

Weather Forecast

HYDERABAD

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TCA Complains: Kavitha, KTR Under CID Radar

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

The Hyderabad Cricket Association (HCA) fund misappropriation scandal has taken a serious turn as the Telangana Cricket Association (TCA) lodged a complaint with the Crime Investigation Department (CID), demanding a thorough probe into the alleged roles of top political figures including BRS leaders K.T. Rama Rao and K. Kavitha. The TCA has alleged that the entry of Jagannathan Rao into the HCA elections was orchestrated by KTR and Kavitha. Shortly after his election as HCA president, Jagannathan Rao publicly dedicated his victory to KTR, Kavitha, and Minister Harish Rao — a move that raised red flags for the complainants. The TCA suspects that their influence may have skewed the electoral process within the cricketing body. According to the complaint submitted to CID Additional DGP Charu Sinha, TCA president Yendala Lakshminarayana and general secretary Daram Guruva Reddy accused HCA office bearers of large-scale corruption, citing over ₹500 crore in grants received from the central government in the last decade. They claimed there has been negligible progress in cricket infrastructure development, and alleged a diversion of funds and misuse of resources. The TCA also called for an investigation into the awarding of IPL ticketing and catering contracts. They alleged that ticketing was handed over to EventsNow.com and MeraEvents.com, which they claim are linked to KTR's brother-in-law Raj Pakala. Similarly,



food supply contracts were reportedly given to individuals close to powerful politicians, allegedly with the support of former HCA director Vanka Pratap. As part of the ongoing investigation, the Malkajgiri District Court has granted CID six-day custody of four accused — HCA president Jagannathan Rao, treasurer Srinivas Rao, CEO Sunil, and official Rajender Yadav. The accused are currently lodged in Cherlapalli Jail and will face interrogation regarding the alleged fund diversion and irregularities. Their bail petitions were rejected by the court.

In a further blow to the BRS leadership, the court has also permitted CID custody of MLC Kavitha between July 17 and 22. She will be brought from Chanchalguda Jail for questioning during this period. The CID is reportedly widening the probe into procedural violations, financial mismanagement, and possible political interference in HCA's operations. The unfolding developments mark a deepening crisis for the BRS leadership, with growing legal scrutiny over alleged political meddling and corruption in the state's cricket administration.



KTR Lacks Acceptance within his Own Family: CM Revanth

Alleges KTR met Lokesh three times secretly
Fires on drug culture in KTR's circle, brings up Dubai death report

TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

In a media interaction during his Delhi visit, Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy made a string of sensational comments targeting BRS leaders, particularly KCR, KTR, and Kavitha. His remarks, laced with sarcasm and sharp political jabs, sparked fresh controversy over internal discord in the KCR family and raised questions about backdoor political dealings. Revanth Reddy alleged that there is a leadership tussle brewing within the BRS first family. "KCR is not even ready to give opposition leader status to KTR. Even his own sister Kavitha is not accepting KTR's leadership," Revanth claimed, adding, "I don't even know if KTR is a working president or a sleeping one."

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Is there Even a Single Drug Case Against Me? Asks KTR

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BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) has come out strongly against Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, challenging him to prove his allegations or issue a public apology. In a sharp rebuttal to Revanth Reddy's recent comments during a media interaction in Delhi, KTR asked, "Is there any drug case registered against me? Is there evidence that I am linked to such cases? If you have the courage, reveal it." Expressing serious displeasure, KTR accused Revanth Reddy of character assassination and attempting to damage reputations through baseless personal attacks. He said that it has become a habit for Revanth to make such accusations without any proof, especially through informal media conversations.



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Centre Pushes ₹10K Cr Green Projects — Will Telangana Cooperate?

Kishan Reddy's Letter to CM Revanth Reddy

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

Union Minister for Coal and Mines, G. Kishan Reddy, has written to Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, urging the state government to extend its support for major renewable energy projects proposed by Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) under the Ministry of Coal. These projects, estimated to attract investments of nearly ₹10,000 crore over the next three years, are part of the Centre's push toward sustainable energy development. In his letter, Kishan Reddy stated that entities like Coal India Limited (CIL) and Neyveli Lignite Corporation India Limited (NLCIL) are ready to partner with the Telangana government to implement solar and wind power plants, pumped storage projects (PSPs), and advanced battery energy storage systems (BESS).



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Kavitha Unhappy With BRS Silence Over Mallanna Remarks

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BRS MLC Kalvakuntla Kavitha has expressed her disappointment with her own party leaders for not responding to Teenmar Mallanna's derogatory remarks against her. In an informal media interaction, Kavitha remarked, "I leave it to their discretion that BRS leaders are not responding to Teenmar Mallanna's allegations against me." The controversy erupted after Teenmar Mallanna commented that Kavitha had no association with the BC community, which triggered a wave of criticism and protests. Activists of Telangana Jagruthi and her supporters attacked Mallanna's office in retaliation. Leaders across the political spectrum, including TPCC chief and Minister Ponnamb Prabhakar, condemned Mallanna's statements. However, BRS

leaders, including KTR, have maintained silence, which has reportedly upset Kavitha. Kavitha has taken the issue seriously on multiple fronts. She met Legislative Council Chairman Gutta Sukhender Reddy and urged him to recommend the cancellation of Mallanna's MLC membership. She also sought that the matter be taken up by the Ethics Committee. In addition, Kavitha filed a formal complaint with the DGP, demanding action against Mallanna for his inappropriate remarks. Speaking to the media, Kavitha questioned the lack of government action and stated that "some people protested after hearing Mallanna's words—will they just shoot and kill?" She clarified that she never acts out of emotion and is not an "ordinary girl" to be dismissed lightly.

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy reacted by saying that action must be taken immediately or else it would appear that Mallanna's remarks reflect the government's stance. Kavitha, meanwhile, submitted a petition to Additional IG Ramana Kumar, requesting that a case be filed under IPC Sections 74 and 79 for disrespecting her. She also pointed out that being a BC himself does not give Mallanna the liberty to make such statements. Kavitha reminded that she has been fighting for 42% reservation for BCs in local bodies for the last two years and asserted that the current state government is a result of her relentless efforts. Despite public support across Telangana, her frustration lies in the lack of solidarity from her own party.





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Escalating his attack, the CM stated, “MLC Kavitha is not worth anything in her own house.” He mocked the lack of support for KTR from within his own party and family, suggesting a collapse in internal leadership. Adding another layer of intrigue, Revanth Reddy questioned, “Why did KTR meet Lokesh at midnight?” He claimed that KTR and Lokesh, the TDP general secretary, have already met three times, implying secretive political negotiations between BRS and TDP. While distancing himself from personal enmity, Revanth didn't hold back his criticism of KCR. “He is just a political opponent for me. But the injustice KCR has done to Telangana, especially in the issue of water, will not be forgiven by farmers. From 2004 to 2014, 700 TMC of water was illegally shifted to Rayalaseema,” he alleged. Revanth Reddy also launched a blistering attack on the alleged drug culture in BRS circles. “There is a batch of ganja for KTR. The people around him take drugs,” he said, questioning who among them ran away from a drug test. He brought up the case of KTR's associate Kedar, who allegedly died in Dubai after drug consumption, and said he had obtained the full forensic report on the incident. Taking a personal swipe, he said, “I won't debate with people who clean bathrooms,” in reference to KTR. He also mocked former BRS minister Jagadish Reddy saying, “He only knows how to pour soda and nothing else.” Revanth's explosive statements are expected to escalate tensions between the ruling Congress and opposition BRS in Telangana.

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KTR further warned that he would pursue legal action if Revanth Reddy fails to withdraw the statements and issue an unconditional apology. “He will have to pay the price for his lies. If he does not apologize, he will face serious consequences in court,” KTR stated firmly. This comes in response to Revanth Reddy's sensational remarks in Delhi, where he alleged that KTR's close associates were involved in drug usage and even referred to a forensic report from Dubai linked to KTR's friend Kedar. Revanth also accused KTR of avoiding a drug test and made derogatory comments referring to some BRS leaders. KTR, however, dismissed all allegations as politically motivated and defamatory. He reiterated that there is no case or evidence linking him to any drug issue and demanded that the Chief Minister present any proof if it exists. This confrontation has further intensified the political temperature in Telangana, especially as the state moves closer to key local body elections.

Will Telangana Cooperate?

Key proposals highlighted in the letter include Identification of high solar potential zones in Telangana for setting up solar plants. Establishment of cutting-edge BESS to enhance grid stability and energy reliability. Feasibility studies and implementation of PSPs to provide essential energy balancing capacity. Formation of joint venture models with state-run PSUs or independent coal companies to accelerate execution and generate local employment. Kishan Reddy emphasized that land acquisition and allocation from the Telangana government would be crucial for the timely execution of these projects. “These renewable energy initiatives will play a vital role in reducing carbon emissions, improving air quality, and conserving natural resources. They will also bring multiple socio-economic benefits such as job creation, skill development, energy security, inclusive growth, and improved living standards,” he said. Highlighting Telangana's potential in green energy, the Minister stated that the Central Government remains fully committed to supporting the state's clean development ambitions. He called for structured coordination between the Centre and State to ensure swift and efficient project implementation. “These projects are not just critical to Telangana's economy but also place the state at the heart of India's sustainable energy transition,” Reddy noted. “This is an opportunity for Telangana to lead the way in India's long-term goals of energy security and environmental protection.” He concluded by assuring the CM that the Ministry of Coal and its PSUs will offer complete cooperation, stressing the importance of building a future rooted in self-reliance and environmental sustainability.

Dy CM Bhatti Stresses Women's Economic Empowerment

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Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu emphasized that financial independence is essential to achieving gender equality. Speaking at the Gender Equality Conference organized by the Telangana State Women's Commission at Nizam College, he said the Praja Government is committed to empowering women economically as a foundation for eliminating inequality. Highlighting government initiatives, he said ₹21,632 crore in interest-free loans has already been disbursed to women's self-help groups (SHGs) in the first year alone, with a goal of creating one crore women millionaires. “We were mocked initially, but we

are now delivering results,” he said. Over the next five years, ₹1 lakh crore in loans will be disbursed to further support women-led enterprises. He urged young women to pursue education and consider entrepreneurship with SHG support if jobs aren't available. A notable initiative includes the production of 2,000 MW of solar power through SHGs. Bank loans are being arranged for SHGs to set up solar plants, and government utilities have signed agreements to purchase the power. “This model is unique to Telangana,” Bhatti noted. He also mentioned other women-centric programs such as free RTC bus travel, SHG-owned buses leased to



RTC, and allocations of Amma canteens, gas agencies, petrol bunks, and Indiramma houses in women's names. Bhatti credited Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's Constitution for enabling women to claim rights such as dignity, equality, property rights, and protection against dowry. “Before independence, women lacked even basic protections. The Constitution changed that,”

he said. Reflecting on his time at Nizam College from 1982 to 1984, he expressed pride in being an alumnus, recalling his stay in Room No. 36 and how rare it was then for rural students to gain admission. He promised to take up the college's current issues with CM Revanth Reddy and expressed a desire to spend another full day at the campus.

ADGP Reviews Prisoner Escort System



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A high-level committee meeting on prisoner production and escort systems was convened at the DGP Office on Thursday. The meeting was chaired by Sri Mahesh M. Bhagwat, IPS, Additional Director General of Police (Law and Order), who issued key directives aimed at streamlining prisoner escort procedures across Telangana. ADGP Mahesh Bhagwat com-

mended all police units for achieving 100% production of prisoners. He stressed the importance of inter-state coordination, directing officers to send radio messages for escort requests at least a week in advance. This, he said, would prevent last-minute logistical complications and enhance operational efficiency. To further improve coordination, he recommended the formation of a dedicated WhatsApp group comprising

officials from Law & Order, CAR, Prisons, Court Liaison, and other relevant wings. This group will facilitate real-time updates on prisoner production schedules and escort logistics. Noting lapses in a few districts with low prisoner escort percentages for out-of-district productions, the ADGP urged officers in those units to intensify efforts and ensure timely and reliable escort services. He also underscored the need for deploying trained and responsible personnel when escorting high-risk or notorious criminals to court. In the event of prisoner escapes during escort duties, the ADGP reiterated that cases must be registered under Sections 261 and 262 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) or under Section 224 of the IPC, as applicable. He emphasized the importance of sensitizing new officers on these legal provisions.

Given the upcoming Ganesh festival and local body elections, the ADGP urged police units to consult district judicial magistrates to encourage video conferencing (VC) for prisoner production, thereby conserving manpower. He further instructed that any shortage of vehicles or drivers for escort duties must be promptly escalated to higher authorities without waiting for the next review meeting. Concluding the meeting, ADGP Mahesh Bhagwat emphasized the need to maintain the safety, dignity, and legal rights of prisoners, while ensuring accountability and efficiency from all units involved. The meeting was attended by Smt. Rakshita K. Murthy, IPS, DCP CAR Headquarters; Sri Ramana Kumar, AIG (Law & Order); D. Srinivas, DIG Prisons; and senior officers from the Prisons Department, SARCPL, CAR Headquarters, and other concerned wings.

Hyderabad Named Cleanest City in Telangana

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Greater Hyderabad has been declared the cleanest city in Telangana, earning national recognition under the Swachh Survekshan-2024 rankings. Municipal Administration and Urban Development Secretary Dr. K. Ilambarithi and GHMC Commissioner R. V. Karnan received the Swachh Survekshan Award from Union Minister Shri Manohar Lal during a ceremony organized by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) at Loni Vigyan Bhavan in New Delhi on Thursday. In the latest survey, Great-



er Hyderabad secured the 6th rank nationally and was awarded a prestigious 7-star

rating in the “Waste-Free City” category for cities with a population of 10 lakhs and

above. The city was also certified Water+ under the Open Defecation Free (ODF) category, highlighting its strong performance in urban sanitation and waste management. This marks a significant improvement from last year, when the city achieved 5-star status and ranked 9th nationally in cleanliness. Sanitation AC Raghu Prasad, Solid Waste Management SE Koteswara Rao, EE Srinivasa Reddy, ASBM Yashashree Reddy, Sanitation Supervisor Sudarshan, and sanitation worker Urmila were among the officials and staff who participated in the award acceptance ceremony.

Steel Banks Distributed to Curb Plastic Use

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In a bid to reduce single-use plastic and promote the use of steel utensils, the Ponnam Sathaiah Charitable Trust organized a steel bank distribution program and the Indira Mahila Shakti Victory Celebrations at Koheda Mandal Centre in the Husnabad constituency on Thursday. The event, held in memory of Minister Ponnam Prabhakar's father, saw the distribution of steel utensils to women's self-help groups. Governor Jishnu Dev Varma was the chief guest and handed over steel bank



kits to 38 village-level women's groups. Ministers Ponnam Prabhakar and Konda Surekha, SC Commission Chairman Bakki Venkaiah, Cerf CEO Dana Kishore, and district collectors Haimavati, Pamela Satpathi, and Sneha Shabarish were present. The Trust has pledged to man-



age steel banks for 276 women's groups in the region. The kits include tiffin and lunch plates, glasses, cups, buckets, cooking utensils, and more. Officials said these items will be made available for community events like weddings to curb plastic waste and encourage sustainable practices.

Technical Glitch Hits Metro Services

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

A technical glitch disrupted services on the Hyderabad Metro's Nagole-Rayadurgam route on Tuesday, causing delays and inconvenience to thousands of daily commuters. Trains were running late, forcing passengers to wait longer than usual at metro stations along the route. Metro officials confirmed that a technical fault had occurred and that teams of experts were working to resolve the issue swiftly. However, the delay affected peak-hour travel, leading to frustration among passengers who rely on the metro to avoid traffic congestion in the city. With many regular commuters using monthly passes and depending on the metro as their primary mode of transport, such disruptions have a significant impact on daily schedules.

Passengers reported crowded platforms and delayed announcements as they waited for updates on train movements. Authorities have assured that normal services will resume as soon as the technical issue is rectified.



CM Revanth Seeks Centre’s Nod for Semiconductor Projects

TPN Correspondent | New Delhi
Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has urged Union Minister for IT and Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw to approve major semiconductor and railway infrastructure projects for the state. In a high-level meeting at Rail Bhavan on Thursday, Revanth, accompanied by IT Minister D. Sridhar Babu and Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, made a strong pitch for Telangana’s inclusion in key national development programs. The Chief Minister requested speedy approvals for two high-impact semiconductor initiatives—the Advanced System in Package Technologies (ASIP) project and the Micro LED Display Fab Project Crystal Matrix—citing Telangana’s advanced infrastructure, innovation ecosystem, and global-standard R&D facilities. He also sought Centre’s support for establishing a high-tech electronics park at Muchcherla in Rangareddy district under the EMC 2.0 scheme and another near the proposed Hyderabad Regional Ring Road (RRR). Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw responded positively, according to the CM’s office. Revanth also strongly appealed for the Centre’s nod to the Regional Ring Rail project, proposed parallel to the Hyderabad RRR. He noted that the Railway



Board had already approved the Final Location Survey and requested full sanction of the ₹8,000 crore project. “The Regional Ring Rail will boost rural-urban connectivity, ease traffic congestion in Hyderabad, and generate employment while reducing poverty,” he explained. Another key demand made was the sanction of a railway line connecting Hyderabad Dry Port to Machilipatnam Port, aimed at enhancing export logistics for pharmaceuticals, electronics, and processed foods. The Chief Minister said the route would

improve supply chains and benefit Telangana’s industrial base. Emphasizing the need for regional operational efficiency, Revanth urged the Union Minister to establish a Kazipet Railway Division. He said the division would provide better services to passengers and help manage increasing rail traffic. The CM also requested sanction of several new rail lines connecting backward regions, including Vikarabad–Krishna (122 km; ₹2,677 crore), Kalwakurthy–Macherala (100 km; ₹2,000 crore), Dor-

nakal–Gadwal (296 km; ₹6,512 crore) and Dornakal–Miryalguda (97 km; ₹2,184 crore) Revanth asked that the entire cost of these projects be borne by the Railways, citing their importance for agricultural and industrial development. Telangana MPs Porika Balaram Nayak, Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy, Kunduru Raghuvver Reddy, Ramasahayam Raghuram Reddy, and Suresh Shetkar also attended the meeting, along with senior officials Sanjay Kumar, Vikas Raj, and Gaurav Upal.

Revanth Reddy’s Delhi Drama a Smokescreen to Hide Failures: Harish Rao

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Former minister and BRS MLA T Harish Rao lashed out at Chief Minister Revanth Reddy over his comments on KTR, calling them a diversionary tactic to mask administrative failures and controversial moves such as the inclusion of the Banakacharla project in the Centre’s agenda. Addressing the media in Telangana, Harish Rao said the Congress government has completely failed on



all fronts—from law and order to public welfare—and is now indulging in “cheap theatrics” to escape accountability.

Harish Rao began by strongly condemning Revanth Reddy’s language against KTR, calling his remarks “rubbish” and likening the Chief Minister’s Delhi visit to adding pollution to an already polluted environment. “Revanth Reddy’s foul

talk in Delhi has made the situation even more toxic,” he quipped, while accusing the CM of trying to deflect attention from the Banakacharla project controversy by dragging KTR’s name into irrelevant issues.

He alleged that Revanth Reddy is misleading the public by claiming that the Banakacharla linkage was not discussed in Delhi, while Andhra Pradesh Irrigation Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu clearly stated it was on the agenda. “You are behaving like a Telangana traitor. We thought you would at least say ‘Jai Telangana’ after becoming CM,” Harish Rao said, recalling how even leaders from other states like Karnataka and Maharashtra respect Telangana’s identity.

Raising serious concerns, Harish Rao said law and order in Telangana has collapsed under the Congress government. “Former ministers and MLAs’ homes are being attacked, and there is no protection even for public representatives,” he stated, adding that the CM seems more focused on Jubilee Hills Palace and Command Control Centre than public welfare.

Harish Rao also accused Revanth of spying on BRS leaders using intelligence services and tapping phones. “You’re tracking us, even our conversations with journalists. Are even their phones safe now?” he questioned. He dismissed Revanth’s accusation that KTR was involved in a Dubai-related death case and dared him to place any proof “at his own nose” if he has it. “If there is any evidence against KTR, make it public or apologize to him immediately,” he warned. Responding to claims of a midnight meeting between Lokesh and KTR, Harish Rao hit back saying it is Revanth who is known for sneaky, late-night meetings. “KTR doesn’t have the habit of jumping walls like you,” he said.

Mahesh Kumar Goud Slams Harish Rao Over Water Issue Remarks

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Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud came down heavily on BRS leader Harish Rao, accusing him of misleading the people of Telangana with baseless remarks on inter-state water discussions. Speaking to the media, Mahesh Goud said, “Even after Union Minister C.R. Patil himself clarified what was discussed during the meeting between the Chief Ministers and Irrigation Ministers of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh in Delhi, Harish Rao continues to confuse the public with crazy statements.”

He added that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy already briefed the press in detail on the Delhi meeting, yet Harish Rao refuses to understand it. “He may have grown six feet tall, but not even six inches in mind,” Goud quipped, calling Harish Rao’s arguments “senseless and attention-seeking.”

Goud further pointed out the hypocrisy of former CM KCR and Harish Rao, reminding that despite being challenged to attend assembly discussions, neither KCR nor his nephew responded. “Revanth Reddy openly challenged KCR to attend the assembly or hold a debate even at the farmhouse. Yet, not a word came from him,” he said. Referring to Harish Rao’s past remarks, Goud mocked the earlier declarations by BRS leaders that Rayalaseema has no basin or boundaries, yet now the same leaders are objecting to the Banakacharla and Rayalaseema lift irrigation projects. He accused the BRS leadership of betraying Telangana and shamelessly blaming the Congress party, the Chief Minister, and Irrigation Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy. “If you have the courage, come to the assembly and debate. Let the people know who is right. Holding press meets and pecking feathers on a chicken egg won’t convince the public anymore,” Mahesh Goud concluded.



BJP Targets Congress on Farm Promises



TPN Correspondent | Telangana

The meeting of BJP Kisan Morcha state office bearers was held at the BJP Telangana state office under the chairmanship of Kisan Morcha state president Kondapalli Sridhar Reddy. BJP Telangana state president N. Ramchandra Rao attended as the chief guest. State General Secretary Gujjula Premender Reddy, national executive member Goli Madhusudhan Reddy, district in-charges, and other office bearers participated in the session.

The meeting focused on political developments, farmers’ issues, and the alleged negligence of the Congress government. Addressing the gathering, N. Ramchandra Rao accused the Congress government of failing to address the problems of farmers, despite being in power for 19 months. He said the government had not fulfilled the promises made in its manifesto, including the ₹15,000 annual farmer assistance, which has now been reduced to ₹6,000. Rao criticized the handling of the Dharani portal, claiming

that technical glitches and lack of transparency had turned it into a burden rather than a benefit for farmers. He said many were left struggling at registration offices due to unresolved land issues. He also alleged that the Congress government’s recent disbursement of funds to farmers was politically motivated, aiming to gain favor ahead of the upcoming local body elections. He questioned the timing of the farmer welfare payments, suggesting they were prompted by court directions rather than genuine concern. Highlighting the Central Government’s efforts, Rao said that the Narendra Modi-led administration had increased the MSP for 14 crops and ensured the supply of over 12 lakh metric tonnes of urea to Telangana for the 2024–25 Rabi season—far above the state’s requirement of 9.5 lakh tonnes. He accused the state government of spreading false propaganda regarding fertilizer shortages for political mileage

and reminded that during the UPA regime, farmers had to queue for urea, which changed after the Modi government introduced neem-coated urea to stop black marketing. The BJP leader emphasized that the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana and Soil Health Card schemes were available, but both the previous BRS and current Congress governments failed to implement them effectively in the state. Calling upon the Kisan Morcha leaders, Rao urged them to engage with farmers at the grassroots level, educate them about central schemes, and expose what he termed as the Congress government’s betrayal. He stated that the Kisan Morcha has a key role to play in the BJP’s strategy to win the upcoming Panchayat Raj elections. The meeting concluded with a resolution to intensify BJP’s farmer outreach across rural Telangana and to hold the state government accountable for unfulfilled promises.

We Will Go to Court Against KCR Family: Teenmar Mallanna



TPN Correspondent | Telangana

MLC Teenmar Mallanna has declared that legal action will be initiated against the KCR family over the phone tapping scandal,

claiming that such revelations only came to light after the BRS government lost power. Speaking to the media on Thursday after attending a SIT inquiry, Mallanna asserted that the pre-

vious regime’s illegal surveillance on opposition leaders and critics would have continued if BRS was still in power. Teenmar Mallanna stated that he personally submitted key evidence related to the phone tapping to the Special Investigation Team (SIT). “There are more documents and data which I will forward soon. The officials have said they will summon me again if necessary,” he told reporters. He alleged that phones of several individuals including him were tapped under the direction of the previous government. “Everyone involved in this atrocity, from former Chief Minister KCR to the officials who executed it,

should be held accountable,” he demanded. Teenmar also revealed that they plan to approach the courts to take action against the KCR family and the officials who violated their fundamental rights through illegal surveillance. “Even CM Revanth Reddy was a victim of phone tapping,” he added. Mallanna urged the current Chief Minister Revanth Reddy to send a strong message to the public that such unlawful practices will not be tolerated under the Congress government. He also expressed cautious optimism about the SIT’s capacity to deliver justice in this high-profile case.

Clash Erupts at State Boxing Meet in Hyderabad

Dispute over referee decision sparks violence at Shakepet event

TPN | V. Krishna Kumar
Hyderabad: Tensions flared at the state-level boxing competitions held in Shakepet, Hyderabad, on Thursday after a dispute broke out between boxers and coaches during a match. The altercation, which began over allegations of an unfair referee decision, escalated into a physical clash, resulting in damage to property and injuries. According to reports, the issue arose during a bout when one of the boxer's supporters claimed that the referee's decision was biased, leading to the boxer's loss. Enraged by the outcome, the boxer's group confronted the referee and opposing team, resulting in a heated argument that quickly turned violent. In the chaos that followed, doors and windows at the venue were vandalised, and several participants sustained minor injuries. The situation created panic among attendees and disrupted the ongoing matches. The Golconda Police were alerted and soon brought the situation under control. Both parties involved in the clash have filed formal complaints against each other at the Golconda Police Station. Officials from the sports authority are expected to review the incident, and further action may be taken depending on the findings. The competitions resumed later in the day under increased security.



Inspector Suspended in HCA Scam Leak

TPN Correspondent | Telangana
Uppal police inspector N. Election Reddy has been suspended and attached to the Hyderabad Police Commissioner's office for allegedly leaking sensitive information in connection with the Hyderabad Cricket Association (HCA) scam. The action comes amid ongoing investigations by the Crime Investigation Department (CID) into financial and administrative irregularities in the HCA. Sources said Election Reddy is accused of tipping off HCA General Secretary Devraj, who is under CID's watch, about impending actions in the case. Although official confirmation of the charges is awaited, the timing of the transfer has triggered speculation about internal interference in the probe. The development comes shortly after the CID arrested HCA president Arishnapally Jagan Mohan Rao on July 9, along with other officials, over allegations of misuse of power, misappropriation of funds, and exerting pressure on the Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) management for complimentary IPL tickets. The HCA had previously come under fire during IPL 2025, when SRH accused it of harassment over ticket distribution. The franchise alleged that HCA officials demanded additional complimentary tickets beyond the agreed quota and even locked the SRH corporate box during a match in protest. As per the agreement, SRH is required to provide 10 percent of tickets (around 3,900), including a corporate box with 50 seats. However, HCA reportedly claimed the box could seat only 30 people and demanded 20 more tickets from another box — a demand SRH termed unreasonable. Following public outrage and the threat from SRH to shift matches to another venue, the Telangana government ordered a thorough inquiry into the issue. The CID has since widened the scope of its investigation and is now preparing to take further action against HCA secretary Devraj and other key officials. The suspension of Inspector Election Reddy is seen as the latest fallout in a deepening scandal that has rocked cricket administration in the state.



TPN Correspondent |Hyderabad
Residents of Maruthinagar in Syat Layout staged a blindfolded protest at Sunnam Cheruvu in Madhapur, opposing the ongoing

Protest Over Hydra Works at Madhapur Lake

restoration works being carried out by Hydra. The protesters demanded an immediate halt to the activities. With their eyes blindfolded as a mark of protest, the residents expressed strong displeasure over Hydra's alleged encroachment and continued work despite existing High Court orders. The High Court had previously directed that no restoration or development activities should be undertaken until a full-scale survey of the Full Tank Level (FTL) and buffer zones of the lake is completed. However, residents claimed that Hydra officials were continuing operations within their plots, violating the court's directive. Plot owners expressed outrage at what they described as unauthorized actions by Hydra, insisting that the restoration works be stopped until the legal survey is finalized.

Major Fire at Sanathnagar Industrial Unit



TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
A massive fire broke out at a plastic and paper plate manufacturing unit under the Sanathnagar police station limits in Hyderabad on Thursday. The incident caused panic among local residents and workers as thick plumes of smoke engulfed the area. The fire reportedly started in the production section of the factory. Upon receiving the alert, five fire engines rushed to the spot. Firefighters battled the flames for several hours and eventual-



ly brought the situation under control, successfully preventing the fire from spreading to adjacent structures. Officials confirmed that no casualties were reported. The exact cause of the fire was yet to be determined, and authorities launched a detailed investigation into the incident. Police cordoned off the area and helped evacuate workers and residents nearby as a safety precaution. Fire and police officials continued to monitor the site and assess the extent of the damage.

Cyberabad Police Conducts Fire Mock Drill

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The Cyberabad Police, in collaboration with the Telangana State Fire Department, conducted a comprehensive fire mock drill at the Police Commissionerate to strengthen emergency preparedness and inter-departmental coordination. Madhapur Fire Officer Anjaneyulu Dodla led a live demonstration on fire safety tools, types of fire emergencies, and evacuation procedures. The drill began with a fire alarm, prompting the systematic evacuation of staff to the Assembly Point. Various wings including Traffic, Cybercrime, SHE Teams, and others actively took part. Fire systems and rescue protocols were tested, including the use of a Bronto Skylift for high-rise evacuations. The Telangana Fire Services deployed fire tenders, medical teams, and safety personnel for the exercise. Commissioner Avinash Mohanty, IPS, and Joint Commissioner Dr. Gajjarao Bhupal, IPS, emphasized the importance of regular training and safety awareness. A review was conducted post-drill to assess readiness and identify improvements. Senior police and fire department officers, including DCPs and Fire Station staff, were present during the exercise. The Cyberabad Police reaffirmed their commitment to public safety and efficient crisis management.



Hyderabad ATM Theft: 3 Arrested

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
Police arrested three individuals in connection with the recent theft at an HDFC ATM in Markandeya Nagar and recovered ₹17 lakh in stolen cash, along with four two-wheelers used in the crime. The accused have been identified as Yasib Hussain alias Asif Haarun Khan (28) and Md Abed (31), both from Haryana, and Aamir Aansri (24), a resident of Hyderabad. According to police, the trio and their associates are involved in over 30 ATM thefts across multiple states. The theft took place in the early hours of July 9. Between 2:30 am and 3:30 am, the gang broke into the HDFC ATM using gas cutters and stole ₹34.71 lakh before fleeing the scene. A case was registered under Sections 331(4) and 305 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), and the investigation led to the arrests by officials from the Central Crime Station (CCS), Balanagar, and Jeedimetla police. Police said the gang followed a systematic modus operandi, targeting isolated ATMs with external shutters. They conducted reces in advance, used stolen two-wheelers for transportation, and procured gas cutters from nearby shops to execute the crimes.

Masab Tank Flyover to Close Partially at Night



TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
The Masab Tank flyover, a vital traffic route in Hyderabad, will remain partially closed during nighttime hours for the next six weeks to facilitate essential maintenance work. The phased closure is designed to minimize inconvenience to commuters while ensuring the structural safety of the 25-year-old flyover. The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) has taken up the repair works as part of its ongoing infrastructure safety program. The flyover, inaugurated in 2001 to ease congestion toward Mehdiapatnam, now requires periodic maintenance to remain fully operational and safe for public use. In addition to the Masab Tank flyover repairs, the GHMC has announced plans to inspect over 40 flyovers and bridges across the city to assess their stability. To conduct these inspections, GHMC will engage an expert agency, which is expected to submit a comprehensive report to the GHMC Commissioner. Some of the prominent flyovers identified for inspection include those at Begumpet Airport, CTO Junction Paradise, Harihara Kala Bhavan, Tarnaka, Basheerbagh, Telugu Talli Junction, Gachibowli, Narayanguda, Langer Houz, Hitech City Junction, Fatehnagar Bridge, Punjagutta, Greenlands, Tolichowki, Nalgonda 'X' Roads, Chandrayangutta, and JN-TU-Malaysia Township. Road-over-bridges (ROBs) to be inspected include those at Begumpet, Moosapet, Sitaphalmandi, Khairatabad, RK Puram, Lalapet, Dabeerpura, Jamia Osmania at Adikmet, Attapur, Chaderghat, Nagole, Golnaka, Puranapul, and Nayapul over the Musi River. The GHMC aims to ensure public safety and infrastructure longevity through proactive maintenance and timely inspections of the city's aging flyover network.

City Sees Jump in Dengue, Fevers

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With the arrival of the monsoon season, Hyderabad is witnessing a steady increase in viral fevers, vector-borne diseases (VBDs) such as dengue and chikungunya, and water-borne infections like typhoid. The surge, which began in June, has been noted in both government and private hospitals across the city. Doctors have also reported a few cases of Covid-19 over the past two months, adding to the burden on healthcare facilities. At the Government Fever Hospital, outpatient visits have risen significantly, with 400 to 500 patients turning up daily, most presenting with symptoms of viral fever. According to data from the National Centre for Vector Borne Diseases Control (NCVBDC), Telangana recorded 267 dengue cases and 83 chikungunya cases between January and March, along with 53 malaria cases from January to April. However, updated data from the state Health Department is still awaited. Tribal regions in the state appear to be more affected by these seasonal diseases. Patients commonly report high-grade fever, cold, cough, nausea, joint pain, and body aches—symptoms that overlap among several infections, making early diagnosis crucial. Doctors warn that many fever cases are being confirmed as dengue only after further testing, with some patients remaining asymptomatic. This delayed detection often leads to prolonged recovery. They urge the public to seek timely medical attention to avoid complications as the monsoon-related illness trend is expected to continue into July.

Tiger Numbers Rise in Amrabad Reserve, Says Forest Department

TPN | V. Krishna Kumar
Telangana: The Telangana Forest Department has reported a steady rise in the tiger population at the Amrabad Tiger Reserve (ATR), as per the Phase IV monitoring for the year 2024–25. Conducted under the guidelines of the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA), the study confirms that the number of tigers has grown from 33 in 2023–24 to 36 this year — a clear indicator of successful and sustained conservation efforts. The monitoring exercise was conducted across 10 forest ranges and divided into four spatial blocks for scientific assessment. Between December 20, 2024, and May 15, 2025, a total of 1,594 camera traps were deployed across 797 grid locations (each 2 km²). Alongside camera trap data, the teams also relied on indirect evidence like pugmarks, scats, scrape, and rake marks to identify tiger presence. According to the latest estimates, the 2024–25 season recorded 36 tigers, including 13 males, 20 females, one unidentified individual, and two cubs. This marks an overall increase from the 33 tigers noted in the previous monitoring year, which included 11 males, 15 females, and seven cubs. While



the number of cubs was higher last year, the rise in adult tigers, particularly females, is seen as a positive sign of reproductive success and population stability. Forest officials credit this progress to a combination of factors — intensified patrolling, habitat protection, robust anti-poaching measures, and sustained ecological monitoring under Project Tiger. The department also acknowledged the crucial role played by local communities and frontline staff in supporting tiger conservation.

“This encouraging trend highlights the strength of coordinated wildlife protection and scientific management. Our team is committed to building on this progress and ensuring that Amrabad continues to be a safe haven for India’s national animal,” a forest official stated. The Forest Department has reiterated its dedication to expanding scientific monitoring, improving habitat restoration efforts, and deepening community engagement to safeguard the long-term survival of tigers in the region.

Husnabad to Drive Oil Palm Mission



TPN Correspondent | Telangana
Telangana Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao praised Husnabad MLA Ponnamm Prabhakar, stating that the constituency is fortunate to have a leader constantly striving for development and actively engaging the public in politics for progress. Speaking at a plantation program, the Minister emphasized the need for farmers to shift towards oil palm cultivation, citing its resilience and profitability. He said, “Today we are planting mega oil palm saplings. Through intercropping, farmers should generate income starting tomorrow.” Tummala noted that after Khammam, Siddipet district ranks second in oil palm cultivation. Under the People’s Administration Government, a target of 12 lakh acres of oil palm has been set. He announced that an oil palm factory will be launched in Narmeta by the Chief Minister on August 15. To support farmers, the government will pay transportation rent for oil palm based on the distance from farms to the factory. Additionally, a ₹500 bonus is being offered for thinner trees. “We have seen paddy crops fail due to unexpected rains. But oil palm cultivation is more reliable and less affected by weath-

er,” he said. Highlighting the government’s focus on agriculture, Tummala said oil palm requires less water and thrives in sunshine. “One acre of water used for paddy can cultivate five acres of oil palm,” he explained, adding that it also saves electricity and water, and ensures better income for farmers. He expressed concern over reduced income from imported oil due to lower taxes, which has cost the state ₹2,000 per quintal. The issue is being taken up with the Prime Minister by South Indian ministers. “If given ₹25,000 per quintal, we can supply enough oil palm to the entire country,” he claimed. Plans are also in place to establish a refined oil factory in the region. Tummala described Husnabad as the heart of Telangana’s oil palm mission, with potential to source produce from across the state, thereby generating local employment. He also called for training in oil palm harvesting, stating that skilled workers could earn salaries higher than a district collector. He concluded by suggesting that Minister Ponnamm himself should purchase land and take up oil palm cultivation as a model for others.

MLA Sabita Reviews Bonalu Arrangements



TPN Correspondent | Telangana
Maheshwaram MLA and former Minister Smt. Sabita Indra Reddy held a review meeting with officials regarding the arrangements for the Sri Suryagiri Yellamma Devata Bonala procession in Raviryala village under Thukkuguda Municipality. She directed the officials to ensure that all preparations are completed to avoid inconvenience to devotees, stating that the Sri Suryagiri Yellamma Temple is set to become a prominent religious site in the near future. The MLA emphasized the need

for key infrastructure, including the installation of electricity poles and street lights, provision of drinking water and tankers, construction of CC roads, adequate parking facilities, and setting up of a police outpost for security. Officials were instructed to ensure smooth execution of all arrangements. Thukkuguda Municipality Commissioner Smt. Vani, Temple Chairman Reddigalla Ratnam, Adibhatla Inspector Raghavendra Reddy, officials from the Electrical, Municipal, and Endowment departments were present at the meeting.

Elaborate Arrangements for CM’s Jataprolu Tour

TPN Correspondent | Nagarkurnool
The district administration is making elaborate arrangements for Chief Minister Revanth Reddy’s scheduled tour of Jataprolu in Kollapur constituency on Friday. As part of the visit, the Chief Minister will lay the foundation stone for the Young India Residential School and distribute financial assistance cheques to self-help group (SHG) women. Tourism, Culture, and Excise Minister Jupally Krishna Rao is personally overseeing the preparations to ensure the success of the tour. He has been conducting reviews with the District Collector and other senior officials, directing them to expedite the works and ensure that the tour goes off smoothly without any logistical lapses. In addition to Minister Jupally Krishna Rao, several key cabinet colleagues including Deputy CM Damodar Rajanarsimha, Ministers Ponnamm Prabhakar, Anasuya Seethakka, Vakiti Srihari, Adluri Lakshman, and MP Mallu Ravi will participate in the program. Chairmen of various government corporations and local elected representatives are also expected to attend. The Chief Minister’s visit is being seen as a significant moment for the region, with key development initiatives being launched to benefit the rural population, particularly in the fields of education and women empowerment.



Etala Joins Pochamma Bonalu Festivities in Medchal



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Malkajgiri Member of Parliament Etala Rajender took part in the traditional Pochamma Bonalu celebrations held as part of the Ashada month festivities. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from locals, with former Medchal BJP president Vikram Reddy, Municipal President Hari Sailaja, senior leader Jagann Goud, party workers, and

a large number of devotees joining the program. Etala offered prayers to the presiding deity Pochamma and extended festive greetings to the people, wishing for their health, prosperity, and well-being. He praised the Bonalu tradition for showcasing Telangana’s rich cultural heritage and reaffirmed his commitment to preserving local traditions and supporting religious events in the region.

Free Bicycles for Students Under ‘Modi Gift’ Scheme

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Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar on Thursday distributed free bicycles to government school students in Huzurabad, under the Karimnagar Parliament constituency, as part of the “Modi Gift” initiative. The program aims to support students from poor families by easing their daily commute to school. Speaking at the distribution event held at the Government High School grounds, Sanjay said the idea emerged during his Praja Sangram Yatra, where he witnessed children walking long distances barefoot to attend school. Moved by these experiences, he said, “A bicycle is a student’s first asset. I’m giving you that to help you study well.”



Over 20,000 bicycles are being distributed across Karimnagar, Sircilla, and Huzurabad, using CSR funds and private donations. Sanjay clarified that no government funds were used. The Minister also cited the Modi government’s commitment to education, noting a sharp rise in budget allocations from ₹68,728 crore in 2014–15 to ₹1.28 lakh crore

in 2025–26. He highlighted key schemes such as Beti Bachao Beti Padhao, Navodaya, and Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan. Encouraging students to draw inspiration from Ambedkar and Modi, Sanjay praised both leaders for overcoming adversity through education. He also announced the upcoming distribution of ‘Modi Kits’—containing school supplies—for students from LKG to Class 6 in government schools. The event saw high enthusiasm from students, with many clapping, cheering, and joining a bicycle rally led by Sanjay. Local BJP leaders and officials also participated.

Illicit Toddy Found in SVS Toffee Packets

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Excise enforcement officials carried out surprise raids in multiple areas and seized large quantities of illicit toddy being sold under the disguise of SVS-branded toffee packets. The most notable incident took place in Ayodhyanager, Gundla Pochampally, where officers led by CI Subash Chander, along with Balaraju, SS Akhil, and Ravichandra, raided a local hotel following a tip-off. The hotel, run by a man named Shankar Goud, was found in possession of 270 litres of toddy and edible stones. Officials were shocked to discover that the toddy was packed in



SVS-branded toffee packets, raising concerns over how alcohol was being disguised as confectionery. Despite questioning, the hotel owner refused to disclose the supplier’s identity. He was taken into custody and the seized items were handed over to the Medchal Excise Station. In another enforcement action, 20 litres of toddy were confiscated in the Malkajgiri area. AES Jeevan Kiran reported that the toddy was being sold without

proper authorization and the material was sent to the Shadnagar Excise Station. Meanwhile, in the Saidabad area under the Malkajgiri excise station limits, the STPA team led by Anji Reddy conducted a raid and seized 750 litres of toddy from two accused—Palle Bikshapati and Bodige Srinivas Goud. Officials confirmed that toxicology samples were collected and a case has been registered against the duo for illegal sale and distribution. Authorities have launched further investigations to trace the source of the SVS-branded packets and crack down on such deceptive practices.

Journalist Is A Soldier Sans Weapons

When we think of a soldier, we often imagine someone equipped with physical weapons and training to confront immediate threats—whether on the battlefield or in a more symbolic sense, fighting for a cause. A journalist, in contrast, is not armed with guns, but with knowledge, words, and a deep understanding of how information can influence the world. But here's where the analogy gets more layered: both soldiers and journalists are often in the field—literally and metaphorically—dealing with the frontlines of their respective domains. While soldiers may be fighting to protect a nation or cause, journalists are fighting to protect the truth, democracy, and the integrity of information.

The Battlefield of Truth

A soldier's mission is clear: neutralize the enemy, protect allies, and secure territory. A journalist's mission, while less tangible, is no less vital: uncover the truth, hold power accountable, and inform the public. In war zones, journalists have to navigate the same physical risks as soldiers, but they also face the additional challenge of ensuring that the information they gather and disseminate is accurate and not manipulated by political agendas or propaganda. In both cases, the "battleground" involves the stakes of power, and those who control the narrative—whether through arms or words—shape the course of events.

Tools of Influence

Soldiers use weapons to engage in direct physical conflict, but journalists use the tools of their trade—pen, camera, microphone, and the internet—to influence the perceptions of



the public. The right report, the right photo, or the right documentary can spark social movements, bring down governments, or change the course of history. For example, images like the 1972 "Napalm Girl" photo or video footage of police brutality can shift public opinion in ways that armies, politicians, and even the media themselves might not anticipate. These moments serve as a reminder that words and images can be weapons in their own right, and journalists often find themselves on the frontlines of public conscious-

ness.

Casualties of War

Both soldiers and journalists can become casualties of their respective "wars." Soldiers risk their lives on the battlefield; journalists, particularly in conflict zones, risk imprisonment, torture, or death. Think of the high-profile journalists like Jamal Khashoggi, Daphne Caruana Galizia, or Marie Colvin, who paid the ultimate price for their commitment to truth-telling. These "weaponless soldiers" may not have the armor of a soldier, but they



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carry with them an unwavering commitment to documenting the truth—even at great personal risk. In the same way that soldiers may be seen as heroes for their sacrifices, journalists who face these risks are often celebrated for their courage in challenging oppressive systems or revealing uncomfortable truths.

Moral and Ethical Frontlines

Another way the analogy holds is in the moral and ethical decisions both soldiers and journalists must make. A soldier must weigh the cost of their actions—what are the ethical implications of warfare, and when does self-defense become aggression? Similarly, a journalist faces the moral question of "What is the responsibility of reporting the truth?" Is it enough to just report the facts, or should they work to challenge injustice, hold power accountable, and perhaps even become advocates for those who can't speak for themselves?

Larger goal matters

Both must contend with difficult choices in the face of adversity—whether that's pulling a trigger or deciding whether to publish a sensitive story that could put lives at risk. The line between objectivity and activism can be a thin one for both, but it's often walked in the pursuit of a larger goal.

Resistance and Resilience

Like soldiers in resistance movements, journalists can be agents of change, even if they're not directly fighting with weapons. Think of investigative journalists who expose corruption, expose environmental hazards, or bring attention to human rights abuses. They're not always appreciated by the powers they challenge, and often face retaliation, yet their work remains crucial for the health of democratic societies.

Scribes enjoy more freedom

In countries where freedom of the press is under threat, journalists often face systemic suppression—just like soldiers in authoritarian regimes might be forced to fight battles they don't believe in. However, the resilience of these "weaponless soldiers" can sometimes be even more powerful because the very tools they use to fight are the most difficult to take away: the pen, the voice, and the truth. So, in sum, the "weaponless soldier" analogy captures how journalists, though unarmed with conventional weapons, engage in a high-stakes battle that requires courage, resilience, and often personal sacrifice. Their power lies in their ability to shape narratives, challenge the status quo, and ultimately, shift the course of history.

How Europe Got Rich with Trade Deficits: Piketty's Study Reveals Surprising Global Wealth Patterns

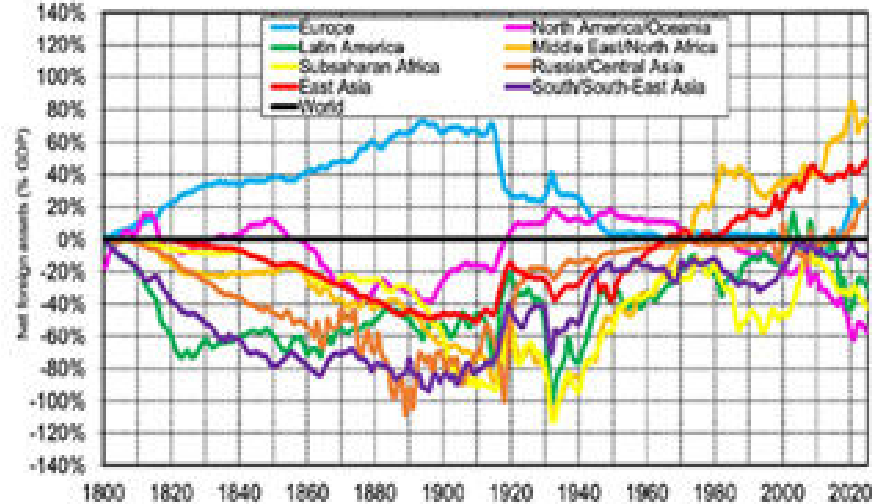
When former U.S. President Donald Trump complained about America's trade deficits and called for "big, beautiful trade deals," he wasn't the first global leader to focus on trade imbalances. But are today's deficits truly unique in history? A groundbreaking study by economists Gaston Nievas and Thomas Piketty, published by the World Inequality Lab, shows that they are not — and in fact, today's global wealth flows have striking historical echoes.

Their research builds a global balance of payments dataset from 1800 to 2025, revealing how past economic powers, especially Europe, accumulated vast foreign wealth without trade surpluses. During the first wave of globalization (1800–1914), major European powers like Britain, France, and the Netherlands ran consistent trade deficits in primary commodities like food and minerals — up to 4% of world GDP annually. Meanwhile, their trade surpluses in manufacturing were smaller, meaning they imported more than they exported overall.

Despite this, Europe built immense foreign wealth. How? Through invisible flows in the balance of payments: massive income from dividends, interest, royalties, and profits from their colonies. These flows created current account surpluses, allowing Europe to accumulate foreign assets equivalent to 70% of its GDP (30% of world GDP) by 1914 — even without a trade surplus.

Colonial extraction played a central role. Countries like Haiti were forced into punishing debt repayments, while colonies like India and Indonesia sent vast tax revenues back to their European rulers. These financial transfers, rather than trade performance,

Foreign Wealth by World Region, 1800-2025



built Europe's global dominance.

In contrast, the post-1970 "Pax Americana" era, led by the U.S., mirrors the structure but lacks the same financial outcomes. The U.S. has enjoyed "excess yield" — earning more on its foreign investments than it pays on debt — but this hasn't offset its chronic trade deficits. Unlike Europe in the colonial era, the U.S. cannot extract vast foreign income to balance its trade shortfall.

The economists argue this disparity may explain the growing assertiveness of U.S. foreign policy — pressuring allies to bear military costs or seeking direct control over resources. But the world is no longer structured for such one-sided transfers.

Without colonialism, Nievas and Piketty suggest, wealth distribution today would look drastically different — with countries like India and Indonesia owning parts of Europe, not the other way around.



Why Returning to the Moon Is More Than Just Rocket Science

The phrase, "If we can put a man on the moon, why can't we..." has largely faded from popular use. Perhaps that's because it's not clear that 21st-century America can easily send astronauts back to the lunar surface. The Wall Street Journal revived this question in 2018 with a headline that bluntly asked, "If We Can Put a Man on the Moon, Why Can't We Put a Man on the Moon?"—highlighting the challenges facing NASA's Artemis program amid cost overruns and bureaucratic delays.

The first moon landing—Apollo 11 in 1969—was a monumental achievement, realized through President John F. Kennedy's ambitious vision. Since then, technology has advanced dramatically. For perspective, a modern USB-C charger holds more computing power than the entire Apollo 11 onboard computer. Yet, the last crewed moon mission was Apollo 17 in 1972, and despite repeated promises by several presidents, the United States has yet to return.

There are compelling reasons to go back: establishing a scientific base on the moon, answering unresolved questions about lunar geology, and using the moon as a stepping stone for crewed Mars missions. Presidents George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush both advocated returning to the moon, aiming for Mars as the ultimate goal, but both struggled to secure sustained congressional support. President Barack Obama shifted NASA's focus, while President Donald Trump revived the Artemis program, which now faces heavy criticism for delays, technical problems, and ballooning costs—projected to reach \$93 billion. By comparison, the Apollo program cost nearly \$26 billion between 1960 and 1973, about \$260 billion today when adjusted for inflation.

The Apollo era was unique—not just technologically but politically. The space race was a high-stakes contest with the Soviet Union for global prestige and strategic dominance, rallying Americans and Congress alike behind NASA's mission. NASA also benefited from inheriting expert talent from its predecessor, the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA), established during World War I.

"The U.S. and the Soviet Union were competing for the hearts and minds of the world," explains Teasel Muir-Harmony, curator of the Apollo Collection at the Smithsonian's Air and Space Museum. Kennedy's 1961 moonshot announcement closely followed the failed Bay of Pigs invasion, underscoring how space exploration was entwined with Cold War politics. Today, NASA faces more competition for talent, with private companies like SpaceX and Blue Origin attracting skilled engineers and innovators. Returning to the moon is no longer just about rocket science—it's about navigating political will, funding, and a competitive, evolving space industry.

PM Modi Meets South Korean Special Envoys, Celebrates 10 Years of Strategic Partnership

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New Delhi, July 17, 2025 (ANI): Prime Minister Narendra Modi welcomed a high-level delegation of Special Envoys from South Korea on Thursday, marking the 10th anniversary of the India–Republic of Korea (ROK) Special Strategic Partnership. The delegation was led by former South Korean Prime Minister Kim Boo Kyum.

During the meeting, PM Modi emphasized the importance of the decade-long partnership, noting that it has evolved into a vital pillar of cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region. He praised the growing collaboration between the two democracies, especially in key sectors such as defence, innovation, shipbuilding, and skilled workforce mobility.

In a post shared on social media platform X (formerly Twitter), PM Modi wrote, “Delighted to receive the delegation of Special



Envoys from the Republic of Korea led by Mr. Kim Boo Kyum. Recalled my positive meeting with President @Jaemyung_Lee last month.”

Highlighting the expanding scope of bilateral ties, he said,

“India-ROK Special Strategic Partnership, which completes 10 years, continues to grow from innovation and defence to shipbuilding and skilled mobility. Close collaboration between the democracies contributes to peace, stability, and prosperity

in the Indo-Pacific region.”

The Special Strategic Partnership, established in 2015, has seen deepened cooperation in areas including trade, technology, energy, and cultural exchange. Thursday’s meeting reaffirmed both countries’ shared commitment to regional peace and a rules-based international order in the Indo-Pacific.

The South Korean delegation’s visit follows recent diplomatic momentum, including PM Modi’s meeting with South Korean President Lee Jaemyung on the sidelines of a global summit last month, where both leaders reaffirmed their desire to enhance bilateral cooperation across multiple domains.

The interaction reflects the shared strategic vision of India and South Korea to work together on regional and global challenges, underpinned by their strong democratic values and economic complementarities.



Indian nurse on death row in Yemen: India in touch with some ‘friendly countries’, says MEA

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India is actively pursuing diplomatic channels, including outreach to “friendly countries,” in a bid to save Nimi-sha Priya, an Indian nurse on death row in Yemen. The government confirmed on Thursday that it is providing all possible support to her family, as her scheduled execution—originally set for July 16—has been temporarily postponed.

“This is a sensitive matter,” said Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal during a press briefing. “The Government of India has extended legal assistance, appointed a lawyer, arranged regular consular access, and remained in close contact with Yemeni authorities and the family.”

Priya, a native of Kollengode in Kerala’s Palakkad district, was convicted for the murder of a Yemeni national and sentenced to death. Her execution was approved by Yemen’s President in December 2024. The case has attracted significant attention and appeals from civil society groups, who argue that mitigating circumstances warrant clemency.

Jaiswal declined to name the foreign governments involved but confirmed that diplomatic efforts in recent days have focused on gaining more time for the family to negotiate with the victim’s relatives, as is permitted under Yemeni law through the practice of blood money or diyya.

“This includes concerted efforts to facilitate a mutually agreeable resolution,” he said. “We are also in contact with some friendly governments who have influence in the region.”

India has no diplomatic mission in Yemen due to the ongoing conflict there, and operates its affairs in the country through its embassy in Djibouti. Officials continue to closely monitor the situation and provide support to Priya’s family.

The case remains under delicate negotiation as the Indian government pushes for a humanitarian resolution to prevent Priya’s execution.

Those Who Mess With India Will Face Consequences: Amit Shah

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday declared that India has sent a clear global message that any threats to its citizens, armed forces, or borders will not be tolerated and will be met with decisive retaliation.

Speaking at an event marking International Cooperatives Year 2025, Shah referenced Operation Sindoor — the recent cross-border strike targeting terrorist camps in Pakistan following the Pahalgam attack. He credited Prime Minister Narendra Modi for transforming India’s national security posture.

“From the Uri surgical strike to the Pulwama airstrike, and now Operation Sindoor — the Modi



government has shown that India will no longer remain passive in the face of terror,” Shah said. He contrasted this with the previous Congress-led governments, alleging that terror incidents were frequent under their rule. “Modi ji has made India secure, prosperous, and respected,” he added.

Shah highlighted India’s economic progress, noting that the country has become the fourth-largest economy and lifted 22 crore people out of poverty under Modi’s leadership.

He praised the Rajasthan BJP government led by Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma, especially for tackling the paper leak scandal by forming an SIT and pro-

moting investment. The state signed MoUs worth ₹35 lakh crore, with ₹3 lakh crore already in execution, Shah said.

As Minister for Cooperation, Shah emphasized the role of cooperatives in rural India. He announced that 40,000 of the proposed 2 lakh new PACS (Primary Agricultural Credit Societies) have already been set up and computerization efforts are underway.

The event also included virtual inaugurations of 24 food grain storage facilities and 64 millet outlets. Shah noted Rajasthan’s agricultural contributions and new research on preserving camel breeds and exploring the medicinal properties of camel milk.

Amid threats of sanction on Russian oil supplies, India guided by ‘best offer’: MEA

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India pushed back firmly against U.S. threats of secondary sanctions on Russian oil imports, asserting on Thursday that meeting the country’s energy needs remains a top priority. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) emphasized that India would continue to be guided by the best offers available in the global market, while cautioning against “double standards” in the enforcement of sanctions.

Responding to questions about the U.S. and NATO’s warning of punitive tariffs, MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said, “Securing the energy needs of our people is understandably an overriding priority for us. In this endeavour, we are guided by what is on offer in markets, and by the prevailing global circumstances.”

His remarks come amid growing U.S. pressure on countries like India, China, and Brazil to cut ties with Russian oil, with U.S. President Donald Trump announcing potential secondary sanctions that could take effect within 50 days if Russia does not agree to a peace deal in Ukraine.

India currently imports around 2.08 million barrels of Russian crude oil per day, which accounts for 42% of its total crude imports. Much of this oil is refined by Indian facilities and exported, including to G7 nations. However, proposed U.S.



tariffs—potentially as high as 100% on products derived from Russian-origin oil—could make Indian exports uncompetitive.

India also questioned the fairness of the proposed sanctions, highlighting that several NATO members and European Union countries plan to remain reliant on Russian gas until 2027. “It’s double speak...so will Europe face these additional tariffs too?” said an Indian official.

India has consistently maintained a position of strategic autonomy and insists that its crude oil decisions are based on affordability and availability, not geopolitical alignment. With over 85% of its oil requirements imported, New Delhi warned that any disruption could spike domestic fuel prices and strain the economy.

Ahmedabad Declared Cleanest City as Indore, Surat Move to ‘Super Swachh League’



In a significant shift in the Swachh Survekshan 2024-25 rankings, Ahmedabad has been named the cleanest city in India in the category of cities with over 10 lakh population. The announcement was made at an awards ceremony in New Delhi, where President Droupadi Murmu presented the top honours. The recognition comes as Indore and Surat, both consistent winners in past years, were elevated to a newly created ‘Super Swachh League’, a category that honours cities that have maintained top-tier cleanliness standards for three consecutive years. As a result, they

were excluded from this year’s main rankings to allow newer cities to be recognized. Ahmedabad secured the ‘Swachh Shehar – Rank 1’ title, with Bhopal and Lucknow taking second and third places respectively in the 10 lakh-plus population category. Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs Manohar Lal and MoS Tokhan Sahu were also present at the event, applauding the achievements of the winning cities. This year’s survey placed strong emphasis on sustainability, waste segregation, public feedback, and technological innovation in urban

sanitation. Over 4,500 cities participated in the assessment — the world’s largest urban cleanliness survey. President Murmu lauded the cities for their dedication to maintaining hygiene and public health and praised the creation of the Super Swachh League as a means to push long-term performance over short-term rankings. The Swachh Survekshan awards continue to be a key component of the Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban, driving competitive spirit among cities while encouraging citizen engagement in cleanliness efforts.

Trump Rakes in \$50 Billion as Global Powers Hold Back on Tariff Retaliation

TPN Correspondent | Washington

Four months into U.S. President Donald Trump's aggressive new tariff regime, the U.S. has reaped nearly \$50 billion in revenue — while much of the world has hesitated to retaliate, opting instead for restraint amid fears of economic escalation.

New U.S. Treasury data reveals a dramatic surge in customs revenue to \$64 billion in the second quarter of 2025 — a \$47 billion jump from the same period last year. This comes as Trump's sweeping trade policy — featuring a 10% global tariff baseline, 50% duties on steel and aluminum, and 25% tariffs on automobile imports — took full effect.

Despite fears of a global trade war, only China and Canada have responded with significant countermeasures. China's response, while the most robust, has yielded limited results; customs revenue in Beijing rose only 1.9% in May 2025 year-on-year. Canada imposed C\$155 billion in retaliatory tariffs but rolled many back under domestic economic pressure.

"Many countries learned from the 2018–2019 trade war that retaliation often leads to counter-retaliation rather than resolution," said Marta Bengoa, an economics professor at City University of New York.

Major economies including the Europe-



an Union, Mexico, and Japan have so far avoided tit-for-tat responses. The EU has readied a €72 billion retaliatory package but is holding off until after Trump's August 1 deadline for trade negotiations, with geopolitical issues — such as U.S. backing for Ukraine — playing a role in its delay. Meanwhile, global corporations like Apple, Mercedes-Benz, and Adidas are

shifting supply chains or absorbing tariff costs to maintain U.S. market stability.

With tariff rates at levels not seen since the 1930s Smoot-Hawley era, Trump's trade strategy is reshaping global economics — with most allies treading carefully rather than confronting Washington head-on.

Syria, Druze Leaders Agree to Fragile New Ceasefire

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Syrian government officials and Druze minority leaders announced a renewed ceasefire on July 16, 2025, following days of intense clashes in the southern city of Sweida. The violence threatened Syria's fragile postwar political transition and drew military intervention from neighboring Israel. While government convoys began withdrawing from Sweida, the durability of the ceasefire remains uncertain, especially after a previous truce announced just a day earlier collapsed, with prominent Druze leader Sheikh Hikmat Al-Hijri rejecting the agreement.

The conflict escalated from tit-for-tat attacks between local Sunni Bedouin tribes and Druze armed factions, compounded by clashes between Syrian government forces and Druze militias. Civilians have also suffered amid the unrest. The situation worsened with Israeli airstrikes targeting military sites in Damascus and near the presidential palace, part of Israel's campaign to push Islamist militants away from its border and protect the Druze community, which is significant both in Syria and Israel. Interim Syrian President Ahmad al-Sharaa condemned the Israeli strikes, calling for unity among Syria's diverse communities and vowing to protect Druze rights. He tasked local factions and Druze spiritual leaders with maintaining security in Sweida to prevent further violence.

The conflict has resulted in heavy casualties. The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights reported over 300 deaths by July 16, including civilians, security forces, and children. Reports of atrocities, including field executions and destruction of homes, surfaced amid ongoing violence. Druze communities in Syria and the Golan Heights protested the violence, while the U.S. expressed concern and urged calm. The fragile ceasefire signals a critical moment for Syria's stability, as tensions between ethnic and religious groups, alongside foreign interventions, continue to challenge the country's recovery.

Pakistan Declares Rain Emergency in Punjab after 30 Dead in 24 Hours

TPN Correspondent | Lahore

Torrential monsoon rains have wreaked havoc in Pakistan's Punjab province, claiming at least 30 lives within a span of 24 hours, prompting authorities to declare a "rain emergency" across multiple districts, officials said on Thursday, July 17, 2025.

The most severely impacted area was Chakwal, located in the Salt Range about 300 km from Lahore, where a staggering 423 mm of rainfall led to severe flash flooding. The Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA) confirmed that military units

and local administration are engaged in rescue operations to evacuate residents trapped by rising waters.

Rainfall is forecasted to continue across Punjab, heightening fears of river and stream overflows. An official alert has been issued for possible flooding in low-lying and riverine areas.

Since the beginning of the monsoon season on June 26, at least 170 people have lost their lives due to rain-related incidents across Pakistan, with Punjab bearing the brunt of the devastation. In the last 24 hours alone,

more than 300 people were injured in accidents caused by the extreme weather, with most casualties reported from Lahore, Faisalabad, Sahiwal, Pakpattan, Okara, and Chakwal.

Over 125 houses have been reported damaged, displacing dozens of families and adding to the humanitarian toll.

Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz imposed a province-wide "rain emergency" and directed all emergency services to remain fully mobilised. She urged residents to stay indoors and avoid flood-prone zones.



UK To Lower Voting Age To 16



TPN Correspondent | Washington

The British government, led by Prime Minister Keir Starmer, has announced plans to lower the voting age to 16 before the next general election—marking a significant reform in the country's democratic system. The proposal, which still requires parliamentary approval, is part of a broader initiative to improve fairness and encourage political engagement among younger citizens.

Currently, 16- and 17-year-olds are permitted to vote in devolved elections in Scotland and Wales. If approved, this move would bring consistency across the United Kingdom. Supporters argue that many 16-year-olds already contribute to society by working or serving in the military and therefore deserve a say in shaping the nation's future.

Deputy Prime Minister Angela Rayner said in a statement, "We are taking action to break down barriers to participation that will ensure more people have the opportunity to engage in UK democracy."

The reform package also includes changes to

voter ID laws. Acceptable identification would be expanded to include UK-issued bank cards and digital versions of existing IDs like driving licences and Veteran Cards. The goal is to make voting more accessible, particularly for young people and other underrepresented groups.

In addition to expanding voting rights, the government plans to address the issue of political transparency and security. New rules will tighten oversight of political donations, including enhanced scrutiny of contributions over £500 from unincorporated associations and restrictions on shell company donations to prevent foreign interference.

This move comes as the UK grapples with declining voter turnout—only 59.7% participated in the 2024 general election, the lowest since 2001. Research cited by the House of Commons Library indicates that countries with a lower voting age have seen no change in election outcomes, but that 16-year-olds tend to vote at higher rates than first-time voters at 18. Labour had pledged to lower the voting age during its campaign and appears determined to follow through despite recent declines in popularity.

"Where Is Phase 2": Musk Stirs Epstein Pot Again After Trump Fires Prosecutor

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Billionaire Elon Musk has reignited controversy surrounding the Jeffrey Epstein case by publicly criticizing the Trump administration's refusal to release key documents. Musk's remarks appear to suggest that President Donald Trump's name might be mentioned in the sealed files, raising concerns about transparency and political motivations.

The outspoken Tesla and SpaceX CEO responded to a post on X (formerly Twitter) asking, "What happened to all the evidence against Epstein?" Musk replied, "Yeah, where is it?" He followed up by questioning the delay in "Phase 2" of the declassified Epstein files, initially released by Attorney General Pamela Bondi in February 2025.

This renewed scrutiny comes after the Trump administration abruptly fired federal prosecutor Maurene Comey, who played a significant role in prosecuting Epstein and his accomplice, Ghislaine Maxwell. The dismissal has intensified suspicions about the administration's intentions, especially as Trump faces mounting pressure from within his own MAGA base to

fully disclose Epstein's alleged ties to powerful individuals.

Epstein, a disgraced financier and convicted sex offender, was charged with sex trafficking minors before dying by suicide in jail in 2019. Maxwell is currently serving a 20-year prison sentence after being convicted in 2021 for aiding Epstein's abuse.

Trump's past social ties to Epstein, including documented instances of flying on Epstein's private jet, have fueled conspiracy theories. However, Trump has denied any involvement, and no charges have been brought against him.

The backlash intensified after the administration reversed its earlier promise to release more Epstein-related files. According to Reuters, Trump officials are now considering damage control measures, including unsealing additional documents and appointing a special prosecutor.

As public frustration grows, even pro-Trump influencers have begun criticizing the administration's handling of the case, forcing a recalibration of strategy to maintain support within the MAGA movement.



Markets Decline on Profit Booking, FIIs Outflow; Nifty Slips Below 25,150



Domestic stock markets fell on Thursday as investors remained cautious, profit-taking in some sectoral stocks and uncertainty over the India-US trade deal. Benchmark indices rose on profit-taking in banking, finance and IT sectors. The release of first-quarter results for the current fiscal also contributed to this. On the other hand, the outflow of foreign institutional investors is hurting the sentiment. Overall, the Nifty 100 and Sen-

sex fell by 375 points. The BSE Sensex, which closed at 82,634 in the previous session, opened at 82,753 on Thursday. It touched an intraday low of 82,219. It reached an intraday high of 82,757. It finally closed at 82,259, down 375 points. The NSE Nifty, which opened at 25,230, touched a low of 25,101 and a high of 25,238. It closed at 25,111, down 100 points. The Nifty Bank lost 340 points and settled at 56,828.

In the Nifty50, 19 companies

gained while 31 lost. Tata Consumer, Tata Steel, Hindalco, Trent, Titan were the top gainers. Tech Mahindra, IndusInd Bank, Infi, SBI Life, HCL Tech were the biggest losers. Today, realty, metal, consumer durables, pharma, FMCG, energy, healthcare, and commodities sector indices rose marginally. IT, PSU bank, private bank, finance, infra, auto and oil sector indices rose.

Market breadth on NSE today is in favor of sellers. Out of a

total of 3023 stocks traded, 1433 gained and 1503 lost. 71 shares touched their 52-week high and 19 shares touched their 52-week low. The upper circuit was 89 and the lower circuit was 40.

The rupee weakened by 13 paise against the dollar to settle at 86.07. Wipro's Q1 revenue fell 1.6% to Rs 22,080 crore. EBITA fell to Rs 3813 crore from Rs 3927 crore. Axis Bank's net profit was recorded at Rs 5806 crore. Net interest income was Rs 13,560 crore. The USFDA team that conducted inspections at Zydus Life Sciences said that there were no problems. Heritage Foods' net profit fell 30.7% to Rs 40.5 crore from Rs 58.4 crore. Morgan Stanley maintained its underweight rating on Tech Mahindra with a target price of Rs 1555. Polycab India's net profit rose 49.4% to Rs 600 crore from Rs 401 crore. Wari Renewable's net profit rose 24% to Rs 86.4 crore from Rs 28.2 crore. HDFC AMC's net profit rose 24% to Rs 748 crore. Revenue grew 25%. South India Bank's net profit rose 10% to Rs.322 crore from Rs.294 crore.

Prestige Estates Projects: The company has a strong position in the realty sector. With 150 completed residential projects and 37 ongoing projects, the market cap is Rs. 74,357 crore. These shares should be bought in the range of Rs. 1,750-1,780. You can hold them by following the buy on dips method. These shares closed at Rs. 1783 on Thursday.

Berger Paints: These shares should be accumulated in the range of Rs. 550-580. There are opportunities for steady growth in this counter due to strong demand in the paints sector. These shares closed at Rs. 579 on Thursday.



Escorts Kubota: This company has a good market in the automobile and agriculture sectors. Investors should buy and hold these shares with a target of Rs. 3,550. These shares



closed at Rs. 3,410 on Thursday.

Welspun Corp: These shares can be bought in the Rs. 900 range on a dip and held with a target of Rs. 1,150. In Q1 2025, net profit rose 3.5% to Rs. 648 crore and revenue rose 8.49% to Rs. 3,966.86 crore. These shares closed at Rs. 931 on Thursday.



Tata Steel: Investors should enter this counter in the Rs. 150 range. You can hold up to a target of Rs. 190-210. Strong demand and price stability in the steel sector have made this stock attractive. These shares closed at Rs. 159 on Thursday.



Adani Group Sells 20% Stake in Adani Wilmar for ₹7,150 Crore to Wilmar International

Adani Group has sold a 20% stake in AWL Agri Business Limited (formerly Adani Wilmar Limited) to Singapore-based Wilmar International for ₹7,150 crore, according to a recent stock exchange filing. This move aligns with Adani's earlier announcement in December 2024 to divest its entire 44% stake in Adani Wilmar to focus more on its core infrastructure businesses.

The transaction was executed between Adani Commodities LLP (ACL), a subsidiary of Adani Enterprises Limited (AEL), and Lence Pte Limited, a Wilmar International subsidiary. Both parties agreed on a share purchase agreement that allows them the option to buy or sell shares at an agreed price, capped at ₹305 per share. Together, ACL and Lence held approximately 88% of AWL, split evenly between them.

Earlier in January 2025, Adani sold 13.5% of its stake in AWL at ₹276.51 per share to comply with minimum public shareholding regulations and increase

public ownership. After that sale, ACL and AEL's combined holding stood at around 30.42%.

With this latest deal, Adani Group sold an additional 20% stake at ₹275 per share, part of its strategic exit from the fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) sector. Following the sale, Wilmar International becomes the majority shareholder in AWL Agri Business, holding 64% of the company, surpassing Adani's stake.

In a separate development, Adani Enterprises also announced the launch of a second public non-convertible debenture (NCD) issue worth up to ₹1,000 crore.

This stake sale highlights Adani Group's ongoing strategy to streamline operations and focus investment on infrastructure, while Wilmar International strengthens its position in the agribusiness sector through majority ownership of AWL Agri Business.

Warning Signs? India's High-Frequency Economic Indicators Point to Slowdown

Recent data from high-frequency economic indicators reveal signs of a slowdown in the Indian economy, according to a report by Nuvama. Despite the Reserve Bank of India's efforts to boost growth through interest rate cuts and liquidity measures, key sectors are showing weakening momentum.

The report highlights that many economic indicators which recorded double-digit growth a year ago have now slipped into single digits—levels similar to those seen before the COVID-19 pandemic. It notes, "India's high frequency data are now slowing with most of them moving to single digits," signaling a loss of economic momentum.

Bank credit growth, an important gauge of borrowing and demand, has fallen sharply from 16% a year ago to just 9% in June 2025. This decline reflects weaker borrowing by businesses and consumers. Sim-



ilarly, GST collections, a proxy for consumption and business activity, have slowed from 11% growth to only 6.2% in June, indicating reduced economic spending.

Export growth remains subdued as well, with goods and services exports rising just 6%—a sharp drop from the double-digit growth experienced in fiscal year 2023.

Other consumption indicators also show signs of weakness. Passenger vehicle sales slowed to 2% growth,

down from 7% last year, while property sales value in the top seven cities dropped from 28% growth to just 4%. Wage growth, as measured by BSE500 companies, has halved from 12% to 6%.

Industrial growth is similarly affected. Growth across eight core sectors declined to 3% from 8% last year. Diesel consumption grew by just 1%, and medium and heavy commercial vehicle sales fell by 3%. Profit growth for BSE500 companies (excluding oil marketing) has dropped from 21% to 10%.

Overall, the report concludes that most high-frequency indicators have returned to pre-pandemic single-digit growth rates, signaling a broad economic slowdown. This trend persists despite ongoing policy support, suggesting the need for further stimulus measures to revive growth across sectors.

Reliance Industries to Boost Market Value by \$50 Billion Through New Energy and AI Infrastructure

Reliance Industries Ltd is poised for significant growth, with investments in new energy and artificial intelligence (AI) infrastructure expected to drive a \$50 billion increase in its market value, according to analysts at Morgan Stanley. Currently valued at over \$240 billion, the conglomerate, led by billionaire Mukesh Ambani, is focusing on scaling its diversified businesses, especially in the rapidly evolving sectors of new energy and AI.

A key part of Reliance's strategy involves transforming its Jamnagar energy complex to integrate next-generation AI technologies. The company is developing generative AI infrastructure at Jamnagar, which is expected to be operational within two years. This initiative aims to overcome one of the major challenges faced globally in scaling AI:

the availability of sustainable and cost-effective energy sources to power AI data centers and related operations.

Morgan Stanley highlights that Reliance's new energy vertical holds the potential to create up to \$60 billion in value. The company plans to leverage renewable energy — referred to as "electrons" — to power its chemical plants, data centers, and refineries, positioning itself as a leader in the green energy transition. This innovative approach allows Reliance to monetize its energy production while supporting the energy-intensive needs of AI infrastructure.

This shift is part of Reliance's broader ambition to transition from a traditional oil and gas business to a diversified technology-driven conglomerate. By capitalizing on its strengths



in energy production and combining them with AI advancements, Reliance aims to unlock new revenue streams and reinforce its leadership in India's industrial landscape.

The investments underline Reliance's commitment to future-proofing its business amid global energy transitions and the increasing demand for AI capabilities. With these moves, Reliance Industries is set not only to enhance its market valuation but also to shape the future of energy and technology integration on a global scale.



Viral Video of Mizoram’s Clean, Traffic-Free Streets Wins Hearts Online

A recent video showcasing the serene and spotless streets of Mizoram has taken the internet by storm, offering a refreshing glimpse into what an Indian city can look like when urban planning meets civic discipline.

Originally shared by India Cultural Hub on Instagram, the clip captures a peaceful, walkable city—believed to be Aizawl, the capital of Mizoram—bathed in golden hues of sunset, free from traffic chaos and air pollution. The text overlay in the video proudly declares: “Welcome to Mizoram: A walkable city with clean air, setting the standard for urban planning in India.”

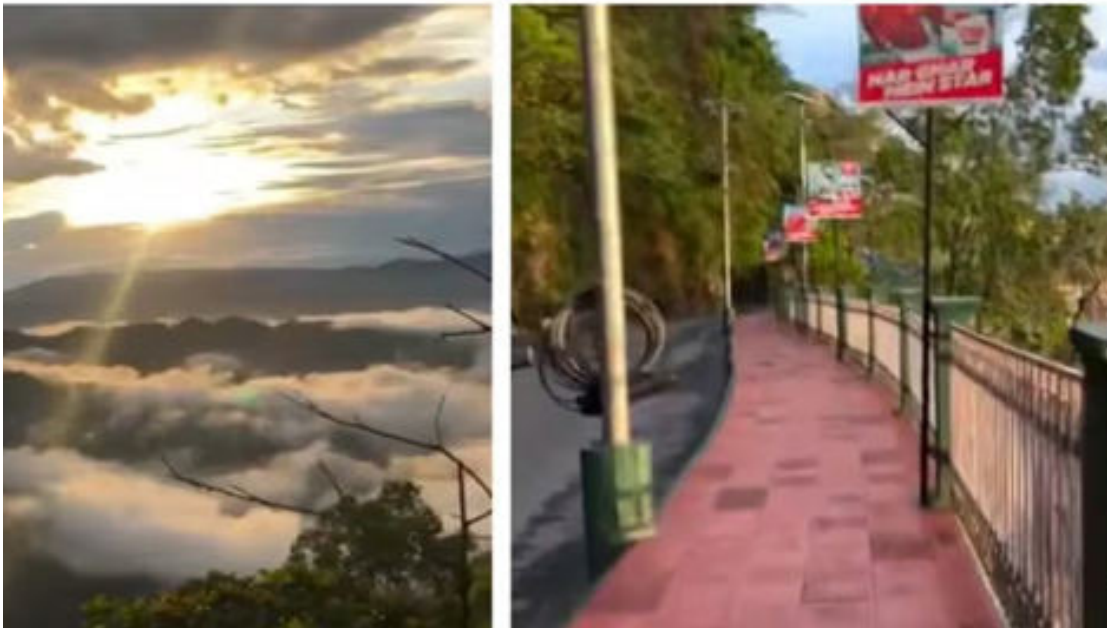
The video has quickly gone viral, garnering thousands of views and triggering an outpouring of admiration from across the country. Many viewers expressed astonishment at the lack of honking, overtaking, and traffic jams, so commonly seen in other major Indian cities. The well-maintained roads, absence of litter, and strict adherence to traffic rules stood out as shining examples of what community cooperation and thoughtful governance can achieve.

“In cities like Aizawl, clean air isn’t a luxury—it’s the norm,” the caption of the video reads. “Public transport is efficient, roads are pe-

destrian-friendly, and citizens follow the rules. While most Indian metros wrestle with smog and congestion, Mizoram offers a vision of hope.”

Beyond its physical beauty, viewers are praising Mizoram’s eco-conscious urban development, community participation, and civic pride—all of which contribute to the city’s reputation for cleanliness and order.

As the video continues to trend, many online users are calling for other Indian states to take inspiration from Mizoram’s model, proving that a clean, calm, and green city is possible with the right priorities.



Are We Alone? Why the Search for Alien Life Needs Better Questions, Not Just Better Telescopes



Despite decades of space exploration and astronomical breakthroughs, humanity has yet to find direct evidence of life beyond Earth. Since the 1990s, astronomers have identified thousands of exoplanets — some of which lie in the so-called habitable zone, where conditions might support life as we know it. Yet, even with these discoveries and advanced telescopes scanning distant galaxies, the cosmos has remained eerily silent.

But does this silence mean we’ve failed in our quest to find alien life?

Not necessarily. Scientists are now urging a more reflective ap-

proach — one that emphasizes asking the right questions as much as gathering the right data. In fact, researchers argue that our understanding of what constitutes life may still be too narrow or Earth-centric. What if life elsewhere is based on completely different biochemistry, or exists in forms we have not yet imagined? A recent reassessment of exoplanet data suggests that while we’ve observed enough planets to estimate an upper limit on how many could be habitable, we still lack the tools — and perhaps the imagination — to interpret subtle signals of life. In other words, it’s not just about scanning the skies, but

about learning how to recognize life when we see it. Projects like the James Webb Space Telescope and future missions to Europa and Enceladus may help, but breakthroughs may also depend on interdisciplinary research — combining astronomy, biology, chemistry, and philosophy. The absence of evidence isn’t evidence of absence. As researchers explore ever-deeper into the universe, they’re also reminding us that science isn’t just about answers — it’s about learning how to ask better, more meaningful questions. In the search for alien life, humility and curiosity might be just as vital as technology.

UK Chefs Set Guinness World Record with Giant 7.81 kg Scotch Egg

Two UK-based chefs and content creators have officially broken a long-standing Guinness World Record by crafting the largest scotch egg ever made, tipping the scales at a massive 7.81 kilograms—even heavier than a standard bowling ball.

Chefs Phoenix Ross (@shef_phoenix) and Oli Paterson (@elburritomonster) teamed up to create this colossal version of one of the UK’s most beloved snacks in Enfield, UK, on June 17, 2025. Their creation smashed the previous record of 6.2 kg, which had held strong for nearly two decades.

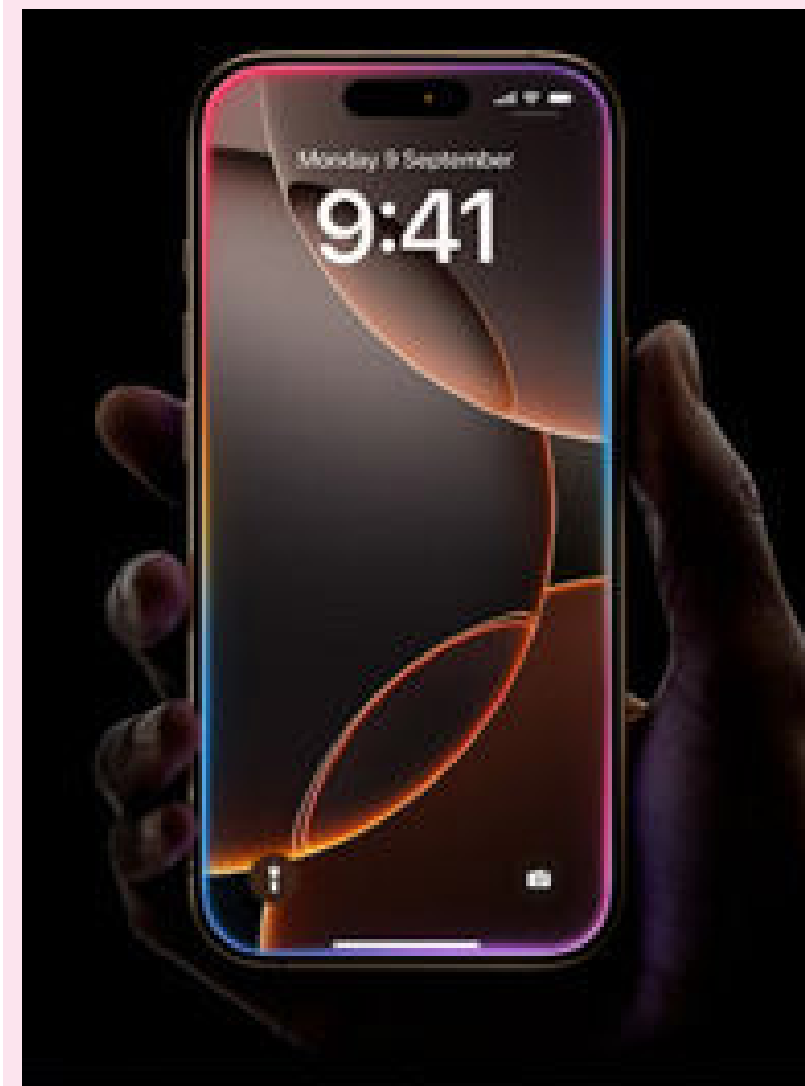
A scotch egg is a classic British snack, consisting of a boiled egg encased in seasoned sausage meat, rolled in breadcrumb crumbs, and deep-fried until golden. But this wasn’t your average snack—the duo took it to a whole new level by using an ostrich egg, the largest egg laid by any bird. For context, one ostrich egg is roughly equivalent to 24 chicken eggs in volume and can withstand the weight of a 115 kg person.

The massive scotch egg required not just creativity but precision and technical skill. Ross and Paterson’s effort was not only about breaking a record but also about celebrating British food culture with a fun and impressive twist.



Images and clips of the giant scotch egg have since gone viral, drawing admiration from food lovers and curious viewers around the globe. The feat has also been officially recognized by Guinness World Records, adding another quirky culinary title to the books.

With this record now in the bag, fans are eager to see what the inventive duo will tackle next in the world of extreme food creations.



iPhone 17 Series Colour Options Revealed: Base Model May Come in Six Vibrant Shades

As anticipation builds for Apple’s next-generation smartphones, fresh leaks have revealed the expected colour options for the upcoming iPhone 17 lineup, which is expected to debut in September 2025. According to new reports, Apple is planning to offer a bold range of colours across all four variants: iPhone 17, iPhone 17 Air, iPhone 17 Pro, and iPhone 17 Pro Max.

iPhone 17 & iPhone 17 Air: Colourways Revealed

The iPhone 17 base model is reportedly set to launch in six colours, including:

Black
White
Green (Pantone 2282 U)
Light Blue (Pantone 658 U)

Purple (Pantone 530 U)
Steel Gray (Pantone 18-4005-TPG)

The iPhone 17 Air, designed to stand out with a lighter and sleeker look, could be available in four colours:

Black
White
Light Blue (Pantone 657 U)
Light Gold (Pantone 11-0604 TPG Gardenia)

Apple is expected to use less saturated tones for the Air variant to emphasize its lightweight design. The Light Blue shade is rumored to resemble the Sky Blue of the M4 MacBook Air.

iPhone 17 Pro & Pro Max: Five Sophisticated Colour Options

The premium iPhone 17 Pro and Pro Max models are likely to launch in five shades: Black (same as iPhone 16 Pro)
White
Dark Blue (Pantone 19-4025 TPG Mood Indigo)

Gray
Orange (Pantone 1501243 TCX Papaya)

The rumored orange variant could feature a fluorescent tint, while the blue may echo the Blue Titanium from the iPhone 15 Pro. Notably, the material shift to aluminium may slightly alter final finishes. With Apple rumored to unveil the iPhone 17 series between September 8–12, excitement is mounting—especially with the A19 and A19 Pro chips powering the standard and Pro models, respectively.

Lakshya Sen and Satwiksairaj-Chirag Exit Japan Open After Tough Second-Round Defeats

Indian shuttlers faced setbacks at the Japan Open Super 750 tournament as Lakshya Sen and the men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty bowed out in the second round on Thursday.

In men's singles, world No. 18 Lakshya Sen was unable to maintain his early momentum and suffered a 19-21, 11-21 loss to Japan's Kodai Naraoka in a tightly contested match lasting nearly an hour. Lakshya had started the tournament impressively with a commanding 21-11, 21-18 win over China's Wang Zheng Xing but could not carry the form forward against the Japanese shuttler.

Meanwhile, the men's doubles duo of Satwiksairaj and Chirag, former world number one pairs themselves, went down 22-24, 14-21 to the fifth-seeded Chinese pair Liang Wei Keng and Wang Chang.

The clash between these two top-ranked teams was a high-intensity contest lasting 44 minutes. After a slow start, the Indian pair surged to an 18-14 lead in the first game but were unable to maintain it, allowing their Chinese opponents to snatch a thrilling first game.

The second game saw the Chinese duo, who are currently world number five, dominate proceedings as Satwik and Chirag struggled with their smashes and defensive play. This defeat marks the fourth consecutive loss for the Indian pair against Wei Keng and Wang Chang, who now hold a commanding 7-2 head-to-head record over them. The Chinese team, silver medallists at the recent Paris Olympics, continue to assert their dominance over the Indian shuttlers, leaving Satwik and Chirag with a tough task ahead as they look to bounce back in upcoming tournaments.



India U20 Women Dominate Uzbekistan 4-1 in Friendly Match



The India U20 women's national football team delivered a commanding performance, thrashing Uzbekistan 4-1 in their second friendly match held at the Do'stlik Stadium in Tashkent on July 16, 2025. After a balanced first half that ended 1-1, the Young Tigresses came out stronger in the second half, showcasing clinical finishing and teamwork to secure a comfortable victory.

The match began with both teams evenly matched, with Sibani Devi Nongmeikapam putting India ahead in the 28th minute by calmly finishing a cross from teammate Neha. However, Uzbekistan's Shakhnoza Dekanbaeva equalized in the 37th minute, leaving the teams level at halftime.

The second half saw India raise the tempo significantly. Sulanjana Raul restored India's lead in the 65th minute by expertly controlling a long ball from Cindy Colney before slotting it past the goalkeeper. Just six minutes later, Sulanjana switched roles from scorer to provider, deliver-

ing a perfect through ball for Neha, who chipped the Uzbek goalkeeper from outside the box to extend the lead to 3-1.

Despite a setback when Cindy Colney was sent off for a tackle, India remained composed. Substitute Bhumika Devi Khumukcham dazzled by dribbling past two defenders before assisting Sibani for her second goal of the match in the 85th minute, sealing the 4-1 win.

Coach Joakim Alexandersson made two changes to the starting lineup from the first match, bringing in Juhi Singh and Arina Devi Nameirakpam. The victory demonstrated India's attacking prowess and resilience, giving the team valuable confidence ahead of future challenges.

The final Indian lineup included Monalisha Devi Moirangthem (GK), Remi Thokchom, Juhi Singh, Cindy Colney, Arina Devi Nameirakpam, Neha, Pooja, Sibani Devi Nongmeikapam, Shubhangi Singh (Captain), Anju Chanu Kayenpaimbam, and Sulanjana Raul.



INDW vs ENGW 1st ODI: Deepti Sharma's Unbeaten 62 Guides India to Four-Wicket Win

India Women secured a confident four-wicket victory over England Women in the opening ODI of the series at Southampton on July 17, 2025. Chasing a target of 259, India achieved the total with 10 balls to spare, thanks to an unbeaten 62 from Deepti Sharma and a vital 90-run partnership with Jemimah Rodrigues.

England posted a competitive 258 for six, led by Sophia Dunkley's resilient 83 not out off 92 balls, which included nine boundaries. Alice Davidson Richards also played a key role, scoring 53 in a 106-run fifth-wicket stand with Dunkley after England lost early wickets. Young Indian seamer Kranti Goud impressed by taking two crucial wickets (2/55), while off-spinner Sneha Rana also claimed two (2/31), restricting England's scoring.

India's chase got shaky when captain Harmanpreet Kaur was dismissed for 17, leaving the team struggling at 124 for four. However, Deepti

Sharma and Jemimah Rodrigues steadied the innings with their composed batting, rotating the strike efficiently and punishing loose deliveries. Rodrigues fell just short of a half-century, finishing with 48 off 54 balls.

Deepti's innings was particularly noteworthy for her strategic approach, countering previous criticism of her slogging style. The highlight was a stunning one-handed six off Lauren Bell, struck over deep mid-wicket, showcasing her skill and control.

All-rounder Amanjot Kaur provided the finishing touches with an aggressive 20 off 14 balls, hitting some powerful shots to seal the win. Captain Harmanpreet praised Deepti's key performance and the team's bowling effort but emphasized the need to improve fielding after dropping two chances during the match. This victory sets a positive tone for India ahead of their upcoming 50-over World Cup campaign.



World No.1 Aryna Sabalenka Withdraws from WTA Montreal Event Due to Fatigue

World number one Aryna Sabalenka has officially pulled out of the WTA Canadian Open in Montreal, citing fatigue as the reason for her withdrawal, Tennis Canada confirmed on Wednesday. The 27-year-old Belarusian star, who was runner-up at both the Australian and French Opens this year, recently reached the semi-finals at Wimbledon and the Berlin Open, alongside clinching titles at Madrid and Miami.

Sabalenka expressed her disappointment but emphasized the importance of prioritizing her health for the rest of the season. "I'm looking forward to kicking off the North American hard-court swing, but to give myself the best chance for success this season, I've decided it's in my best interest to skip Montreal," she said. Missing the tournament, scheduled from July 27 to August 7, leaves Sabalenka with only one major warm-up event—the Cincinnati Open in August—before defending her US Open title on the hard courts at Flushing Meadows.

The reigning US Open champion also thanked her Canadian fans for their support, promising to return next year. Sabalenka was ousted in the Wimbledon semi-finals by American Amanda Anisimova earlier this month.

Tournament director Valerie Tetreault expressed regret over Sabalenka's absence, saying, "We're obviously disappointed that Aryna won't be with us this year." Alongside Sabalenka, world number 10 Paula Badosa also withdrew from the event due to injury, paving the way for American Caty McNally and Japan's Moyuka Uchijima to enter the main draw. In other news, Canadian tennis star Eugenie Bouchard announced she will retire from professional tennis following the Montreal tournament.

Messi's Multi-Goal Streak Snapped as Inter Miami Falls 3-0 to FC Cincinnati



Lionel Messi's historic multi-goal streak came to an end on Wednesday night as Inter Miami suffered a heavy 3-0 defeat to FC Cincinnati in Major League Soccer (MLS). The match, played at TQL Stadium in Cincinnati on July 16, marked the end of Messi's run of five consecutive games with multiple goals — an MLS record.

Despite Messi's presence and previous form, Inter Miami struggled to find rhythm. FC Cincinnati dominated from the outset, registering four shots on target in the first 16 minutes. Gerardo Valenzuela opened the scoring in the 29th minute with a precise strike from the left side of the box — his fifth of the season. Cincinnati extended their lead early in the second half when Evander, one of the league's top scorers, netted his 14th goal of the campaign and 50th in MLS. He later sealed the win in the 77th minute, tapping in a rebound after Luca Orellano's shot was parried away.

Messi, 38, had a relatively quiet night, with his first real attempt coming in first-half stoppage time, which was easily saved by Cincinnati goalkeeper Roman Celentano. In the 78th minute, Messi had another opportunity from close range, but Celentano once again made a crucial stop.

The defeat ends Inter Miami's five-game winning streak and leaves them fifth in the Eastern Conference with an 11-4-5 record. FC Cincinnati, meanwhile, improved to 14-3-6 and sit just one point behind the conference-leading Philadelphia Union, who beat CF Montreal 2-1.



Stranger Things 5 Teaser Unleashed: Netflix Declares 'Code Red' for Final Showdown

The wait is over—Netflix has just dropped the official teaser for Stranger Things Season 5, and it's every bit as chilling and electrifying as fans hoped. Dubbed "Code Red" by the streaming giant, the teaser marks the beginning of the end for the beloved sci-fi phenomenon created by the Duffer Brothers.

Returning for their final ride are fan-favorites Millie Bobby Brown, David Harbour, Winona Ryder, Finn Wolfhard, and the rest of the core cast. The teaser hints at a haunting conclusion, packed with shadowy creatures, emotional stakes, and a sprawling cinematic scope. As the Upside Down tight-

ens its grip on Hawkins, the stakes have never been higher.

Visually stunning and emotionally intense, the teaser showcases everything from ghostly environments and suspense-driven music to heart-wrenching reunions and dazzling VFX. It's clear that the final season will pull no punches, aiming for a powerful mix of horror, nostalgia, and heartbreak.

In an exciting twist, Netflix has confirmed that Stranger Things 5 will be released in three volumes:

Volume 1 drops on November 26
Volume 2 arrives on December 25
The final volume wraps it all up on December 31, 2025

This staged release ensures fans will have time to savor each chapter of the epic finale. After years of mystery, supernatural suspense, and character-driven storytelling, Stranger Things is poised to deliver a breathtaking end to its cultural legacy. The countdown to the ultimate face-off has officially begun—so grab your walkie-talkies, cue the synths, and get ready for one last trip to the Upside Down.

Ram Pothineni's Andhra King Gears Up With Soulful First Single 'Nuvvunte Chaley'

The buzz around Andhra King continues to grow as the film, starring Ram Pothineni and directed by Mahesh Babu, inches closer to release. Touted as a powerful commercial entertainer with emotional depth, the project has already captured attention with its striking title glimpse. Now, the makers have dropped the promo for the film's first single, titled 'Nuvvunte Chaley', further raising excitement.

The full track is scheduled to release on July 18, and the promo is already being praised for its emotional tone and melodic richness. Interestingly, the lyrics for the song have been penned by Ram Pothineni himself, showcasing another side of the energetic star. The music



is composed by the talented duo Vivek & Marvin, while the soulful voice of Anirudh Ravichander brings the song to life. In Andhra King, Ram plays a die-hard fan of a superstar, adding a layer of meta-celebrity charm to his role. The film also features Kannada superstar Upendra in a pivotal role, while Bha-

gyashree Bors plays the female lead. Supporting the ensemble cast are seasoned actors Rao Ramesh, Murali Sharma, Satya, Rahul Ramakrishna, and VTV Ganesh, among others.

Produced by Mythri Movie Makers, the film promises to deliver a mix of mass entertainment and emotional storytelling. The early glimpses and now the first song promo suggest a fresh, vibrant approach that blends nostalgia, fandom, and heartwarming moments.

With Nuvvunte Chaley setting the musical tone, Andhra King is shaping up to be one of the most awaited Telugu films of the year.

Anupama's Paradha Locks August 22 Release Amid Festive Buzz

After navigating a crowded calendar filled with big-ticket film releases, the much-anticipated female-centric drama Paradha has finally secured its release date. The makers have officially announced that the film will hit theatres on August 22, 2025, strategically timed to take advantage of the Vinayaka Chavithi holiday that falls mid-week on Wednesday.

Starring Anupama Parameswaran, Darshana Rajendran, and Sangitha, Paradha is helmed by Praveen Kandregula, best known for Cinema Bandi. The film is backed by producers Vijay Donkada, Sreenivasulu PV, and Sridhar Makkuva under the Ananda Media banner, with acclaimed filmmaker duo Raj & DK presenting the project. Music is composed by the ever-reliable Gopi Sundar.

The latest single from the soundtrack, titled "Yatra Naryasthu", has already made waves. A powerful anthem celebrating womanhood, the song highlights the strength and dignity of women in a society often dominated by outdated patriarchal norms. With Anurag Kulkarni's soulful rendition and Vanamali's evocative lyrics, the track leaves a lasting emotional impact. It speaks to both resilience and resistance, making it more than just a song—it's a statement.

Paradha has managed to generate significant buzz thanks to its emotionally charged promotional material, which showcases the film's intense themes and powerful female narratives. With the release date now locked, the team is expected to roll out a series of updates, teasers, and behind-the-scenes glimpses in the coming weeks to keep the momentum going.

With a strong cast, a relevant message, and a festive release slot, Paradha is shaping up to be one of the most awaited films of the season.



Rajamouli Lauds Kireeti and Team at Junior Pre-Release Event

The pre-release event of Junior, the debut film of Kireeti Reddy, unfolded in grand style, with the entire cast and crew in attendance. The event's highlight was the presence of visionary director SS Rajamouli, who graced the evening as the chief guest and offered high praise to the team.

Kireeti, emotional and sincere in his speech, shared his deep gratitude to producer Sai Korrapati. "If I wish for 1% success for myself, I wish for 99% for Sai sir," he said. "He placed his trust in me when I was a newcomer. If a director succeeds, it opens doors for many others—it uplifts the entire industry."

He went on to thank his co-stars and crew, especially Genelia D'Souza, whom he called "one of the most divine people" he's ever met. "This isn't your typical bubbly role—it's something unique," he added. He praised cinematographer Senthil Kumar, action choreographer Peter Hein, and the entire team, highlighting a massive 10-minute action sequence involving 1,000 stunt masters. "This film has been three years in the making, and it's been worth every moment," he said, ending his speech with a heartfelt mention of his admiration for NTR.

Rajamouli commended Sai Korrapati for elevating Junior from a modest project into a star-studded venture. "As more names joined—Sreeleela, Genelia, Ravichandran—the film only grew in scale and strength," he remarked. He was particularly impressed by Sreeleela's performance in the Viral Vayyari song and praised Genelia's timeless charm. "Kireeti is lucky to earn praise from people like Senthil and Peter Hein, who rarely give compliments," Rajamouli noted.

Junior is all set to hit theatres on July 18, and expectations are sky-high.



Nolan's The Odyssey Sparks Global Frenzy as Advance Bookings Open a Year Ahead

There's no denying the global obsession with filmmaker Christopher Nolan, and the excitement surrounding his next cinematic venture, The Odyssey, is already off the charts. Even though the film is set to release on July 17, 2026, fans are wasting no time—advance bookings have officially begun, a full year in advance.

Nolan's name alone is enough to stir anticipation. From the Dark Knight trilogy and Inception to Interstellar, Tenet, Dunkirk, and Oppenheimer, each of his films has left a lasting mark on modern cinema. Now, The Odyssey is all set to add to that legacy.

Starring Matt Damon and Tom Holland in lead roles, the film is expected to be a visually ambitious and emotionally compelling sci-fi epic. While plot details remain under wraps, Nolan's reputation for thought-provoking storytelling and groundbreaking visuals is already enough to fuel massive interest.

In an unprecedented move, the film's team has announced that advance ticket sales are now open—specifically for IMAX 70mm

screenings in the U.S. This early launch of bookings has caught both fans and industry insiders by surprise, highlighting the extraordinary demand for a Nolan film, even this far ahead of release.

Social media platforms have been abuzz with posts from excited fans securing their seats for what is already being called "next year's biggest cinematic event." Many in India and other countries are also expressing hope that similar early booking windows will open internationally.

With a powerful cast, a visionary director, and unmatched fan anticipation, The Odyssey is already creating history—12 months before it hits the big screen.

