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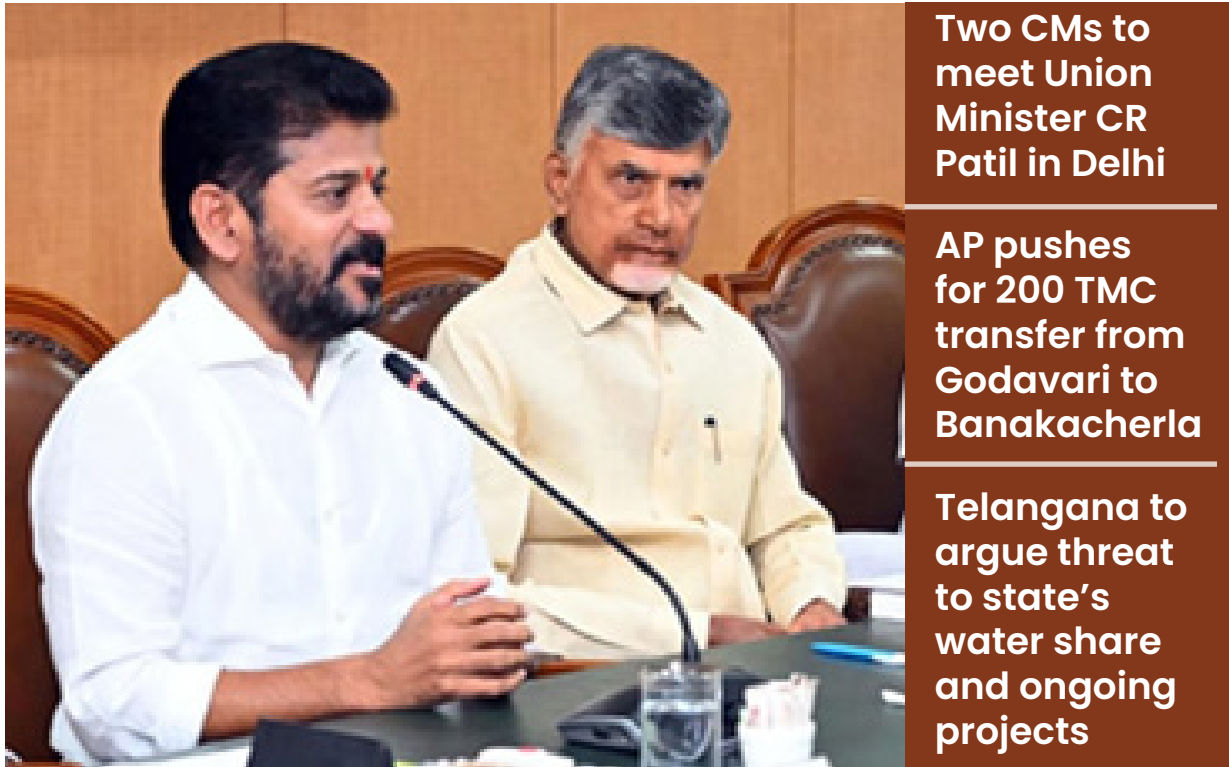
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Two CMs to meet Union Minister CR Patil in Delhi

AP pushes for 200 TMC transfer from Godavari to Banakacherla

Telangana to argue threat to state's water share and ongoing projects

# Centre Steps in on Banakacherla Row: Key CM Meet Today

TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

The Centre has officially stepped into the escalating dispute between Andhra Pradesh and Telangana over the proposed Godavari-Banakacherla linkage project, calling for a crucial meeting with the Chief Ministers of both states on July 16 in Delhi. Union Jal Shakti Minister CR Patil will preside over the meeting at 2:30 PM at Shram Shakti Bhavan, the headquarters of the Jal Shakti Department.

The Central Water Resources Department has directed both Chief Ministers—Chandrababu Naidu of Andhra Pradesh and Revanth Reddy of Telangana—to attend the meeting with clear agendas and proposals. The main topic will be Andhra Pradesh's proposal to draw 200 TMC of Godavari floodwater and divert it to the Banakacherla Head Regulator through a lift scheme operating at 2 TMC per day for 100 days. While the AP government argues that thousands of TMCs of Godavari water are going unused into the sea, and this diversion would bring no harm to Telangana, the Telangana government has strongly opposed the project. Telangana leaders insist that such a plan would endanger the interests of its own irrigation projects and violate existing legal and institutional protocols.

The Telangana government, under Revanth Red-

dy, has already conveyed its objections to the Centre. Revanth, along with Irrigation Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy, met with CR Patil earlier and submitted a letter stating that the proposed linkage would unfairly impact Telangana's water allocations and projects currently underway. Telangana also raised concerns that the Banakacherla proposal lacks proper environmental clearances and legal approvals.

Meanwhile, BRS leaders have criticised CM Revanth Reddy, alleging that he is being too co-operative with the Centre and AP on this issue. They questioned his statement expressing willingness to invite CM Chandrababu Naidu for discussions, warning that such moves might weaken Telangana's position in the long term. In return, the AP government is reportedly planning to raise concerns over projects in Telangana which it claims are being constructed without proper permissions. Both states are preparing to make strong arguments, making the July 16 meeting a potentially decisive moment in the ongoing inter-state water dispute.

With the involvement of the Union government, political observers believe the meeting could either pave the way for a breakthrough or further deepen the standoff, depending on the outcomes of the arguments presented.

# ACB Raids Ex-Irrigation Chief's Properties



- Disproportionate assets case sparks statewide searches
- 10 locations searched across Hyderabad, Karimnagar, and Zaheerabad
- Former Engineer-in-Chief Muralidhar Rao in ACB custody
- Raids uncover documents, gold, and suspected illegal assets

TPN | V. Krishna Kumar  
**Hyderabad:** The Telangana Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Tuesday launched simultaneous searches at ten different locations linked to retired Engineer-in-Chief of the Irrigation Department, Muralidhar Rao, as part of a disproportionate assets (DA) case. The raids have caused a stir across the state's administrative circles, especially within the irrigation department.

Muralidhar Rao, who served in senior roles before retiring, is now in ACB custody. A case has been registered under the Prevention of Corruption Act, with allegations that Rao amassed assets far beyond his known sources of income during his government service.

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Telangana Opposes Banakacharla Agenda in CMs' Meet

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# New iCHOR Biologics Plant in Telangana

iCHOR Biologics to Establish New Facility at Genome Valley



TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

As part of its expansion strategy, iCHOR Biologics Pvt. Ltd. is setting up a new state-of-the-art facility spanning 1.75 lakh square feet at Genome Valley in Telangana's Medchal-Malkajgiri district. The foundation stone for the project was laid on Tuesday by Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Revanth Reddy and Minister for IT & Industries Shri Duddilla Sridhar Babu.

Speaking at the event, Minister Sridhar Babu underlined the government's commitment to making Telangana a global hub for life sciences. He noted that the new facility would create over 800 employment opportunities and praised CM Revanth Reddy's leadership for driving growth in the sector.

Telangana's life sciences industry is expanding rapidly, recording a Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 23% — significantly higher than the national average of 14%. The sector currently contributes around 2.5% to 3% of the state's Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP), compared to the national average of 1.5%.

In a major recognition of the state's progress,



Hyderabad has been featured in the CBRE Global Life Sciences Atlas 2025 as one of the world's leading life sciences clusters, joining the ranks of cities like Boston, San Francisco, Cambridge, and Tokyo. Hyderabad is the first Indian city to be included in this prestigious list.

Minister Sridhar Babu also highlighted the exponential growth in commercial leasing by life sciences firms in Hyderabad, which rose to 2.4 million square feet in 2024 — up from 1.8 million in 2023 and 0.6 million in 2022.

To support further expansion, the government is planning dedicated Pharma Villages along the Hyderabad-Nagpur and Hyderabad-Bengaluru corridors. The state's focus includes next-generation technologies such as bio-manufacturing, cell and gene therapy, AI-based diagnostics, rare disease research, green chemistry, and bio-contract research and manufacturing services (CRAMS).

Calling on the scientific community and industry leaders, the minister urged greater collaboration with the government. "You will have our full support — in policy, infrastructure, and beyond," he assured.

# KTR Holds Revanth Responsible for Student Deaths

TPN Correspondent | Telangana

BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao strongly criticized Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy over recurring food poisoning incidents affecting students across the state. He demanded that the Chief Minister take full responsibility for the alleged negligence that has led to the deaths of more than a hundred students in the past year.

Addressing the media, KTR expressed concern that thousands of students have fallen ill due to contaminated food in hostels and government institutions. He questioned the Chief Minister's inaction, pointing out that despite holding the education portfolio, Revanth has not conducted even a single review on the issue.

KTR appealed to the Chief Minister to act not just as a political leader, but as a father.



"Would you remain silent if your own children were served poisoned food?" he asked. He accused the Congress-led government of gross negligence towards student health and welfare.

He warned that the public is watching the government's behavior closely and will deliver their judgment at the appropriate time. KTR reiterated his demand for immediate and strict action to prevent further tragedies.

# Police Sons in Malnadu Drug Racket

- Another officer's son arrested; Eagle tightens net in drug mafia case
- Rahul Teja, son of Intelligence ASP, arrested again
- Cyberabad AR DCP's son Mohan also taken into custody

TPN | V. Krishna Kumar  
**Special Desk:** Sensational developments are emerging from the Malnadu drug racket that is shaking the foundations of the police department. What began as a probe into a drug-laced kitchen business has now turned into a deep tunnel of connections — leading straight to the homes of top police officials. The Eagle Team,



operating with precise intel, arrested the sons of two police officers within days, shocking the entire force.

In the latest twist, Mohan, the son of Cyberabad AR DCP Sanjeev, was taken into custody

after his links to the kitchen-based drug network surfaced. This came close on the heels of the arrest of Rahul Teja, son of Intelligence ASP Venugopal, who is no stranger to controversy. Rahul Teja

had earlier been named as A3 in the Nizamabad drug case in 2024, but allegedly dodged arrest with help from influential circles.

Investigations have revealed that Rahul Teja, Mohan, and the main accused — kitchen owner Surya — were jointly running a drug supply chain in Hyderabad. They were procuring drugs from Nigerians and distributing them without raising any suspicion. Their operations were so tightly managed that they believed their connections would shield them from any legal consequences.

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# Telangana Opposes Banakacharla Agenda in CMs’ Meet

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

Ahead of the crucial meeting of the Chief Ministers of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana convened by Union Water Resources Minister CR Patil, the Telangana government has written to the Centre strongly objecting to the inclusion of the Banakacharla project in the agenda. Telangana made it clear that there is no need to discuss the Banakacharla-Godavari link in Wednesday’s meeting and warned that doing so would violate legal procedures and tribunal verdicts.

The meeting, at Shram Shakti Bhavan in New Delhi, was initially proposed for the 11th but was postponed to accommodate the schedules of both CMs — Chandrababu Naidu and Revanth Reddy — who have now confirmed their attendance. The Centre had earlier asked both states to submit any additional agenda items for discussion beyond the Godavari-Banak-



acharla issue, which Andhra Pradesh listed as its sole agenda.

In its response, Telangana submitted a detailed counter, arguing that the Banakacharla proposal lacks approvals, environmental clearances, and violates the AP Reorganization Act. The state demanded that instead of focusing on Banakacharla, the meeting should address long-pending issues related to Krishna River water distribution.

Telangana’s agenda includes national project status for the Palamuru-Rangareddy and Dindi lift schemes, Centre-led execution of the Ichchampalli project, and allocation of 80 TMC

to the Pranahita project at Thummadihetti. Additionally, it proposed a new project to harness 200 TMC of flood-water.

The Telangana government emphasized that bypassing proper legal and institutional frameworks, such as the Apex Council chaired by the Union Water Minister and comprising both CMs, sets a dangerous precedent. Only two Apex Council meetings have been held in the last ten years, despite the pressing water-sharing disputes between the two states.

CM Revanth Reddy and Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy have already raised strong objections to the Banakacharla proposal in meetings with Union Minister CR Patil, cautioning that Telangana’s irrigation interests would be severely impacted. The issue has taken on political significance as Telangana continues to assert that AP’s unilateral push for Banakacharla undermines inter-state trust and violates federal norms.

# Minister Ponnam Attends AICC OBC Meet

Ponnam joins AICC OBC meet; focus on caste census, 42% BC quota.

TPN Correspondent | Bangalore

Telangana Minister Ponnam Prabhakar participated in the AICC OBC Advisory Council meeting being held in Bangalore. The meeting brought together senior Congress leaders to deliberate on key issues concerning the OBC community.

During the discussions, the council reviewed the caste census conducted in Telangana and examined the recent legislation that raised reservations for Backward Classes to 42



percent in political representation, education, and employment. Various other matters related to OBC welfare and representation were also taken up during the session.

# Telangana BJP Chief Sends Legal Notice to Bhatti Vikramarka

TPN Correspondent | Telangana

State BJP President N. Ramachandra Rao has issued a legal notice to Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, demanding an unconditional apology for his recent remarks linking Rao to the Rohith Vemula suicide case. The notice, served through senior advocate Vijayakanth, warns of serious legal consequences if Bhatti fails to retract his statements.

According to the notice, Bhatti Vikramarka made “baseless and defamatory allegations” against Ramachandra Rao, which have caused significant damage to his personal and political



reputation. The BJP leader has demanded a public apology within three days, failing which he has threatened to file a ₹25 crore defamation suit. In addition to the civil defamation proceedings, Ramachandra Rao also

warned of criminal cases if the apology is not issued promptly. He stated that such reckless and unfounded allegations, particularly in a sensitive matter like the suicide of Rohith Vemula, are politically motivated and legally untenable.

The legal action signals escalating political tensions between the ruling Congress and the BJP in Telangana. While the Deputy CM has yet to respond officially, the BJP leadership has made it clear that they will pursue the matter aggressively if no apology is received within the stipulated timeframe.

# Massive Raids on Toddy Shops Across Telangana

Over 1,000 liters of illicit toddy seized; multiple cases registered

TPN Correspondent | Telangana

In a massive crackdown on illegal toddy operations, excise enforcement teams, Special Task Force (STF), and District Task Force (DTF) teams conducted co-ordinated raids across various parts of Telangana, seizing over a thousand liters of illicit toddy and registering multiple cases. The intensified action follows specific orders from Excise Enforcement Director Shah Nawaz Qasim to launch special operations targeting toddy compounds operating without licenses and illegally transporting toddy.

In Hyderabad, HDFA team led by Anji Reddy seized 32 liters of toddy being transported illegally within Nampally Excise Station limits. A bike was also seized, and a case was booked against the accused, Kamble Giridhari. Simultaneously, the STFC team under



CI Venkateswarla carried out inspections in toddy compounds in Golconda, Shamshabad, and Bandlaguda, collecting samples for further examination. In another set of raids, CI Nagaraju led inspections in Mailar Devarapalli, Hyderabad, Muddowwala, and Jangampet, gathering samples from all toddy shops in the area.

In a major bust, STFB teams led by CI Biksha Reddy and SI Balaraju raided

six different locations in Gadwal, Rayanpet, Edurthi Marchali File district, and Masaipet. A total of 595 liters of toddy were seized, and five persons were booked for running unlicensed toddy shops. The seized toddy was destroyed on the spot, and cases were filed against Mallaiah, Narender, Krishnai, Venkatesh, and Padamma, who were handed over to Gadwal Excise Station.

In Nagar Kurnool, excise station teams seized 350 liters of unlicensed toddy during raids in Mangunur and BG Nepali areas. Additionally, Nagar Kurnool DTF and CI staff seized 31.2 liters of toddy being transported without proper permits in a vehicle and registered a case. The vehicle was also confiscated. Authorities confirmed that these raids will continue in the coming days to curb illegal toddy trade and ensure consumer safety.

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# ACB Raids Ex-Irrigation Chief’s Properties

The early morning operation began at Rao’s residence in Banjara Hills, Hyderabad, and extended to properties in Karimnagar, Zaheerabad, and other parts of the state. ACB teams searched for unaccounted cash, gold, property documents, and investment-related records.

According to ACB sources, preliminary findings suggest the value of illegal assets could run into several crores of rupees. The searches form part of a broader anti-corruption drive focused on irregularities in Telangana’s irrigation sector, particularly in high-value

infrastructure projects.

This action follows a series of similar crackdowns on engineers and department officials connected to major irrigation ventures, including the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project (KLIP). In some of those cases, assets worth ₹60 crore to ₹70 crore were unearthed, indicating the scale of corruption under scrutiny.

Investigations are ongoing, and officials have not ruled out more arrests or raids as they continue to examine evidence collected from the latest searches.

# Police Sons in Malnadu Drug Racket

Rahul Teja’s arrest once again exposed his deep involvement, this time alongside Harsha and Mohan. The Eagle Team, after remanding Harsha and Mohan, has started digging deeper into their phone records. What they found was a sprawling network involving several other individuals.

Following leads from intercepted calls and stored data, the Eagle team began questioning others connected to the group. Arrests are expected to continue as more names surface. Meanwhile, the continuous arrests of police officers’ sons have created an internal crisis. A report recommending departmental action has already been sent to the government.

Eagle officials suspect that Rahul, Mohan, and Surya had grown confident enough to believe they were untouchable due to their

parental backgrounds in the police force. The fact that Rahul was already an accused in a previous drug case and still roamed free raises serious concerns. Allegations also suggest that his father’s influence allowed him to slip through once, only to emerge bolder in this second round of criminal activity.

The Eagle Team remains firm in its stance — they will investigate every link, regardless of rank or background. As more suspects are identified, the question haunting the police department now is: how many more sons of officers are part of this Malnadu drug syndicate?

The probe is active, arrests are underway, and the Eagle team has promised that no one — regardless of their father’s badge — will be spared.

# Chiranjeevi Gets Relief in Telangana High Court

Court directs GHMC to act on pending regularisation plea

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

Megastar Chiranjeevi secured relief from the Telangana High Court after a long-standing dispute with the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) over structural modifications to his residence in Jubilee Hills. The court has now directed the GHMC to take appropriate action on his regularisation application filed nearly a decade ago.

The matter pertains to structural renovations carried out by Chiranjeevi at his house on Road No. 25, Jubilee Hills. Though he originally received permission in 2002 to construct a G+2 residential building, he undertook further renovations in 2016. Viewing these as violations



rather than mere renovations, the GHMC withheld action on his regularisation plea filed in January 2016 under the Building Regularisation Scheme (BRS). Despite the delay in acting on the core application, the GHMC had, in 2017, permit-

ted the construction of a retaining wall on the property. In a fresh attempt to resolve the issue, Chiranjeevi submitted another request in June 2025, urging the GHMC to inspect the modifications and regularise them under the GHMC Act. However, the file remained inactive, prompting the actor to approach the High Court.

During the hearing, GHMC informed the court that the application would be processed “in due course.” However, Justice B. Vijaysen Reddy, noting the unreasonable delay in processing the plea, instructed the GHMC Commissioner to review the application without further delay, consult with Chiranjeevi, and pass orders as per the law.



# Will Muslims Be Removed from BC List or Not?

**TPN | Srikanth Gurram**  
**Siricilla:** Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar made scathing comments on the implementation of BC reservations in Telangana, accusing the Congress government of executing a conspiracy. Speaking at a bicycle distribution event in Siricilla, Sanjay alleged that out of the 42% reservation announced for BCs, 10% is being diverted to Muslims, thereby committing gross injustice to genuine Backward Classes. He demanded that Muslims be immediately removed from

the BC list and that the entire 42% reservation be given only to BCs. "If Muslims are not delisted from BC reservations, BJP will launch a state-wide agitation," Sanjay warned. He added, "Congress is giving 100% of reservation benefits to the 12% Muslim population while limiting the 51% BC population to just 32%. Is this justice?" Referring to the past, Sanjay recalled how 4% Muslim reservations were introduced during the YSR government, which according to him, led to severe injustice to BCs during GHMC elections. "Now they're talking

about giving 10%, which is nothing short of unconstitutional," he said, strongly opposing religious-based reservations. He claimed that the real BC population, as per the comprehensive family survey, stands at 51%, but the Congress government is manipulating caste census data to show it as only 46%, thereby reducing their share. "Under the pretext of 42% reservations, only 32% is going to BCs. The rest is being handed to Muslims," he alleged. Bandi Sanjay pointed out that

the BJP-led Modi government has already implemented 27% reservations for BCs and accused the Congress government of offering just an additional 5% to mislead people. He emphasized that even EWS (Economically Weaker Sections) quotas are being used to benefit Muslims, further marginalizing BCs. He also brought up the Bhanakacharla project issue, urging CM Revanth Reddy to strongly voice Telangana's stance during the upcoming meeting with the Chief Ministers of both Telugu states.



"We will support CM Revanth beyond politics on this issue if he firmly defends Telangana's interests," Sanjay declared. Sanjay didn't hold back in criticizing certain BC associations as well, accusing them of siding with the government and betraying BCs. "If these groups had opposed the inclusion of Muslims in the BC list during YSR's time, today's injustice

could have been avoided," he remarked. He concluded by appealing to BC leaders across the state to speak truthfully and set aside political interests. "Put your hand on your heart and speak the truth. If Congress has real sincerity, let them delist Muslims from the BC category and implement fair reservations," he demanded.

## Hyderabad Must Dream Bigger: Bhatti

*Deputy CM Bhatti Called for Unified Growth at FCCI Meet*

**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**  
Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, while addressing the Telangana Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FCCI), called for collaborative efforts between the government, industry, and civil society to drive inclusive development across Telangana. He emphasized that Hyderabad needed to grow beyond its current boundaries, warning that the city's development would fall short of expectations if it remained limited. He described Hyderabad as a "Future City Game Chaser" and stressed the need to revive industrial momentum for broader economic progress. Bhatti assured the business community that the Congress-led government functioned as a "people's government." He stated that industrialists could reach out to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, cabinet ministers, or senior officials at any time, reaffirming that the government's doors were always open. He also mentioned that the government had been considering a one-time settle-



ment scheme for pending power bills, signaling relief for many businesses. Calling for unity, he urged all stakeholders to work together to ensure that Hyderabad's generated wealth reached every household in Telangana. He added that wealth creation was only a means, and that the government's true goal was to enhance the dignity of the people and fulfill their aspirations. Bhatti also acknowledged FCCI's century-long contribution to the state's economy, praising its role in Hyderabad's transformation from a trading center to a global city.

## NCLT Reserves Verdict in Jagan Family Property Dispute

**TPN | V. Krishna Kumar**  
**Hyderabad:** 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, Ja-



gan had no residual rights in the company and could not demand 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.

## Congress Betrayed BCs... BRS Leaders Warn of Revolt Over 42% Quota Delay

*BCPF holds dharna at Indira Park; slams Revanth for false promises*

**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**  
A massive dharna was staged by the Backward Classes Protection Front (BCPF) at Indira Park on Tuesday, with prominent BRS leaders accusing the Congress government of betraying the backward classes by failing to fulfill its promise of 42% reservations. The event saw fiery speeches and sharp criticism against Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, accusing him of misleading BCs with empty assurances. Council Opposition Leader Sirikonda Madhusudanachari lit the fire of protest, alleging that the Congress party has a historical pattern of betraying BCs since independence. He held the party responsible for keeping BCs as second-class citizens, failing to conduct a caste census, establish a dedicated BC ministry, or ensure fair share in wealth creation. He warned that without legalizing the promised 42% quota, BC youth would be left with no option but to revolt. Rajya Sabha MP Vaddiraju Ravichandra echoed these sentiments, stating that the Congress government had completely let down the BC community after coming to power with false promises in the Kamareddy Declaration. He criticized the government for doing nothing beyond sending the BC Bills to the President, and mocked the ordinance drama as insin-



cere. He demanded that local body elections not be conducted without legally securing the 42% quota. Former Minister Talasani Srinivas Yadav warned that BCs will create an earthquake if they are cheated. He accused the government of conducting a flawed caste census, intentionally excluding data from over 20 lakh urban families to undermine the actual BC population. He called for the quota bills to be included in the Ninth Schedule of the Constitution. Former Minister Gangula Kamalakara labeled the Congress as a party of deception and de-

manded that reservation should be allocated in proportion to population. He called on Rahul Gandhi, Leader of the Opposition in Parliament, to intervene and ensure approval of the BC bills. He warned of a mass agitation under the BRS leadership if justice is denied. Former Minister V. Srinivas Goud also condemned the Congress for delaying BC quota implementation, accusing the party of deliberate indifference. He reminded Revanth Reddy that BCs are not beggars, but rightful claimants to promised benefits, and assured that BRS will fight until justice is delivered.

Former Council Chairman Swamy Goud concluded the protest by stating that the Congress must fulfill its 42% reservation promise, and warned that BCs would act in a united manner if their demands were not met. He accused the Congress of cheating BCs from the beginning and promised that this betrayal would not go unanswered. The dharna, led by BCPF State President Kumar, marked a significant moment in BC political mobilisation in Telangana and put the Revanth Reddy-led Congress government under intense pressure to act swiftly on its electoral commitments.

## BRSSW State Workshop on 19<sup>th</sup> at Mallapur VNR Gardens

**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**  
The BRS Student Wing (BRSSW) is set to organize a state-level workshop on Saturday, the July 19 of this month at Mallapur VNR Gardens under the Uppal Assembly constituency. The event will begin at 10 am and will see the participation of key BRS leaders throughout the day. Former Minister and MLA T Harish Rao will inaugurate the workshop and address the gathering in the morning session. Following the lunch break, noted poet and MLC Deshapati Srinivas will attend and engage with the student leaders from 2 pm to 3 pm. Former Minister and MLA Jagadish Reddy is scheduled to speak between 3 pm and 4 pm. BRS Working President K T Rama Rao (KTR) will participate in the concluding session from 4 pm onwards and is expected to provide strategic direction to the BRSV cadre. In preparation for the workshop, Uppal MLA Bandari Lakshma Reddy, former MLAs Balka Suman and Gadari Kishore, along with BRSV President Gellu Srinivas Yadav, Vice President Tunga Balu, and BRS State Leader Singireddy Somasekhara Reddy, visited the venue on Tuesday to inspect and review the ongoing arrangements. The workshop is expected to be a key platform for mobilizing the youth and strengthening the student wing ahead of future political strategies.





# Hydra Begins FTL, Buffer Zone Survey at Sunnam Cheruvu



**TPN | V. Krishna Kumar**  
**Hyderabad:** Hydra officials on Tuesday returned to Sunnam Cheruvu in Madhapur, this time not for demolitions, but to begin a formal survey of the Full Tank Level (FTL) and buffer zones of the lake. The move comes after severe public outrage and a sharp reprimand from the High Court, which questioned the legality of demolitions carried out in the area without first identifying the lake's boundaries. In recent weeks, Hydra officials had demolished nearly 70 small shops and business establishments surrounding Sunnam Cheruvu, leading to chaos and anger among local residents and traders. Many questioned how the authori-

ties could raze structures without even confirming whether they encroached on the lake's legal limits. Local MLA and affected business owners had strongly objected to the action. Several aggrieved parties approached the High Court, which pulled up Hydra for conducting demolitions without first demarcating the FTL and buffer zones, calling the actions arbitrary and illegal. Responding to the court's strong remarks, Hydra officials arrived at the lake early in the morning and began marking boundaries using satellite mapping and official records. "This action should have been taken first. Demolishing people's livelihoods without proper verification was unac-

ceptable," said a shop owner who lost his business in the earlier drive. Locals also expressed frustration, stating that the authorities only acted because the High Court intervened. Residents alleged that previous demolition drives were carried out based on biased reports, and some accused officials of targeting select properties without clear legal basis. "Many people were left on the streets. If they had done the survey before, all this could've been avoided," another local said. As the marking continues, tensions remain high in the area, but the focus has now shifted to ensuring proper documentation and transparency in further actions.

## 'Will Trigger Political Quake Over BC Quota' : Talasani Warns Revanth



**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**  
Former minister and Sanath Nagar MLA Talasani Srinivas Yadav came down heavily on the Congress government, accusing it of misleading the Backward Classes (BCs) with false promises of 42% reservations. Speaking at a public event, he warned that a political earthquake was imminent if the promised reservations were not implemented. Talasani criticized the recent caste census conducted by the Revanth Reddy-led government, claiming it was full of errors. He alleged that the BC reservation bill was hastily introduced in the Assembly and sent to the Centre without proper preparation. He questioned why the state government was not exerting pressure on the Centre to legalize the 42% quota. Demanding urgency, he said local body elections should be conducted only after the bill is made legally valid. He asserted that reservations can be enforced only if they are included in the Ninth Schedule of the Constitution and approved by Parliament. Slamming the Congress, Talasani said the party came to power through deceptive promises and is now attempting to appease BCs with ordinances. "We are not beggars, CM saab," he said, insisting that 42% reservation is a rightful entitlement of the BC community, not a favor.



**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**  
South Central Railway General Manager Sanjay Kumar Srivastava conducted a detailed inspection of Hyderabad Deccan (Nampally) and Cherlapally railway stations under the Secun-

## SCR GM Inspects Hyderabad, Cherlapally Stations

derabad Division on Tuesday. He was accompanied by Divisional Railway Manager Bharatesh Kumar Jain and other senior officials. At Hyderabad station, the General Manager reviewed passenger amenities including the booking counters, waiting rooms, station master's office, and circulating area. He assessed the progress of the ongoing redevelopment works under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme and directed officials to speed up the execution to meet deadlines. Later, he inspected Cherlapally station, where he reviewed modern infrastructure such as the executive lounge, sleeping pods, waiting halls, cafeteria, lifts, escalators, EV charging points, and the foot overbridge. Srivastava also interacted with the booking clerks and sanitation workers ('Safai Mitras') to learn about their duty conditions and facilities. The visit focused on enhancing commuter experience and ensuring timely completion of redevelopment projects.

## Sri Chaitanya School closed without notice in Koti

**Parents demand action against management**

**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**  
Tension prevailed in front of Sri Chaitanya School in Koti as angry parents staged a protest on Monday, expressing outrage over the school's sudden closure for the past 10 days. Parents said they received no prior information and alleged that the school management, when approached, irresponsibly advised them to shift their children to other branches. Many parents, visibly distressed, questioned how they could move their children after already paying hefty fees and purchasing books. "How can we go to another branch now? This school is near our homes," one parent said, expressing frustration over the disruption to their children's education. They also pointed fingers at the education department for not taking timely action. According to the parents, the department had seized the school citing lack of permission, but no official communication or resolution has followed since. "Why was the school allowed to run without proper permissions in the first place? And now, why are the authorities silent?" asked another agitated parent. Protesters demanded strict action against Sri Chaitanya management for what they called "playing with children's futures." They urged the government to intervene immediately and ensure the school either reopens or compensates the affected families.



## 'Nivrutti' Centres Launched in Telangana Jails

**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**  
In a significant move toward reform-oriented incarceration, the Telangana Prisons Department has launched 'Nivrutti' — a series of de-addiction centres across the state's central jails. Funded by the Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment under the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan, the initiative aims to promote recovery, inner peace, and reintegration for inmates battling addiction. Speaking at the inauguration, Director General of Prisons Dr. Soumya Mishra described Nivrutti as a "paradigm shift" from punishment to transformation. "With support from Mission Parivart-hana, TGNAB, and both State and Central governments, we aim to build prisons that heal and restore dignity," she said. The initiative is expected to reduce recidivism and promote a drug-free, crime-free society. Sandeep Shandilya, Director of the Elite Action Group for Drug Law Enforcement (EAGLE), emphasized the need to address both the supply and demand sides of drug control. While enforcement agencies continue to pursue suppliers, he said, bail for drug users is common. "Instead of bail, addicts should be sent to de-addiction centres for true rehabilitation," he recommended. Meanwhile, the department held a two-day training session aimed at reviving prison industries and expanding inmate employment opportunities. Dr. Mishra expressed concern over the decline of iconic products such as the Warangal Durrie, once a symbol of prison craftsmanship. She proposed sharing the personal stories of inmates behind each product to help buyers connect with their efforts. The training focused on standardizing quality, pricing, and branding of products across jails. Participants were also introduced to eco-friendly practices such as honeybee-keeping. The initiative is expected to enhance marketability, generate revenue, and provide meaningful work and skill development for prisoners, aligning with the department's broader goal of humane correction and social reintegration.



## Skeleton found in Nampally house after youth's video goes viral

**TPN | V. Krishna Kumar**  
**Hyderabad:** A haunting mystery surfaced in Nampally, Hyderabad, where a skeleton was discovered in an abandoned house. What made the incident even more chilling was how the identity of the deceased was revealed — through an old Nokia mobile phone and a viral video clip recorded by a local youth. The skeleton was identified as Aamir Khan, son of Munir Khan, the original owner of the house. Police officials, who reached the scene after the video spread on social media, said there were no signs of violence, blood stains, or forced entry at the site. This led investigators to believe that Aamir may have died of natural causes, possibly due to underlying mental



health issues. Aamir Khan's death, which likely occurred around 2015, went unnoticed for nearly ten years. Police sources say this was largely because none of his ten siblings took any interest in his condition or whereabouts. Some are settled abroad while one sibling

resides locally but reportedly did not maintain contact with Aamir. During the inspection of the house, police recovered an old Nokia phone and a stash of discontinued currency notes. Surprisingly, when the phone was repaired and powered on, it showed 84

missed calls — all received in the year 2015. This key detail, along with call history and personal contacts stored in the device, helped authorities confirm the skeleton's identity. The forensic team has collected the remains for detailed examination, while local police continue to investigate the circumstances surrounding Aamir Khan's isolation and death. The incident has triggered debate over familial neglect and the forgotten lives of those suffering from mental health challenges. Officials now hope that the forensic report will conclusively establish the cause of death, even as the case shines a light on a tragic tale of abandonment in plain sight.

## NITHAM Director Ramana Meets Minister Jupally



**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**  
Hyderabad: Professor Venkata Ramana, the newly appointed Director of the National Institute of Tourism and Hospitality Management (NITHAM), paid a courtesy visit to Tourism and Culture Minister Jupally Krishna Rao. He presented a bouquet to the minister and expressed his gratitude. Minister Jupally congratulated Professor Ramana on his appointment and conveyed his best wishes for a successful tenure.



# Women Queue at Post Office Over Mahalaxmi Scheme

No official announcement yet from Congress-led government

TPN Correspondent | Hanmakonda

A wave of confusion and anticipation has gripped Hanmakonda district as large numbers of women, elderly people, and even children have been seen queuing outside post offices over the past week. The reason: a widespread campaign claiming that ₹2,500 will be deposited monthly into women's post office accounts under the Congress government's promised Mahalaxmi scheme. During the recent Assembly elections, Congress leaders pledged a monthly assistance of ₹2,500 to eligible women beneficiaries as part of the Mahalaxmi scheme. However, despite the party forming the government, no official

notification has been issued so far regarding the implementation timeline or beneficiary details. Yet, word-of-mouth and viral messages have led hundreds of women to flock to post offices in hopes of availing the benefit. Many have been seen opening new accounts, believing it is a requirement to receive the promised amount. Post office officials, however, clarified the situation. They stated that no formal communication or instruction has been received from the government regarding any deposits under the Mahalaxmi scheme. "People are free to open accounts, and we are helping them do so. But there is no directive from

the state government about any such scheme being processed through post offices," said one official. The lack of clarity from government channels has resulted in confusion among the public. While Congress had committed to the scheme during its election campaign, the absence of official rollout details is now leading to false expectations and avoidable crowding at public institutions. Local leaders and civil society members are urging the government to issue a clear statement to avoid further misinformation and unnecessary hardship to citizens, especially women who are spending hours waiting in lines based on unverified claims.



# Expired Goods Found in Bakery...

Medchal SOT busts Dream Puff Bakery for using unsafe, expired ingredients



TPN Correspondent | Medchal

Shocking revelations came to light during a surprise inspection conducted by the Medchal SOT police at Dream Puff Bakery near Om Jhanda in Suraram under the Suraram police station limits. The bakery was found using expired ingredients in the preparation of cakes, breads, and other bakery items, putting public health at serious risk. During the raid, police seized 39.5 kg of cakes and buns made with expired goods, along with 4 units of vanilla powder, 2 units of milk flavoring, 1 bottle of synthetic flavoring agent, and other banned coloring substances.

According to Medchal SOT CI, the premises were extremely unhygienic and lacked proper food and labour licenses, indicating that the bakery was operating illegally. Officials described the entire operation as a clear case of negligence and greed. "This is a criminal act. Expired ingredients are being used without any concern for people's health," a senior officer said. Meanwhile, local residents expressed outrage, not only at the bakery owners but also at the glaring negligence of food safety and GHMC officials in the Qutubullapur area. Residents pointed out that there had been no food safety inspections conducted

in recent times, raising serious concerns about other food establishments in the locality. "Do food safety officials even exist here? GHMC hasn't checked a single bakery or hotel properly in our area," fumed a local resident. Others echoed similar sentiments, demanding regular field inspections and stricter action to prevent such life-threatening practices in the future. The Medchal SOT has registered a case against Dream Puff Bakery and is further investigating the matter. Locals are calling for immediate action against all those responsible, including negligent officials.

# TDP Elects New Mandal Body in Bhadrachalam Meet



TPN | ANVESH REDDY The Telugu Desam Party (TDP) conducted a chief activists meeting for the Bhadrachalam constituency at the Godavari Function Hall. Vattam Narayana Dora, the constituency observer appointed by the State TDP, attended as the chief guest. Senior TDP leaders including

Potu Ranga Rao, Kodali Srinivas, Kunchala Rajaram, Kambhampati Suresh, Pillanti Desappa, Abhineni Srinivas, Vasireddy Chalapati Rao, and Nutalapati Dasiah were present at the gathering. Leaders emphasized that the TDP, in alliance with the NDA, is poised to return to power in Telangana. They cred-

ited the lasting impact of development works initiated by former Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu across villages in the Bhadrachalam constituency. Speakers acknowledged the dedication of party workers who have remained loyal for two decades despite being out of power. They urged activ-

ists to continue working with the same discipline to strengthen the party. Following the meeting, the Bhadrachalam TDP Mandal Committee was unanimously elected in the presence of the observer. Talluri Chittibabu was named president, while Repaka Rambabu was elected vice presi-

# Etala Pledges ₹303 Cr for Cantonment Development



TPN Correspondent | Telangana

Malkajgiri MP Etala Rajender has announced a major development push for the Secunderabad Cantonment, with a focus on flood prevention, civic infrastructure, and environmental restoration. Speaking after attending the Cantonment Board meeting, he said the Telangana government had deposited funds for land acquired under the Rajiv Road and Nagpur Highway flyover projects. Etala highlighted the severe

flooding issues in the area, especially during monsoon, due to its proximity to Hus-sain Sagar. "Rainwater enters homes up to ten feet deep. We are investing ₹303 crore to build proper sewerage and drainage systems to ensure water flows out efficiently and doesn't stagnate," he said. The MP identified Sitaramapuram as a flood-prone zone and assured a permanent solution will be implemented. He also announced plans to revamp Ramanna-kunta — currently plagued

by foul-smelling stagnant water — into a recreational space with walking tracks and green cover. Etala said the Board had resolved to issue permissions to individuals who had purchased government-built flats, ensuring they face no disruption. With a vision to transform the cantonment into a model area, he promised modern planning with parks, open gyms, and underground drainage, aiming for a cleaner and greener neighborhood.

# Andol to Be Developed as Education and Healthcare Hub

TPN Correspondent | Sangareddy

State Medical and Health Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha has announced that the Andol constituency will be transformed into a major hub for education and healthcare. On Tuesday, the minister toured several locations in the Andol mandal, including schools, colleges, and road infrastructure works, to assess the development progress and guide officials. During his visit, the minister stated that the government is committed to making Andol a unique educational hub in the state. Emphasizing comprehensive development, he said projects have been initiated across multiple sectors to establish the region as a



model for both education and medical advancement. The minister visited the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) in Andol and reviewed key facilities developed using CSR funds. These included digi-

tal classrooms, a computer lab, a modern kitchen block, and a revised meal menu. Interacting with students in a friendly manner, he listened to their experiences and issues. He highlighted that today, government

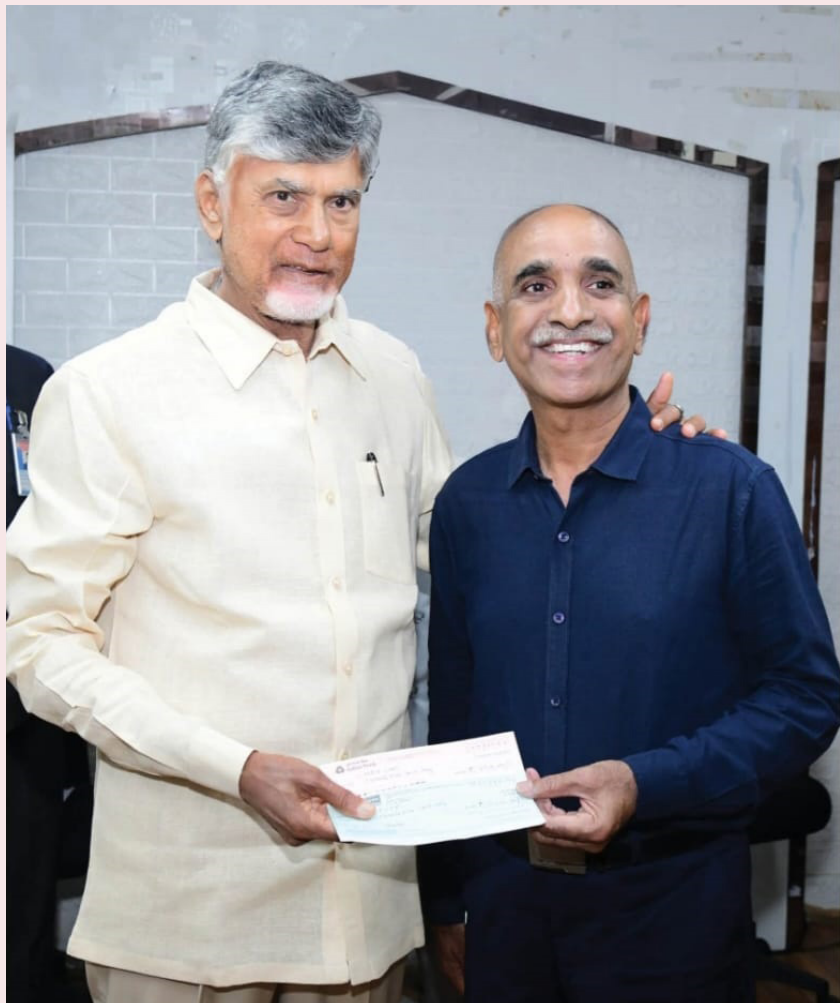
schools are on par with or even ahead of private institutions in terms of infrastructure and educational standards, ensuring both quality learning and nutrition. He further noted that digital learning, com-

puter training, and scientific labs are being made available in every government school across the constituency. Efforts are ongoing to upgrade infrastructure in all schools under a broader vision of educational excellence. Later, Minister Rajanarsimha inspected the construction works of the upcoming Nursing College in Andol town, including the compound wall and supporting facilities. He stressed the importance of equipping the college with state-of-the-art infrastructure to meet healthcare needs and directed officials to expedite the completion so classes can commence soon. The minister also visited the Andol Women's Polytechnic College and examined the classroom and lab

setups, offering recommendations for improvement. He asserted that the polytechnic will play a pivotal role in empowering women through vocational and technical education. As part of his tour, the minister reviewed the four-lane road development from Nanded National Highway to Jogipet-Andol, inspecting progress from the Andol flyover to Jogipet town. He highlighted the economic and connectivity benefits the new road would bring and urged National Highway Authority officials to fast-track the work. Several public representatives, officials from relevant departments, and local leaders accompanied the minister during the inspection tour.



# 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.

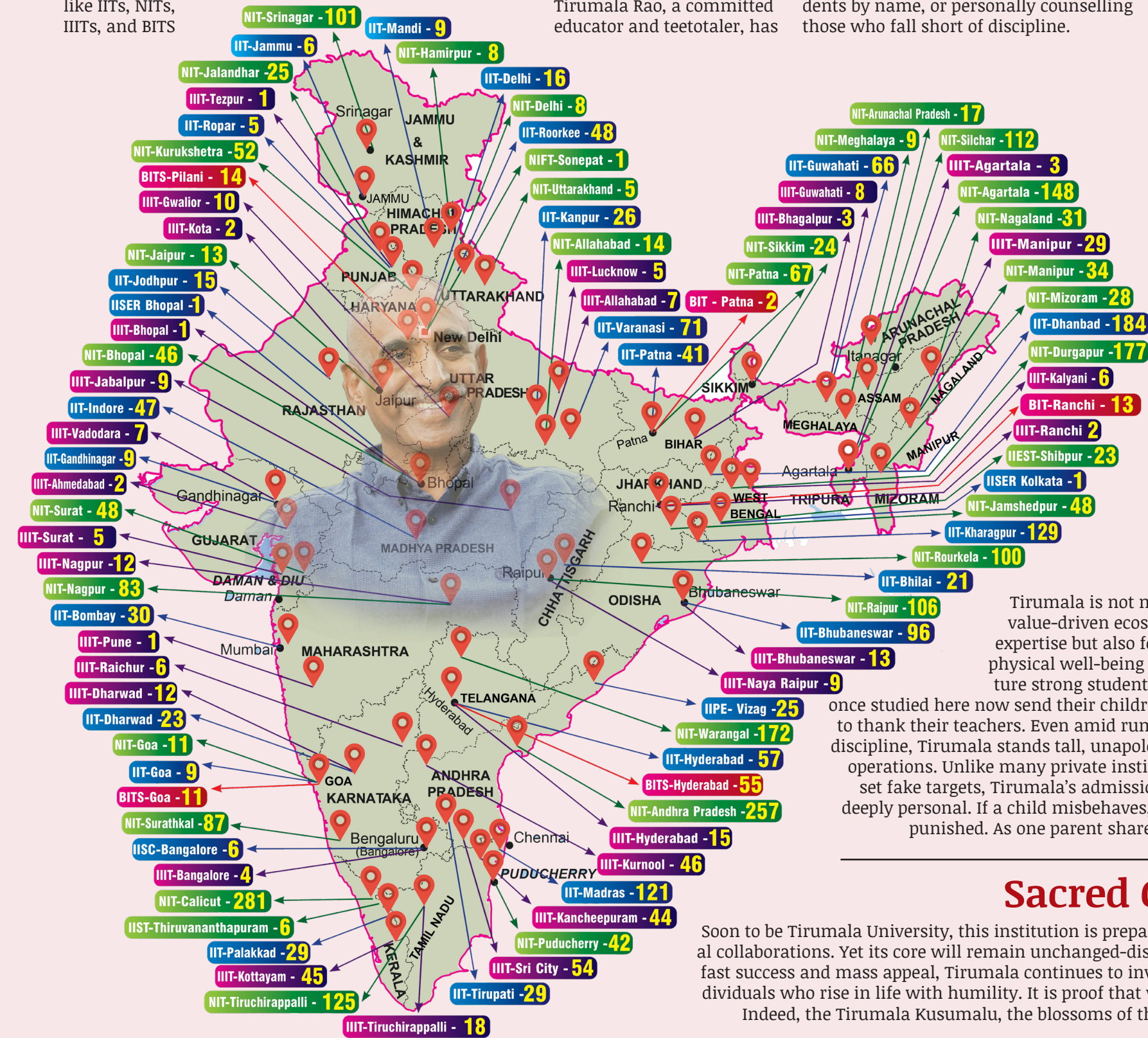


## Vision Rooted in Values

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 once studied here now send their children, and alumni from the UK, US, or Singapore return just to thank their teachers. Even amid rumours and criticism from rival institutions about its rigid discipline, Tirumala stands tall, unapologetically focused, deeply committed, and transparent in operations. Unlike many private institutions that force staff into door-to-door admissions and set fake targets, Tirumala's admissions are earned, not sold. The connection with students is deeply personal. 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."

## 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

TPN Correspondent | Sikkim

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 —

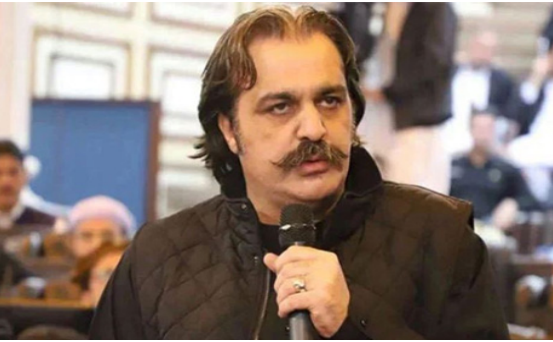


for immediate delivery to Ukraine. Nations such as Germany, Canada, Sweden, and the UK are backing the

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



TPN Correspondent | Islamabad

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?

TPN Correspondent | Jerusalem

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

TPN Correspondent | Karachi

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.

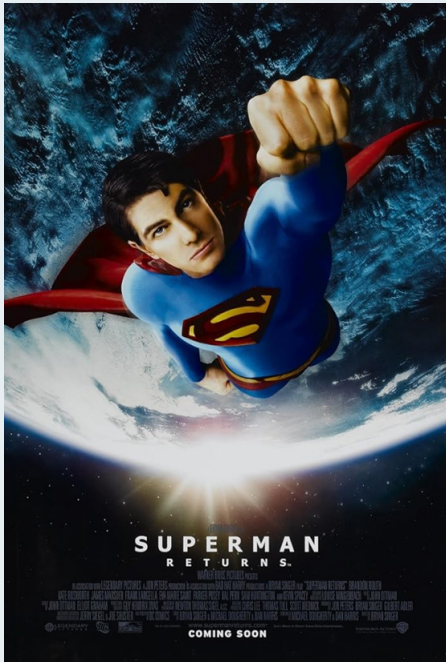
With its powerful theme and intense courtroom sequences, *Janaki V vs State of Kerala* promises to be a thought-provoking film. Following the release of the trailer, anticipation is building for its upcoming release, as audiences prepare to witness a hard-hitting drama that tackles an important social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