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Microsoft to Launch R&D Hub in Quantum Valley
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Amaravati: In a major boost to India's tech aspirations, global tech giant Microsoft is all set to establish a Quantum Research Center in Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh. As part of the ambitious "Quantum Valley" project, the AP government has initiated talks with several global players—talks with Microsoft have now reached an advanced stage, with a formal MoU expected to be signed soon. The upcoming Quantum Valley in Amaravati is envisioned as the country's first and most powerful quantum computing hub. Tech majors like IBM, TCS, and L&T are collaborating to build India's most advanced quantum computer—powered by the 156-qubit Heron Processor, also known as Quantum System-2. Slated for inauguration on January 1, 2026, the Quantum Valley is being developed under the National Quantum Mission with support from the central government. It will house quantum computer manufacturing units, research incubators, data centers, and state-of-the-art tech parks. Industry experts call it a "game-changer" for India's future in deep tech. Microsoft's entry into the project is expected to further elevate the Valley's profile. The company plans to build a dedicated facility spread across 4,000 sq. ft within the tech zone. With its deep expertise in AI, cloud, and advanced computing, Microsoft aims to push the boundaries of quantum technology and scale innovation from India. Only a handful of countries—such as the US, China, France, Canada, and Finland—currently have a foothold in quantum computing. India's move to establish its own high-end infrastructure, backed by global leaders like Microsoft, signals its serious intent to compete on the world stage.

Special Committee on Banakacharla... Will Talks Water Down the Dispute?



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In a key meeting convened by Union Water Resources Minister CR Patil at Shram Shakti Bhavan in Delhi, the Chief Ministers of the two Telugu states—Chandrababu Naidu and Revanth Reddy—came face-to-face amid growing tensions over the proposed Godavari-Banakacharla linkage project. However, Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy clarified that the contentious project did not even come up for discussion.

Revanth Reddy: "Banakacharla Wasn't on the Agenda"

Addressing the media after the meeting, CM Revanth Reddy said, "The proposal to build the Godavari-Banakacharla project from Andhra Pradesh was not even on the table. So, the question of opposing it does not arise." He made it clear that this was not an Apex Council meeting and added that both states agreed to form a committee of engineers and officials to address Krishna and Godavari water disputes.

Revanth also emphasized that the meeting's objective was to sort out pending issues, not stir up fresh controversies. Taking a swipe at his predecessor, he accused KCR of having surrendered Telangana's rightful water share during the BRS regime. "We are now trying to undo the damage," he said. Telangana's focus in the meeting remained on securing national status for the Palamuru-Rangareddy, Dindi, and Ichampalli projects on the Krishna River and obtaining necessary permissions for pending works.

Chandrababu Naidu: "AP Has the Right to Surplus Water"

Meanwhile, Andhra Pradesh CM Chandrababu Naidu stood firm on his state's claim over surplus Godavari water. In a separate meeting with Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Chandrababu asserted that AP, being at the tail end of the Godavari River,



Gandikota Girl's Death Still a Mystery
TPN | Nagaraju

Kadapa: The tragic death of 17-year-old Intermediate student Vaishnavi near the historic Gandikota has sparked a flurry of speculation and investigation, with police now stating that her boyfriend Lokesh is not involved in the murder, nor was there any sexual assault, contrary to initial fears.

According to police, Lokesh took the minor girl to Gandikota around 8:30 AM on Monday but returned alone by 10:40 AM. When Vaishnavi's family discovered she hadn't gone to college, they grew suspicious. Fearing trouble, Lokesh allegedly abandoned her at the spot and fled. Later, Vaishnavi's relative Surendra reportedly went to Gandikota as well. What happened between then and her death remains unknown.

DIG Praveen, who visited the location with the SP, said that crucial clues have been gathered and a special investigation team, along with a dog squad, has been deployed. The girl's body was found unclothed, leading to initial fears of sexual assault. However, forensic findings ruled out any such act, said the DIG. Police are also looking into the possibility of honor killing or other motives, and have not ruled out questioning the girl's family. CCTV footage from the Gandikota area is being analyzed for leads. The death has stirred emotional reactions locally, with many questioning how a minor girl was left alone in such a remote location. Despite multiple twists and claims, the case remains unresolved. Authorities assure the culprits will be identified soon.

Jagan Fires Back: "Kootami Won't Last 3 Years"

TPN | Devadas

Amaravati: In a fiery press conference that shook the political stage, former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister and YSRCP Chief Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy came out all guns blazing against the NDA coalition government in the state. Accusing the current regime of vendetta politics, fake promises, and systematic suppression, Jagan predicted that the coalition government "won't survive beyond three years."

Jagan declared that five lakh pensions were removed under the coalition regime and questioned why 30 lakh mothers haven't received the "Talli Ki Vandanam" scheme. "Is it a crime to ask for the ₹1,500 promised to women?" he asked. He also lambasted the government for ignoring farmers, failing to provide schemes like Annadata Sukhibhava or input subsidies. On mango prices, he accused the government of ruining farmer livelihoods due to delayed procurement and lack of planning.

Police Misused, Officers Humiliated

Calling it the "worst misuse of police machinery," Jagan said the current administration has created a mafia-like situation in the police force. "DIGs are behaving like dons. Cops are collecting bribes and funneling them to politicians," he alleged.

He further said that IPS officers like Siddharth Kaushal were forced to leave as they refused to bend to dirty politics. "Over 100 inspectors and hundreds of constables remain in VR, with senior officers suspended or without postings," Jagan added.

On Mango Farmers and Protests

Jagan slammed the arrest of protesters at Bangarupalyam. "Is standing with distressed mango farmers a crime?" he asked. "Despite cases, notices, and arrests, people came out in thousands. It shows who they trust," he said, claiming YSRCP is the only true opposition in the state.



Tollywood Mourns Again: Ravi Teja's Father Passes Away

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Just days after the loss of legendary actor Kota Srinivasa Rao, Tollywood is once again struck by tragedy. Veteran actor Ravi Teja's father, Rajagopal Raju, passed away in Hyderabad on Tuesday due to age-related health issues.

Rajagopal Raju had been ailing for some time and breathed his last at Ravi Teja's residence. Originally from Jaggampeta in East Godavari district, Raju worked as a pharmacist. His career took him across North India, where he spent a considerable part of his life. He is survived by three sons—Ravi Teja, his eldest; Bharath, who tragically passed away in a car accident in 2017; and Raghunath, who has appeared in several Telugu films as a supporting actor.

Before stepping into the Telugu film industry, Ravi Teja lived in Jaipur, Delhi, and Mumbai due to his father's postings. Rajagopal Raju's influence and career path had a strong impact on Ravi Teja's early life. Following the news of Raju's passing, condolences poured in from across the Telugu film fraternity. Celebrities, friends, and fans expressed their grief and extended support to Ravi Teja and his family during this difficult time.

The double blow of Kota Srinivasa Rao's demise and now Rajagopal Raju's death has cast a pall of gloom over the Tollywood industry, leaving many mourning back-to-back personal losses.





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is entitled to utilise surplus flows that continue for 90 to 120 days even after upper riparian states are served. He explained that the Polavaram-Banakacharla linkage is a well-intentioned plan to divert surplus water to the drought-hit Rayalaseema region. “This is not just about politics—it’s about delivering water to regions that have suffered for decades,” he reportedly told the Union Minister.

Uttam Kumar Reddy: “AP Agrees to Telemetry—Finally!”

Telangana Irrigation Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy, who also attended the meeting, said Andhra Pradesh has agreed to install telemetry systems at all major reservoirs and canals to monitor water usage. “They’ve finally agreed—on a war footing,” he said, adding that Telangana is even willing to fund the installation if the Centre doesn’t. He blamed the previous Telangana administration for neglecting this crucial technology and said the current government is committed to ensuring full transparency in Krishna River water usage.

Nimmala Ramanaidu: “Positive Vibes and Productive Talks”

Andhra Pradesh Irrigation Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu described the meeting as a landmark step in Telugu state relations. “The talks were held in a positive atmosphere. We discussed the technical merits of the proposals. Most importantly, it was decided to keep the Krishna River Management Board in Amaravati and the Godavari Board in Hyderabad,” he said. He also confirmed that a special committee would be formed by Monday to specifically address the Banakacharla issue. While there was no clear resolution on the Banakacharla project itself, the tone of the meeting suggested a willingness to work through institutional channels. For now, it’s a wait-and-watch situation as both states dig into their positions—with water, politics, and parched lands hanging in the balance.

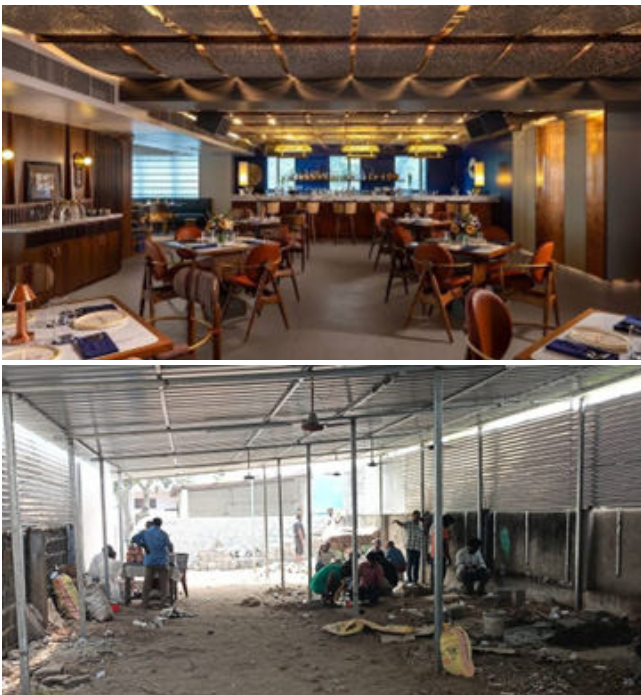
Chandrababu meets Union Sports Minister Mandaviya



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Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu has urged the central government to extend support for setting up a world-class badminton training centre in Amaravati. On the second day of his visit to Delhi, the CM met with Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, Mansukh Mandaviya. The Chief Minister discussed key projects and infrastructure plans needed to boost sports development in the state. He highlighted the opportunity to establish a National Water Sports Training Hub in Amaravati and explained the potential for setting up water sports training centres along the banks of the Krishna river. The CM informed the Union Minister that the state government has already submitted multiple proposals related to sports infrastructure and development projects. He shared proposals to set up National Centres of Excellence at Nagarjuna University and in Kakinada. He also requested the timely completion of infrastructure projects under the Khelo India scheme in Tirupati, Rajamahendravaram, Kakinada, and Narasaraopet.

The Chief Minister also sought ₹27 crore funds for upgrading the Indira Gandhi Stadium in Vijayawada, ₹170 crore funds for developing a multi-sports complex at the BR Stadium in Guntur, and ₹341 crore funds for the overall sports development across various regions of the state. He also stressed upon the additional Khelo India Centres to be sanctioned for identifying talented sportspersons at the district level. The CM further proposed that the Centre should consider establishing a Sports Authority of India training centre in Tirupati, located in the Rayalaseema region. He stated that under the Andhra Pradesh Sports Policy 2024-29, the state has initiated important steps to build a comprehensive sports ecosystem. The CM expressed his gratitude to Union Minister Mandaviya for considering Andhra Pradesh as the host for the Khelo India Martial Arts Games 2025, adding that these games will be conducted at top-tier venues in cities like Vijayawada and Visakhapatnam. He also urged the Centre to sanction ₹25 crore for hosting the Khelo India Martial Arts Games.



Permit Rooms Back in Focus!

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Kovvur: In a bid to boost revenue, the Excise Department in East Godavari is once again pushing for permit rooms beside liquor shops. Reliable sources say a proposal has been sent to the government suggesting the move could generate income starting this September. Last year, the government earned ₹28.849 crore through private applications under the liquor policy. But with the current liquor shop permits valid till next year, there’s no scope for fresh application fees this cycle. So, the Excise Department is now exploring other income routes — and permit rooms top the list. Throwback to 2014, permit rooms beside liquor shops were legal, with fees ranging from ₹5 lakh in municipalities to ₹7.5 lakh in corporations. Though the last government’s cabinet sub-committee rejected this proposal, the lack of income this time around may tilt the scales in favour. Meanwhile, in reality, illegal permit rooms are already operating in full swing. In Kovvur, at least three liquor shops have set up massive sheds at the back, openly catering to drinkers. If official permits come through, it’s good news for tipplers — but a nightmare for the police. Already, these unofficial sheds are hotspots for brawls and law-and-order issues. Gone are the days when a police siren would scatter drinkers. Now, they sip boldly, and if things go overboard, scuffles erupt — even full-blown chaos at times. If the government gives a green signal, the police may find themselves on a tightrope. Act tough, and the reply will be: “This is a licensed room, we paid the fee!” On the flip side, staying silent means letting chaos grow. Worse yet, many liquor shop owners reportedly belong to the ruling party — making enforcement even more complicated. For the police, it’s a classic catch-22: damned if you do, damned if you don’t. One thing’s certain — stormy days lie ahead for the lawkeepers if these permit rooms become official.

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Attacks on Media and Film Stars

Jagan didn’t spare the media either. He called Eenadu a “toilet paper” for falsely reporting that mango farmers were celebrating. He also condemned the arrests made over movie dialogue posters, calling them “laughable.” “Balakrishna and Pawan Kalyan deliver wild dialogues in films. If that’s offensive, why approve them via the censor board?” Jagan questioned, sarcastically adding, “Maybe they should stop making movies altogether.” “Chandrababu’s poisonous politics will come back to bite. If he doesn’t wake up now, even his own party won’t listen tomorrow,” Jagan warned, ending his press meet with sharp words and sharper intent.

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Srikalahasti: The murder of JenaSena worker Srinivasulu (popularly known as Rayudu), a former car driver for expelled JenaSena leader Vinutha Kota, has sparked emotional debate across Andhra Pradesh. Once just another

teenager, he renamed himself “Rayudu” after the 2017 Pawan Kalyan-starrer Katamarayudu, a symbol of his deep admiration. Since then, he had idolized Pawan like a god and devoted his life to his ideals. A native of Bokkasa Palem, Rayudu’s love for Pawan led him to take up driving just to get

close to Vinutha, believing she could connect him to the actor-politician. From driving to social media to even cooking, Rayudu worked like family for the Vinutha household, without ever asking for money. His loyalty extended so far that he got tattoos of the JenaSena symbol and “Vinutha Akka” inked on his arm—a tattoo that eventually helped police identify his body. Raised by his maternal uncle and grandmother after losing his mother to domestic violence, Rayudu had only one dream: to meet and serve Pawan Kalyan. He never sought personal gain and brought over 200 others into JenaSena. However, caught in a political crossfire between Vinutha and TDP MLA Bojjala Sudheer, Rayudu was allegedly used as a mole and killed over leaked videos. While the murder is tragic, the silence from the party he served raises deeper questions. His grieving family is asking: will Pawan Kalyan stand by the young man who stood by him? Despite his lifelong devotion, the JenaSena party has made no public gesture to support Rayudu’s family. His sister Keerthi, a homemaker married to a local auto driver, pleads for justice. In a political world where even distant tragedies evoke responses, the silence on Rayudu’s death is deafening. Will the leader he worshipped offer them justice—or will he remain silent?

AP Govt Drops All Cases Against AB Venkateswara Rao



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In a significant relief to former Andhra Pradesh Intelligence Chief and senior IPS officer AB Venkateswara Rao, the state government has officially halted all ongoing investigations and legal proceedings against him. The move comes in the wake of a decisive Andhra Pradesh High Court judgment that quashed the

FIR and chargesheets filed by the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB). The development was formalized through G.O.R.T. No. 1334, issued on Tuesday by Chief Secretary K. Vijayanand, which stated that all criminal and departmental proceedings against Venkateswara Rao are now null and void. The ACB had previously filed cases against the officer under Sections 120-

B (criminal conspiracy), 420 (cheating), 409 (criminal breach of trust) of the IPC and relevant sections of the Prevention of Corruption Act. However, the High Court ruled in Venkateswara Rao’s favor, finding no grounds to proceed further. The former intelligence chief had approached the High Court seeking the quashing of the FIR and the subsequent chargesheets

that were pending before the Special Judge for SPE and ACB cases in Vijayawada. After a detailed hearing, the court dismissed the ACB’s case, marking a crucial turning point in the long-drawn legal battle. Further cementing his relief, the state government decided not to challenge the High Court ruling in the Supreme Court through a special leave petition. Following this, the govern-

ment issued instructions to the Director General of Police (DGP) to ensure that all investigations and departmental actions cease with immediate effect. With this, AB Venkateswara Rao has officially been cleared of all charges, ending years of legal entanglements and bringing closure to a case that had attracted significant public and administrative attention.

Chandrababu Seeks ₹10,000 Cr from Centre Under SASCI

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Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has urged the Central Government to allocate ₹10,000 crore to Andhra Pradesh under the Special Assistance Scheme for Capital Investment (SASCI). During a meeting with Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in New Delhi on Wednesday, Chandrababu requested financial support for ongoing and pending state development projects, especially for the capital city Amaravati and revenue deficit compensation. The Chief Minister highlighted that Andhra Pradesh continues to suffer due to the financial imbalance created after bifurcation. He appealed to the Union Government to recognize and settle the state's revenue deficit under the recommendations of the 16th Finance Commission. Referring to Amaravati's development, Chandrababu said the capital construction would require a total of ₹79,280 crore, of which ₹44,351 crore is currently proposed for execution. So far, the state has managed to mobilize ₹26,000 crore. He urged the Union Minister to release the second installment of funds for Amaravati as a grant. The CM also reminded the Finance Minister about the pending commitments for the Polavaram irrigation project, emphasizing that both Amaravati and Polavaram are crucial



for the state's long-term growth and stability. Thanking the Centre for past assistance to Amaravati and Polavaram, Chandrababu stressed the need for continued support to

rebuild Andhra Pradesh as per the promises made in the AP Reorganization Act. He reiterated that timely financial aid would help fast-track infrastructure development, create jobs, and restore investor confidence.

PVN Madhav Meets Media, Vows Collaborative Progress

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BJP Andhra Pradesh State President PVN Madhav held an informal, friendly interaction with print media journalists on Tuesday, engaging in a two-hour long candid conversation. The meeting was marked by cheerful exchanges and a positive atmosphere, with wide-ranging discussions covering key state and national issues. Responding to queries, PVN Madhav stated that the development of Andhra Pradesh under the NDA coalition would be clearly visible within the next four years. "My journey will continue to shape party workers into capable public representatives at the grassroots," he said. He highlighted that many engineering graduates in the state are struggling due to lack of employment, often forced to migrate to neighboring states despite Andhra Pradesh having vast resources and potential. "With the NDA government in place, investments are flowing in, and opportunities are expanding," he added. PVN Madhav stressed the need for establishing a Mango Board in the state to boost agri-economy and ensure export infrastructure. He also pointed out the importance of spice cultivation in regions like Araku, where special focus is needed. On Prime Minister Narendra Modi's governance, Madhav said, "Every scheme under Modi ji's leadership is implemented with the intention of helping the poor, not promoting names. Unlike previous regimes, Modi avoids political branding in welfare schemes." He appreciated the positive public response to BJP's Vaaradhi program in AP and noted that BJP public representatives are now in a stronger position to raise important issues in the Assembly. Madhav also announced that the party would soon launch special initiatives for Denotified Tribes in the state. Adoni MLA Dr. Parthasarathi, BJP State General Secretary Sannareddy Dayakar Reddy, Secretary Nagothu Ramesh Naidu, NTR District President Adduri Sriram, and leaders Uppalapati Srinivas Raju, Muvvala Venkata Subbaiah, and Brahmam were among those who participated in the interaction.



Krishna-Godavari Talks Fruitful, Says Nimmala

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New Delhi: A high-level meeting on Krishna and Godavari river water sharing, chaired by Union Jal Shakti Minister C.R. Patil, was held in New Delhi on Wednesday. The meeting was attended by Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, water resources ministers from both states, Central Water Commission (CWC) officials, engineers, and irrigation officers. Andhra Pradesh Water Resources Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu said the talks were held in a friendly and cooperative atmosphere and led to concrete agreements on three major issues concerning inter-state river water management. First, both states agreed to install telemeters to monitor outflows from major reservoirs into canals. This measure will help ensure accurate and transparent tracking of water discharges, fostering trust and cooperation between the states. Second, the two governments reached a consensus to jointly protect and maintain the Srisailem project, a vital lifeline for both states and a shared Telugu heritage. They agreed to promptly implement the recommendations of the CWC and expert engineers regarding structural repairs and protection of the plunge pool. Third, the long-pending issue regarding the location of river management boards was resolved. It was mutually decided that the Krishna River Management Board (KRMB) would be headquartered in Amaravati, while the Godavari River Management Board (GRMB) would function from Hyderabad.

Palangi Post in Limbo: JSP's Hunt Continues

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In the Undrajavaram Mandal, Jana Sena Party is still grappling with internal chaos over the appointment of the Palangi Society Chairman. Of the 10 society positions distributed under the TDP-JSP alliance, JSP was allocated three—Tadiparru, Palangi, and Satyavada. TDP secured the remaining seven. While JSP cadres fought hard to claim five societies, they had to settle for three. Their main issue? Lack of strong candidates—a fact many inside the party are unwilling to admit. Of the three JSP-assigned societies, Palangi has become the knot that refuses to untie. Days of deliberations, negotiations, and backchannel deals have gone nowhere. The candidate remains a mystery. A major setback came when a JSP MPTC member tried and failed to bag a society in a known TDP stronghold. The party even approached a leader from a dominant community, previously aligned with YSRCP, to switch sides and take the post. However, he reportedly declined, throwing JSP's plan off balance. Meanwhile, a local JSP TC leader is said to be making a power push—insisting the Palangi post go to "his person" and claiming the selection happens only under his watch. To cement this, he's lobbying aggressively through a close associate of a key state-level figure and even using the personal aide of a prominent minister's relative, sources say. Allegations are also swirling in Savaram village that large bribes are being offered for the post. The buzz is loud in the streets—money is being used to tip the scales. By Wednesday, 9 of the 10 society chairmen had been finalized. Only Palangi remains stuck in a whirlpool of lobbying, money talk, and internal one-upmanship. If the current course continues, what should have been a routine appointment might soon turn into a stain on the party's credibility.

Hindupur Set for Industrial Growth: Minister Anagani

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Hindupur: Sri Sathya Sai District In-charge Minister Anagani Sathya Prasad toured Hindupur constituency on Tuesday, participating in the "Suparipalana lo Tholi Adugu" (First Step in Good Governance) programme held at Nallarallapalli in Chilamathur mandal and Basalamanepalli in Lepakshi mandal. Minister Anagani visited several households and personally inquired about the implementation of welfare schemes. He later participated in the Rachabanda programme, where he listened to public grievances and assured immediate redressal. Residents of Hindupur constituency gave the minister a warm welcome. A local woman joyfully shared that six members of her family had received benefits under the "Thalliki Vandhanam" scheme. Villagers expressed satisfaction with the government's welfare measures. Speaking at the gathering, Minister Anagani criticised the previous YSRCP government for neglecting the Hindupur constituency between 2019 and 2024. "In just 13 months, under the leadership of MLA Balakrishna, Hindupur has seen remarkable growth," he stated. He highlighted key development projects like the upcoming Aerospace City and Industrial Nodes being established in the region. "These projects will not only boost employment but also position Hindupur as a major industrial hub in the state," he added. Minister Anagani praised MLA Balakrishna for carrying forward the vision of legendary leader Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao (NTR). "With the cooperation of Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, Balakrishna is turning Hindupur into an industrial powerhouse," he said.

Govt Buys Tobacco for First Time in AP



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Addanki: In a first-of-its-kind initiative, the Andhra Pradesh coalition government has begun direct procurement of tobacco from farmers. State Ministers G. Ravikumar (Power) and K. Acchannaidu (Agriculture) inaugurated a new Nallaburley Tobacco Procurement Centre at the Santamaguluru Agricultural Market Yard in Addanki constituency. Speaking at the inauguration, Minister Gottipati Ravi said, "For the first time in India's history, a State government is directly purchasing tobacco. We allocated ₹270 crore for this effort. Similarly, ₹4 per kg was given additionally for mango crop purchases. Our goal is to stand by farmers in times of distress caused by market fluctuations due to bumper crops of tobacco, cocoa, and mango this season." Highlighting the coalition's welfare initiatives, the minister said ₹4,000 pensions are being distributed to 65 lakh beneficiaries and that ₹33,000 crore was allotted for pension distribution. Free gas cylinders under the Deepam 2 scheme are also being given every four months, with free bus travel for women starting from August 15. Minister Acchannaidu slammed the previous YSRCP government, accusing it of misusing liquor sales and failing farmers. "They jailed us for standing by the public. They looted ₹32,000 crore in liquor scams. Now, they're trying to stir unrest through political tours," he alleged. He added that after Gottipati brought the issue of tobacco surplus to his notice, CM Chandrababu promptly sanctioned funds for procurement. Gottipati also noted ₹3 crore had already been spent in one year for canal repairs in Addanki. "Under YSRCP's 5-year rule, even silt was not cleared. We ensured water access for farmers this kharif by repairing minors and majors," he said.

Chandrababu Playing Politics with Karedu Land: YSRCP MLC



TPN | Seshu

Nellore: YSR Congress Party MLC Parvatha Reddy Chandrasekhar Reddy strongly criticized the coalition government's alleged forced land acquisition in Karedu village, claiming it is causing severe losses to farmers and agricultural laborers. Accompanied by local leaders, he toured Karedu and expressed solidarity with the affected villagers. Speaking to the media, Chandrasekhar Reddy alleged that ever since the coalition government assumed power, it has been intimidating the public and targeting those who question its policies with false cases. He accused the ruling TDP of misusing

development and industrial projects as a pretext for forcibly seizing land. He claimed that around 8,000 acres in Karedu — a fertile, double-crop area — are being acquired for real estate profiteering under the guise of development. "Why should these people leave their productive lands?" he asked, demanding justification from the government. Former CM Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy has already been informed of the issue, and YSRCP pledged to stand with the victims, said the MLC. He warned that if the government proceeds against the will of the people, the YSRCP will launch large-scale protests in Karedu alongside local residents.

2,000 More to Get House Pattas Soon: Lokesh

Smart Bazaar, Utility Project Soon in Mangalagiri

TPN | B Madhusudhanarao
Mangalagiri: Andhra Pradesh Minister for Education, IT, and Electronics, Nara Lokesh, directed officials to complete arrangements to distribute permanent house pattas to another 2,000 people in Mangalagiri constituency by August. Reviewing the ongoing development works at his residence in Undavalli, the Minister noted that earlier, pattas worth around ₹1,000 crore were distributed to 3,000 beneficiaries. He instructed officials to identify new sites under the TIDCO housing scheme to provide

homes for the poor who do not own houses. Minister Lokesh also emphasized the development of a park near the existing TIDCO colony and directed that work on the integrated underground drainage, water, gas, and power infrastructure project under Mangalagiri-Tadepalli Municipal Corporation (MTMC) should begin at the earliest. He also instructed that 31 community halls, 26 parks, and crematoriums being constructed with CSR and government funds be completed quickly. The Minister proposed trans-

forming the Eco Park into an Adventure Park to attract more visitors, particularly from Vijayawada and Guntur. He asked officials to expedite the construction of a retaining wall and park in Mahanadu Colony as a flood prevention measure. He was informed that the model library near the Mangalagiri temple is nearing completion. He asked for the Nidamaru model village redevelopment project to be completed by September and the grand plans for the Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Temple in Mangalagiri to be implemented swiftly.



Plans for a Smart Street Bazaar, a modern fruits, vegetables, and flower market with 350 shops at Nidamaru Road, and a ₹2 crore fish market at Polakampadu were also discussed. Lokesh stressed improving roads, implementing traffic management systems, and ensuring 100% street lighting. He also reviewed plans for a Gems and Jewelry Park in Mangalagiri and discussed development works for local water bodies. Key officials including MTMC Commissioner Haleem Basha and Endowments Commissioner Ramachandra Mohan participated in the meeting.

Mega Job Mela Begins: Minister Promises Skill-Based Development



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Machilipatnam: Minister Kollu Ravindra inaugurated the Mega Job Mela at Machilipatnam's National College on Tuesday, vowing to transform Bandar into an employment hub. Addressing the youth, he stressed

the importance of skill development, stating, "If we grab opportunities, even the sky is not the limit. Companies will come looking for us if we have the skills." He visited the job stalls set up by both government and private organizations and inquired

about the job opportunities offered. He noted that the coalition government aims to create 20 lakh jobs across the state. Reflecting on former CM Chandrababu Naidu's Vision 2020, he said that while it was mocked initially, Hyderabad's rise as an IT powerhouse has proven the critics wrong. "Youth is India's greatest asset, and proper utilization can drive progress," he added. Ravindra criticized the previous YSRCP government for neglecting job melas and skill initiatives. "We had plans to establish a Skill Development Center at National College with Siemens support, but the YSRCP regime destroyed that vision," he alleged. He assured that going forward, a job mela would be held every six months. He revealed plans to complete

the Machilipatnam port soon and promote port-based industries. "Shipbuilding and a ₹10,000 crore steel plant will be established here," he said. The minister also emphasized tourism potential, with plans to continue the Beach Festival and promote tourism-related jobs. Ravindra added that critical mining industries and MSMEs would be encouraged in the region. "The youth should not focus only on salary but on long-term career benefits. Those attending today's mela should aim to establish industries tomorrow," he said. Assuring continued support, he promised to set up a permanent training center if needed, saying, "Only by upgrading our skills can we contribute to the development of the state."

Achieve goal of TB elimination by 2025: Governor Abdul Nazeer

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Governor of Andhra Pradesh Sri S. Abdul Nazeer said early identification and treatment is the key to achieving the goal of eliminating TB by 2025. Officials of State and Central government have made a presentation to Governor on implementation of TB Mukta Bharat Abhiyan in the State at a meeting held in Raj Bhavan here on Wednesday. Governor Sri Abdul Nazeer stressed on the need to focus on strengthening community engagement through Jan Bhagidari activities and to ensure inter-departmental convergence for effective elimination of TB. The



Governor has registered his name in the Niskhay portal and was issued an ID card by the officials. Dr. Bhawani Singh Kushwaha, TB Officer, CTD, Dr. D. Dharma Rao, National Consultant (Ni-kshay Mitra Initiative), and Dr. T. Ramesh, Joint Director, TB, briefed the Governor on the steps being taken for suc-

cessful implementation of TB Mukta Bharat Abhiyan to eliminate TB in the State. Later Dr. M. Hari Jawaharlal, E.O. Secretary to Governor, handed over a cheque of Rs.84,000 to the officials for distribution of nutrition baskets to twenty TB patients, on behalf of the Governor. Sri P.S. Suryaprakash, Joint Secretary to Governor, Shri Gangadhar Das, Public Health Specialist, CTD, Dr. Bhanu Naik, DLAT Officer, NTR District, Dr. T. Dheeraj, WHO Consultant, and Dr. V. Jaswanth Kumar, MO, TB-HIV, have attended the meeting.

Praja Arogya Vedika Urges CM for Immediate Action on Pharma Safety

TPN | Correspondent
Amaravati: Praja Arogya Vedika has written to Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu seeking urgent intervention to curb the rising number of accidents in the pharmaceutical industry. The organisation, committed to public health and safety, expressed grave concern over the alarming frequency of industrial mishaps in the sector. The letter highlights that between 2019 and 2023, 32 fatalities and 41 injuries occurred in the pharma industry. Disturbingly, in 2024 alone, Essentia Pharma reported 36 deaths and over 40 injuries. The recent tragedy at Sigachi Industries in Telangana, which killed 44 workers, further underscores the dire need for action. The letter also recalls the

LG Polymers gas leak in Visakhapatnam and other industrial accidents, stressing the lack of robust safety enforcement mechanisms. Praja Arogya Vedika proposed a four-point action plan: strict vigilance and safety audits across industries, strengthening the Factories Department with more staff and better resources, imposing heavy penalties including licence cancellation for safety violations, and promoting widespread safety training and awareness among industrial workers. The organisation stated that lives and public health must take priority over profits and called on the Chief Minister to set a benchmark for industrial safety in the state. It assured full cooperation in working towards a safer industrial environment for Andhra Pradesh.

Six Girl Students Fall ill at ZP High School

TPN | V V S Madhu Babu
Krishna District, Gannavaram: Tension prevailed at the Gannavaram Zilla Parishad Girls High School after six students suddenly fell ill on Wednesday. According to initial reports, the students experienced severe discomfort and signs of unconsciousness shortly after consuming their midday meal. School staff promptly responded by providing first aid to the affected students. As their condition did not stabilize immediately, the school authorities rushed them to the Sidhartha Medical College Hospital in Chinoutapalli for advanced medical treatment. All six students are

currently under observation in the emergency ward. Doctors attending to them stated that their condition is stable, and further tests are being conducted to determine the cause of their sudden illness. While food poisoning is suspected, the exact cause is yet to be confirmed. Officials have begun an inquiry into the incident, and food samples have reportedly been sent for lab analysis. The incident has raised concerns among parents and locals about the quality of food served under the midday meal scheme. School authorities and district education officials are monitoring the situation closely. Further details are awaited.



YSRCP Doctors Wing Opposes Removal of YSR Statue

TPN Correspondent | NTR District
A high-level delegation from the YSRCP NTR District Doctors Wing, led by its Chairman Dr. Ambati Naga Radhakrishna Yadav, submitted a formal representation to the Vice Chancellor of Dr. NTR University of Health Sciences (DRNTRUHS) opposing the proposal to remove the statue of former Chief Minister Dr. YS Rajashekhar Reddy from the university premises. Acting on the directions of YSRCP NTR District President Sri Devineni Avinash, the delegation included key members Dr. Ambati Naga Radhakrishna Yadav, Songa Rajkumar, Polisetti Sharat, N. Ramesh, M. Prakash, U. Srinu, and Konda. The team urged the Vice Chancellor to immediately intervene and halt any efforts to dismantle the statue. The delegation argued that Dr. YS Rajashekhar Reddy made landmark contributions to the state's medical education and public healthcare system. They recalled his role in establishing multiple government medical colleges



under the RIMS model and significantly increasing post-graduate medical seats, thus improving access to quality healthcare, especially for the underprivileged. Removing the statue, they said, would deeply hurt the sentiments of the medical fraternity, students, and the public who revere YSR's legacy. The delegation warned that such a move could lead to unrest and widespread dissatisfaction across the state's medical community. The YSRCP doctors appealed to the Vice Chancellor to protect the legacy of a leader who devoted his life to public service and left an indelible mark on the health sector. They demanded that the university uphold the respect and recognition Dr. Rajashekhar Reddy rightfully deserves.

Minister Manohar Slams Jagan

TPN | V V S Madhu Babu
Vijayawada: Andhra Pradesh Civil Supplies Minister Nandendra Manohar came down heavily on former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, accusing him of making irresponsible, baseless remarks without understanding governance. Addressing the media at the Civil Supplies Bhavan in Kanuru, Manohar questioned, "What exactly did you do for farmers? Are you ready for a debate on that?" Refuting Jagan's recent comments, the minister stated that it wasn't a counterattack but a clarification. He reminded that people gave power for five years, not forever, and Jagan failed even to fill potholes during his tenure. Manohar accused the YSRCP of not implementing major promises like liquor prohibition and Amma Vodi as claimed. "People voted the alliance for pro-development and welfare, not for button-pushing leaders," he said. On the Deepam-2 Scheme, the minister detailed that free gas cylinders were distributed to 97 lakh beneficiaries in the first phase and 91.10 lakh in the second. A total of ₹1,558 crore was spent. "It's wrong



to say party workers alone received the benefit," he clarified. He hit back at Jagan's claims on farmer support, asking, "Why did your government leave paddy dues of ₹1,674 crore?" In contrast, the current government procured ₹12,857 crore worth of paddy and credited ₹12,000 crore to farmers' accounts within 24 hours. Manohar also criticized Jagan's political tours, accusing him of creating unrest and division for personal gains. "Work from Bengaluru, visit once a month, and then spark chaos – is this leadership?" he questioned. He called Jagan's 11-seat outcome a clear verdict from people rejecting his five-year rule of 'lawlessness.' He urged citizens to watch the coalition government's progress in Amaravati, Polavaram, and other key irrigation works.

Minister White’s 48th Store and Otto’s 82nd Store Launched in Tirupati

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Tirupati: Minister White, a prominent Chennai-based Indian brand dedicated to reviving the tradition of wearing dhotis in India, launched its 48th Exclusive Brand Outlet (EBO) on Gandhi Road, Tirupati, on Wednesday morning. With this, the number of Minister White stores in the city has reached two. Similarly, Otto, the men’s wear brand under the same company, opened its store on Air Bypass Road, Tirupati, on Wednesday evening. The events were attended by the company’s Managing Director & CEO Pothiraj, MLA Arani Srinivasulu, TTD Board Member Bhanuprakash Reddy, and others. Currently, Minister White retails through over 5,000 Multi-Brand Outlets (MBOs) across India and aims to establish 100 EBOs by the financial year



2026-27. Speaking on the occasion, Pothiraj, Managing Director and CEO of Otto Clothing Private Limited (under which Minister White operates), said that their first store on Air Bypass Road has received tremendous support from Tirupati customers over the past two years. Encouraged by this response, the company launched its second store on Gandhi Road. He

expressed heartfelt gratitude to the consumers for their continued support. Minister White’s Chief Business Officer, Suresh Ramasubramanian, stated that the brand caters to the diverse needs of customers in the traditional clothing segment by offering trendy and fashionable collections. These include shirts, dhoti combo packs, casual and festive kur-

tas, and various fabric materials suitable for all age groups and occasions. The brand also offers vests, briefs, and children’s clothing. He noted that the brand operates 32 stores in Tamil Nadu and Puducherry, 6 in Andhra Pradesh, 4 in Telangana and Karnataka, and 1 in Kerala. The company is planning to expand into North India this year and is working toward entering international markets with significant Indian populations, such as the USA, UK, Middle East, and Southeast Asia. Otto’s Chief Business Officer, Varsha Pothi Shivashankaran, said that the Otto brand attracts millions of customers with its stylish and comfortable men’s clothing range. She highlighted that pan-India cinema actor Dulquer Salmaan has been the brand ambassador for Otto for a decade.

Anantapur Cops Hold Crime Review Meet, SP Leads Firing Drill



TPN Correspondent | Anantapur
Superintendent of Police P. Jagadeesh, IPS, chaired the Half-Yearly Crime Review Meeting at the District Police Conference Hall on Wednesday. Senior officers including ASP

Rohit Kumar Chaudhary, AR Additional SP Elias Basha, DSPs, CIs, and SIs from across the district attended. The SP conducted a detailed circle-wise review of grave and non-grave offences, POCSO and rape cases, thefts, cheating, ve-

hicle thefts, road accidents, and pending NBWs. Officers were instructed to strictly follow district HQ instructions, ensure village-level outreach, and expedite CD file clearance. Emphasizing community-friendly policing, he said building public trust is essential for effective law and order. Officers were directed to control illegal activities like ganja, matka, gambling, and sand smuggling, especially in faction-affected areas. SP Jagadeesh urged police to inspect accident-prone zones (black spots), install warning signage, and intensify e-challan enforcement for violations like wrong-route driving, triple riding, and helmet-less riding. He encouraged awareness drives on cybercrime, drug abuse, child marriages, and

safe touch vs bad touch education in schools and villages. The SP appreciated officers who showed outstanding performance in case detection, arrests, and investigations, handing them commendation certificates as encouragement. **SP Joins Firing Range Practice** In a display of operational readiness, SP P. Jagadeesh also participated in firearms practice at the district firing range near Mannila (Itukalapalli PS limits). Addressing officers, he stressed the importance of precision, discipline, and awareness of new weapons. He reminded officers to remain ever-ready to protect life, property, and public peace, calling the role of police crucial in maintaining security and public trust.

National Award for Kuppadam Sarees: Collector Dedicates to Weavers

TPN | Madhu
Bapatla: Bapatla District Collector J. Venkata Murali has dedicated the national award conferred on Kuppadam silk sarees under the “One District-One Product” (ODOP) initiative to the hardworking weaver community. After receiving the prestigious award from the Union Government, the Collector returned to Bapatla on Wednesday, where officials from various departments warmly felicitated him with shawls and bouquets. Speaking on the occasion, Collector Murali said the recognition is a result of the tireless efforts of handloom weavers over generations. He noted that the sarees from Chirala’s Kuppadam area have long enjoyed popularity and that the Centre’s recent announcement has now placed them in national limelight. “Delhi has given special recognition to Kuppadam silk sarees. This honour truly belongs to the weavers,” he remarked. The Collector stressed the importance of

connecting Kuppadam sarees to online marketing platforms to reach a wider audience. He directed officials to organize exhibitions and sales at prominent junctions in Bapatla, Chirala town, and near Suryalanka and Vodarevu beaches. Additionally, he suggested setting up dedicated shops through self-help groups in four key areas to promote and facilitate sales. Highlighting the government’s aim to make handloom a profitable and sustainable livelihood, Murali encouraged unemployed youth from weaving families to take up the profession. “We want better prices, increased profits, and sustained benefits for the weavers,” he said, urging officials to take proactive steps in that direction. The meeting was attended by DRDA PD Srinivasa Rao, CPO Shalem Raju, DPO Prabhakar Rao, DWMA PD Vijayalakshmi, RDOs P. Gloria and Ramalakshmi (Bapatla and Repalle), DLD Officer Vijayalakshmi, and other officials from associated departments.



Mega Oil Palm Drive Begins in Palnadu

TPN | Madhu
Palnadu: In Battaluru village of Sattenapalli mandal, Palnadu district, a mega plantation awareness program on oil palm cultivation was held with support from the Horticulture Department and Godrej Agrovet Pvt. Ltd. Sattenapalli MLA Kan-na Lakshminarayana, the chief guest, said that Sattenapalli and Rajupalem mandals from his constituency are among eight mandals selected for the first phase of oil palm cultivation in the district. He explained that oil palm is a highly demanded crop, resistant to pests and wild animals, and offers consistent income for over 30 years. India spends over ₹1 lakh crore annually to import 150 lakh tonnes of edible oil. By planting oil palm, farmers can earn up to ₹1 lakh per acre annually with minimal expenditure. Horticulture Officer Venkatrav said 15 acres were planted as part of today’s mega drive. Farmers will receive 100% subsidy on seedlings and 50% subsidy for maintenance and intercropping over four years. Godrej DGM Murali stated that 250 acres have been identified in Sattenapalli for cultivation this year, with procurement centers being set up. Several officials and public representatives participated in the event.

Arji Narasimha Murthy Refutes Allegations Made in Point News Article

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Arji Narasimha Murthy, Senior Assistant in the Health, Medical & Family Welfare Department at the Office of the Regional Director of Medical & Health Services, Zone-II, Rajamahendravaram, has issued a clarification in response to the article published in True Point News on 7th July 2025 titled “From Watchman to Power Broker.” Murthy stated that the article caused him personal distress and alleged that it contained several factual inaccuracies. He detailed his career path, beginning with his appointment as a field worker in 2004 on compassionate grounds, and later as a night watchman in 2007. He explained that he had completed intermediate education and held higher grade certificates in both Telugu and English typing, which qualified him for promotion as a typist in 2008—equivalent to the Junior Assistant cadre. Murthy added that his subsequent promotions, including his elevation to Senior Assistant in 2013 and transfers to various government offices, were in accordance with ser-



vice rules and government orders. Addressing claims of unauthorized deputations and influence, he cited relevant provisions under G.O. 344 and maintained that his postings were made based on department needs. He also denied allegations of involvement in real estate dealings or financial transactions with officials, stating that he has no such associations. On the matter of internal transfers, Murthy clarified that while he handles related files as per the work assigned to him, he has no decision-making authority in such matters. The clarification was issued to present his version of events and to address the concerns raised by colleagues and the public following the publication.

Minister Narayana Chairs DRC Meet, Reviews Housing Scams

TPN | V V S Madhu Babu

Kakinada: In-charge Minister for the district, Narayana, chaired the District Development Committee (DRC) meeting at the Collectorate, focusing on key developmental challenges and reviewing ongoing schemes. The meeting saw the presence of MLAs, MLCS, Collector Shanmohan, and senior officials from various departments. Addressing the gathering, Minister Narayana said several local issues were discussed in the DRC meeting. He stated that the previous government committed grave irregularities in the execution of housing schemes meant for the poor. Public representatives brought to his attention how fake land documents, or “bogus pattas,” were distributed under the previous regime. “The goal of our government under CM Chandrababu Naidu is to ensure that every eligible beneficiary receives a house,” Narayana stressed. He alleged that the previous YSRCP government sanctioned TIDCO houses without actually handing them over to the beneficiaries. “Shockingly, loans were taken in the names of beneficiaries without giving them houses,” he noted. The Chief Minister has directed the completion of housing works on 3,65,430 sq. yards of land by December this year, Narayana added. “We are committed to transparency, speed, and real service—not empty promises,” he declared. Taking a jibe at former CM Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, Minister Narayana said, “He was incapable of governance. He left the state in financial distress after borrowing ₹10 lakh crore. Now, with no direction, he’s simply making baseless statements.”



Ableism vs. Special Needs: Policy Challenges and Social Misconceptions in Work and Education

The terms “ableism” and “special needs” represent two distinct yet interconnected concepts that profoundly shape individual experiences globally, often leading to discrimination. While “special needs” refers to a physical, mental, intellectual, or sensory requirement that, in interaction with various barriers, may hinder full societal participation, ableism is the discrimination and social prejudice against individuals with special needs, rooted in the belief that typical abilities are superior. This pervasive ideology manifests overtly and subtly, creating significant challenges within governmental policies and fostering widespread social myths, particularly in education. Addressing these issues is crucial for building truly inclusive and equitable societies.

At its core, ableism assumes non-special needs individuals represent the ideal human form, implying that those with special needs require “fixing” or are inherently “less than.” This belief perpetuates a negative view, framing special needs as “Disability”, a flaw rather than a natural variation of human experience. Ableism ranges from hostile acts like bullying to benevolent but damaging attitudes that view individuals with special needs as vulnerable or objects of pity. Systemically, it is ingrained in societal norms and power structures, often operating unconsciously, making its identification and resolution challenging. A critical lens for understanding special needs and societal challenges is the social model. Unlike the medical model, which views special needs as an individual deficit, the social model posits that challenges arise from societal barriers. These barriers, not the individual's condition, limit participation. For instance, a person using a wheelchair is not inherently limited by their mobility, but by the absence of ramps or accessible transportation. This perspective shifts responsibility to society to adapt and remove obstacles, rather than labeling individuals as “disabled.” The very terms “disability” and “disable” are problematic; instead of defining individuals by what they cannot commonly perform, we should appreciate and empower them to achieve tasks differently, recognising them as “differently abled.” Governmental policies, despite often



intending to support individuals with special needs, frequently perpetuate ableism through their design and implementation. A glaring challenge lies in creating and maintaining inaccessible environments and curricula. Policies often fail to mandate universal design in public spaces, transportation, and digital platforms, leading to physical barriers like stairs without ramps, inaccessible toilets, a lack of audio descriptions on videos and images, or complex online services incompatible with assistive technologies. This systemic oversight excludes differently abled individuals from essential services, employment, and civic participation. Historically, policies were overtly discriminatory, such as the eugenics movement or denying voting rights. Even today, policies indirectly discriminate through insufficient funding for accommodations in education, healthcare, and employment, or through complex bureaucratic processes for accessing benefits. Furthermore, the underrepresentation of individuals with special needs in political offices means their unique perspectives are often overlooked in policy-making, leading to ineffective



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solutions. In education, outdated boards and methodologies exacerbate these issues. Traditional pen-and-paper systems, demanding sharp eyes, ears, and nerves, fail to accommodate adaptive knowledge acquisition and exposure.

This perpetuates a system where differently abled students struggle to thrive. Remember, it is always easier to build stronger children than repair broken men, when we look at the dependency and under skills of the elders of these communities due to social failure and unemployment. Parallel to policy failures, widespread social misunderstanding of special needs significantly exacerbates challenges. This manifests in harmful stereotypes: individuals with special needs are seen as perpetually dependent, a societal burden, or tragic figures. Conversely, some are viewed as “inspirational” simply for navigating daily life, a phenomenon termed “inspiration porn,” which reduces their experiences to a spectacle. These stereotypes strip individuals of autonomy, leading to overprotection, condescending attitudes, and assumptions about their inability to lead fulfilling lives or be productive. Microaggressions, subtle verbal or behavioral slights like ableist language or invasive questions, accumulate daily, taking a significant toll on mental health. Defining individuals solely by their special needs, rather than recognizing their multi-

faceted identities, further contributes to social exclusion. The cumulative impact of ableist governmental policies and pervasive social misunderstanding is profound. Individuals with special needs face higher rates of unemployment, poverty, and isolation. It is 99% for people with blindness and equal for deaf also. They encounter significant barriers to quality education, healthcare, and community participation. Disturbingly, hundreds of crores of rupees allocated annually for Children with Special Needs' education often evaporate into salaries and programmatic expenses, yielding nothing on educational equity or excellence. A major portion of these funds, including CSR funding, goes to NGOs running special schools, often perpetuating a cycle where children remain dependent, fit for pensions rather than becoming tax-paying citizens. The constant battle against systemic barriers and prejudiced attitudes leads to chronic stress, mental health challenges, and diminished quality of life. Moreover, society suffers from this exclusion, missing out on the diverse talents, perspectives, and contributions that differently abled individuals offer. In conclusion, distinguishing between special needs as a lived experience and ableism as a discriminatory ideology is fundamental to fostering a just world. The challenges embedded in governmental policies—from inaccessible infrastructure to discriminatory practices—and the widespread social misunderstanding perpetuated by harmful stereotypes and microaggressions collectively create formidable barriers to the full inclusion and equality of differently abled people. Overcoming these challenges requires concerted effort: governments must enact and rigorously enforce truly inclusive policies, ensuring universal accessibility and equitable opportunities. Simultaneously, societal attitudes must undergo a transformative shift, moving away from pity and prejudice towards genuine respect, understanding, and recognition of differently abled individuals as diverse, capable, and integral members of the human community. By centering their voices and experiences, we can dismantle ableist structures and build a truly accessible and equitable future for all.

Mohan Bhagwat's 'Retire at 75' Remark: What It Really Means for Modi and BJP

RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat’s recent statement—that leaders should consider stepping down after the age of 75—has set off intense political speculation, particularly as Prime Minister Narendra Modi approaches that milestone on September 17 this year. Delivered in Hindi during a largely Marathi speech, Bhagwat’s remark was clearly deliberate, not a slip. Yet, it would be premature to interpret it as a direct signal to Modi.

The BJP, especially in its relationship with the RSS, has often followed its own path. History shows us that even strong suggestions from the Sangh do not automatically lead to immediate changes. For example, in 2005, then-RSS chief K.S. Sudarshan publicly urged Atal Bihari Vajpayee and L.K. Advani to make way for younger leadership. Though his comments were criticized at the time, they eventually paved the way for a new generation of leaders, including Narendra Modi.

Today, the BJP’s internal structure is among the most meritocratic in Indian politics. Its leaders have consistently promoted younger talent—be it in choosing young chief ministers or party presidents. Modi himself was a product of this system, rising to national prominence after his successive electoral victories in Gujarat.

Importantly, there is no official “75-year rule” in the BJP. While some senior leaders like Advani

and Murli Manohar Joshi were sidelined at that age, others continued to hold roles as ministers or governors. Even Hema Malini was fielded in 2024 despite being over 75, indicating that the so-called rule is flexible.

If Bhagwat himself retires on his 75th birthday, September 11, that could reignite conversations within the party. But a challenge to Modi is high-



ly unlikely. His dominance in the BJP-RSS ecosystem is such that he will determine his own timeline. Modi, who remains physically fit and politically strong, is expected to lead the BJP into the 2029 elections, by which time he’ll be 79—around the same age as Donald Trump now.

While ambitious leaders may already be quietly preparing for a post-Modi era, any transition will happen on Modi’s terms, not due to a public nudge from the RSS. The countdown to September may be politically charged, but Modi’s position remains firmly unshaken—for now.

Elon Musk and the America Party: Can ‘Vibes’ Disrupt U.S. Politics?

On July 4th, while Americans celebrated independence with barbecues and fireworks, Elon Musk launched something entirely different — a political party. Spurred by an online poll where over a million users voted “yes” to his question about forming a new party, Musk declared the birth of the “America Party.” But is this a serious political force or just another impulsive startup wrapped in memes and ambition?

Musk, never shy about grand ventures — from Mars colonies to robotaxis — now aims to disrupt American politics. He claims the two dominant parties form a corrupt “Uni-party” and that the America Party is a path to reclaim independence. His message resonates with voters tired of conventional politics, but critics argue it’s more about Musk’s ego than a viable political movement.

His fallout with Donald Trump only intensifies the spectacle. Once allies, Musk and Trump now trade barbs over taxes, debt, and electric vehicles. Musk, disillusioned by recent Republican spending, pledged to fund primary challengers and create a political alternative. However, the America Party lacks registration, infrastructure, and candidates — it’s more mood than machine.

Still, Musk’s resources are formidable. With billions at his disposal, control over the social media platform X, and a devoted fanbase, he could sway close elections by focusing on a handful of Senate or House races. It’s a strategy similar to Ross Perot’s in the 1990s, whose third-party bid briefly led in polls before fizzling out. The real challenge lies in America’s political



system. Strict ballot access laws, state-by-state requirements, and entrenched party loyalties make it hard for third parties to succeed. Movements built around one figure often collapse without a clear platform. So far, Musk’s message seems to be “no taxes, more memes, trust billionaires who launch rockets.”

Democrats watch with cautious amusement, hoping Musk’s insurgency splits conservative votes. But the deeper truth is that American politics is shifting. Musk’s rise symbolizes a generational fracture — between traditional conservatism and a tech-driven, anti-establishment ethos.

Whether the America Party becomes a real force or another billionaire fantasy, one thing is clear: in 2025, the boundary between political disruption and digital spectacle is vanishing fast — and Musk is surfing the wave.

Restore Jammu & Kashmir's Statehood: Rahul Gandhi, Mallikarjun Kharge to PM Modi

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Ahead of the Monsoon session of Parliament, Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge and Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi have jointly written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, urging the government to bring forward legislation to restore full Statehood to Jammu and Kashmir and to include Ladakh under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution.

In their letter, the two Congress leaders emphasized that the move would align with previous assurances made by the government — both in Parliament and before the Supreme Court — regarding the eventual restoration of Statehood to Jammu and Kashmir.

They cited PM Modi's public statements, including one during a May 2024 interview in Bhubaneswar where he reportedly said, "The restoration of Statehood is a solemn promise we have made and we stand by it." A similar reaffirmation was made during a rally in Srinagar in September 2024. Kharge and Gandhi described the



demand for Statehood as legitimate and rooted in democratic rights, noting that the region's downgrade from a full-fledged State to a Union Territory following its bifurcation in 2019 was unprecedented in independent India's history.

Highlighting the consistent call from the people of Jammu and

Kashmir over the past five years, the leaders stated: "It is time for the government to honour its commitment and restore democratic representation."

They also called for Ladakh to be granted protections under the Sixth Schedule, which would help safeguard the cultural, land, and identity rights of its people.

"This would be a significant step in addressing the region's political and developmental aspirations," the letter concluded.

The appeal comes as anticipation builds around the Monsoon session, with the status of Jammu and Kashmir expected to remain a key issue



Govt Launches ₹1.44 Lakh Crore Farm Push by Merging 36 Schemes under PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana

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In a major agriculture sector reform, the Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved the launch of the Prime Minister Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY), a consolidated national programme aimed at boosting farm productivity, promoting sustainable practices, and strengthening rural livelihoods. Announced in the 2025 Union Budget, PMDDKY brings together 36 schemes across 11 Ministries into one integrated framework. The scheme will have an annual outlay of ₹24,000 crore for six years, totaling ₹1.44 lakh crore, and is expected to benefit over 1.7 crore farmers nationwide.

Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, while briefing the press, said the scheme marks a "first-of-its-kind convergence model" dedicated exclusively to agriculture and allied sectors. "It will address gaps in post-harvest storage, irrigation, credit availability, and promote natural farming," he said.

Key Features of PMDDKY:

- Focus Areas:** Productivity enhancement, soil and water conservation, crop diversification, promotion of organic and natural farming, and increasing farmer self-reliance.
- District Targeting:** 100 districts with low productivity, cropping intensity, and credit penetration will be prioritized. Every State/UT will have at least one selected district.
- Governance Structure:** District, State, and national-level committees will oversee implementation. Each district will create a District Agriculture and Allied Activities Plan, approved by a District Dhan Dhaanya Samiti, including progressive farmers.
- Monitoring:** Monthly progress reviews and alignment with national goals of sustainable agriculture and value-chain development.

The programme is modelled on the Centre's Aspirational Districts Programme, aiming to transform underperforming agricultural areas through collaborative efforts involving local governance and private partners. Experts welcomed the scheme but suggested refining the district selection criteria. Abhishek Jain, Director at CEEW, noted, "While the focus on sustainability and value addition is commendable, reliance on low credit disbursement as a key indicator may misguide district selection. A shift to metrics like net farm income per hectare would be more appropriate."

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

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West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee today led a rain-soaked rally in Kolkata, protesting the alleged harassment of Bengali-speaking migrants in BJP-ruled states. The march, joined by top Trinamool Congress leaders, comes as the state gears up for Assembly polls next year and amidst the Election Commission's Special Intensive Revision of voter lists in West Bengal.

Banerjee claimed that the voter list revision is a "backdoor attempt to implement the NRC" and warned that people whose names are not listed could even face jail. Urging citizens to verify their enrollment, she said, "Skip work if needed, but ensure your name is on the list."

Taking aim at the BJP, she ac-



cused the party of targeting Bengali migrants in various states and attempting to brand them as illegal immigrants. "They're calling poor Bengali workers Rohingya. Rohingyas are in Myanmar, not here. The BJP is sending our

people to detention camps," Banerjee said. She added, "Is Bengal not a part of India?"

She also slammed the Centre for allegedly failing to stop infiltrators despite the border being un-

der the Ministry of Home Affairs, and reiterated that 22 lakh poor migrants were being unfairly targeted.

The Trinamool Congress is positioning the issue as one of cultural identity and dignity, alleging systemic profiling of Bengali speakers through detentions and evictions in Odisha, Delhi, and Assam. The rally is seen as a signal of the party's poll strategy to counter anti-incumbency and corruption charges.

BJP leader Suvendu Adhikari hit back, accusing Banerjee of using "Bengali asmata" to distract from job scams and corruption. "This is not about identity but vote-bank politics," he said.

The political temperature in Bengal is rising—identity, jobs, and justice are all on the line.

'Uddhav Ji Can Join Ruling Party': Fadnavis Jibes at Thackeray During Farewell Speech in Council

A pointed remark during the farewell of Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Uddhav Thackeray from the Maharashtra Legislative Council, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis suggested that Thackeray consider switching sides, saying the current government will not face opposition status "at least till 2029."

Speaking during the session, Fadnavis said, "At least till 2029, there is no scope of us coming there [Opposition]. Uddhav ji can think about coming to this side [Ruling party]. That can be thought about differently, but there is absolutely no scope of us coming to the opposition."

The dig comes in the backdrop of long-standing tensions between the ruling BJP-Shiv Sena alliance and the Thackeray-led Shiv Sena (UBT), which has been in the opposition since the 2022 political upheaval in Maharashtra.

The veiled invitation appears to be both a jab and a strategic nudge, as Thackeray remains a key opposition figure amid shifting political alliances ahead of the 2029 Assembly polls.

Meanwhile, addressing the Question Hour in the Council, Fadnavis highlighted achievements in tracking missing persons. Under 'Operation Muskaan', 41,193 missing children have been traced to date. In 2025 alone, 'Operation Khoj' helped recover 4,960 women and 1,364 children.

The Chief Minister also emphasized that a Missing Cell has been set up in every police station,



led by senior female officers. He added that coordination between the state and central governments is being strengthened via the Missing Persons Portal, ensuring real-time data updates across departments.

Fadnavis' dual focus on governance and political commentary during Thackeray's farewell set the tone for Maharashtra's evolving political landscape — one that may still see surprises before 2029.

Y.S Jagan Advocates English as Medium of Instruction Across India

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Former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister and YSRCP President Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy has called for English to be adopted as the medium of education in all schools across India, stating it is essential for the country's progress.

Amid ongoing debates on the alleged imposition of Hindi, Jagan said, "Hindi can be learned, but the medium of education must be English. It is the global language. Until students in government schools are fluent in English, they cannot compete on equal footing."

Speaking to the media, Jagan emphasized that English should be the foundation of education nationwide. However, he maintained that mother tongue must remain the first language, with Hindi or any other language as the second or third, based on student choice. "There's nothing wrong in learning Hindi," he added, recalling that it was the first language in the school he attended.

On state issues, Jagan raised alarm over the future of the Godavari-Banakacherla project, expressing concern over Chhattisgarh's plans to harness water from the Indravati River, a key tributary of the Godavari. He warned this could reduce water availability for Andhra Pradesh, especially if the Polavaram dam height is restricted to 41.72 meters.



The YSRCP leader accused Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu of compromising on the Polavaram dam issue, insisting that the dam's height must reach 45.72 meters to allow surplus water to be diverted to the Krishna River. If the Centre restricts funding beyond 41.72 meters, Jagan demanded the state raise ₹15,000 crore to complete the project to its full potential, safeguarding Andhra Pradesh's long-term water security

Trump Plans 10%+ Tariffs on Goods from Africa, Caribbean, and Over 100 Smaller Nations

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U.S. President Donald Trump announced on Tuesday that his administration is preparing to impose tariffs of “a little over 10%” on imports from more than 100 smaller countries, including many in Africa and the Caribbean.

Speaking to reporters, President Trump stated, “We’ll probably set one tariff for all of them,” referring to countries that the administration sees as having minor trade volumes with the United States. Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick added that these countries represent a relatively small portion of overall U.S. trade and would not significantly impact Trump’s broader goal of reducing global



trade imbalances.

The new tariff policy is expected to take effect on August 1, part of a larger trade agenda that has seen the White House send formal letters to dozens of

nations, including members of the European Union, outlining new import tax rates. This follows the April 2 tariff hike that rattled financial markets and triggered a 90-day negotiation period, which expired on July 9.

The administration has also announced 30% tariffs on goods from the EU and Mexico, beginning August 1, marking one of the most aggressive trade policy stances in U.S. history.

In addition, President Trump hinted at upcoming tariffs on pharmaceutical products, likely to be announced by the end of the month. He also noted plans for graduated tariffs on computer chips, allowing companies a year to relocate manufacturing to the U.S. before facing steeper import duties.

This sweeping tariff initiative signals a renewed push for trade protectionism and domestic manufacturing, aligning with Trump’s long-standing “America First” economic agenda.



'Tell Putin to get serious or face sanctions'

TPN Correspondent | Washington

NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte has issued a stern warning to countries like India, China, and Brazil, cautioning them about potential “massive” secondary sanctions if they continue business with Russia amid the ongoing war in Ukraine.

Speaking with reporters during a visit to the US Congress, Rutte said these countries risk serious economic consequences unless they pressure Russian President Vladimir Putin to commit to peace talks. “If you live in Beijing, or in Delhi, or you are the president of Brazil, you might want to take a look into this,” Rutte said, urging these nations to reconsider their ties with Moscow.

Rutte’s comments came a day after former President Donald Trump, who has re-emerged as a major influence on US foreign policy, announced new military aid for Ukraine and threatened 100% secondary tariffs on any country continuing trade with Russia unless a peace deal is reached within 50 days.

“So please make the phone call to Vladimir Putin and tell him that he has to get serious about peace talks, because otherwise this will slam back on Brazil, on India and on China in a massive way,” Rutte added.

While Trump’s announcement was welcomed by some, Republican Senator Thom Tillis expressed concern over the 50-day delay, fearing that it could give Putin time to gain further ground in Ukraine. “We should make clear that any gains made by Russia in that window are off the table,” he said.

Rutte confirmed that under a new transatlantic agreement, the US will provide Ukraine with a large shipment of weapons, including air defense systems, missiles, and ammunition, funded largely by European nations. He also hinted that both defensive and offensive weapons are being considered, though final decisions will be made in consultation with the Pentagon and NATO military leadership.

Alberta Premier Urges Canadian PM to Declare Lawrence Bishnoi Gang a Terrorist Entity

TPN Correspondent | Albert

Alberta Premier Danielle Smith has called on Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney and his cabinet to formally designate the Lawrence Bishnoi gang as a “terrorist entity,” citing the gang’s growing influence in international organized crime and violence within Canada. In a post shared on X (formerly Twitter), Smith described the Bishnoi gang as a “transnational criminal network” involved in violent crimes, extortion, drug trafficking, and targeted killings. She emphasized that the gang’s global reach and operations pose a significant threat not only abroad but also within Canadian borders. “The Lawrence Bishnoi Gang is a transnational criminal network responsible for violence, extortion, drug trafficking, and



targeted killings, including here in Canada. Its reach is global, and its intent is criminal and violent,” Smith stated in her message. Premier Smith underscored the urgent need for action, asserting that organized criminal networks like the Bishnoi

gang “know no boundaries and respect no borders.” She added that Alberta wants to send a strong message: “You are not welcome here.” By officially labeling the Bishnoi gang as a terrorist entity, Smith said law enforcement agencies at both provincial and munic-

ipal levels would gain stronger legal tools and resources to crack down on the group’s operations more effectively. “Formally designating the Bishnoi Gang as a terrorist entity will unlock critical powers,” she explained.

The Premier urged the federal government to act swiftly and decisively to protect Canadians from rising organized crime threats, calling on PM Carney to stand united with Alberta in combating transnational gangs.

Lawrence Bishnoi, the gang’s alleged leader, is currently in Indian custody, facing multiple charges including links to the high-profile murder of Punjabi singer Sidhu Moose Wala in 2022. The gang also claimed responsibility for the 2024 assassination of Indian politician Baba Siddique.

China to hold SCO summit in Tianjin from August 31 to September 1: Wang Yi



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Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi has officially announced that the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Tianjin Summit will be held from August 31 to September 1 this year. The announcement was made during a joint press briefing with SCO Secretary-General Nurlan Yermekbayev, as reported by China’s state-run Xinhua news agency.

The summit is expected to see participation from key global leaders, including Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Russian President Vladimir

Putin, and other heads of state from SCO member countries.

Earlier in the day, the Foreign Ministers of the 10-member SCO convened for a high-level meeting aimed at laying the political groundwork for the upcoming summit. The gathering focused on strengthening multilateral cooperation across various sectors, and addressing regional and global security challenges, according to Chinese broadcaster CGTN.

Several key resolutions and official documents were signed during the meeting, reinforcing the SCO’s commitment to regional stability and development.

The meeting was presided over by Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi and included the presence of notable diplomats such as India’s External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, Russia’s Sergey Lavrov, Pakistan’s Ishaq Dar, and Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi.

The SCO, comprising India, China, Russia, Pakistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Iran, and Belarus, has grown into one of the world’s most significant transregional organizations focused on economic, political, and security cooperation.

Ahead of the Foreign Ministers’ meeting, the delegation had an audience with Chinese President Xi Jinping, who urged member states to strengthen internal mechanisms for dealing with emerging security threats and challenges. As anticipation builds for the Tianjin Summit, the SCO continues to cement its role as a central force in shaping regional diplomacy and strategic partnerships across Eurasia.



Israeli Airstrike Targets Syrian Military HQ Amid Sweida Clashes

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In a dramatic escalation of regional tensions, the Israeli military confirmed on Wednesday that it launched a strike targeting the entrance of the Syrian regime’s military headquarters in the capital city of Damascus. The strike reportedly hit near the Syrian defence ministry as well, according to Syrian security sources cited by Reuters.

The attack comes amid intense fighting in southern Syria, particularly in the Druze-majority city of Sweida, where clashes have erupted between Druze militias and Sunni Bedouin tribes. The Israeli military stated that its strike was in response to growing violence and instability in the region, particularly its concern for the safety of the Druze community.

“A short while ago, the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) struck the entrance of the Syrian regime’s military headquarters in Damascus,” read an official statement from the Israeli military. The statement did not elaborate on whether the strike caused casualties or the

extent of damage inflicted.

The backdrop of this escalation is the breakdown of a fragile ceasefire in Sweida, where Syrian government forces have attempted to reassert control over areas previously under the influence of local Druze armed groups. The latest unrest began Sunday, when clashes between Druze fighters and Bedouin tribes—who have a long-standing history of conflict in the region—left over 100 people dead.

In response to the escalating violence, the Syrian regime deployed reinforcements to Sweida, seeking to reestablish order. However, Israel claims its military intervention is a protective measure aimed at supporting the Druze community, a significant religious minority in Syria with deep historical and cultural ties to Israel.

The Druze sect, which originated in the 10th century as an offshoot of Ismaili Shiite Islam, has around one million adherents globally, with large populations in Syria, Lebanon, and Israel, including the contested Golan Heights.

Indian Stock Market Sees Modest Gains; Analysts Recommend Key Picks Across Sectors

Indian equity markets posted moderate gains on Wednesday, supported by buying interest in select sectors, particularly PSU banks and financial services. The benchmark indices closed in the green, with the Nifty 50 edging up by 16 points and the Sensex climbing 63 points, signaling cautious optimism among investors amid global uncertainty and sectoral rotation.

As market momentum stabilizes, analysts are recommending a handful of promising stocks based on strong technical patterns, sectoral tailwinds, and positive fundamentals.



Top Stock Picks to Watch

LIC Housing Finance

One of the leading names in the housing finance segment, LIC Housing Finance is currently showing signs of a strong breakout after a prolonged consolidation phase. The stock closed at ₹637 on Wednesday, up 2.9%, indicating a potential bullish trend ahead. Market experts suggest entering positions in the ₹630 range. A stop-loss at ₹610 is



advised to limit downside risk. The stock is backed by robust fundamentals and is expected to benefit from strong demand in the affordable housing sector.

Star Health and Allied Insurance

Riding on the growing demand for health insurance and a well-diversified portfolio, Star Health



is increasingly being seen as an attractive mid-term bet. The stock ended the day at ₹439 and is recommended for accumulation around the ₹440 zone. Analysts are targeting a price range of ₹475–₹500, depending on the broader market sentiment. Investors are advised to set a stop-loss aligned with their risk appetite.

United Breweries Limited

With the festive season on the horizon and expectations of better quar-

terly re-sults, United Breweries is drawing attention. The stock closed at ₹2009 on Wednesday. Traders are advised to consider buying in the ₹1990–₹2010 range, with a short holding period. The stock has strong technical support at ₹1920, which can be used as a reference for stop-loss placement.



NLC India

A key player in the power and energy sector, NLC India is generating interest due to its expansion into battery energy storage systems (BESS), particularly a new 250MW/500MWh project. The stock closed at ₹238 and is considered a good buy on dips around the ₹230–₹238 range. Analysts have set a target of ₹265–₹270, with a stop-loss at ₹220. The company's involvement in renewable and thermal energy, along with government support, strengthens its long-term outlook.



State Bank of India

India's largest public sector lender,



SBI, is forming a VCP (Volatility Contraction Pattern)—a strong bullish signal often seen before breakout rallies. With recent approvals to raise fresh capital, investor sentiment is expected to remain positive. The stock ended at ₹831 and is seen as a buy in the ₹820–₹835 range. A breakout above this level could push the stock toward new highs. Technical analysts advise maintaining a stop-loss based on short-term support levels.

Outlook

While broader indices are showing modest moves, stock-specific action remains vibrant. Sectors like housing finance, insurance, energy, and consumer goods are presenting solid opportunities amid an otherwise range-bound market. Investors are advised to follow technical levels closely and adopt proper risk management strategies with stop-losses in place.

As the festive season approaches and earnings reports begin to roll out, these counters may offer significant upside in the near term.

SBI to Raise ₹20,000 Crore via Bonds in FY25; Shares Gain 2%



The State Bank of India (SBI), India's largest public sector lender, announced on Wednesday that it plans to raise up to ₹20,000 crore through the issuance of bonds during the current financial year. The move comes as part of the bank's capital-raising strategy aimed at supporting its business growth and maintaining adequate capital buffers. The bond issuance will be made available to domestic investors, with SBI aiming to tap into the strong demand for high-quality debt instruments in the Indian market. These bonds are likely to be issued in tranches depending on market conditions and the bank's capital requirements. The funds raised will primarily be used to bolster long-term resources for infrastructure lending and general banking needs. Following the announcement, SBI shares saw a notable uptick in trading. The stock climbed over 2% to trade at ₹833.55 per share on the National Stock Exchange (NSE) as of 2:19 PM on Wednesday. The rise in share price reflects investor optimism around the bank's growth trajectory and prudent capital management. As per NSE data, the total market capitalization of the PSU banking giant now stands at approximately ₹7.44 lakh crore, cementing its position as one of India's most valuable banks. SBI is also a key component of the BSE Sensex, and any significant movement in its stock price tends to influence overall market sentiment. This development comes at a time when Indian banks, particularly public sector lenders, are witnessing strong credit demand and improving asset quality. SBI has consistently shown robust financial performance in recent quarters, supported by healthy loan growth, better margins, and lower provisions. Analysts believe that the bond issuance will enhance SBI's ability to lend further and maintain its leadership position in the Indian banking sector. Investors and market watchers will now keep an eye on the pricing and structure of the upcoming bond tranches as SBI moves ahead with its capital-raising plan in FY25.

Sebi Reviewing Jane Street's Plea to Lift Trading Restrictions After ₹4,843 Crore Deposit

Mumbai: The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) is currently examining a request from global proprietary trading giant Jane Street to ease restrictions placed on it earlier this month. This development comes after the firm deposited ₹4,843.57 crore—allegedly gained through manipulative trading practices—into an escrow account with a lien in favor of Sebi. The move follows Sebi's interim order on July 3, 2025, which had imposed several restrictions on Jane Street, including barring the US-based firm from participating in India's capital markets. The regulator had taken action based on findings of alleged manipulation and front-running in a series of trades involving Indian securities. According to regulatory sources, discussions between Sebi and Jane Street are still in the preliminary stage. The regulator is carefully evaluating the firm's formal request to revoke or relax some of the penal-



ties imposed in the interim order. Any relief granted would depend on the progress of Sebi's ongoing investigation, the cooperation shown by Jane Street, and assurances regarding future compliance. Jane Street's deposit of nearly ₹4,844 crore is seen as a significant gesture toward com-

plying with Sebi's directives. The funds, believed to represent the profits gained through the alleged trading misconduct, are now secured under Sebi's supervision. This is likely to be a key consideration as Sebi deliberates on whether to ease restrictions or allow limited access to markets. Industry observers note that this case marks one of the most high-profile enforcement actions involving a major foreign entity in India's capital markets. It has also sent a strong message about Sebi's increasing vigilance and zero-tolerance approach toward manipulation. As of now, Jane Street remains barred from trading or engaging in market activity in India. The firm, known for its algorithmic and high-frequency trading strategies globally, has not yet issued a public statement regarding the case. Sebi is expected to issue a follow-up order after completing its review and receiving inputs from relevant stakeholders.

Gold Drops ₹200 to ₹99,370/10g; Silver Falls Sharply by ₹3,000 to ₹1.12 Lakh/kg

New Delhi: Gold prices witnessed a marginal dip of ₹200 on Tuesday, settling at ₹99,370 per 10 grams in the national capital, as per the All India Sarafa Association. The decline was attributed to fresh selling by stockists, likely driven by global cues and profit-taking by investors ahead of key economic data. On Monday, gold of 99.9% purity had closed at ₹99,570 per 10 grams, while gold of 99.5% purity also fell ₹200, reaching ₹98,800 per 10 grams from its previous level of ₹99,000. Silver, meanwhile, experienced a steep fall of ₹3,000 per kilogram, dropping to ₹1,12,000/kg from the record high of ₹1,15,000/kg hit just a day earlier. This significant decline follows a sharp rally in recent sessions and comes amid heightened volatility in the global bullion markets. According to Rahul Kalantri, Vice-President of Commodities at Mehta Equities, "Gold and silver witnessed sharp intraday volatility. Prices initially rose but later retreated from their highs as the US Dollar Index rebounded, prompting traders to book profits." He added that investor caution ahead of the US inflation data release has also added to the sell-off in precious metals. In the international market, spot gold saw a modest rise, trading at USD 3,364.14 per ounce—up by USD 20.62 or 0.62%. Despite the price uptick, analysts noted that gold remains range-bound. Chintan Mehta, CEO of Abans Financial Services, explained, "Safe-haven demand has risen slightly due to elevated geopolitical



and trade tensions. However, optimism around potential negotiations after former US President Donald Trump's announcement of a 30% tariff on imports from Mexico and the EU has limited gold's upward momentum." Overall, analysts suggest that bullion prices may remain volatile in the short term, especially as global economic indicators and geopolitical developments continue to influence market sentiment.

The Untold Story Behind the Rupee Symbol: Two Architects, One Icon

Before 2010, India didn't have a unique currency symbol. The abbreviation "Rs" was commonly used, but it lacked the distinctive identity that other global currencies like the dollar (\$), euro (€), or pound (£) enjoyed. That changed with the introduction of the rupee symbol (₹), a simple yet powerful design that now appears everywhere—from currency notes to mobile screens.

The winning design was created by Udaya Kumar, a young and talented architect from Tamil Nadu. In 2009, the Indian government held a nationwide competition inviting artists and designers to create a symbol that reflected Indian culture and identity. Out of over 3,000 entries, Udaya Kumar's design stood out. His concept beautifully merged the Devanagari letter "र" (Ra) with the Latin capital letter "R", minus its vertical bar—symbolizing a blend of Indian tradition and international appeal.

However, what most people don't know is that there were two key individuals in the running whose designs made it to the final stages. While Udaya Kumar rose to fame, the other design-



er, whose contribution was also highly praised, gradually faded into obscurity. The story recently resurfaced through a viral Instagram video that highlighted how one symbol came to represent India's financial identity—yet not everyone who contributed to it received recognition.

Udaya Kumar's rupee symbol was officially adopted in July 2010, marking a historic moment for India's economy. Today, it stands not just as a currency sign, but as a cultural icon. While the spotlight has largely remained on the winner, the journey and creativity of all participants played a role in shaping what the rupee symbol means to over a billion people today.

Why Pilots Oppose Cameras in Cockpits: A Debate Reignited After AI 171 Crash

The tragic crash of Air India flight AI 171 on June 12 in Ahmedabad, which claimed at least 270 lives, has reignited discussions around cockpit safety—and why many pilots are against having cameras inside the cockpit.

A 15-page interim report investigating the crash revealed that the Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner suffered a catastrophic dual-engine failure moments after takeoff. According to the report, both engine fuel switches were moved from the "Run" to "Cutoff" position, halting fuel supply to the engines and causing the aircraft to lose power. Shockingly, this transition occurred within a span of one second. Adding to the mystery, the cockpit voice recorder captured a brief exchange between the two pilots. One asked, "Why did you cut off?" to which the other responded, "I did not do so." This raises serious questions about what exactly happened in those critical moments—whether it was a mechanical issue, human error, or accidental action.

In the wake of the report, aviation experts and the public have raised the question: should there be cameras in airplane cockpits? While this



might seem like a logical step for accountability and transparency, many pilots strongly oppose the idea. Their reasons include concerns about privacy, increased stress under constant surveillance, and the potential misuse or misinterpretation of footage.

Pilots argue that voice and data recorders (black boxes) are sufficient for investigations, and introducing cameras could hinder open communication and split-second decision-making in high-stress situations.

The AI 171 incident highlights the thin line between safety oversight and operational trust. As investigations continue, the demand for deeper insights grows—but so does the debate on how far is too far when it comes to monitoring those at the controls of our skies.



Health Warnings On Samosa, Jalebi Soon?

Recent media reports suggesting that the Indian government is planning to impose health warnings on beloved Indian snacks like samosas, jalebis, and laddoos have caused quite a stir. However, the Press Information Bureau (PIB) has stepped in to set the record straight.

In a post on X (formerly Twitter), PIB's fact-check unit dismissed these claims as false. It clarified that the Union Health Ministry has not issued any advisory mandating warning labels on street foods or traditional Indian snacks. "This claim is fake," PIB stated, adding that no such move has been made to target local vendors or specific food categories.

The clarification comes in response to viral reports that claimed government canteens and restaurants were being asked to display boards showing oil, sugar, and fat content in popular foods such as samosas, jalebis, burgers, pizzas, and soft drinks. These reports linked the move to the government's broader health push under the Fit India Movement.

Inspired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's ongoing push for a healthier lifestyle, this awareness campaign seeks to address rising obesity levels and promote balanced eating habits. During the National Games in Dehradun earlier this year, the PM had also urged citizens to incorporate fitness into their daily routine and called for a 10% reduction in national obesity levels in his Mann Ki Baat radio programme.

Meanwhile, Shiv Sena MP Milind Deora weighed in, stating that a Parliamentary committee is currently reviewing FSSAI's food labelling norms. He emphasized the need for consistent rules across all food categories—including alcohol—so that Indian cuisine isn't unfairly singled out, while multinational fast-food chains continue to operate without similar scrutiny.

So, samosa lovers can breathe easy—for now, your favorite snacks are safe from warning labels.

Mira Murati's Thinking Machines Valued at \$12 Billion in Major Funding Round

Thinking Machines Lab, the artificial intelligence startup launched by former OpenAI executive Mira Murati, has made headlines with its massive early-stage funding success. On Tuesday, the company announced it had raised \$2 billion in a new funding round, which now pegs its valuation at a staggering \$12 billion.

The round was led by prominent venture capital firm Andreessen Horowitz, signaling continued investor confidence in the AI space. Other major backers included Nvidia, Accel, ServiceNow, Cisco, AMD, and Jane Street—a strong lineup that reflects the strategic importance and potential of Thinking Machines in the evolving AI ecosystem.

Despite concerns in some quarters about over-expenditure in the tech industry, enthusiasm for AI startups remains red-hot. Murati's vision for safer, more aligned artificial intelligence seems to have struck a chord with both investors and researchers alike.

Thinking Machines has positioned itself as a next-generation AI lab focused on building technologies that not only push the boundaries of artificial general intelligence (AGI) but



also emphasize ethical development and safety protocols. According to reports, the company is working on systems that are intended to be more interpretable, secure, and socially beneficial—a stance that echoes Murati's long-held views during her time at OpenAI.

Although AGI (Artificial General Intelligence) still remains a work in progress, some experts believe significant breakthroughs could occur within this decade. With major financial backing and a strong leadership team, Thinking Machines is expected to be one of the key players driving that transformation.

As the AI arms race intensifies, Murati's Thinking Machines is clearly emerging as one of the most closely watched startups in the world—both for its technological ambition and its commitment to responsible AI.

Missed Prime Day? Great iPhone 16 Deals Still Available on Amazon and Flipkart

If you missed out on the Amazon Prime Day sale, there's no need to worry—great deals on the iPhone 16 are still live on leading e-commerce platforms like Flipkart and Amazon. So, if you've been planning to upgrade your smartphone, now might be the perfect time to grab one of the most talked-about devices of the year.

Launched on September 9, 2024, the iPhone 16 continues to be a top choice among consumers around the world. While it didn't introduce a dramatically new design, the iPhone 16 shines with its refined aesthetics and improved performance, making it one of the most desirable iPhones to date.



At the heart of the device is Apple's cutting-edge A18 chip, which delivers faster performance, better power efficiency, and enhanced AI capabilities compared to its predecessor. Whether you're gaming, multitasking, or using advanced photography features, the iPhone 16 ensures a seamless and powerful experience. The smartphone comes in five elegant colour

options—black, white, pink, teal, and ultramarine—catering to both classic and bold tastes. It is also available in three storage variants: 128 GB, 256 GB, and 512 GB, offering flexibility depending on your usage and budget.

The iPhone 16 was launched at a starting price of ₹79,999 for the base 128 GB model. However, ongoing offers and exchange deals on Amazon and Flipkart may bring down the effective price significantly, especially for users upgrading from an older iPhone or flagship Android phone.

So, even if you missed the Prime Day rush, don't worry—you can still grab a great deal on the iPhone 16 today!

Japan Open Update: Sindhu Exits Early; Satwik-Chirag and Lakshya Advance to Second Round

At the Japan Open Super 750 tournament, India's two-time Olympic medallist PV Sindhu faced a tough first-round exit, while the men's doubles pair Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty, along with shuttler Lakshya Sen, progressed comfortably to the second round.

Sindhu, 30, went down to Korea's Sim Yu Jin in straight games, 15-21, 14-21. This marks Sindhu's fifth first-round loss of the year, highlighting a challenging season for the former world champion. After a slow and somewhat rusty start, Sindhu showed glimpses of fight during the first game, but Sim regained control and eventually secured her first-ever win against the Indian star. In the second game, Sindhu fell behind quickly but managed to draw level at 11-11 before Sim pulled away decisively to seal the match.

In contrast, the men's doubles duo Satwik and Chirag, currently ranked 15th globally, dominated their match against the Korean team of Kang Min Hyuk and Kim Dong Ju, winning 21-18, 21-10 in just 42 minutes. Although the Koreans matched them early on, the Indian pair found their rhythm and controlled the second game with precision.

Lakshya Sen, who has struggled with form this season, delivered a strong performance against China's Wang Zheng Xing, winning 21-11, 21-18. Lakshya maintained control throughout the first game, quickly building an 11-2 lead. Despite a tougher challenge from Xing in the second game, Lakshya held on to his momentum and closed out the match in straight games. Next, he will face the seventh seed and local favourite Kodai Naraoka in the round of 16.

While Sindhu's early exit is disappointing, the progress of Satwik-Chirag and Lakshya provides hope for India's badminton campaign at the Japan Open.



ISL Playoff Chases: The Ultimate Drama of Indian Football

The Indian Super League (ISL) has given fans a decade of thrilling moments—spectacular goals, fierce rivalries, and individual brilliance. But nothing quite matches the excitement of the nail-biting race for playoff spots in the final weeks of the season. It's here that teams must display tactical smartness, strong leadership, and unwavering belief to keep their title hopes alive. Interestingly, preseason favourites rarely make it smoothly to the playoffs. Some teams have defied predictions and carved their own unforgettable stories. Take Chennaiyin FC's 2019-20 season as an example. After a poor start with only five points from six matches under John Gregory, things looked bleak. But Owen Coyle's mid-season arrival sparked a turnaround. With a new attacking mindset, Chennaiyin went on an eight-match unbeaten run and made it to the semifinals, eventually finishing as runners-up. Another memorable comeback came from NorthEast United FC in 2020-21. Despite a strong start, they hit a rough patch mid-season, leading to coach Gerard Nus's exit. Interim coach Khalid Jamil then took charge, guiding the

team through nine unbeaten games, including big wins over Mumbai City FC and Mohun Bagan. They reached the semifinals but fell just short of the final. Jamshedpur FC stunned everyone in 2021-22 by clinching the League Shield under Owen Coyle, showing remarkable consistency with 43 points from 20 matches. Meanwhile, Kerala Blasters, led by Ivan Vukomanovic, broke their playoff drought after a rocky start, going on a ten-match unbeaten streak and reaching the final, losing only on penalties. In 2022-23, Bengaluru FC set a new standard by winning eight straight matches in the final league stage, pulling off one of the greatest comebacks in ISL history. These stories prove the ISL playoffs chase remains the ultimate rollercoaster in Indian football.



Deepika Makes History as First Indian to Win Poligras Magic Skill Award

In a landmark moment for Indian hockey, Deepika, the talented forward from the Indian Women's Hockey Team, has become the first Indian to win the prestigious Poligras Magic Skill Award. The 21-year-old's sensational solo goal against the Netherlands during the Bhubaneswar leg of the 2024-25 FIH Hockey Pro League season captured the imagination of hockey fans worldwide, earning her this global recognition.

Deepika's goal came in the 35th minute of a thrilling match against the world No. 1 Dutch team. With India trailing 0-2, she displayed incredible skill and determination by cutting through the Dutch defense down the left flank. Her breathtaking run saw her dribble along the baseline before deftly dink-ing the ball over a defender's stick and slotting it past the goalkeeper to open India's scoring. The match eventually ended 2-2 and India triumphed in the shootout, making her goal even more memorable.

The Poligras Magic Skill Award celebrates the most creative and skilful moments in the FIH Hockey Pro League and is decided entirely through a global fan vote. Deepika was among three nominees in the women's category, alongside Spain's Patricia Alvarez and Australia's women's team. Her remarkable goal won the hearts of fans globally, marking a proud milestone for Indian hockey. The men's award went to Belgium's Victor Wegnez for a brilliant midfield play leading to



a goal against Spain. On winning the award, an emotional Deepika expressed her gratitude: "I am truly honoured to have won this award. Scoring that goal against a challenging opponent like the Netherlands was a special moment for me, and receiving this recognition means a lot. I thank my teammates, coaches, family, and friends who continue to support and inspire me every day." She added, "This award isn't just mine, it belongs to Indian hockey. Let's keep pushing forward together." This historic win signals a bright future for Indian women's hockey on the global stage.

Joe Root Reclaims No. 1 Spot as Indian Batters Slip in ICC Test Rankings

As the five-match Test series between India and England crosses the halfway mark, the ICC Test rankings have seen significant reshuffling following the third Test at Lord's. England clinched a narrow 22-run victory, leveling the series and triggering a ripple effect in the individual player standings.

Joe Root, England's veteran batter, has reclaimed the No. 1 position in the ICC Men's Test batting rankings, marking his eighth stint at the top. At 34, Root becomes the oldest to hold the top spot since Kumar Sangakkara in 2014.

For Team India, the third Test was a missed opportunity. Poor batting in the second innings cost them dearly, and the rankings reflect the fallout.

Yashasvi Jaiswal, who managed only



13 runs and a duck at Lord's, has slipped from 4th to 5th in the rankings. Captain Shubman Gill has taken a heavier hit, dropping from 6th to 9th, while Rishabh Pant moves down

one place to 8th.

On a brighter note, KL Rahul's solid performance with the bat has earned him a five-place boost—from 40th to 35th. Ravindra Jadeja, who impressed with both bat and ball, also climbed five spots to 34th, while maintaining his hold on the No. 1 all-rounder ranking.

In the bowling charts, Washington Sundar made headlines with a four-wicket haul in the second innings at Lord's. His strong showing has catapulted him 12 places, moving from 58th to 46th in the ICC Test bowling rankings.

As the series continues, both teams will be looking to gain momentum—not just in matches, but on the rankings board as well.

Dunkley Anchors England to 258 Despite Goud, Rana Strikes in 1st Women's ODI

Composed unbeaten knock of 83 off 92 balls from Sophia Dunkley guided England to a competitive 258/6 in the first Women's ODI against India at the Utilita Bowl in Southampton. Dunkley held firm after a shaky start, partnering with Alice Davidson-Richards (53 off 73) in a crucial 106-run fifth-wicket stand.

India's young pace sensation Kranti Goud was the standout among the bowlers, claiming 2/55 in 9 overs in just her second WODI. The 21-year-old made an immediate impact, removing Amy Jones with a seaming delivery that shattered the stumps. Goud's confidence soared as she struck again, trapping Tammy Beaumont LBW with a sharp inswinger. A successful review showed the ball hitting the top of middle stump, leaving England reeling at 20/2 in the fourth over.

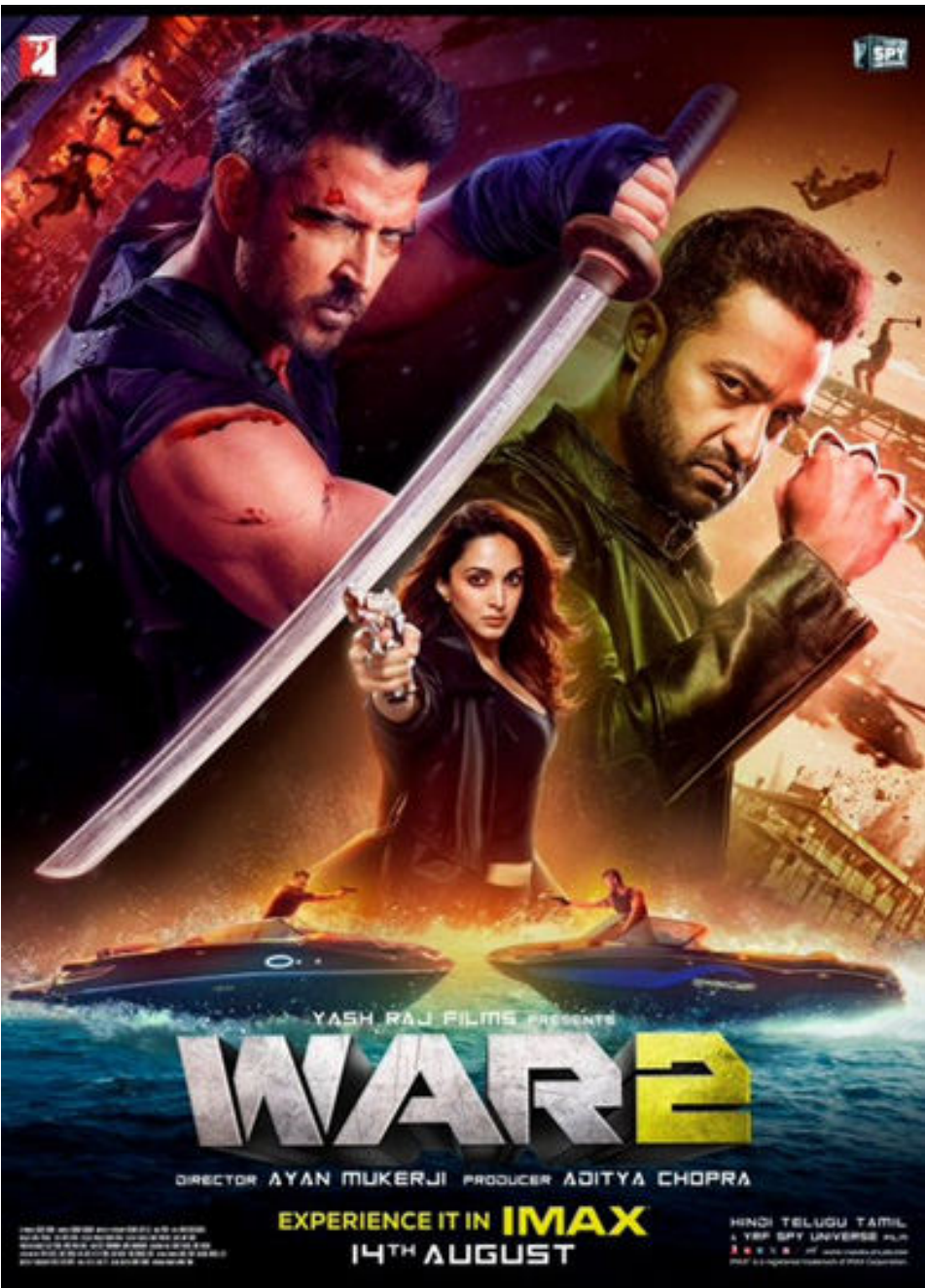
England found some stability through Emma Lamb (39) and captain Nat Sciver-Brunt (41), who added 71 runs for the third wicket. Both were looking set before Sneha Rana intervened. The off-spinner delivered a tight spell, finishing with 2/31 in 10 overs, dismissing both batters in quick succession. Lamb mistimed a drive to mid-off after a boundary drought, while Sciver-Brunt was caught brilliantly by Jemimah Rodrigues after an uppish drive.

With England at 132/5, Dunkley and Davidson-Richards



took control. Dunkley's composed innings, laced with nine boundaries, held the innings together, while Richards played the perfect support role before falling late in the innings.

Despite India's disciplined bowling—especially in the middle overs—England's recovery through Dunkley's knock ensured a defensible total. India now faces a challenging chase, with the pitch showing some early assistance for seam and spin.



War 2 Unleashes Explosive Action Poster Ahead of Trailer Drop

One of the most eagerly awaited Bollywood films of the year, War 2, has just turned up the heat with the release of a stunning new action poster featuring its star-studded lead cast—Hrithik Roshan, Jr NTR, and Kiara Advani. Directed by Ayan Mukerji, the film is part of the highly successful YRF Spy Universe and is all set to hit theatres on August 14, 2025. The newly unveiled poster showcases the trio in full-blown action mode, setting social media abuzz and further fueling anticipation for what promises to be a high-octane cinematic experience. Jr NTR, making his Hindi film debut, is already drawing attention alongside seasoned action icon Hrithik Roshan and the dynamic Kiara Advani. With fans eagerly counting down, reports suggest that the official trailer for War 2 may be released this

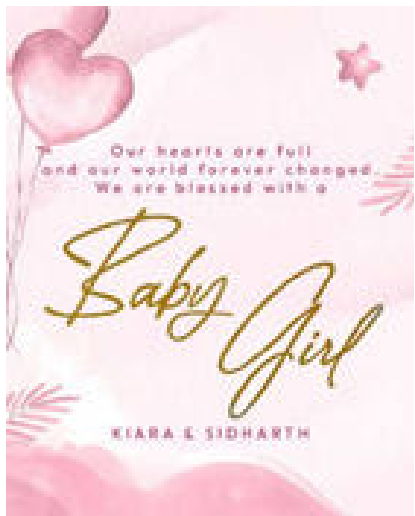
weekend, a move expected to generate massive traction both online and in theatres. The film is positioned as a direct continuation of the hit 2019 film War, expanding the storyline while tying into the larger spy universe that includes Pathaan and Tiger Zinda Hai. Expectations are sky-high not just because of the star power but also due to Ayan Mukerji's unique vision. Known for blending style, scale, and emotion, his direction could give War 2 a distinct edge over previous installments in the franchise. As the release date draws closer, all eyes are on how the film's narrative, action sequences, and character dynamics unfold. If the trailer delivers on the promise hinted at by the poster, War 2 could rewrite box office history and cement its place as a milestone in Indian action cinema.

Sidharth Malhotra and Kiara Advani Welcome Baby Girl, Fans Shower Blessings

Bollywood's beloved couple Sidharth Malhotra and Kiara Advani have become proud parents to a baby girl. According to reports, the couple welcomed their daughter on Tuesday evening at Reliance Hospital, Mumbai. The delivery was said to be normal, and both the mother and baby are healthy and doing well.

While the couple has yet to issue an official announcement, fans and well-wishers have already flooded social media with love and congratulations. The news has sparked joy among Bollywood circles and their massive fan base, who have been closely following the couple's journey since their on-screen chemistry in Shershaah turned into real-life love.

Sidharth and Kiara's love story began during the filming of Shershaah, and the two tied the knot in an intimate yet grand ceremony on February 7, 2023. Earlier this year, in February



2025, the couple announced Kiara's pregnancy with a heartfelt post showing the two holding a tiny pair of baby socks, captioned: "The greatest gift of our lives... Coming soon." On the work front, both actors have exciting projects lined up. Sidharth is gearing up for his upcoming romantic comedy Param Sundari opposite Janhvi Kapoor. Meanwhile, Kiara Advani has a major role in the much-awaited action thriller War

2 alongside Hrithik Roshan and Jr NTR, set to release on August 14, 2025. There were also reports of her being cast in Don 3 with Ranveer Singh, though she is rumored to have stepped away from the project due to her pregnancy.

As fans wait for an official statement and the first glimpse of the baby girl, one thing is certain—Bollywood's newest star kid has arrived, and the world couldn't be happier.

Vijay Deverakonda's Emotional Song 'Anna Antene' from Kingdom Set to Release

As the release date of Kingdom draws closer, the makers of Vijay Deverakonda's much-awaited pan-India action drama are intensifying their promotional campaign. The film's second song, titled 'Anna Antene', is all set to drop, and it promises to strike a deeply emotional chord with audiences.

Sharing a teaser of the song on his X (formerly Twitter) handle, Vijay Deverakonda wrote an emotional note that has already touched fans. "Everybody who has a brother is going to feel their love for them... everybody who doesn't have one, is going to feel the void of not having one. But one thing – everybody is going to feel, something," he said, hinting at the heartfelt theme of the song. The glimpse video of Anna Antene offers a moving look into the relationship between Vijay's character and his on-screen brother, played by Satyadev. The visuals trace their bond from childhood to adulthood, filled with love, sacrifice, and moments that are sure to resonate with viewers.



The song has been composed and sung by Anirudh Ravichander, one of the top names in the Indian music industry today. Lyricist Krishna Kanth has penned the words, further adding emotional weight to the soulful composition. Kingdom also stars Bhagyashri Borse as the female lead and is directed by Gowtam Tinnanuri, known for his sensitive storytelling. The film is

backed by Sithara Entertainments' Naga Vamsi in collaboration with Sai Soujanya under the Sithara Entertainments and Fortune Four Cinemas banner. With the film set to hit theatres worldwide on July 31, 2025, the release of Anna Antene is expected to give audiences a taste of the emotional depth that Kingdom has to offer.

All Eyes on Rajamouli: Will He Finally Reveal Baahubali The Epic's Runtime?

As the countdown begins for the much-anticipated release of Baahubali The Epic, excitement is at an all-time high. Directed by SS Rajamouli, the film marks a bold and unique retelling of the legendary Baahubali saga. Ever since the team officially announced its theatrical release date — October 31, 2025 — fans across the world have been buzzing with speculation and theories.

But amid all the hype, one question continues to dominate conversations online: What is the runtime of Baahubali The Epic? Surprisingly, neither the makers nor the cast have addressed this burning query. The silence from the production team has only added fuel to the fire, with social media platforms flooded with predictions and leaked "runtime charts" — none of which have been verified.

Today, however, the spotlight is firmly on SS Rajamouli, who is expected to attend the pre-release event of Junior, the upcoming film featuring Kireeti Reddy and Sreeleela, at Ramanaidu Studios in Hyderabad. Fans are hopeful that Rajamouli will finally take



the stage and address the most talked-about mystery in Indian cinema right now. The buzz was further intensified by actor Rana Daggubati, who was asked about the runtime after the premiere of Kothapalli Okappudu last night. His response? "I have no idea. Only Rajamouli garu can answer it." With just hours left for the event, anticipation is peaking. Will Rajamouli finally break his silence and put an end to all the speculation? Or will the mystery continue to keep fans guessing until the film's release? Either way, tonight's event promises to be one every Baahubali fan will be watching closely.

“Nadhive”: A Pure Love Poem in The Girlfriend's Latest Music Video

The much-anticipated film The Girlfriend, starring the stunning Rashmika Mandanna, is creating waves even before its release. Produced by Geetha Arts and Dheeraj Mogilineni Entertainment, the movie is progressing rapidly, and after the massive response to its teaser, the team has unveiled the first single from the film's soundtrack — titled "Nadhive."

Released simultaneously in Telugu, Tamil, Hindi, Kannada, and Malayalam, "Nadhive" is a soulful musical masterpiece composed and sung by the gifted Hesham Abdul Wahab. His enchanting voice adds a magical touch to the song, making it resonate deeply with listeners across languages.

The music video beautifully features Rashmika Mandanna and Dheekshith Shetty, who bring the song's emotions to life with graceful and expressive dance performances. Their chemistry and elegant movements perfect-

ly capture the essence of love, adding layers of depth to the poetic lyrics.

Speaking of lyrics, Rakendu Mouli has penned deeply emotional and heartfelt words that flow seamlessly with the melodious tune, elevating "Nadhive" to the level of pure love poetry. Every line connects with the listener's soul, emphasizing the film's romantic theme.

At the directorial helm is actor-turned-director Rahul Ravindran, known for his work in Chi

La Sow and Manmadhu 2. The film's production is overseen by Vidya Koppineedi and Dheeraj Mogilineni, with veteran producer Allu Aravind presenting the project. Cinematography by Krishnan Vasant perfectly complements the romantic mood of the song, capturing every tender moment with finesse.

Overall, "Nadhive" sets a beautiful tone for The Girlfriend, promising a heartfelt romantic journey anchored by powerful performances and soulful music.

