on Monday. The 35-year-old woman, who had visited the hospital for treatment, raised an alarm by screaming, alerting hospital staff and her family members present at the facility. According to reports, the incident occurred in the absence of other staff members, allowing the ward boy to misbehave with the patient. The woman's cries for help prompted swift action from her relatives and hospital staff, who apprehended the accused. The ward boy was reportedly thrashed by the victim's family before being handed over to the Nallakunta police.

The Nallakunta police have registered a case based on the complaint filed by the victim's family members and have taken the ward boy into custody. An investigation is underway to ascertain the details of the incident and ensure justice for the victim. The incident has sparked outrage, with many raising concerns about patient safety in healthcare facilities. Authorities have assured a thorough probe into the matter, and further details are awaited as the investigation progresses.

Gagan Malik Meets Minister Jupally to Boost Buddhavanam Project

Tourism and Culture Minister Jupally Krishna Rao met Bollywood actor Gagan Malik, famous for his portraval of Rama in Zee TV's Ramayana and an active promoter of Buddhism. Introduced by Mallepally Lakshmaiah, Special Officer of the Buddhavanam Project, Malik discussed efforts to enhance the global profile of Buddhavanam and attract Buddhist countries to set up cultural centers there. The meeting also highlighted plans for a padayatra in October, when around 100 Buddhist monks from Thailand are expected to visit Buddhavanam via Gulbarga.



Rs. 3 Lakh Worth Heroin Seized in Hyderabad



TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

In a major crackdown on narcotics trade, the District Task Force (DTF) team led by CI Soujanya seized 17 grams of her-Hyderabad and arrested one ₹15,000 per gram. person involved in the illegal Based on credible information,

drug trade. The accused, Pradhan Gujjar, a native of Rajasthan, was reportedly purchasing heroin for ₹5,000 per gram in his home state and selling it to high-profile customers in oin worth around ₹3 lakh in Hyderabad at a steep price of

the DTF team apprehended the accused near Bagga Wines on Monday. A total of 17 grams of heroin was recovered from him during the operation.

AES Srinivasa Rao confirmed the seizure and stated that the accused, along with the confiscated heroin, has been handed over to the Narayanaguda Prohibition and Excise Station for further investigation.

The team involved in the successful operation included CI Soujanya, SSS Shiva Krishna, Venkatesh, Satyanarayana, Raju Ravi, Shilpa, and Sunitha. Excise Deputy Commissioner Anil Kumar Reddy and Superintendent Panchakshari appreciated and congratulated the DTF team for their swift and effective action in nabbing the drug peddler.

61 Encroachment Complaints Received at Hydra Prajavani

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

The citizens of Hyderabad are actively stepping forward to protect public properties by reporting encroachments through Hydra Prajavani, the city's public grievance platform. On Monday alone, 61 complaints were received, all related to encroachments on roads, ponds, government lands, and parks across the city and adjoining districts. Hydra Additional Director Shri Varla Papayya personally reviewed the complaints, cross-verified past and present layouts using Google Maps, and briefed the complainants on the current situation. He assigned the respective officials to take swift action and ensure public property is protected.

Notable Complaints Received:

Serilingampally, Ranga Reddy: Locals alleged the illegal closure of a 40-foot road near Raghavendra Shelters Colony, opposite Prestin IVY Apartments. They also claimed encroachment of 7 feet on another road, causing serious traffic issues and blocking access to a public park.



Gajula Ramaram, Medchal: Citizens reported encroachment on 271 acres of government land in Survey Numbers 307/1, 308/2,3,5. The land, once under APSFC, had been reclaimed by the Telangana government, but encroachments have resumed, allegedly with organized support. Dhulapally, Kompally Municipality: Colony Welfare Association members raised concerns over four designated parks in the 1967 layout. Two of them, located within Fox Sagar FTL limits, are protected, but the remaining two have been illegally occupied by descendants of the layout owners.

Mettukani Gudem, Qutbullapur: The Fishermen's Association complained about encroachment on Pedda Tank, a 26.3-acre water body, with 6 acres already lost. They noted that water inflow channels are being bypassed, harming their livelihood and risking further illegal occu-

Shantinagar Housing Society, Serilingampally: Residents complained that a 60-foot road in Survey No. 132, clearly marked in the approved layout, has been illegally closed by some individuals, disrupting the entire traffic system in

Hydra officials assured the complainants that all grievances would be followed up rigorously and encroachments on public property would not be tolerated. Director Varla Papayya stressed that "No one will be spared, no matter how influential," and urged more citizens to report such issues with proper documentation and evidence.

16-Year-Old Student Dies in Tragic RTC Bus Accident

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

A heart-wrenching incident took place in Medchal district on Monday when a 16-year-old student, Sreeja, lost her life after falling under the wheels of an RTC bus in the Jagadgirigutta police station limits.

According to reports, Sreeja was commuting

from Jagadgirigutta to Essar Sri Gayatri College in Kukatpally. While attempting to board a heavily crowded RTC bus, she slipped and fell, tragically getting crushed under the vehicle's rear tires. She died on the spot.



The shocking acci-

dent has left the community in grief, raising serious concerns about passenger safety, especially for students relying on public transportation.

The Jagadgirigutta police have registered a case and launched an investigation into the incident. Further details are awaited as authorities look into whether there was any negligence involved on the part of the bus crew.



Telangana Targets No.1 Spot in Oil **Farm Cultivation**



Minister Tummala says Congress govt committed to boosting oil farm drive in 3 months

TPN Correspondent | Rangareddy

The Telangana Congress government has set its sights on making the state number one in oil farm cultivation in the country within the next three months. an oil palm plantation program held at Pisari Surender Reddy's field in Peddavedu village, Shabad mandal, Agriculture Rao reiterated the government's

planting drive, Minister Tum- farm cultivation within two mala said the Congress-led government is actively encouraging crops would be more secure and oil farm cultivation across the profitable. "Oil farm cultivation state. He urged every farmer to is less vulnerable to damage take up cultivation according to from pests or animals like pigs. their capacity and assured that It's a stable and income-generat-Participating as the chief guest at the government would provide ing crop," he said. full subsidy for the plants. In a key announcement, he stated that drip irrigation systems in Ranga Reddy and Vikarabad dis-Minister Tummala Nageswara tricts would be fully exempted from any charges, irrespective of ers won't need to worry about firm commitment to strength- the number of acres cultivated. ening the sector. Speaking to Tummala advised farmers to will come directly to the fields,

years and promised that such

To address marketing concerns, the Minister said the government would ensure that oil farm processing companies are set up in every district. "Farmselling their produce. Buyers farmers who took part in the overtake Andhra Pradesh in oil pay fair prices, and money will ture and rural prosperity.

be deposited in the farmers' accounts within three days," he assured. The event was attended by Government Chief Whip Patnam Mahender Reddy, local MLA Yadayya, Rangareddy District Granthal Chairman Madhusudhan Reddy, Sardar Market Committee Chairman Pisari Surender Reddy, Pollution Board Member Chimpula Satyanarayana Reddy, and several other Congress leaders, farmers, and officials. Minister Tummala concluded by reaffirming the Congress government's dedication to agricul-

Temple Development in Phases, Says Minister Konda Surekha

TPN Correspondent | Vikarabad

State Forest, Environment, and Endowment Minister Konda Surekha has assured that the government will take up temple development works in a phased manner, prioritizing the beautification and restoration of temples across Telangana. She made these remarks during the Bonala festival celebrations held in Parigi town, where she, along with Parigi MLA and DCC President Dr. T. Rammohan Reddy, offered special pujas to the local deity and prayed for the welfare of the state.

Marking the occasion, Minister Konda Surekha and MLA Rammohan Reddy laid foundation stones for the construction of several religious and community structures in Parigi town. These include Pochamma Thalli temple in Baharpet SC Colony with ₹5 lakh, Maisamma Thalli temple in BC Colony with ₹5 lakh, and Sri Seetharamalaya Kalyana Mandapam in SC Colony with another ₹5 lakh.

The minister highlighted that, under the initiative of MLA TRR, ₹1.14 crore was sanctioned in the first phase for the development of eight temples in the Parigi constituency

alone. She criticized the previous government for neglecting temples and said, "Many village temples were left without care. The people's government under CM Revanth Reddy is giving utmost importance to restoring the spiritual fabric of Telangana."

MLA Rammohan Reddy echoed her sentiments, stating, "Temples were previously ignored. But now, the government is actively restoring the spiritual atmosphere in villages. We have committed to developing many more temples in the future."

Meanwhile, both the Minister and MLA participated in the Vana Mahotsavam program organized by the Forest Department in Srinivasa Nagar Colony, Parigi. They joined local leaders, officials, and citizens in planting saplings as part of the government's green initiative.

Speaking at the event, Minister Surekha emphasized the importance of public participation in the tree-planting drive. "We aim to transform Telangana into a green state. Every citizen must take responsibility by planting and protecting saplings. A houseto-house plantation program will soon be launched," she said.



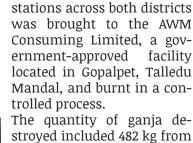
Ganja Worth Rs. 3.32 **Crore Burnt in Khammam**

TPN Correspondent | Khammam

In a major move against illegal narcotics, 664 kg of ganja seized in various cases was destroyed by the Excise Department on Monday in

Kothagudem districts. The stored in multiple excise total estimated value of the contraband is ₹3.32 crore.

As per instructions from Contraband Disposal Officer and Deputy Commissioner Janardhan Reddy, gan-Khammam and Bhadradri ja that had been seized and



Kothagudem district and 182 kg from Khammam district. Commissioner Janardhan Reddy and other excise officials were present at the site during the disposal, ensuring all procedures were followed as per legal and environmental guidelines.

This disposal marks a significant step in the ongoing crackdown on illegal ganja trade in Telangana, reinforcing the government's commitment to curbing drug-related activities in the region.

BJP District Chief Visits Jammikunta Station, Pledges **Development Push**



TPN Correspondent | Telangana BJP District President Gangadi Krishna Reddy visited Jammikunta Railway Station, accompanied by local party leaders, to assess ongoing issues and gather feedback from station officials. During the visit, he interacted frastructure challenges, assur- and improved services. be brought to the attention of mar also reiterated the govern- proposed improvements. Union Minister and Karimnagar ment's focus on upgrading the MP Bandi Sanjay Kumar. High- station, noting that steps have

lighting the station's importance for both passenger travel and freight movement, Krishna Reddy reaffirmed the BJP's commitment to developing the facility under the Centre's ambitious Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. He said plans are underway to modwith railway staff and discussed ernize Jammikunta station with passenger grievances and in- enhanced passenger amenities

already been taken to ensure that key trains halt at Jammikunta, improving accessibility for local commuters.

The visit was attended by several party leaders and workers including town president Kolakani Raju, district chief secretary Mada Venkat Reddy, mandal president Sampath Rao, and other local leaders, marking a ing that key concerns would Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Ku- collective show of support for the

Adulterated Toddy Creates Panic in Jeedimetla and Jagadgirigutta

TPN Correspondent | Medchal

Incidents of adulterated toddy consumption have triggered alarm in Jeedimetla and Jagadgirigutta areas of Medchal district, raising serious questions about the safety and regulation of toddy shops.

In the first case, a couple from Nizamabad district, Lachiram and Sakribhai, who were visiting their daughter Rekha in Gajula Ramaram, reportedly consumed toddy at a toddy shop in Ram Reddy Nagar on Sunday evening. Having a daily toddy habit in their native village, the couple drank toddy as usual — but shortly after, began showing alarming symptoms.

They reportedly experienced muscle stiffness, loss of motor control, and erratic behavior. Their family rushed them to Gandhi Hospital via 108 ambulance service. After treatment, doctors noted symptoms consistent with toxic effects, including dry mouth and numbness, and pointed to a possible difference in quality between the toddy they normally consumed and what they drank in the city. The couple was later discharged after recovery.

In a separate incident, a man named Raju fell ill after consuming toddy at a shop near the Jagadgirigutta bus stand. He, too, was immediately shifted to Gandhi Hospital, where he is under observation.

These back-to-back incidents have sparked concern among locals, who are now questioning the quality control and inspection measures in place at city toddy outlets. Many allege that chemicals or intoxicants may be illegally mixed into the toddy to enhance its effect.

The Excise Department is expected to take action, especially since these cases come amid an ongoing special drive on toddy shops ordered by Prohibition and Excise Enforcement Director Shahnawaz Qasim from July 14-19 to combat adulteration and illegal sale.

Locals are demanding that strict raids be conducted, toddy samples be sent for lab testing, and licenses of erring shops be cancelled. Authorities are yet to issue an official statement on the two recent cases.

Worker Dies After Fall at Jagadamba **Engineering Shed Site**

TPN Correspondent | Medchal

A tragic accident occurred in the industrial area under Jeedimetla police station limits of Medchal district, where a 28-year-old worker lost his life after falling from a shed under construction at Jagadamba Engineering Private Limited Company.

The deceased, identified as Ansar, was working on fitting sheets to the shed when he accidentally fell from a height. He succumbed to his injuries on the spot. The construction of the shed was reportedly underway without proper safety protocols in place.

Local residents expressed concern over the negligence and lack of basic safety measures at the construction site. "Such a massive shed is being built, but without any safety equipment or precautions for the workers. This accident was bound to happen," said one of the locals, urging the authorities to take immediate action.

They are demanding that the concerned officials monitor construction activities more rigorously at the ground level and ensure that all industrial units comply with safety norms to prevent such avoidable tragedies.

Jeedimetla police have registered a case and initiated an investigation into the incident.



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 land-scape 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 gradu-

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

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

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 According to the ED, the assets acquisition of over ₹2,000 crore worth of assets belonging to Associated Journals Limited (AJL), the publisher of the now-defunct hold a 76% majority stake. The National Herald newspaper.



were taken over by Young Indian, a company in which Sonia and Rahul Gandhi reportedly 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.

July 13. "They tore our flags, tried

"No One is Safe in Bihar":

Congress Slams Nitish Govt After Family Burnt Alive

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

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 fasttracked. 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.

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

TPN Correspondent | Srinagar

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

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 hi, where the Aam Aadmi Paras powerless. "This isn't about me—it's about the message you're sending. If voter turnout the Lieutenant Governor. In J&K,



told NDTV.

The National Conference leader compared the situation to Delty government had long complained of limited powers under drops, remember this day," he key matters like law and order



remain under the control of Lt. Governor Manoj Sinha, limiting the state government's authori-

Mr. Abdullah said the police attempted to prevent him from offering Fatiha even though the official restrictions were only for 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

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

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 or-

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 Nuisance Will Be Tolerated During Kanwar Yatra: Rekha Gupta

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

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 sor Castle during their visit.

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 Wind-

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



TPN Correspondent | New York

A digital billboard has appeared at New York's who recently won the Democratic primary for Mamdani's campaign has not yet responded 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, 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.

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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.

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

TPN Correspondent | Karachi

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 prom-



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

TPN Correspondent | Islamabad

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.

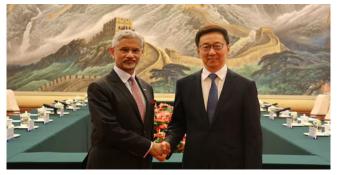
Gandapur and key PTI leaders have set up camp at a farmhouse in Lahore's Raiwind area—strategically close to the Sharif family residence—where they are finalizing plans for the full-scale protest. The movement aims to increase pressure on the Shehbaz Sharif-led government and the military establishment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

TPN Correspondent | Beijing

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.





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

The BSE Sensex, which closed at 82,500 in the previous session, started MURTHY NAIDU PAADAM at 82,537 on Monday. It touched an intraday low of 82,010. It reached an in-

traday 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

The rupee weakened by 19 paise to settle at Adani Green shares trad-85.99 against the dollar. HCL Technologies ed flat amid cautious senshares traded in the red ahead of Q1 earnings. timent in the renewable



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.

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Adani Green Energy

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 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%

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 ex-

perienced 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.

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

old and silver pric-Ges 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 vious quarter. Notably, the company's 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

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

 $\mathbf{E}_{ ext{co-founder}}^{ ext{aseMyTrip}}$ Prashant recently made headlines 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" Google using



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 sights 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 infrastruc-

The post quickly gained traction online, with

Prashant's data-driven approach offers fresh hope to Bengaluru's chronic traffic woes, aiming

Al Robot Successfully Performs **Autonomous Gallbladder** Surgery, Astonishing Researchers

 $\mathbf{I}_{\text{breakthrough}}^{\text{n}}$ a remarkable 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.

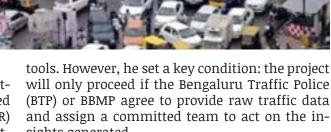
The AI robot was rigorously trained using

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

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.



ture and smoother commutes.

many volunteers eager to join the effort. Meanwhile, the Karnataka government continues to explore infrastructure upgrades like flyovers and tunnels to ease congestion.

for smarter and sustainable solutions.

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

ing 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

YouTube, comparing it to the "minor leagues." Yet, industry insiders and experts see things quite differently.

Jason Kilar, founding CEO of Hulu shorts, and live streams—providand former WarnerMedia head, ing viewers with a seemingly endweighed in on the reality of the bat- less supply of bite-sized entertaintle: "That was more of a fun narra- ment. tive 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'

 \mathbf{F} or years, Netflix insisted it didn't have a true rival in the stream- Ted Sarandos notably downplayed known for its high-budget original series and films, catering mostly to long-form storytelling and bingewatch culture. YouTube, on the other hand, offers a massive variety of content—user-generated clips,

> 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

 ${f J}$ apan 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

ternet 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.



times faster than India's current average in- 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

oogle has surprised Pixel Gusers with an early Pixel Drop for July 2025, introducing several AI-powered features across its ecosystem. The biggest highlight is a free oneyear 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 Circleto-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 batter, has not only taken charge of the flush on the knee roll. Gill walked back for Gill has etched his name in the history books, surpassing Rahul Dravid's 23-yearold 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

team's middle order but has also shouldered the responsibility as captain in this With India reeling at 53/3, Akash Deep 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-swinger 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

6 off 9 balls, much to India's dismay. 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**

 $T_{ ext{Test}}^{ ext{he}}$ tween 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

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, in hand, the final day is set for a nail-biting 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 showdown at the Home of Cricket.

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

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. red card for pulling Marc Cucurella's hair. This time, he ran onto a long pass from deep, Chelsea, who also won the UEFA Conference showed tremendous composure, and replicated League in May, end the season on a high, delivhis first goal — once again curling into the far ering a major title in Maresca's debut season as 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.

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 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

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, • 2 MLC titles expressed her pride and gratitude:

"MI New York lifting their second MLC trophy is • 1 ILT20 (MI Emirates, 2024) more than just a win—it's a celebration of belief, • 1 SA20 (MI Cape Town, 2025) 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 Champions League T20 titles

passion, and unity. From India to South Africa to 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 sportspersons 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 Naureen before marrying actress Sangeeta Bijlani, 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

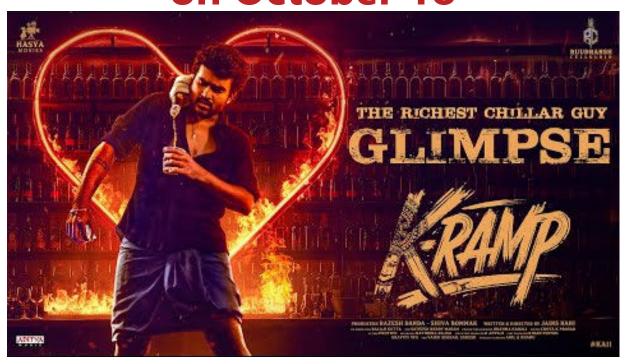


balance in a high-pressure sports career. The lives of athletes, often celebrated for their victories on the field, can be equally complex off it. As fans, it's important to remember that they too face the same emotional and relational challenges as anyone

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.

SCREEN

'K-Ramp' Glimpse Promises High-Energy Entertainment on October 18



 \mathbf{R} ising 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 Bharadwaj, 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.

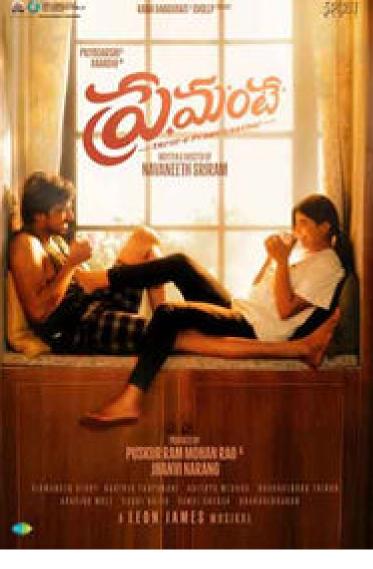
Motion Poster & First Look of Priyadarshi's 'Premante' Unveiled, **Promises Love with a Twist**

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

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 Mallesham, 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**

STORMING

Th e 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

emotion, drama, and high-octane sequences.

Directed by Jyothi Krisna, 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, Nidhhi 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.



minutes, the film promises an A grand pre-release event is immersive, action-packed cin- scheduled for July 20, 2025, ematic experience that blends 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 native venues.

Kingdom stars Vijay De- composed by the celebrat-

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

ed Anirudh Ravichander, whose music is expected to add to the film's intense action and dramatic mo-

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

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!

