



Amaravati Gets Singapore Push Again!

Will Chandrababu’s Tour Deliver?

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In a renewed bid to put Amaravati back on the global development map, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu is set to visit Singapore from July 26 to 30, leading a high-level delegation to reignite partnerships and attract foreign investments. Accompanying him are key ministers Nara Lokesh, T.G. Bharat, and P. Narayana, alongside top bureaucrats including IT Secretary Katamneni Bhaskar, Industries Secretary S. Yuvaraj, CM’s Secretary Karthikeya Mishra, CRDA Commissioner Kanababu, and APEDB CEO Saikanth Varma. This visit aims to explore Singapore’s

participation not just in Amaravati’s development, but also in the fields of ports, infrastructure, and technology. Chandrababu had earlier requested the Singapore government to partner in the capital city’s construction, and this trip is expected to firm up those possibilities. Back in the TDP’s previous term, Singapore had played a key role in drafting the Amaravati startup area plan, partnering as Amaravati Development Partner to develop 1,671 acres. However, the YSRCP government, after assuming power in 2019, halted Amaravati’s construction and scrapped the agreement with Singapore. With the alliance government now back at the helm, Amaravati’s con-

struction has regained momentum. Tenders have been finalized for major government buildings, including the High Court, Assembly, and Secretariat complexes. Against this backdrop, Chandrababu is reviving discussions with Singapore’s political and business communities. The AP government has lined up proposals to discuss city planning, beautification, parks, port development, and technological integration during the visit. With central government support already helping bring key institutions and the proposed Outer Ring Road and Quantum Valley to Amaravati, all eyes are on whether Chandrababu can revive the Singapore connection and fulfill his capital vision.

Arrest likely soon.. Mithun Reddy’s Bail Rejected in Liquor Scam Case

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In a major setback to YSR Congress Party MP Peddireddy Mithun Reddy, the Andhra Pradesh High Court has dismissed his anticipatory bail plea in the ongoing liquor scam case. Mithun Reddy, who is listed as A4 in the case, now faces the imminent possibility of arrest. Senior advocate Siddharth Luthra, appearing on behalf of the Special Investigation Team (SIT), told the court that Mithun Reddy was a central figure in the scam. He alleged that Reddy played a crucial role in shifting the liquor payment process from an online system to a manual model, thereby removing transparency from liquor sales. Luthra argued that liquor supply permits were selectively granted to companies that paid bribes, causing a massive loss of ₹3,500 crore to the state exchequer. He also told the court that Mithun Reddy misused his position as a Member of Parliament and pointed out that eight criminal cases had already been registered against him. He urged the court to



reject the bail request, calling him the “mastermind” of the scam. On the other side, senior lawyer T. Niranjan Reddy, representing Mithun Reddy, denied the allegations. He argued that Mithun had no involvement in the liquor policy and sought conditional anticipatory bail, stating that his client was being dragged into the case politically. After reserving the verdict earlier, the High Court pronounced its decision today, rejecting the anticipatory bail petition. With the court ruling now in place, the SIT is expected to move forward with possible arrest proceedings against Mithun Reddy in the coming days.

Minor Girl Found Murdered in Gandikota

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A minor girl studying intermediate second year at Geetham Junior College in Proddatur was found dead in suspicious circumstances near the tourist spot Gandikota in Jammalamadugu mandal of Kadapa district. The incident has triggered panic and outrage in the district. The victim, identified as Vaishnavi from Sarvakatte Street in Proddatur, told her parents she was going on a trip to Gandikota with friends on Monday morning around 8 AM. However, by 9 AM, the college informed her family that she had not attended classes. Her parents, believing she had gone to Gandikota, filed a missing complaint at Proddatur One Town Police Station and rushed to the location in search of her. In the evening, the police found her college bag and dupatta near an elevated area in Gandikota. Sniffer dogs were deployed, and searches were intensified. Her lifeless body was finally discovered



the next morning in a thorny bush area. Shockingly, the girl was found without clothes, suggesting a gruesome assault and murder. Initial suspicion points to a youth named Lokesh from Hanumana-gutti village in Erraguntla mandal, who allegedly lured the girl under the pretense of love.

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Inaugurations Galore in Kadapa: Politics Heat Up

TPN | Nagaraju

Kadapa: Political rivalry in Kadapa has taken a sharp turn as development inaugurations and foundation stone-laying ceremonies become the new battleground. Ever since the alliance government came to power, the city is witnessing a fierce “tit-for-tat” political atmosphere. The recent controversy over the Kadapa Municipal Corporation chair has further intensified the situation, especially after Mayor Suresh Babu got relief from the court in a disqualification case. Now, both YSRCP and TDP leaders are racing to lay stones and cut ribbons in a show of political dominance, sparking public discussions across the city. The wave of inaugurations has brought political activity in Kadapa to a new high.

YSRCP Leaders Steal the Show in 15th Finance Works

YSRCP leaders, including Mayor Suresh Babu, former Deputy CM Amzath Basha, and MLC Ramachandra Reddy, have taken the lead in launching a slew of projects sanctioned under the 15th Finance Commission. Interestingly, these leaders have gone ahead with programs without the involvement of Kadapa MLA Madhavi Reddy. This comes as a twist, considering earlier it was the MLA who was sidelining others during inaugurations. Now, for the next four days, YSRCP leaders are set to tour various parts of the city, inaugurating completed works and laying foundations for new ones. They are positioning themselves as the true torchbearers of Kadapa’s development, contrasting



the alliance government’s alleged inaction over the past 14 months. They claim YSRCP alone transformed Kadapa into a beautiful city and accuse the coalition of being a government of words, not action.

MLA Madhavi Reddy Busy with Her Own Ceremonies

Not to be outdone, Kadapa MLA and government whip Madhavi Reddy has also been busy. On Monday, she laid the foundation for development works worth ₹10.68 crore, and on Tuesday, she followed up with another ₹5 crore worth of works in different parts of the city. She asserted that the alliance government is committed to both development and welfare and vowed to continue the transformation of Kadapa. Both factions—YSRCP and TDP—are conducting parallel events, making Kadapa a stage for political one-upmanship through development works. As both sides intensify their activities, political temperatures in the city are reaching new highs, turning routine civic projects into high-stakes political statements.



95 Companies to Invest ₹1 Lakh Cr in AP

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Andhra Pradesh IT, Electronics, and Education Minister Nara Lokesh announced that 95 prominent companies have come forward with proposals to invest ₹1 lakh crore in the state across IT, electronics, data centers, and Global Capability Centers (GCCs). The minister revealed this during a high-level review meeting held at his Undavalli residence with officials from the IT, electronics, and RTGS departments. Minister Lokesh directed officials to create 10 lakh employment opportunities over the next four years, stating that quick facilitation and support must be extended to companies setting up operations. He emphasized the importance of fast-tracking approvals, land allocations, and infrastructure readiness to ensure the industries begin operations without delay. Officials informed that land has already been allocated to TCS and Cognizant in Visakhapatnam, and Lokesh insisted that both companies should be encouraged to start operations swiftly. Referring to his recent visit to Bengaluru, he

noted that ANSR and Satva have signed MoUs to establish GCCs that will generate 35,000 new jobs for Andhra Pradesh youth. To support small-scale businesses, the minister instructed the creation of co-working spaces in all 26 district centers, ensuring that upcoming firms also find a conducive environment to grow.

Ratan Tata Innovation Hub and Amaravati Quantum Valley

Highlighting the state’s innovation agenda, Lokesh announced that the Ratan Tata Innovation Hub will be launched soon to promote startups and technological innovation. He also said that regional spoke centers would be set up in Visakhapatnam, Rajahmundry, Vijayawada, Tirupati, and Anantapur. He added that a new Amaravati Quantum Valley initiative has been formed in partnership with TCS, L&T, and IBM, and directed officials to prioritize the development of infrastructure for this cutting-edge project.

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CCTV footage reportedly captured him riding into Gandikota with the girl around 8:30 AM and returning alone by 10:47 AM. Lokesh has been taken into custody for questioning, and based on his confession, the police located the girl's body. DSP Venkateswara Rao confirmed the murder and stated they were investigating whether others were involved or if Lokesh acted alone. District SP Ashok Kumar and DSP Bhavana visited the crime scene. The girl's body was shifted to Jammalamadugu Government Hospital for postmortem. The SP said that further details would be revealed soon as the investigation progresses.

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Drone City in Kurnool...

Minister Lokesh reviewed progress on the 400-acre Drone City project in Orvakallu, Kurnool district, and directed that it be completed within one year. He said the utility of drones during the Budameru floods had proven their relevance, and suggested that monthly awareness events be held in every district to showcase drone applications in agriculture, law enforcement, and weather tracking.

Manamitra Expansion and School Internet Connectivity

Praising the success of the Manamitra WhatsApp governance platform, Lokesh directed its expansion. Officials said 535 out of 702 services are currently integrated with the platform. Lokesh emphasized the need to link educational and caste certificates with blockchain technology to prevent students from having to visit revenue offices unnecessarily. He also stressed the need to connect all 45,000 government schools in the state to the internet, and ensure uninterrupted mobile connectivity at key airports like Visakhapatnam, Vijayawada, Tirupati, and Rajahmundry. The meeting was attended by top officials including IT & Electronics Department Secretary Katanneni Bhaskar, Special Secretary Sundar, APIIC MD Abhishek Kishore, EDB CEO Saikanth Verma, RTGS CO Prakar Jain, and APTS MD Suryateja.

TDP Submits 7 Key Suggestions to Election Commission

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With the Central Election Commission (CEC) preparing for a Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls across the country, the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) has presented a set of seven key suggestions to ensure a fair and transparent voter list process. A delegation of senior TDP leaders submitted a memorandum in Delhi, expressing concerns about the implementation of SIR in Andhra Pradesh and the public's misconceptions regarding vote deletions. TDP AP President Palla Srinivasa Rao, MPs Lavu Srikrishna Devarayalu, Kuna Ravikumar, and other party leaders met with the CEC and discussed the need for stronger safeguards. The leaders emphasized that the Election Commission had clarified that no votes would be removed arbitrarily under SIR, but stressed the importance of strengthening the system to build public trust.

Here are the 7 suggestions made by TDP:

1. **Strengthen voter list verification through advanced tools, including annual third-party audits under the supervision of the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG). They also recommended the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the**



2. **preparation of electoral rolls. Detect fake EPIC numbers by integrating Aadhaar data and introduce biometric verification in place of traditional ink-based systems to enhance accuracy.**

3. **Involve booth-level agents (BLAs) from all recognized political parties in the voter list revision process. TDP insisted that draft rolls must be shared with BLAs in advance for transparency.**

4. **Publish district-wise data related to additions and deletions of voters on the CEC**

5. **Take legal action and impose penalties on negligent staff involved in electoral processes. The party called for regular rotation of BLOs (Booth Level Officers) and EROs (Electoral Registration Officers) to prevent local bias or misuse.**

6. **Ensure inclusion of marginalized groups like migrants, tribals, and the homeless in the voter rolls by conducting special enrollment camps tailored to their needs.**

7. **Mandate monthly meetings between district and constituency election officers and representatives of recognized political parties to monitor voter list updates and facilitate consultation.**

The TDP leaders highlighted the importance of these measures for ensuring a clean, inclusive, and tech-enabled electoral process, especially in light of growing concerns over voter roll manipulation. The CEC reportedly assured the delegation that the recommendations would be examined carefully in view of the upcoming revision.

One Rupee, One Minute Legal Advice!

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Legal aid is often out of reach for the common man, especially for those who are financially weak or unaware of legal procedures. While most lawyers charge hundreds or even thousands just to hear a case, in stark contrast, a young lawyer from Telangana is showing a new way. Adarsh, hailing from Chennur in Palakurthi mandal of Jangaon district, has launched a unique initiative to make justice affordable. With nine friends, he built a digital platform—CLNS.in (Centralized Legal Network Solutions)—which offers legal consultation for just ₹1 per minute. Through this app, users can easily access verified legal advice, breaking the traditional barriers



of high fees and inaccessibility. Started in May 2025, CLNS has already assisted over 3,000 individuals. The app connects lawyers, stu-

dents, officials, and citizens on one platform, with features like Find a Lawyer, Talk to an Official, and Our Services. It's even operating from

Telangana's T-Hub, a startup incubation hub. Adarsh emphasizes that the app is AI-powered and designed to help people with clear, timely legal information. Users can register, log in, and avail services directly through the platform. With legal professionals from across India participating, the app is rapidly growing as a trusted tool for those in need. The team urges the public to use this platform for genuine social issues and not personal vendettas. Anyone wishing to highlight legal or civic issues in Andhra Pradesh or Telangana can WhatsApp details to 9490520108. In a system where justice often feels distant, Adarsh's initiative is a ray of hope—bringing law closer to the people, one rupee at a time.



Karedu farmers meet YS Jagan, seek protection of fertile lands

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Tadepalli: Farmers from Karedu village in Ulavapadu mandal, Prakasam district, met former Chief Minister and YSR Congress Party President YS Jagan Mohan Reddy at the party's central office in Tadepalli. They submitted a memorandum requesting that the fertile agricultural lands in Karedu village not be handed over for industrial use.

The farmers expressed strong opposition to the government's decision to allocate these lands to Indosol Pvt. Ltd., and explained that the area supports two crops a year and sustains thousands of farming and fishing families. They feared that

industrial takeover would threaten their livelihoods and disrupt the local environment.

YS Jagan assured the farmers that YSRCP would stand firmly with them and raise the issue forcefully with the government. He said the party would oppose any move that harms farmers and promised to support their fight.

MLC Tumati Madhavarao and Kandukur YSRCP in-charge Burra Madhusudhan Yadav, who were present during the meeting, later addressed the media. They said land acquisition for Indosol was handled smoothly under the previous YSRCP government in Chevuru village, with farmers being paid Rs

417 crore. But the current coalition government, they alleged, failed to allocate that land and is now shifting the project to Karedu, displacing local farmers. They said the government has issued a new notification to acquire 20,000 acres through APIIC and the Maritime Board, forming five special teams led by deputy collectors. They warned that the move appears to be a land-grab operation along 30 km of the coastal stretch between Singarayakonda and Kavali.

The farmers thanked YS Jagan for his support and said they would not give up even an inch of their land. They accused the government of pushing a real estate agenda in the name of industrial development

NCLT Reserves Verdict in Jagan Family Property Dispute

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The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has reserved its verdict in the high-profile legal battle involving YSRCP chief and former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, his mother YS Vijayamma, and sister YS Sharmila. The case revolves around a property dispute linked to Saraswati Power and Industries Private Limited, a family-owned company. During the final hearing, intense arguments were presented by both sides. The central contention from Jagan's side was that the shareholding and management structure of the company needed reconsideration. However, the counsel for Vijayamma and the company strongly opposed the petition. The lawyer representing Saraswati Sanstha argued that Jagan had no legal standing to question or interfere in the affairs of the company after having gifted his shares to his mother Vijayamma. They emphasized that once the shares were transferred, Jagan had no residual rights in the company and could not de-

mand any intervention or reversal. Further, Vijayamma's legal team argued that the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the parties cannot be unilaterally revoked, as alleged by Jagan. They asserted that such agreements must be mutually terminated, and Jagan's attempt to challenge the arrangement through Section 59 of the Companies Act was described as a strategic misuse of legal provisions. Jagan had also previously resigned as a director, along with his wife Bharathi Reddy, distancing themselves from the company's operations. Citing this, Vijayamma's side contended that he cannot now return to interfere in matters he had formally exited. The case highlights the deepening rift within the YS family, especially as political and financial differences between Jagan, Vijayamma, and Sharmila have become increasingly public in recent years. The tribunal, after hearing all arguments, has reserved its verdict, which is now awaited with keen interest in both political and business circles.



Prepare for Local Body Elections: State Election Commission

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Bapatla: State Election Commission Chairman Dr. Madhukar Gupta has directed officials to gear up for the upcoming local body elections. Speaking at a review meeting held at the Bapatla Collectorate on Tuesday, he stressed the need for democratic and transparent election management, in line with Panchayat Raj laws. He called for strict adherence to women's reservation policies and election rules, as well as a detailed review of delimitation and reservation processes. Dr. Gupta also suggested using advanced technology to improve transparency and voter participation, particularly in rural areas. He advised that lessons learned from previous elections should be used to ensure elections are held



free from political interference. He also recommended updating voter lists, especially in villages with disputed jurisdiction.

State Election Commissioner Neelam Sahni highlighted the importance of responsibility among officials. In Bapatla district, elections were previously conducted in 426 out of 459 gram panchayats, while the rest were held up due to court cases. The term of the currently elected local bodies ends on April 1, 2026. Zilla Parishad seats fall under Guntur and Prakasam districts, with Guntur having 862 MPCT seats and 57 ZPTC seats, and Prakasam having 792 MPCT and 57 ZPTC seats. She instructed planning for the upcoming delimitation process. District Revenue Officer G. Gangadhar Goud informed that 50% women's reservation was implemented in previous elections. The district has a total of 12,60,997 voters, including 6,44,171 women and 6,16,826 men.



CM Naidu's P-4 to Empower 15 Lakh Families: Pattipati

TPN | Madhu

Palnadu: TDP MLA and former minister Pattipati Pulla Rao, along with party district president Kommalapati Sridhar, actively participated in the 'Tholi Adugu' (First Step) outreach programme in Ganapavaram village of Nadendla mandal, Palnadu district. As part of the initiative, the leaders inaugurated several development projects and detailed the coalition government's one-year performance to the public. Pattipati emphasized that CM Chandrababu Naidu's leadership is essential for eradicating poverty and ensuring inclusive growth across all communities. He stated that the P-4 scheme launched by the CM was aimed at economically empowering 15 lakh poor families in its initial phase. He appealed to the people to support the alliance for another 15 years to sustain progress. Along with Bhashyam Institutions head Bhashyam Ramakrishna, Pattipati inaugurated donor-supported facilities like a bus shelter and a culvert, followed by the opening of an NTR Sujala Sravanthi clean water plant with Kommalapati Sridhar. Later, both leaders campaigned door-to-door, highlighting the government's development and welfare schemes. Pattipati announced that a ₹34 lakh water filtration project would soon resolve drinking water issues in Ganapavaram. He also declared that the village would be excluded from the municipal limits and reinstated as a gram panchayat based on public demand. An Anna Canteen is also planned in the village. He criticized previous governments for merging villages like Ganapavaram, Manukondavaripalem, and Pasumarru into municipalities solely for exploitation. He blamed a "corrupt former minister" for severe injustices, including neglecting canal desilting. Several party leaders and villagers including Dr. RK Ramakrishna, RTC DM Rambabu, and local TDP activists participated in the programme, reaffirming support for the ongoing development agenda.

"Food Parks, AI Jobs, MSMEs to Drive Eluru's Vision"

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Eluru: In a key meeting on Vision Action Plans for districts and constituencies, Andhra Pradesh Civil Supplies Minister and Eluru District In-charge Minister Nara Nadendla Manohar directed officials to identify 50 to 100 acres of land in each constituency for setting up MSME parks. Held at the Godavari Hall in Eluru Collectorate, the review meeting focused on aligning with the Swarnandhra@2047 mission and achieving an annual 15% growth target. The Minister stressed the need for both short-term and long-term goals in the Vision Action Plans, encouraging coordination among departments to double the district's Gross District Domestic Product (GDDP). Eluru's



proximity to Amaravati and Vijayawada, robust transportation infrastructure, and presence of several engineering and medical colleges make it a prime location for industrial growth. Officials were instructed to provide necessary infrastructure to attract industrialists. The district currently records

a GDDP of Rs 72,314 crore, with 60% from agriculture, 35% from aquaculture, and 19% from horticulture. Emphasis was laid on establishing food processing units, especially using available resources in aqua and agriculture sectors. Expansion of oil palm cultivation under crop diversification was also proposed.

Collector K. Vetriselvi reported 27 food processing units have been set up out of a target of 100. Proposals for a major unit in Nuzvid were submitted. A park in Chintalapudi has been developed, and more will follow. Plans for tourism development around Polavaram, Kolleru, and temple areas, along with proposals for three five-star hotels, were discussed. Public representatives including MP P. Mahesh Kumar, MLAs Chintamaneni Prabhakar, B. Radhakrishna (Chanti), and others raised constituency-specific infrastructure needs. Emphasis was placed on electricity supply, clean drinking water, road connectivity, and promoting employment through AI-based service sector firms.



Chintamohan Slams Bandi Sanjay's Tirumala Remarks

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Tirupati: Former Union Minister and senior Congress leader Chintamohan strongly criticized BJP MP Bandi Sanjay for his recent remarks about non-Hindus working in Tirumala. Chintamohan questioned Sanjay's authority to speak on Tirumala affairs and said that the BJP leader's claim of 1,000 non-Hindu workers on the Tirumala hills was inaccurate. "There are not 1,000 but over 5,000 non-Hindus working on Tirumala. They clean the urine and feces of pilgrims daily. They work for a meager salary of ₹10,000 to ₹12,000 per month," Chintamohan said. He challenged whether the BJP could bring workers from Telangana to take up such jobs and questioned the repeated communal rhetoric from BJP leaders. "While people are dying due to lack of jobs and food, BJP continues to create religious chaos," he added. Chintamohan further alleged that untouchability is still prevalent in Tirumala temple management. He claimed that during the Congress regime, key posts like Pascar and Deputy Executive Officer in TTD were given to Scheduled Castes. "Under the current government, is there a single SC officer in TTD?" he asked. He questioned whether even one SC or OBC person has been allotted a cottage on the hills, despite the presence of hundreds of them. He demanded Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu provide answers and show evidence of the TDP-led government's support for BCs in TTD appointments. Targeting the BJP's economic governance, Chintamohan alleged that ₹1 lakh crore worth of corruption occurred under the NDA regime. He pointed out that ₹14.5 lakh crore in NPAs were waived by the central government, and demanded an investigation into this massive financial wrongdoing. "The BJP constantly talks about 2G and coal scams, but why are they silent on bank loan waivers?" he asked. He dared Bandi Sanjay to speak on this issue if he truly cares about the country.

Andhra OBC Chief Nagaraju Attends Key OBC Meet in Karnataka

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In a significant development aimed at uniting backward communities across the country, Andhra Pradesh Congress OBC Department Chairman Shonti Nagaraju participated in the Delegate OBC Council Action Meeting held in Karnataka. The meeting, which brought together top OBC leaders from across India, focused on forging national unity among OBCs and strategizing on reservation issues. The session was attended by key political figures including Chief Ministers, Deputy Chief Ministers, Ministers, current and former PCC Presidents, and top representatives from the OBC wings of various state Congress units. With growing debates around caste-based reservations and social equity, the conference aimed to initiate a clear roadmap on how much reservation should be allocated to each subgroup within the OBC category, based on their demographic representation and backwardness. Karnataka OBC Commission Chairman and Minister for Education, Bangarayappa, played a leading role in outlining the action plan in coordination with OBC leaders from other states. The gathering underlined the urgency for structured decision-making regarding OBC reservation percentages, caste-wise categorisation, and inclusive representation in public policy. Representing Andhra Pradesh, Shonti Nagaraju made a powerful intervention, advocating strongly for justice to OBC communities. He emphasized the need for unity across state lines to secure equitable rights and representation for all OBC sub-castes. Nagaraju called for data-driven and fair reservation policies that genuinely uplift the most backward and marginalized among the backward classes. Other participants included Karnataka OBC Department Chairpersons, AICC Karnataka OBC In-charge Murali Krishna, District Congress Committee Presidents, and General Secretaries of various OBC departments. Leaders described the meeting as a milestone in fostering inter-state solidarity among OBCs and setting the stage for coordinated action nationwide.



YSRCP Blames TDP MLA Narendra for Dalit Sarpanch Attack

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In a scathing press conference at the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) central office in Tadepalli, Ponnur, in-charge Ambati Murali accused Telugu Desam Party (TDP) MLA Dhulipalla Narendra of orchestrating a brutal assault on Mannava village Sarpanch B Nagamalleswara Rao, a prominent Dalit leader. Murali demanded that Narendra be named the primary accused (A1) in the case, alleging the attack was a politically motivated attempt to destabilize a YSRCP stronghold. Murali condemned efforts to dismiss the assault as a personal dispute, asserting that CCTV footage from Kattempudi junction revealed the truth of the vicious daylight attack. The footage, which has gone viral, shows the severity of the assault that left Nagamalleswara Rao with multiple fractures, a removed spleen, and a severe brain injury. "The government has taken no meaningful action," Murali stated, noting that only a few token arrests were made and that local police initially attempted to suppress evidence. The YSRCP leader highlighted the victim's background, noting that Nagamalleswara Rao hails from a Dalit family that has held key positions in Mannava village for over five decades, consistently defeating TDP candidates. Murali claimed that Dhulipalla Narendra, whose family has contested and lost nine times in the town, was enraged by this electoral dominance and resorted to inciting violence to weaken YSRCP's influence. "This is factional politics aimed at destroying our stronghold," he said. Murali further accused Dhulipalla of a history of involvement in political murders and instigations, questioning why no action has been taken despite clear video evidence.

Pathfinders for the Poor: Collector Lauds Social Responsibility

425 Bangaru Families Adopted under P4 Drive

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In a significant gesture of social commitment, Vijayawada Mahanagar Lions Club and Andhra Motor Merchants Association (AMMA) have stepped forward to adopt 425 underprivileged "Bangaru families" under the innovative P4 initiative launched by the Andhra Pradesh government. District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha appreciated their contribution and urged more individuals and organizations to become "Pathfinders" in this mission to

eliminate poverty. As part of the state's P4 (People–Public–Private–Partnership for Poverty-free Andhra Pradesh) program, 245 families were adopted by the Lions Club and 180 by AMMA. Representatives from both organizations handed over pledge documents to the Collector at the District Collectorate on Tuesday, affirming their support to guide the adopted families toward a better life. The Collector noted that the P4 model is a visionary step inspired by the Hon'ble Chief Minister's dream of a

poverty-free Andhra Pradesh. He highlighted that already 1,500 pathfinders have registered across the state and are actively supporting education, skill development, health, and self-employment for the adopted families. "This mission is unique to Andhra Pradesh, and its success depends on the compassionate involvement of society," Dr. Lakshmisha stated, calling for collective efforts to ensure that NTR district leads in the program's implementation. He emphasized that those



who received so much from society should give back by uplifting at least one family in need. Among the dignitaries present were Lions Club former gover-

nor Vakkalagadda Bhaskar Rao, Zone Chairperson NV Gupta, Secretary L. Nagabharajee, past presidents I. Lakshmana Rao, Kandula Nageswara Rao, and

from AMMA, President Garapati Satish Kumar, Secretary Sun-kara Chandrasekhar, Vice Presidents Donepudi Durgaprasad and GV Subbarao.

Cashless Healthcare Still a Distant Dream: AP JAC

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Amaravati: The Andhra Pradesh Joint Action Committee (AP JAC) Amaravati has strongly criticized the poor implementation of the Employees Health Scheme (EHS), claiming that although the scheme was launched in 2013 to provide quality, cashless healthcare to government employees and their families, it remains largely ineffective. AP JAC State Chairman Bopparaju and General Secretary Paliseti Damodhar Rao expressed deep concern that both serving and retired employees are not receiving proper treatment, and the scheme has failed to deliver on its promises.

Speaking at a meeting held at the NTR Aarogyasri Trust office in Mangalagiri on Tuesday, they highlighted that delays in paying dues to network hospitals and lack of annual revision of treatment package rates as per the Consumer Price Index have led to hospitals refusing proper care. As a result, employees are being forced to pay out of their own pockets, pushing many into debt. Even reimbursements are inadequate and delayed, with employees often receiving only 30% of the claimed amount after months of waiting. The AP JAC leaders demanded that the government take immediate corrective action. They called for



EHS Managing Committee meetings to be held every three months at both state and district levels. They insisted that retired employees must be allowed to submit medical bills online like regular employees. Employees retired under the CPS scheme should also be covered under EHS, they added. They urged the government to increase the medical reimbursement limit from ₹2 lakh to ₹5 lakh and provide free outpatient and diagnostic services at all network hospitals. Special packages must be introduced for the top ten high-cost medical procedures and trauma cases. For complex treatments like orthopedic surgeries and multi-fracture cases, Ayushman Bharat guidelines should be followed to ensure quality care. They also requested that district-level authorities be empowered to ap-

prove reimbursement claims up to ₹1 lakh. This move would reduce the burden on the Aarogyasri Trust office and expedite reimbursements for employees. The Trust CEO assured the union leaders that all concerns raised would be addressed. He also promised to take steps for convening the EHS Steering Committee meeting under the guidance of the Chief Secretary at the earliest. The meeting was attended by representatives from affiliated employee unions of AP JAC, including leaders from RTC, retired employees' associations, Class-IV staff, drivers' unions, and the municipal employees association. All leaders emphasized the urgent need to streamline and strengthen the EHS for the benefit of over 13 lakh government employees and their families across Andhra Pradesh.

Durga Temple Witnesses Grand Sare Offering by MP's Wife

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As part of Ashada Masotsavam celebrations, Janaki Lakshmi, wife of Vijayawada MP Keshineni Sivanath (Chinni), offered sare (sacred offerings) to Goddess Kanaka Durga on Tuesday. She was accompanied by members of the Telugu Mahila wing from the TDP West constituency. Starting from the MP's camp office, Janaki Lakshmi, along with nearly 300 women, participated in a grand procession that passed through Panja Center and Brahmin Street before reaching the temple atop Indrakeeladri. Temple authorities welcomed the group with official honours and facilitated darshan of the presiding deity. The offerings included turmeric, vermilion, flowers, fruits, silk sarees, sweets, and traditional chalimidi. Janaki Lakshmi performed special pujas and received blessings from Vedic priests. The sare was then ceremonially shown to the deity and handed over to temple priests at the Mallikarjuna Maha Mandapam. She later distributed chalimidi prasadam to all accompanying devotees. Speaking on the occasion, she said that, like every year, she was delighted to offer the sare to the Goddess along with Telugu Mahila members. She prayed for peace, prosperity, and well-being of the people under the leadership of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu. Those present included Telugu Mahila state and district leaders such as Sheikh Asha, Sukhaasi Saritha, Sheikh Meerabi, Achanta Sunitha, Chennupati Usharani, Madhavi, Banka Nagamani, Budala Nandakumari, Koppula Aruna, and other active members of the party's women's wing.



Charan Tej Selected for National-Level Bocce Games



TPN | B Madhusudhanarao

Mangalagiri: Uddanti Charan Tej, a student from PMAY NTR Nagar TIDCO Colony in Mangalagiri, has been selected for the upcoming national-level Bocce Games to be held later this month in Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh. Charan Tej, who was born with a speech disability, is currently studying in Class 8 at Zilla Parishad High School, Chinakani, under the Mangalagiri-Tadepalli Municipal Corporation limits. Charan earned this opportunity by securing the second position in the recently held state-level Bocce Games at Thotapalli village in Agiripalli mandal, Eluru district. Coming from a financially weak background, Charan's journey is inspiring. In support of his participation, former Market Yard Vice-Chairman and TDP leader Manne Ramesh extended financial assistance of ₹10,000 to Charan. The amount was handed over during a brief ceremony held at the TDP office in Dr. MSS Bhavan, Mangalagiri, on Tuesday. Ramesh stated that he was motivated by the ideals of Minister for IT and Education, Nara Lokesh, to support young talent in need. Several TDP leaders were present at the event and praised Charan Tej's determination. They also wished him success at the national-level games and assured continued support for such talented students.

Water Resources Minister Pays Tribute to Irrigation Visionary Dr. K.L. Rao

TPN | VVS Madhu Babu

Vijayawada: Water Resources Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu paid rich tributes to renowned engineer Dr. K.L. Rao on the occasion of his 124th birth anniversary. The Minister garlanded Dr. Rao's statue at the Irrigation Model Guest House near Durga Ghat in Vijayawada and participated in the memorial ceremony. Speaking on the occasion, the Minister said Dr. K.L. Rao's contributions to the irrigation sector in India remain unforgettable. He recalled that Dr. Rao played a pivotal role in designing and conceptualizing iconic multi-purpose projects such as Hirakud, Srisailem, and Nagarjuna Sagar. "He was a visionary who proposed the interlinking of rivers nearly 50 years ago for national water security," Ramanaidu noted. Drawing a connection to Andhra Pradesh's current efforts, the Minister emphasized that Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu is working in the same visionary spirit to link rivers and make the state drought-free and agriculturally prosperous. "The CM is determined to manage every drop of water



efficiently and ensure it reaches the last acre and every farmer," he said. Minister Ramanaidu added that despite previous setbacks, the coalition government is committed to completing the Polavaram project. "We will harness Godavari floodwaters and redirect them to benefit the people of North Andhra and Rayalaseema," he declared. He concluded by stating that the government's focus is not just on building projects, but also on honoring the legacy of pioneers like Dr. K.L. Rao by ensuring sustainable water resource management for future generations.

Land Allotted for Amarajeevi Potti Sreeramulu Memorial

TPN | V V S Madhu Babu

Amaravati: In a significant move honoring freedom fighter Amarajeevi Potti Sreeramulu, the Andhra Pradesh government has allotted 6.8 acres of land for a memorial park in Amaravati. As per the promise made by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, the CRDA allocated the land within the Shakamuru Urban Park premises. Minister for Municipal Administration P. Naraya-



na formally handed over the land allotment documents to Dundi Rakesh, Chairman of the Amarajeevi Potti Sreeramulu Memorial Trust. The trust plans to install a 58-foot tall statue of Sreeramulu and develop a full-

fledged "Smruthi Vanam" (memorial park) at the site. Minister Narayana has advised the trust to complete the memorial by March 2026. Speaking on the occasion, Rakesh said that the land allotment was a proud moment for the people of Andhra Pradesh and expressed gratitude to the government. He added that the memorial will soon become a major tourist and cultural destination.

Applications Invited for Fishing Training Program at Badampudi

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

The Department of Fisheries has invited applications for a three-month training program in inland fisheries, scheduled from August 1 to October 31, 2025. The training will be conducted at the Inland Fisheries Training Centre, Badampudi, Unguturu Mandal, Eluru district. District Fisheries Officer B. Narasayya announced that interested candidates must apply by July 25, 2025. Applications should include the applicant's name, address, date of birth, educational qualifications, and any relevant experience. They must be addressed to the Assistant Director of Fisheries, Badampudi. Eligible candidates include fishermen, youth, members of fishing cooperative societies, individuals interested in fish farming, and those from Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in coastal districts of Andhra Pradesh. There are 20 seats available, and no stipend will be provided. Interviews will be held on July 29 at 11:00 AM at the office of the Assistant Director

of Fisheries in Badampudi. The final list of selected candidates will be displayed on the notice board at 4:00 PM the same day. The training will include both theoretical and practical sessions on inland fish farming and reservoir-based fisheries. Certificates will be awarded to candidates who successfully pass the final examination. Applicants should be aged between 18 and 30 years. However, age relaxation may be considered by the selection committee. Preference will be given to those who have studied at least up to 5th grade and can read and write in Telugu. Interested candidates must submit a handwritten or typed bio-data along with experience certificates, if any. Application forms are available at the District Fisheries Office, Eluru, and at the Assistant Director's office in Badampudi. Candidates must bring original certificates during the interview. For more information, contact: 9573337484, 7286993033, 9492337469 during office hours.

Tourism Minister Kandula Focuses on Beautification of Rushikonda Beach

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Amaravathi

The Minister for Tourism, Culture, and Cinematography, Kandula Durgesh, has initiated a focused drive to enhance the beautification and sustainability of Rushikonda Beach in Visakhapatnam, which is among the eight beaches in India to have received the prestigious Blue Flag certification. With increasing tourist interest and international attention, the Minister is ensuring that the beach maintains the environmental and safety standards required to retain this recognition. To preserve the Blue Flag status, Minister Durgesh has been personally overseeing efforts to ensure cleanliness, environmental safety, traffic and solid waste management, and infrastructure development at Rushikonda Beach. He has



instructed local authorities to prevent sewage discharge into the sea and conduct regular waste collection to maintain hygiene. The Minister has also addressed misinformation being circulated on social media regarding the beach's cleanliness, reaffirming that strong measures are in place to uphold its environmental standards. A Joint Action Committee has

been constituted to oversee the beach's upkeep, comprising officials from key departments including the Regional Director of Tourism, GVMC Chief Engineer, AP Pollution Control Board Executive Engineer, scientists from the National Institute of Oceanography, GVMC Zonal Commissioners, Rural Water Supply officials, and private partners. This commit-

tee is tasked with identifying challenges and implementing actionable solutions for waste management and beach conservation through inter-departmental collaboration. In addition to environmental upkeep, the Minister is pushing for eco-friendly tourism and infrastructure upgrades to improve the visitor experience. Steps are being taken to develop tourism circuits to increase footfall across Andhra Pradesh. Special Principal Secretary Ajay Jain and Tourism MD Amrapali Kata are guiding local tourism officials to align with the state's development goals. The government also invites stakeholders and the public to contribute constructive suggestions to further promote tourism and support the state's economic growth.

Tirumala Institutions Make Global Mark with Thousands of Successful Students

TPN | Ch Raju

East Godavari: Tirumala Educational Institutions, located near Rajamahendravaram in East Godavari district, have become a symbol of academic excellence, producing thousands of successful students across India and abroad. From Kashmir to Kanyakumari and Gujarat to Nagaland, Tirumala students have secured over 7,000 admissions in prestigious institutes like IITs, NITs, IIITs, and BITS. Just in the last two years, they secured 1126 IIT seats, 2301 in NITs and IIITs, and 95 in BITS—an unparalleled achievement for a single institution. The reach of Tirumala doesn't stop at India's borders. Over 700 alumni now hold high-profile jobs across countries including the USA and Australia. Hundreds are also pursuing higher education in globally reput-

ed universities, reflecting the global trust in Tirumala's academic standards. What sets Tirumala apart is its commitment to quality. Headed by N.T.R. Tirumala Rao, the institution follows strict discipline, prohibits alcohol use among staff, and conducts student admissions based solely on merit, often rejecting political or elite recommendations. Teachers here are respected and even provided a gym for their well-being. Tirumala also emphasizes character and personal development. Every student's academic progress and behavior are closely monitored. Parents express deep trust in the institution, stating that enrolling their child is equivalent to securing their future. Rao personally mentors students when needed and ensures no student strays from the path of discipline.

Collector Inspects Nidadavolu ROB, Orders Measures to Protect Crops



TPN | Trinadh Rao Garaga

Nidadavolu: In response to appeals from farmers in Daravaram village, District Collector P. Prasanthi conducted a field inspection of the ongoing Nidadavolu Rail Over Bridge (ROB) construction works on Tuesday. She was accompanied

by officials from the Revenue, Roads & Buildings (R&B), and Irrigation departments. During the visit, the Collector emphasized the need to speed up the bridge construction while ensuring that no farmland in Daravaram gets submerged. She directed the

expert committee to conduct a thorough field-level survey and submit a detailed report recommending practical solutions to address farmers' concerns. The Collector acknowledged the apprehensions of farmers that the construction might lead to flooding of agricultural fields. She stressed the importance of implementing preventive measures to avoid any such outcome. She instructed officials to study land gradients and identify flood-prone areas, especially in light of the nearby Erra Kaluva, and to submit suggestions to develop a future action plan accordingly. She added that technical experts, along with the RDO,

railway engineers, irrigation SE, and agricultural officials, should reassess the site conditions and propose feasible solutions. The goal, she said, is to balance development with farmer welfare. Collector Prasanthi made it clear that while the ROB project is crucial for regional development, protecting the interests of local farmers remains a top priority. Officials who accompanied the Collector during the inspection included Kovvur RDO Rani Susmitha, District Agriculture Officer S. Madhavarao, R&B EE Roop Kumar, DE B. Venkata Ramana, Nidadavolu Tahsildar B. Nagaraju Naik, and Chagallu Tahsildar M. Merikamma.



Collector Anand Urges Farmers to Focus on Alternate Crops

TPN | Seshu

Nellore: Nellore District Collector O. Anand extensively toured Alluru Mandal under Kavali Division on Tuesday. He first visited the canal desilting works at Nagula Devi Gunta in Alluru-2 under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS). Interacting with farmers and workers, he inquired about workdays completed, wages received, and whether they were involved in any other employment. He advised those without Aadhaar cards to obtain them immediately to access government welfare schemes. Later, the Collector visited the tailoring training center at RK Degree College, run under skill development programs, and gave useful suggestions to the trainees. He also inspected the Divakar Reddy Housing Layout spread over 12 acres, directing officials to speed up construction and ensure beneficiaries move in soon. Locals informed him that water connections were yet to be provided, preventing occupancy.

Responding swiftly, the Collector ordered officials to ensure water facilities immediately. In a surprise visit to the BC Welfare Hostel, the Collector reviewed arrangements, including toilets and food quality. He shared a mid-day meal with students and directed the Mandal Development Officer Rajinikanth to resolve issues arising from wastewater discharge from toilets. Speaking to the media, he highlighted desilting of canals under NREGS in delta areas and urged farmers to consider alternative crops instead of relying solely on paddy. He emphasized promoting greenery along canals by planting trees and said women receiving tailoring training would be linked to banks and self-help groups for financial support. He assured marketing facilities would also be arranged. He noted 95% admissions have been completed in welfare hostels and instructed efforts to ensure full occupancy. He appreciated the quality of food in BC hostels.



Kapu JAC Submits Charter of Demands to Left Parties

Reservation, Welfare Top Kapu JAC's 9 Resolutions

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The Kapu Joint Action Committee (JAC) of Andhra Pradesh, under the leadership of its State President Chandu Janardhan, has intensified its efforts to secure BC reservations and address other long-standing issues faced by the Kapu community. At a meeting held at the Vijayawada Press Club, the Kapu JAC passed nine key resolutions. Following the meeting, a delegation of JAC leaders submitted petitions detailing these demands to the state offices of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) and the Communist Party of India. The Kapu JAC delegation

handed over the memorandum to CPM State Office Secretary and State Committee Member J. Jayaram and later met CPI State Secretary K. Ramakrishna at the party's state office in Vijayawada. Both leaders responded positively and assured the JAC representatives that their demands would be considered seriously and discussed further. The nine resolutions passed by the Kapu JAC include a demand for special BC reservation for the Kapu, Telaga, Balija, and Ontari communities. The JAC also called for strict measures to prevent recurring attacks against members of the Kapu community across the state.

One of the cultural demands made was to rename Krishna district after the late Kapu leader Vangaveeti Mohana Ranga. Further demands included the allocation of ₹3,000 crore annually to the Kapu Corporation, completion of promised Kapu Bhavan buildings on two-acre sites, and the appointment of Kapus to political and nominated positions as per commitments made by the coalition government. The JAC also urged the government to assign key postings in police and revenue departments to Kapu employees and address cases of alleged workplace discrimination. In a significant inclusion, the



JAC requested focused efforts to resolve the issues faced by Munnuru Kapu families from the seven mandals that were merged from Telangana into Andhra Pradesh during state bifurcation. The Kapu JAC delegation included members Jonna Rajesh, Dasari Durga Malleshwar Rao, Veerishetty Venkateswara Rao, Naveen, Hari, and others who actively participated in submitting the petitions to the respective party offices.

Gandi Babji Leads Good Governance Drive in Gorlivanipalem

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Anakapalli

As part of the Telugu Desam Party's "First Step of Good Governance" initiative, former MLA and State Oil Federation Chairman Gandhi Babji took part in an outreach program at Gorlivanipalem village in Sabbavaram mandal, Pendurthi constituency. Serving as the chief guest, Gandhi Babji went door-to-door meeting villagers, listening to their concerns, and explaining the range of welfare schemes currently being

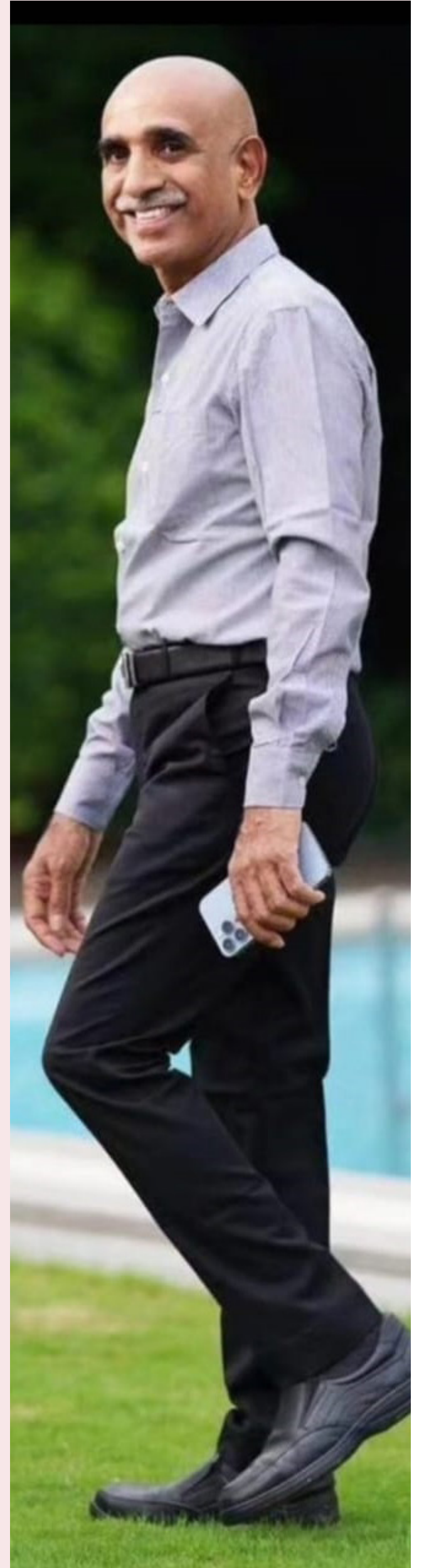
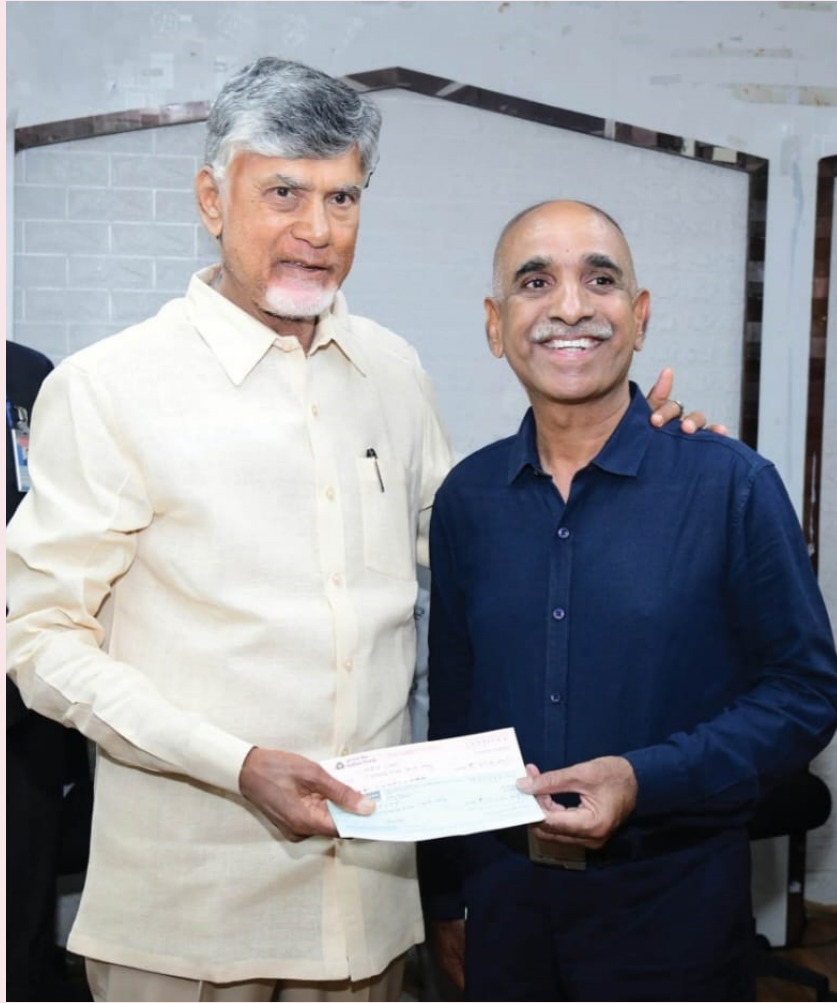
implemented by the government. During these interactions, the residents expressed satisfaction with the government's initiatives and said that most households were receiving welfare benefits without discrimination. The program witnessed active participation from Pendurthi constituency observer Korada Rajababu, Mandal TDP President Gandhi Mutyalu Naidu, Mandal Telugu Yuvatha President Balireddy Apparao, MPTC member Gorli Chaitanya, village TDP



President Gandhi Deva Babu, along with several mandal-level leaders, custodian in-charges, booth in-charges, and party workers.

The event reflected the party's commitment to grassroots engagement and public accountability in its pursuit of good governance.

At Forefront of Academic Excellence, Tirumala shapes into a University



TPN | Ch. Sri

From the tranquil banks of the Godavari at Katheru near Rajamahendravaram, a silent revolution in Indian education has taken root, Tirumala Educational Institutions. Known for blending discipline, academic excellence, and spiritual values, Tirumala has not just produced toppers but built futures. Now poised to transition into Tirumala University, it stands on the brink of redefining holistic education in India.

National Footprint with Global Reach

Across all 28 states of India, from Kashmir to Kanyakumari, Gujarat to Nagaland, Mizoram to Meghalaya, over 4,000 Tirumala students are currently studying in top national institutions like IITs, NITs, IIITs, and BITS

Pilani. Within just two years, 1,126 seats in IITs, 2,301 in NITs, 380 in IIITs, and 95 in BITS were secured by Tirumala students. Add the current academic year's admissions, and the total soars close to 7,000, a feat no other single institution in India has matched.

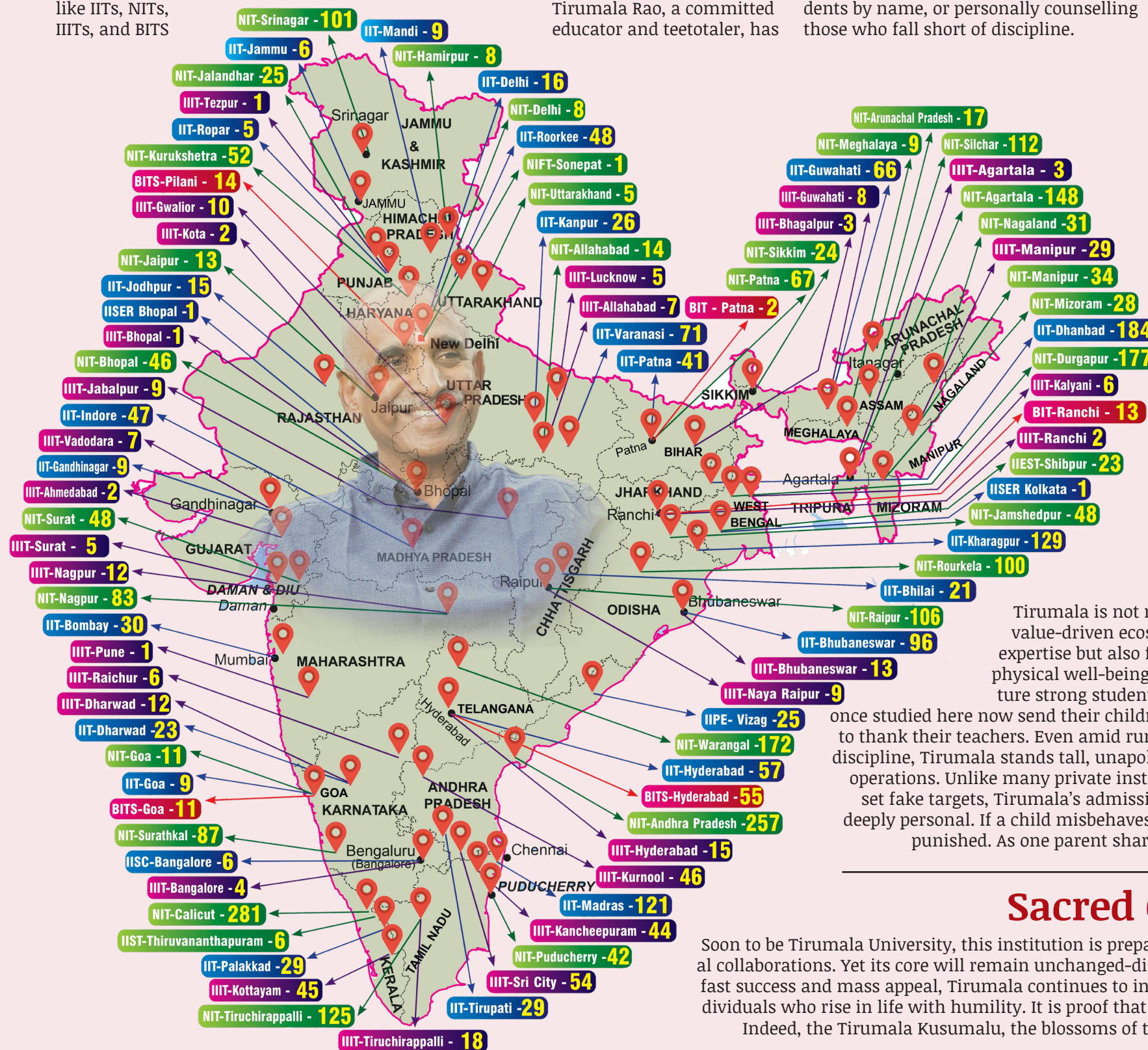
Equally striking is Tirumala's global footprint, over 700 alumni now work in elite tech companies and research institutions across the United States, Australia, and Europe. These success stories reinforce Tirumala's growing status not just as a leading Indian institution, but one with global recognition.

Spiritual Foundations and Uncompromised Merit

Named after the sacred Tirumala hills, the institution reflects deep spiritual values. Founder Tirumala Rao, a committed educator and teetotaler, has

infused the system with purpose, sincerity, and discipline. Campus buildings are named after the seven hills of Tirupati, offering students not just a place to study, but a sanctuary of values.

Admissions at Tirumala are strictly merit-based. Despite overwhelming demand and recommendations from influential individuals, the institution refuses to entertain backdoor entries. Every student must undergo rigorous testing before securing a seat. Parents proudly call this process as competitive as IIT entrance itself. The school's strict academic schedule, often criticised, is embraced by parents who believe it moulds their children into focused and determined individuals. Students are monitored constantly, not just for academics, but for behaviour and attitude. It's not rare to see Tirumala Rao himself taking classes, remembering students by name, or personally counselling those who fall short of discipline.



Vision Rooted in Values

Tirumala is not merely an educational factory churning out rankers. It's a value-driven ecosystem. Faculty members are selected not only for subject expertise but also for their moral integrity. A gym for teachers ensures their physical well-being because, as Tirumala Rao believes, healthy teachers nurture strong students. The model has inspired trust so deep that parents who now send their children, and alumni from the UK, US, or Singapore return just to study. Even amid rumours and criticism from rival institutions about its rigidity, Tirumala stands tall, unapologetically focused, deeply committed, and transparent in a way that many private institutions that force staff into door-to-door admissions and aggressive marketing cannot. At Tirumala, admissions are earned, not sold. The connection with students is so strong that if a child misbehaves, the parents are called in, and the child is mentored, not punished. As one parent shared, "Once you join Tirumala, your family joins Tirumala."

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Sacred Campus to Global Vision

Soon to be Tirumala University, this institution is preparing to host research hubs, innovation centres, and global collaborations. Yet its core will remain unchanged-discipline, spirituality, and meritocracy. In a world chasing fast success and mass appeal, Tirumala continues to invest in character. Its story is not just of rankers but of individuals who rise in life with humility. It is proof that when vision meets values, miracles become measurable. Indeed, the Tirumala Kusumalu, the blossoms of this sacred campus, are now flourishing across the world.

India Hits 50% Non-Fossil Fuel Power Capacity Five Years Early; PM Modi Calls it a Green Milestone



TPN | Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday hailed India's achievement of generating 50% of its power from non-fossil fuel sources, calling it a clear demonstration of the country's commitment to a green and sustainable future.

Taking to social media platform X, PM Modi wrote, "This illustrates India's commitment and efforts towards building a green and sustainable future." The achievement was announced by Union New and Renewable Energy Minister Pralhad Joshi, who revealed that India now has 242.8 GW of non-fossil fuel

power generation capacity—including solar, wind, hydro, and nuclear—out of a total installed capacity of 484.8 GW. This milestone has been reached five years ahead of India's original 2030 target, marking a major step forward in India's clean energy journey. The target was part of the country's commitments

under the Paris Climate Agreement and reaffirmed at international climate forums including COP26 in Glasgow and COP28 in Dubai. The rapid scale-up is seen as a response to both climate imperatives and growing domestic energy demand. India has made significant investments in solar parks, wind energy corridors, green hydrogen, and battery storage systems over the past decade. Experts say this milestone not only boosts India's global climate credibility but also positions it as a leader among developing nations in the transition away from fossil fuels. The development assumes even more importance as India continues to urbanize and industrialize at a fast pace, placing immense pressure on energy systems. Government officials confirmed that efforts are now underway to increase the share of renewables further, aiming for 65% non-fossil capacity by 2035. India is currently the third-largest renewable energy producer globally.



Axiom-4 Mission: Indian Astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla Returns Safely to Earth with Crew

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 fast-tracked. He further accused the state government of targeting tribals to clear land for corporate interests, linking the violence to systemic displacement. "Even BJP leaders are not safe. This is Nitish Kumar's Bihar," Bhuria said.

Execution Deferred: Kerala Nurse Nimisha Priya Gets Temporary Relief in Yemen

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

In a dramatic turn of events just 24 hours before her scheduled execution, Nimisha Priya, the Kerala nurse on death row in Yemen, has received a temporary reprieve. Her execution has been postponed following intense behind-the-scenes negotiations aimed at securing a settlement with the family of the Yemeni man she was convicted of killing in 2017.

Currently detained in Sanaa, the Houthi-controlled capital of Yemen, Ms. Priya remains under threat of execution, though today's development offers a brief window of hope. India, which does not maintain diplomatic ties with the Houthi regime, has had limited avenues for direct intervention.

According to sources, the murdered man's family has agreed to delay the execution by at least one day, though this does not guarantee her release or deportation. The Indian government has emphasized that it has exhausted all diplomatic and legal options and suggested that securing the victim's family's acceptance of 'blood money' may be the final possible route to saving Ms. Priya's life. The practice of 'blood money' — financial compensation offered to the victim's family — is recognized under Islamic law. If accepted, it can lead to a pardon, halting the execution. However, the family holds the sole authority to accept or reject the offer.

Ms. Priya, who moved to Yemen in 2008 for better job prospects, reportedly killed her business partner Talal Abdul Mehdi after enduring prolonged harassment. She claimed to have injected him with a sedative in an attempt to retrieve her confiscated passport and escape the country. Unfortunately, Mehdi died, and she was arrested and later sentenced to death. With time running out, activists and Indian officials continue to engage in a desperate attempt to reach a settlement that could save her life.



Jaishankar Meets President Xi Jinping, Discusses India-China Bilateral Developments at SCO Meet

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

In a significant diplomatic engagement, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar met Chinese President Xi Jinping in Beijing on Tuesday, alongside his counterparts from other Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) member nations. The meeting marks Jaishankar's first visit to China since the sharp deterioration in India-China ties following the Galwan Valley clashes in June 2020. Jaishankar, who arrived in Beijing on July 14 for a two-day visit to attend the SCO Foreign Ministers' conclave, emphasized the importance of dialogue and conveyed greetings from Indian President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "Called on President Xi Jinping this morning in Beijing along with my fellow SCO Foreign Ministers," Jaishankar shared on so-



cial media platform X (formerly Twitter). "Conveyed the greetings of President Droupadi Murmu & Prime Minister @narendramodi. Apprised President Xi of the recent development of our bilater-

al ties. Value the guidance of our leaders in that regard." The meeting is viewed as a key moment in efforts to stabilize and potentially improve strained relations between the two Asian

giants. While border tensions and military disengagements have dominated recent years, both sides have been cautiously exploring avenues to reset ties through diplomatic and multilateral platforms such as the SCO. Observers note that the timing of the meeting is crucial, as global strategic alignments continue to evolve and regional security remains a shared concern among SCO nations. The inclusion of bilateral updates in the discussion with President Xi underscores India's desire to keep lines of communication open with China, while asserting its own strategic priorities. The SCO summit is expected to focus on regional connectivity, counterterrorism, and economic cooperation, providing a broader platform for India and China to find common ground amidst ongoing differences.

Yakten Becomes India's First 'Digital Nomad Village' Under Sikkim's Bold New Initiative

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Yakten, a remote village nestled in the scenic foothills of the Eastern Himalayas in Sikkim's Pakyong district, was officially declared India's first 'Digital Nomad Village' on Monday under the state government's ambitious 'Nomad Sikkim' initiative. Once relatively isolated due to poor infrastructure, Yakten has now been transformed into a haven for remote workers, offering high-speed internet, backup connectivity, uninterrupted power supply through inverters, and eight fully equipped, work-friendly homestays. The initiative is a joint effort between the Pakyong district administration and the NGO Sarvahitey, aiming to blend technology with sustainable rural development. "We've ensured both primary and backup internet connections, knowing that landslides and rainfall can damage fibre optics in hilly terrain," said Prem Prakash, CEO of Nomad Sikkim. "We even have generators backing up internet links. This model, if successful, can be replicated



across the northeast." According to Pakyong District Collector Agawane Rohan Ramesh, the village also features reliable local transport tie-ups to guarantee smooth accessibility for visitors, adding to its appeal as a working getaway. But the project is more than just a digital escape. It's a strategic

move to boost the local economy. By extending the tourist season into a year-round revenue stream for homestay owners, it aligns with Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang's vision of 'One Family, One Entrepreneur.' Many homestay owners previously relied on loans to survive during off-seasons—this project seeks to

change that. "Yakten is now equipped to meet the expectations of digital nomads who want productivity and peace in equal measure," said the collector. The 'Nomad Sikkim' initiative offers a promising new model for sustainable tourism and economic resilience in the northeastern region.

Trump Issues 50-Day Ultimatum to Russia: End Ukraine War or Face 100% Tariffs

TPN Correspondent | Washington

In a dramatic shift from his earlier attempts at diplomacy, U.S. President Donald Trump has warned Russia to end its war in Ukraine within 50 days or face sweeping 100% tariffs. Speaking at the Oval Office alongside NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte, Trump said his administration had lost patience with Vladimir Putin's continued aggression.

"We're going to be doing very severe tariffs if we don't have a deal in 50 days," Trump stated, adding that these would include "secondary tariffs" aimed at countries continuing to trade with Russia. China, India, Turkey, and Belarus — Russia's key trade partners — could all be affected.

The announcement comes alongside a major NATO arms deal in which the alliance will purchase billions of dollars' worth of U.S. weaponry — including Patriot missile systems —

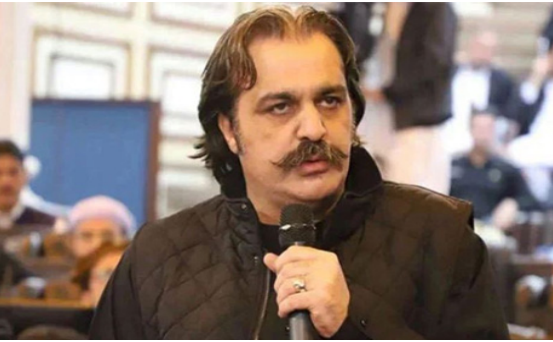


for immediate delivery to Ukraine. Nations such as Germany, Canada, Sweden, and the UK are backing the

deal financially. NATO chief Mark Rutte called the move "really big," emphasizing that

it addresses long-standing U.S. concerns over unequal defense contributions from European allies. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy expressed gratitude for the support following a recent call with Trump. However, criticism has emerged over the 50-day deadline. EU foreign policy chief Kaja Kallas called it "too long," highlighting continued Russian strikes on Ukrainian civilians. German Chancellor Friedrich Merz pledged strong support for the new arms package. Trump acknowledged that First Lady Melania Trump played a role in changing his stance. "I tell her I had a good call with Putin, and she says, 'Oh really? Another city was just hit,'" Trump said. Despite Russia's ongoing territorial advances in Donetsk and Zaporizhzhia, Ukraine remains defiant. A frontline soldier, call sign "Grizzly," welcomed the defense boost, saying, "Better late than never."

Mounting Public Discontent in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa as Survey Highlights Governance Failures



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Public dissatisfaction in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) is surging just months into Chief Minister Ali Amin Gandapur's tenure, as revealed by a Gallup Pakistan survey reported by Geo News. The province-wide poll, conducted between February and March 2025 with 3,000 respondents, paints a troubling picture of governance, basic service delivery, and economic prospects.

A staggering 74% of those surveyed reported no access to clean drinking water or education, while 63% said they lacked access to healthcare. The situation in southern and rural KP is particularly dire—66% are without gas and nearly half face irregular electricity supplies. Infrastructure development also appears stalled, with many residents noting a lack of new projects since the 2024 elections. Alarming, 49% of PTI voters admitted they had seen no visible development in their areas.

Corruption is another major concern, with more than half of respondents alleging misuse of development funds. A significant 71% support investigations into corruption—an opinion that spans even among PTI supporters. Additionally, 48% believe corruption in government departments has worsened since the new administration took office.

Economic conditions are equally bleak. Unemployment was flagged by 59% of respondents, while 67% cited a lack of opportunities. Public awareness of government-led economic initiatives is low, and 73% believe employment is determined by favoritism rather than merit.

Security presents a mixed picture. While 58% of residents expressed satisfaction, 57%—particularly in southern KP—remain concerned about terrorism. Trust in the formal justice system is low, with 84% of those familiar with jirgas preferring traditional dispute resolution mechanisms.

One exception is the Sehat Card health initiative, which garnered an 83% approval rating. Still, only 38% believe CM Gandapur is outperforming previous leaders, while 47% said they would prefer former PM Imran Khan in his place.

The KP government has rejected the findings, with CM's Adviser on Information Barister Muhammad Ali Saif calling the survey politically motivated and biased.

Israeli Ultra-Orthodox Party Quits Netanyahu's Government:Whats At Stake?

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In a major blow to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, the ultra-Orthodox United Torah Judaism (UTJ) party has quit his ruling coalition over a long-simmering dispute surrounding mandatory military conscription for religious communities. This move reduces Netanyahu's fragile coalition to a razor-thin one-seat majority in the 120-member Knesset, placing his government on the brink of collapse.

While Netanyahu's administration has not officially fallen yet, the resignation of UTJ ministers—effective 48 hours after their letters are submitted—has triggered political alarm. The situation could spiral further if Shas, another ultra-Orthodox party aligned closely with UTJ, also withdraws its support. Such a development would rob Netanyahu of his parliamentary majority, severely hampering his ability to govern.



Despite the crisis, Netanyahu has a temporary lifeline. Parliament goes into summer recess at the end of July, giving him up to three months to broker a compromise or stabilize his coalition. Historically adept at political survival, Netanyahu may once again defy the odds. Israel's coalition governments are often volatile, as no single party has ever held an outright majority. Instead, prime ministers rely on

fragile alliances spanning diverse ideological and religious lines. With 13 factions currently in the Knesset, forming or maintaining a majority coalition has always required balancing competing interests. While an immediate election is unlikely, political analysts suggest one could be brought forward to early 2026 or even sooner, especially if a budget fails to pass or the Knesset dissolves itself.

The broader implications remain uncertain, particularly regarding the ongoing war in Gaza. US-backed ceasefire talks are in progress, and Israeli public opinion increasingly favors a deal to end hostilities and secure the release of hostages. However, Netanyahu must navigate resistance from his far-right allies, including the Jewish Power and Religious Zionism parties, who oppose a ceasefire.

"Tough Guy, Fooled A Lot Of People": Trump Blasts Putin As Ukraine War Intensifies

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Donald Trump's once-celebrated admiration for Russian President Vladimir Putin is facing a dramatic reckoning. A decade after rising to political prominence while praising Putin as a "strong leader," Trump now appears frustrated and disillusioned as the Ukraine war drags on despite his past efforts to broker peace.

In a surprising move, Trump announced new arms shipments to Ukraine via Europe and issued tariff threats against Russia, signaling a rare hardline stance. Speaking about his conversations with Putin, Trump said, "I go home, I tell the first lady, 'I spoke to Vladimir today, we had a wonderful conversation.' She says, 'Oh really? Another city was just hit.'"

Though Trump stopped short of calling Putin an "assassin," he admitted, "He's fooled a lot of people." Still, he was quick to blame the 2022 invasion on his predecessor, President Joe Biden, and emphasized that he personally had not been deceived.

Trump threatened to impose 100% tariffs on countries trading with Russia within 50 days unless Putin changed course. However, he has yet to back a congressional bill proposing up to 500% tariffs. Trade between the U.S. and Russia has already dwindled.



Critics argue that Trump's tariff threats are a sign of frustration more than a strategic shift. Heather Conley of the American Enterprise Institute noted, "Trump promised he could bring Putin to the negotiating table and has failed." Trump's credibility took a hit when he criticized Ukrainian President Zelenskyy at a February White House meeting and briefly delayed military aid. Senator Lindsey Graham, a staunch Trump supporter, acknowledged that Putin had misjudged Trump's resolve.

Putin, meanwhile, remains fully committed to his military campaign, believing he can outlast both Ukraine and the West. Observers say this conflict may only end when Russia feels unbearable economic or military pressure.

U.K. Launched Secret Relocation Scheme for Afghans After Data Breach Exposed Thousands

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The British government quietly launched a large-scale and costly scheme to relocate thousands of Afghans to the United Kingdom after a massive data breach exposed sensitive personal information, placing them at risk of Taliban reprisals. Documents revealed on Tuesday show that the breach, caused by a soldier's accidental release of a dataset, compromised the identities of more than 33,000 individuals who had aided British forces during the Afghanistan war.

The breach, which went undetected for over a year, occurred in early 2022 and was only discovered in August 2023 when portions of the leaked data appeared on Facebook. In response, the then-Conservative government secured a superinjunction to suppress public knowledge of the incident, citing national security and the safety of those affected.

According to a newly published High Court ruling from May 2024, about 20,000 Afghans may require relocation to the U.K., a move estimated to cost several billion pounds. The current Defence Minister, John Healey, confirmed that approximately 4,500 individuals are already in the U.K. or in transit, with the cost of that relocation phase alone nearing £400 million.

A Ministry of Defence-commissioned review released Tuesday confirmed that over 16,000 people impacted by the breach had been relocated as of May 2025. The relocation efforts and resulting lawsuits are expected to impose further financial and logistical burdens on the



government. The superinjunction was lifted after the newly elected Labour government, led by Prime Minister Keir Starmer, launched a review into the breach and its aftermath. While the Taliban remains a threat, the review found limited evidence of a widespread retribution campaign targeting individuals named in the leaked documents. The incident has prompted renewed scrutiny of data security protocols and the handling of sensitive refugee cases.

Markets Rebound Sharply After Four-Day Slide; Nifty Ends Above 25,200



Four consecutive sessions of losses have come to an end. Domestic stock markets closed on Tuesday. Benchmark indices including the broadest closed with huge gains. This is due to the depreciation of the dollar, strengthening of the rupee, RBI Governor Malhotra's signals that there is a possibility of a cut in interest rates, and investors investing in shares of various sectors. In fact, the markets started flat. As buying interest gradually increased, the indices reached their highs. In total, Nifty rose by 113 points and Sensex by 317 points. It is noteworthy that Nifty closed at the 25,200 level.



The BSE Sensex, which closed at 82,253 in the previous session, opened at 82,233 on Tuesday. It touched an intraday low at 82,221. It reached an intraday high at 82,743. It finally closed at 82,570 with a gain of 317 points. The NSE Nifty, which opened at 25,089, reached a low of 25,088 and a high of 25,245. It closed at 25,195 with a gain of 113 points. The Nifty Bank rose 241 points to settle at 57,006.

In the Nifty50, 35 companies gained and 15 lost. Hero Moto, Bajaj Auto, Sun Pharma, Shriram Finance,

Apollo Hospitals were the top gainers. HCL Tech, Eternal, SBI Life, HDFC Life lost the most. Today, auto, healthcare, pharma, PSU bank, realty, consumption, FMCG, media, oil, finance, and banking indices were mixed. The rest rose moderately.

Today, the market breadth in NSE turned in favor of buyers. A total of 3015 shares were traded, of which 1969 gained. 961 lost. 85 shares touched the 52-week high and 21 shares touched the 52-week low. 96 shares reached the upper circuit and 47 reached the lower circuit.

The rupee strengthened by 18 paise against the dollar to settle at 85.81. Wari Renewables shares rose by 17 percent today. Bank of Maharashtra's net interest income rose 17.6% to Rs 3292 crore. Net profit grew 23% to Rs 1593 crore. Inox plans to raise funds through equity or rights issue. Goods trade deficit narrows to \$18.78 billion in June. Anthem Bioscience IPO receives 2.67 times response on second day afternoon. Kanker signs MoU with Royse Hasan Saadi Group for overseas shipping and logistics opportunities. Himadri Specialties Q1 net profit rises 48.2 percent to Rs 181 crore from Rs 122 crore. Powermech Projects bags Rs 551 crore order. Deepak Fertilizers signs deal with Petronet LNG for LNG regasification.

Bitcoin Surges Past \$121,000 Milestone, Driven by Institutional Demand

Bitcoin crossed the \$121,000 mark for the first time on Monday, continuing its impressive rally this year. According to CoinMarketCap data, Bitcoin rose 2.75% in early trading to reach \$121,097.94. The cryptocurrency's market capitalization hit \$2.41 trillion, up 2.85%, while trading volumes surged 33.12% to \$60.69 billion. This year, Bitcoin has gained over 29%, reflecting strong investor confidence and growing adoption. Ethereum, the second-largest cryptocurrency, also saw gains, climbing 3.28% to \$3,054.96, with a market cap of \$368.77 billion and trading volumes at \$21.62 billion. Market analysts attribute Bitcoin's recent surge primarily to increased interest from long-term institutional investors. Himanshu Maradiya, Founder and Chairman of CIFDAQ, pointed out that institutional demand remains a major driver, with US Bitcoin ETFs accumulating over \$50 billion in net inflows so far. Major players like BlackRock hold over \$65 billion in Bitcoin, and corporate treasuries continue to add to their holdings. The pro-crypto stance of the US govern-

ment under the Trump administration has further bolstered optimism. Moves towards establishing a Strategic Bitcoin Reserve and easing regulations around Bitcoin ETFs are seen as key positive developments. Additional macroeconomic factors such as a weakening US dollar, rising demand for treasuries, and sovereign credit downgrades are positioning Bitcoin as a preferred hedge. Regulatory clarity is improving, with Coinbase recently entering the S&P 500, boosting Bitcoin's legitimacy as a mainstream asset. Kushal Manupati, Regional Growth and Operations Lead at Binance South Asia, noted that momentum is also being driven by advancements in tokenization, clearer regulations, and growing adoption of Web3 technologies. Meanwhile, the US House of Representatives is set to begin discussions on new crypto legislation aimed at providing a clearer regulatory framework for the industry, potentially supporting further growth and stability in the market.



Infosys Foundation Launches 'Springboard Livelihood Program'

Make 500,000 Youth Industry-Ready by 2030

Infosys Foundation, the CSR and philanthropic arm of Infosys, unveiled the ambitious 'Infosys Springboard Livelihood Program' on July 15, 2025, aimed at enabling half a million Indian youths to secure employment by 2030. The foundation has committed over ₹200 crore to fund the first phase of this large-scale skilling initiative.

The program targets both graduate and undergraduate job seekers across STEM and non-STEM fields, focusing on equipping them with industry-relevant skills. It offers cutting-edge training in emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence and machine learning, alongside practical skills in digital marketing, finance, and other essential areas. Additionally, foundational modules on communication, time management, and interview preparation will help learners build key workplace competencies.

To ensure broad impact and quality delivery, Infosys Foundation has partnered with 20 implementation agencies, including ICT Academy, Unnati, Nirmaan, Magic Bus, Aga Khan Rural



Support Programme, Centum, CII Foundation, and NIIT Foundation. These collaborations aim to curate diverse job opportunities and establish meaningful career pathways for the youth.

Sumit Virmani, trustee of Infosys Foundation, emphasized the program's focus on addressing the urgent need for skilling aligned with industry demands and the evolving AI-driven economy. "Our goal is to shape a seamless journey from learning to livelihood, empowering young talent to build sustainable careers," he said.

V. Srikanth, CEO of ICT Academy, highlighted the growing demand for skilled professionals in sectors like IT, KPO, BFSI, retail, e-commerce, and logistics. Ramesh Swamy, founder of Unnati Foundation, likened the initiative's potential impact to that of the mid-day meal scheme for children, calling it a possible

game-changer for unemployed youth.

Infosys Springboard, the foundation's digital learning platform, has already helped place over 80,000 job seekers in FY25, showcasing its capability to drive meaningful employment outcomes at scale.

Tesla Launches Model Y in India Starting at ₹59.9 Lakh, Opens First Showroom in Mumbai



Tesla has officially entered the Indian market with the launch of its Model Y electric SUV, priced starting at ₹59,89,000, as revealed on the company's website on July 15, 2025. The announcement coincides with the opening of Tesla's very first showroom in Mumbai, marking a significant step for the electric vehicle (EV) giant in India.

The new Tesla showroom, located in a gated office complex in Mumbai, opened its doors amid tight security. The Tesla logo was prominently displayed against a stark white wall, while the Model Y was partially visible inside, draped in black and grey covers. The controlled access meant that only a few on-lookers and fans gathered near the site.

India is the world's third-largest car market, but EV adoption remains limited due to concerns about charging infrastructure availability and range anxiety. Despite these challenges, Tesla aims to compete directly

with established German luxury automakers such as BMW and Mercedes-Benz, targeting the premium EV segment. Domestic players like Tata Motors and Mahindra continue to dominate the mass market for vehicles in India.

Tesla's entry could accelerate EV acceptance among affluent Indian consumers, although the transition from petrol and diesel cars is expected to be gradual. Tesla's launch strategy focuses on offering high-performance electric vehicles while leveraging its strong global brand reputation.

As India moves toward greener transportation solutions, Tesla's Mumbai showroom launch represents both a challenge and an opportunity for the EV market. Whether Tesla can capture significant market share remains to be seen, but its arrival marks an important milestone in India's evolving automotive landscape.

Eggs Thrown at ISKCON Rath Yatra in Canada Sparks Outrage Online



A peaceful religious celebration turned sour in Canada when eggs were allegedly hurled at participants of the ISKCON Rath Yatra. The incident, which occurred during a vibrant street procession in Toronto celebrating Lord Jagannath, has sparked widespread outrage and accusations of racism.

Toronto-based devotee Sangna Bajaj shared a video on Instagram capturing the moment. The footage shows a joyful procession with music, chants, and dancing. However, the mood shifts as Sangna points out broken eggs on the street. “Kisi ne yaha par abhi aande feke hai (Someone just threw eggs here),” she says, showing the building from which the eggs were reportedly thrown.

Despite the attack, the devotees continued chanting “Hare Krishna, Hare Rama” and carried on with the festival. Sangna’s caption read: “Someone from a nearby building threw eggs at us... Why? Because faith makes noise? Because joy

looked unfamiliar?” Her post concluded with a powerful message: “We didn’t stop. No hate can shake us.”

The video has since gone viral, amassing over 100,000 views. While many condemned the act, calling it racist and hateful, others criticized the public nature of the celebration. Some argued that such events should be kept private to respect local norms, sparking debate about cultural expression and integration.

India’s Ministry of External Affairs condemned the act, calling it “despicable.” Meanwhile, ISKCON devotees emphasized that Rath Yatra is not just a festival but a deep spiritual tradition meant to share joy and devotion with the wider community.

The incident has reignited discussions around multiculturalism, tolerance, and respect for religious diversity in Canada.

YouTube to Tighten Monetisation Rules Amid Rise in Low-Quality AI Content

YouTube is set to introduce stricter rules for content creators as part of a major update to its monetisation policies. The move comes in response to a surge in low-quality, AI-generated videos that have flooded the platform, raising concerns over content authenticity and viewer trust.

Starting July 15, the Alphabet-owned company will revise its YouTube Partner Program (YPP) guidelines to clearly define what qualifies as “original” and “authentic” content. The goal is to crack down on creators who publish mass-produced, repetitive, or AI-slop-style videos solely to earn ad revenue.

The rise of advanced AI text-to-video tools has made it easier than ever to generate videos at scale. While some



creators use these tools responsibly to enhance production, others are pushing out large volumes of low-effort content, much of it lacking originality or value. This has led to growing frustration among users, advertisers, and genuine creators alike.

According to YouTube, the updated policies will provide more transparency and clarity around what types of content are eligible for monetisation. Creators will need to ensure that their uploads demonstrate a level of

creativity, commentary, or transformation to be considered for revenue sharing.

This isn’t the first time YouTube has adjusted its monetisation strategy. The platform has previously updated its rules to combat misinformation, spam, and harmful content. However, this latest update marks a focused effort to address the flood of AI-generated “slop” that has been undermining content quality across the platform.

With the new guidelines, YouTube hopes to incentivise higher-quality uploads and better reward creators who invest time and effort into producing meaningful videos. As AI tools continue to evolve, platforms like YouTube are under increasing pressure to preserve the integrity of digital content and maintain a fair ecosystem for creators.

Indian Techie in Sweden Shares Harsh Realities of Life Abroad, Faces Backlash Online

An Indian software developer living in Sweden has stirred debate on social media after sharing a video highlighting the lesser-known challenges of life abroad. Dev Vijay Vargiya, who has been residing in Sweden for several years, posted a video on Instagram discussing the emotional and practical struggles many expats face—drawing both sympathy and criticism from viewers.

In the now-viral video, which has garnered over 3.7 million views, Vargiya talked openly about the downsides of living in Europe, particularly for foreign workers. One of the key issues he raised was job-dependent residency. He explained that even after years of working and paying taxes in a European country, immigrants can be required to leave within just a week if they lose their job. “Even if you’ve contributed to the economy, your right to stay often hinges on your employment status,” he said.

He also touched upon the emotional toll of being far from home, such as feelings of loneliness, cultural disconnect, and the high cost of living. Vargiya’s intent appeared to be to offer a realistic picture for Indians who dream of moving abroad, especially for work or study opportunities.

However, not everyone received his message kindly. Some users criticized him sharply, suggesting that if



life was so difficult, he should simply return to India. Others accused him of discouraging young professionals from pursuing global opportunities.

Despite the backlash, many resonated with his words and thanked him for shedding light on the less glamorous side of living overseas. His video has sparked a wider conversation on the complexities of immigration, especially in highly regulated job markets like those in Europe.

The video continues to trend as more people weigh in on the realities of expatriate life.

Cheeseburger Popsicles? Internet Reacts With Disgust to Viral Recipe



The internet is reeling after a bizarre food trend made its way to Instagram—cheeseburger popsicles. Yes, someone actually combined the elements of a cheeseburger and turned them into frozen treats on a stick, and reactions online have ranged from curious to downright horrified.

A food vlogger posted a now-viral video demonstrating how to make these unconventional popsicles. In the clip, she starts by filling a popsicle mold with ground beef as the first layer. Then she adds shredded cheese, chopped lettuce, pickles, ketchup, and mustard—essentially everything you’d find in a regular cheeseburger. Once layered, the molds are placed in the freezer overnight.

The next day, the woman proudly unveils her frozen burger creations, describing them as “perfect for pool-side meals and summer parties.” But while she may be convinced of their novelty, the internet clearly isn’t on

board.

Some viewers expressed mild curiosity, wondering how the popsicles would actually taste, while others didn’t hold back. “This is where I draw the line,” one user commented. Another wrote, “Cheeseburgers are sacred—don’t do this.” Many users simply reacted with vomiting emojis and laughing gifs, mocking the frozen concoction.

While food experimentation is nothing new online, cheeseburger popsicles seem to have pushed the boundaries for many. The odd fusion of hot savory ingredients in a frozen format just didn’t sit well with most people.

Whether it was meant to be a genuine recipe or just clickbait content, the video has certainly succeeded in grabbing attention—if not appetites. While some food trends manage to become hits, it’s safe to say this one might just stay in the freezer.

China Develops Ultra-Light Mind-Control Device to Turn Bees Into Military Cyborgs

In a groundbreaking yet controversial scientific advancement, researchers in China have developed the world’s lightest mind-controller, capable of turning bees into remote-controlled cyborgs for military and reconnaissance purposes. The innovation, weighing just 74 milligrams, was developed by scientists at the Beijing Institute of Technology and is small enough to be strapped onto a bee’s back.

The tiny controller penetrates the bee’s brain using three ultra-fine needles, sending electrical pulses that simulate sensory illusions. These signals manipulate the bee’s flight path—commanding it to turn left, right, advance, or retreat. According to a report from the South China Morning Post, the bees followed the instructions correctly in nine out of ten trials.

Professor Zhao Jieliang, the lead re-



searcher, explained that insect-based cyborgs offer significant advantages over synthetic robots. “They inherit the superior mobility, camouflage, and adaptability of their biological hosts. Their stealth and endurance make them ideal for covert reconnaissance, urban combat, anti-terrorism missions, and even disaster relief operations,” Zhao noted.

The technology draws inspiration from earlier efforts in Singapore to control beetles and cockroaches,

but the Chinese device is significantly lighter. To reduce weight, the team printed circuits onto a polymer film as thin as an insect’s wing. This design still accommodates a variety of components, including an infrared receiver for remote control.

However, one major challenge remains: battery life. While the device is incredibly lightweight, the small batteries required have limited capacity. A larger power source would be too heavy for bees to carry. Additionally, the device is insect-specific, as different species respond to stimuli in unique ways.

Professor Zhao’s team aims to refine the system by enhancing precision and consistency through improved signal optimization, potentially paving the way for even more advanced insect-machine integration in the near future.

India Women Eye ODI Series Domination Against England After Historic T20 Triumph

Buoyed by their historic first-ever T20I series win over England, the Indian women's cricket team is set to carry that momentum into the upcoming three-match ODI series starting July 16, 2025, in Southampton. The 'Women in Blue' clinched the five-match T20 series 3-2, a landmark achievement that has boosted their confidence ahead of the ODI World Cup on home soil later this year.

Led by skipper Harmanpreet Kaur, India aims to sharpen their 50-over game with an aggressive batting approach. In recent years, the team has focused on posting totals above 300, a strategy that has paid dividends, as seen in their Tri-series wins against



Sri Lanka and South Africa earlier this year. "Scoring more than 300 gives our bowlers some cushioning," said Harmanpreet, highlighting the team's tactical evolution.

Young opener Pratika Rawal continues to impress, edging out seasoned campaigner Shafali Verma and becoming the fastest woman to reach 500 ODI runs. India's batting line-up is formidable, featuring Harmanpreet, vice-captain Smriti Mandhana, finisher Richa Ghosh, and steady anchors Jemimah Rodrigues and Harleen Deol. The lower order is strengthened by the power-hitting abilities of Deepti Sharma and Amanjot Kaur.

The bowling attack faces challenges with the absence of key pacers Titas Sadhu, Renuka Singh, and Pooja Vas-trakar due to injuries. Experienced Arundhati Reddy will lead the pace department, supported by Kranti Goud and all-rounders Amanjot Kaur and Sayali Ganesh. The spin duo of Sree Charani and Radha Yadav, along with off-spinners Sneha Rana and Deepti Sharma, brings control and guile in the middle overs.

England, meanwhile, welcomes back skipper Nat Sciver-Brunt and world No.1 ODI bowler Sophie Ecclestone, strengthening their chances in what promises to be a thrilling series.

Cricket Returns to Olympics in LA 2028

T20 Action Starts July 12 with Medal Matches on July 20 and 29

Cricket is set to make a much-anticipated comeback to the Olympics at the Los Angeles 2028 Games, with the competition kicking off on July 12 at the Fairgrounds Stadium in Pomona, around 50 kilometers from Los Angeles. The medal matches are scheduled for July 20 and July 29, marking a historic return of the sport to the Olympic stage after more than a century.



The tournament will feature six teams each in the men's and women's sections, with a total of 180 players competing in the fast-paced T20 format. This reintroduction comes after cricket's only previous Olympic appearance in 1900 in Paris, where just two teams—Great Britain and France—played a two-day match, with Great Britain claiming the gold medal.

The schedule includes mostly double-header matchdays, with no games slated for July 14 and 21. Each of the 12 teams will have 15-member squads, with a total of 90 athlete quotas divided equally between the men's and women's competitions.

Cricket's rising global popularity is evident, with three U.S. venues—Grand Prairie, Landerhill, and New York—hosting matches during the recent 2024 T20 World Cup, co-hosted by the USA and West Indies.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has approved cricket alongside baseball/softball, flag football, lacrosse (sixes), and squash as new sports for the 2028 Games, reflecting growing interest in these disciplines.

Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass highlighted the Games' community impact, stating, "When the world comes here for these Games, we will highlight every neighborhood and work to ensure it leaves a monumental legacy." She also noted over one million enrollments in the PlayLA sports program, emphasizing the city's commitment to hosting an inclusive and impactful Olympic Games.

India's Badminton Stars Ready for Japan Open 2025 Challenge

Indian badminton stars PV Sindhu, Lakshya Sen, and the men's doubles pair Chirag Shetty-Satwiksairaj Rankireddy are gearing up to compete at the Japan Open 2025, set to begin on July 15. The trio was last seen in action at the Indonesia Open earlier this year but skipped the subsequent US Open and Canada Open tournaments.

PV Sindhu, a two-time Olympic medallist, has faced a tough 2025 season on the BWF World Tour. Her best performance came at the India Open in January, where she reached the quarter-finals. However, since then, she has experienced four consecutive first-round exits before managing to reach the Round of 16 in both the Singapore and Indonesia Opens. The seasoned shuttler also had to retire from the Singapore Open due to a back injury.

Lakshya Sen, who finished fourth at the Paris 2024 Olympics, has struggled with consistency this year, facing five first-round exits. His standout performance was a quarter-final appearance at the prestigious All England Open.

The men's doubles duo of Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy, reigning Asian Games champions, have reached three semi-finals on the BWF Tour this year and made it to the quarter-finals of the Indonesia Open. However, they are yet to secure a title this season.

Notably absent from India's Japan Open squad are US Open champion Ayush Shetty and former world



No. 1 Kidambi Srikanth, who was a finalist at the Malaysia Masters in May. Also, India has no entries in the mixed doubles category for the tournament.

India's full badminton squad for the Japan Open 2025 includes:

Men's singles: Lakshya Sen
Women's singles: PV Sindhu, Unnati Hooda, Anupama Upadhyaya, Rakshitha Ramraj
Men's doubles: Chirag Shetty-Satwiksairaj Rankireddy, Hariharan Amsakarunan-Ruban Kumar Rethinasabapathi
Women's doubles: Rutaparna Panda-Swetaparna Panda, Kavipriya Selvam-Simran Singh

India's shuttlers will be eager to deliver strong performances and regain momentum in the highly competitive tournament.

Luka Modric Joins AC Milan After 13 Glorious Years at Real Madrid

Veteran midfielder Luka Modric has officially signed with AC Milan at the age of 39, marking the end of a legendary 13-season spell with Real Madrid. The 2018 Ballon d'Or winner inked a one-year deal with the Rossoneri on Monday, with an option to extend for another season, as Milan looks to bounce back from a dismal 2024-25 campaign. Milan, who finished eighth in Serie A and missed out on European competition, are rebuilding under returning head coach Massimiliano Allegri. The club hopes Modric's arrival will bring stability and leadership to a squad in transition. Allegri, who previously led Milan to a league title in 2011 and won five straight Serie A titles with Juventus, is expected to make Modric central to his plans. Modric's connection to Milan runs deep—he grew up idolizing Croatian legend Zvonimir Boban, who starred for the Rossoneri



in the 1990s. The move also came after personal efforts by Milan's new sporting director Igli Tare, who visited Croatia's training camp last month to finalize the agreement. The Croatian maestro leaves behind a glittering legacy at Real Madrid, having won 28 trophies, including six UEFA Champions League titles, five Spanish Super Cups, and four La Liga titles. His final appearance for Madrid was in the semi-finals of the Club World Cup in the United States, where they lost 4-0 to Paris Saint-Germain.

According to reports, Allegri reached out to Carlo Ancelotti—Modric's coach at Madrid and a former Milan boss—to assess the midfielder's fitness and form. The glowing review helped seal the deal. As AC Milan prepares for a crucial rebuilding phase, the addition of Modric signals their intent to return to the elite levels of European football, backed by both experience and ambition.

Team India Meets King Charles III in London, Reflects on Lord's Defeat and Celebrates Women's Historic Win

In a memorable day for Indian cricket, captains Shubman Gill and Harmanpreet Kaur, along with the men's and women's national teams and coaching staff, met King Charles III at St. James's Palace on Tuesday. The royal meeting came amid India's ongoing cricket tour of England. Also present were BCCI Vice President Rajiv Shukla and India's High Commissioner to the UK, Vikram Doraiswami. The interaction saw King Charles engaging warmly with players, especially discussing the dramatic end to the third Test at Lord's, where India narrowly lost to England by 22 runs. He recalled Shoaib Bashir's delivery that bowled Mohammed Siraj, calling it a critical turning point. Skipper Gill responded simply, "It's a game of cricket."

The King also shared light-hearted moments with vice-captain Rishabh Pant and pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah, before meeting the rest of the squad including Yashasvi Jaiswal, KL Rahul, Ravindra Jadeja, and head coach Gautam Gambhir. After greeting the men's team, King Charles met the women's squad, fresh off their 3-2 T20I series win over England. The women's team be-



gins a three-match ODI series in Southampton on Wednesday.

Gill called the royal visit "amazing" and noted the King's generosity and interest in cricket. "We had a good chat about that unfortunate final wicket. He asked us how we felt. We told him it could have gone either way." Harmanpreet shared her excitement: "It was a very nice experience. He was friendly, asking about our travel. We've toured England many times, but this was the first time we met the King." Women's team head coach Amol Muzumdar added, "A humbling experience. We came all the way from Southampton and it was totally worth it."



Ram's 'Andhra King Taluka' Promises a Musical Journey with a Unique Twist

Ram Pothineni, known for his high-energy mass and action roles, is stepping into a refreshing new avatar in his upcoming film *Andhra King Taluka*. For the first time, Ram will be portraying an ardent cinema lover, offering a never-before-seen dimension to his on-screen persona.

The film is set against a stunning rural backdrop, rich with musical undertones. The title glimpse showcases Ram in a youthful, stylish look that has already caught fans' attention. Adding to the film's charm is the significance of music, which plays a vital role in the narrative.

Music composers Vivek-Merwin are helming the soundtrack, and the musical promotions are set to kick off with the release of the first song on July 18. A recently unveiled poster shows Ram joyfully sailing a boat across

tranquil waters, hinting at a soothing and melodious track that ties into the film's emotional core.

Directed by Mahesh Babu P under the prestigious Mythri Movie Makers banner, the film also stars Bhagyashri Borse as the female lead. The movie promises to deliver a fresh romantic pairing. Adding further star power, veteran actor Upendra takes on the role of a superstar, adding layers to the film's story.

Currently, the shoot is progressing on a grand set in Hyderabad, with the team working around the clock to bring this musical drama to life. With its compelling mix of rustic charm, heartfelt music, and a refreshing lead role for Ram, *Andhra King Taluka* is shaping up to be a film that both fans and critics will be eager to experience.

Rajinikanth Fans Rejoice! 'Coolie' Trailer Launch Date Announced

Superstar Rajinikanth's much-anticipated film *Coolie* is creating a buzz among fans and movie enthusiasts alike. Directed by the acclaimed Lokesh Kanagaraj, this action-packed drama promises to be a thrilling cinematic experience. Adding to the excitement, the film stars not only Rajinikanth but also features prominent actors Nagarjuna, Upendra, and Aamir Khan in key roles, making it a powerhouse ensemble.

The biggest news for fans is that the *Coolie* trailer is scheduled for release on August 2, 2025, as confirmed by Lokesh Kanagaraj in a recent interview. This announcement has set the stage for an eager wait, with audiences excited to catch a glimpse of what surprises the director has in store. Given Lokesh's track record for delivering engaging narratives and stylish action sequences, expectations are sky-high.

Earlier, the film's music began making waves, particularly with the release of the song "Monica," featuring Pooja Heg-



de. The track received an enthusiastic response, adding to the anticipation for the full film. Alongside Rajinikanth and the leading stars, *Coolie* also showcases talented actors like Shruti Haasan, Soubin Shahir, and Sathyaraj, all contributing to this multilingual project that aims to captivate audiences across India.

Backed by Sun Pictures, *Coolie* boasts a vibrant soundtrack composed by the celebrated Anirudh Ravichander, whose mu-

sic is eagerly awaited by fans. The film is set for a grand release in cinemas on August 14, 2025, in multiple Indian languages, ensuring it reaches a wide and diverse audience.

With the trailer launch just around the corner, Rajinikanth's fans can look forward to a cinematic treat that combines high-octane action, star-studded performances, and compelling storytelling. The countdown to *Coolie* has officially begun!

Saiyaara Overtakes War 2 in Audience Buzz Ahead of July 18 Release

In an unexpected shake-up ahead of its theatrical release, the romantic comedy *Saiyaara* has overtaken the high-profile action thriller *War 2* in terms of audience buzz and interest. Despite *War 2* boasting a blockbuster cast—Hrithik Roshan and Jr NTR—and being part of Yash Raj Films' successful spy universe, it currently trails in online interest metrics.

According to BookMyShow data, *Saiyaara*, starring newcomer Ahaan Panday and directed by Mohit Suri, has garnered an impressive 257.4K "interests" ahead of its release on July 18, 2025. In comparison, *War 2*—set for an August 14 release—lags behind with 172.9K interests. The numbers have taken industry observers by surprise, particularly since *War 2* topped IMDb's "Most Awaited Indi-



an Films" list just weeks ago. While *War 2* promises high-octane action and continues a popular franchise, it appears to be suffering from a promotional lull. The film's marketing campaign has yet to gain serious traction, despite the looming release date.

On the other hand, *Saiyaara* has struck

a deep emotional chord with its audience, driven by a heartfelt trailer, fresh casting, and relatable themes. The film's underdog status seems to be working in its favor, offering a romantic, grounded alternative to big-budget spectacle. Both films are backed by Yash Raj Films, adding another layer of intrigue to the unfolding story. The contrast in audience response underscores a larger shift in viewer preferences. Today's audiences are looking for more than star power—they want stories that feel

personal and authentic. Whether *Saiyaara* can maintain its momentum beyond opening weekend remains to be seen, but for now, it has delivered a clear message: fresh storytelling can outshine even the biggest franchises if it resonates with the audience.

Trailer Released for Controversial Malayalam Film 'Janaki V vs State of Kerala'

The trailer of the much-discussed Malayalam film *Janaki V vs State of Kerala* has finally been unveiled, putting an end to the recent title controversy that stirred the Malayalam film industry. The film's original title, *Janaki vs Kerala*, faced objections from the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC), leading the producers to agree to modify it. The film will now release under the revised title *Janaki V vs State of Kerala* as per CBFC's directives.



Directed by Praveen Narayanan, the movie is a gripping courtroom drama featuring veteran actor Suresh Gopi and Anupama Parameswaran in lead roles. Produced by J. Phanindra Kumar under the banner of Cosmos Entertainments, the film has already garnered significant attention due to its sensitive and powerful subject matter.

The trailer centers on Janaki Vidyadaran, portrayed by Anupama Parameswaran, a young woman who faces the trauma of sexual assault and bravely fights for justice. The story highlights her struggle against societal and legal challenges, drawing viewers into a

compelling narrative about courage and resilience.

Alongside the leads, the film also features notable performances from Divya Pillai, Shruti Ramachandran, Askar Ali, Madhav Suresh Gopi, Baiju Santosh, and others, adding depth to the ensemble cast.

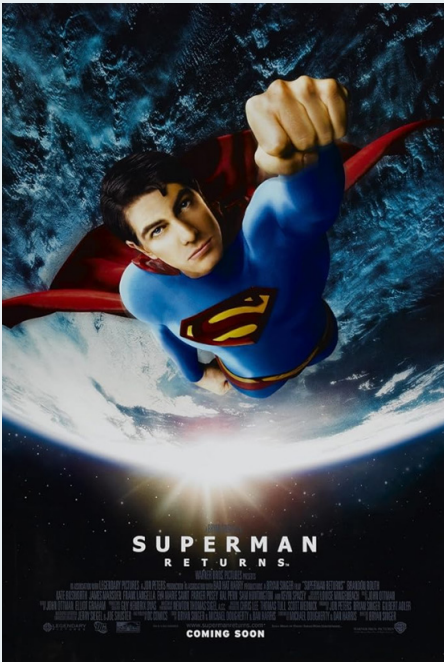
With its powerful theme and intense courtroom sequences, *Janaki V vs State of Kerala* promises to be a thought-provoking film. Following the release of the trailer, anticipation is building for its upcoming release, as audiences prepare to witness a hard-hitting drama that tackles an important social issue.

'Superman' Smashes Global Box Office with ₹1,900 Crore in Just Four Days

Hollywood's latest Superman reboot is soaring to unprecedented heights at the global box office, raking in over ₹1,900 crore (approximately \$220 million) within just four days of its worldwide release. The film, directed by James Gunn and starring David Corenswet as the iconic superhero, hit theatres on July 11, 2025, after a premiere on July 7. Despite initial controversies surrounding its censorship in India, the film has proven that the superhero genre still has massive global appeal.

Produced on a massive budget of \$225 million (₹1,930 crore), the film is already on the verge of breaking even—just \$5 million shy of recovering its production cost. This rapid earning trajectory highlights the continued fan frenzy for superhero blockbusters, especially under the DC Comics banner.

James Gunn, known for revitalizing comic book films with emotional depth and action-packed



storytelling, has delivered a fresh take on Superman. David Corenswet's portrayal has been praised for bringing a grounded and relatable version of the Man of Steel, reigniting global interest in the DC Universe.

In comparison, other major Hollywood releases have also seen significant earnings, though Superman is leading the pack. Disney's *Lilo & Stitch* live-action remake has amassed a whopping ₹8,530 crore, while *Jurassic World: Rebirth* has earned ₹4,549 crore globally. Meanwhile, Brad Pitt's *F1*-themed film has collected ₹3,372 crore so far.

The success of *Superman* is seen as a strong rebound for DC Studios, especially after recent lukewarm box office performances. With such massive numbers in just the first week, industry experts are now watching closely to see if *Superman* can enter the list of the top-grossing films of all time in the coming weeks.