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# Polluters Out, Reforms In: Bhatti Leads Cabinet Charge

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The Telangana government is taking firm steps toward environmental safety and urban planning by initiating the relocation of polluting industries situated within the Outer Ring Road (ORR). Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka chaired a Cabinet sub-committee meeting on Saturday at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Secretariat, where he directed officials to expedite the process of shifting such industries beyond the ORR limits.

The meeting saw participation from key ministers including Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, IT and Industries Minister D. Sridhar Babu, and Excise Minister Jupally Krishna Rao. The sub-committee reviewed current industrial zoning issues and emphasized that relocating polluting units is vital to protect the environment and improve urban living standards.

Officials were asked to prepare a comprehensive framework and a time-bound relocation calendar. The ministers insisted that the relocation process be handled with urgency and strict adherence to deadlines to avoid further environmental damage. The meeting also reviewed revenue performance from various departments. Officials reported that there was a 1.8% increase in income from the Commercial Taxes Department, 3.6% growth in Stamps and Registration, and a notable 7% increase in revenue from the Mines Department. The ministers commended the departments for improved performance and advised them to maintain consistency in revenue mobilisation. In addition, the Cabinet sub-committee examined the progress of property auctions under the Rajiv Swagruha housing scheme and vacant plots managed by the Housing Board. Officials were instructed to ensure full transparency in the auction process

to avoid irregularities. The committee also stressed that the sale of Housing Board houses must be structured in a way that makes them accessible to the common man and middle-income groups. Deputy CM Bhatti reiterated the government's commitment to inclusive development and urged departments to align with the state's broader goals of revenue generation, environmental protection, and social equity. Senior officials including Chief Secretary A. Santhi Kumari, Finance Principal Secretary Pradeep Kumar Sultania, Industries Special Chief Secretary Jayesh Ranjan, Mines Principal Secretary Sridhar, MA&UD Secretary Ilambathi, HMDA Commissioner M. Dana Kishore, Mines Commissioner Shashanka, and Collectors Harichandana and Narayana Reddy were present. Deputy CM's Special Secretary Krishna Bhaskar and TGDC MD Vallur Kranthi also attended the meeting.

# Will Sentiment Politics Bring BRS Back?

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Power has always been the ultimate goal in politics, and history shows that leaders and parties often rely on either personal charisma or emotional sentiment to attain it. In the case of the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS), sentiment was the winning formula — once a driving force during the separate Telangana movement that propelled the party, then known as TRS, to power in 2014 and again in 2018. However, in the 2023 elections, that same formula failed to connect with voters, resulting in the party's ousting and the rise of the Congress government under Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy. Now, 18 months into the Congress regime, BRS appears to be reaching back into its old playbook — sharpening the sentiment strategy it once wielded successfully. Lacking a new



narrative or a strong political campaign to take on the current government, the party is leaning on emotion and regional pride in an effort to revive public support. Sources in political circles observe that the BRS is struggling to shake off the shadow of alleged corruption and dynastic politics that marred its previous term. Accusations of centralized power within the KCR family and unaddressed issues such as

# Ragging on WhatsApp? Face Action



By V. Krishna Kumar | TPN: Special Desk Ragging continues to be a serious threat in educational institutions across the country, and the menace has now found a new form—social media. The University Grants Commission (UGC) has issued strict new guidelines declaring that harassment of junior students through WhatsApp groups will now be considered an act of ragging. The UGC revealed that it receives dozens of complaints every year about mental harassment of juniors through unofficial WhatsApp groups created by senior students. These acts, often ignored or considered harmless, now fall under the purview of ragging, according to the new instructions. UGC's new directive mandates that higher education institutions

# Kazipet Coach Factory Set to Power India's Rail Future by 2026

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The much-anticipated Rail Coach Factory in Kazipet is set to commence production by 2026, Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw announced during an inspection visit on Saturday. Accompanied by Union Coal Minister G. Kishan Reddy, the ministers reviewed the ongoing construction of the coach factory and railway manufacturing unit and expressed satisfaction with the progress. Speaking to the media, Vaishnaw said the mega infrastructure project is moving swiftly and is a significant milestone for the region. "Production of railway coaches from Kazipet will begin in 2026. We are working with full speed and efficiency. Initially, 150 locomotives will be exported from this facility, and in the future, metro coaches will also be manufactured here," he said. The railway minister added that the facility would not only serve domestic needs but will also be positioned as an export hub, boosting industrial activity and employment in Telangana. Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy, who hails from the state, described the Kazipet project as the result of a "40-year-old aspiration" of the people of Warangal. "The demand for a coach factory has existed for decades. Prime Minister Narendra Modi fulfilled this aspiration by sanctioning the wagon, coach, and



engine manufacturing unit here. This will transform Warangal's economic landscape," he said. Reddy also emphasized the Centre's focus on improving railway infrastructure in Telangana. "As many as 40 railway stations across the state are being modernised. These upgrades will improve passenger amenities and ensure better connectivity," he said. In addition to rail infrastructure, Kishan Reddy also brought up the long-pending issue of establishing an airport in Warangal. "The region should have had an airport by now. We had asked the previous KCR government repeatedly for land allocation, but there was no response. Now, we are requesting the current state government to expedite land acquisition. Warangal deserves an airport," he said. The visit by the two Union ministers highlights the Centre's emphasis on development in Telangana and its push to deliver long-pending infrastructure promises. The Kazipet Rail Coach Factory, once operational, is expected to become a major employment generator and industrial hub in the region.



# Online Betting Scam: ED Summons Google, Meta

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In a major development in the ongoing crackdown on online betting, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) has issued summons to tech giants Google and Meta. The ED has called on representatives from both companies to appear for questioning on July 21, as part of its probe into the alleged promotion of illegal online betting apps on their platforms. The ED suspects that Google and Meta gave prominent advertisement space and visibility to betting apps, allowing them to reach millions of users across India. Officials believe that the two digital platforms failed to conduct proper checks, thereby enabling the growth of these illegal apps. The agency further believes that many lives could have been saved if such apps were not promoted so widely. According to ED sources, these

apps are often disguised as skill-based games but function as betting platforms, leading to financial losses, addiction, and even suicides. Investigators have also uncovered that crores of rupees have allegedly been routed through hawala channels linked to these betting operations, raising serious concerns about money laundering. In recent weeks, the ED registered cases against 29 individuals, including several celebrities, for endorsing and promoting these apps. Actors such as Prakash Raj, Rana Dagubati, and Vijay Deverakonda have been named in the case, along with popular TV hosts and influencers. These celebrities are alleged to have received large sums of money to promote betting platforms on social media, thereby encouraging the public to use them.





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irregularities in the Kaleshwar Lift Irrigation Project, phone tapping, and what critics describe as “farmhouse governance,” have significantly eroded the party’s credibility. With limited traction in policy criticism, the BRS is now building a fresh campaign centered on regional sentiment, tapping into long-standing concerns about Telangana’s autonomy in the face of Andhra influence. At the heart of this campaign is the portrayal of Revanth Reddy as a close follower — even a political ‘disciple’ — of Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu. Party leaders claim that Revanth Reddy’s leadership has placed Telangana back in the hands of Andhra interests. The BRS social media machinery has been actively circulating content, including vote-for-note videos and past praises linking Revanth and Chandrababu, to reinforce this perception. Further adding to the sentiment angle are recent inter-state water disputes. The Banakacharla water sharing issue has been leveraged by the BRS to accuse the Congress government of compromising Telangana’s water rights. BRS alleges that in the recent Chief Ministers’ meeting between the Telugu states, Revanth Reddy failed to stand firm, instead yielding to Andhra Pradesh’s de-

mands. “Revanth is tying Telangana’s water sources to Andhra’s control,” BRS leaders claim — a statement aimed at reigniting regional emotional currents. The Congress has repeatedly denied these accusations, labeling them as political theatrics. However, the BRS continues to double down on the strategy, appearing convinced that stirring sentiment around Telangana identity and injustice will resonate with the public once again. But political analysts are divided. While some see emotional politics as a proven and potentially effective strategy, others believe that the political climate and voter expectations have evolved. “The Telangana sentiment that was once organic and deeply rooted during the statehood struggle cannot be easily recreated,” one analyst observed. “Today’s electorate is more focused on governance, delivery, and transparency.” As the BRS positions itself for a comeback, the question remains will the emotional appeal that brought them power a decade ago still strike a chord with voters in 2025? Or has the political landscape shifted too far for old formulas to work? For now, the BRS appears to be betting that sentiment more than policy may once again open the door to power.

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The ED’s investigation reveals that the network behind these apps is vast and well-organized, using digital marketing and high-profile endorsements to attract users. The agency is now focusing on the role of major digital platforms in providing space for these promotions and failing to monitor the legality of such ads. By targeting tech giants like Goo-

gle and Meta, the ED is sending a strong message that accountability for online illegal activities extends beyond individuals to corporations enabling them. The case continues to unfold, and more revelations are expected in the coming days as the ED digs deeper into the financial and digital trails behind online betting.

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across India must take strict disciplinary action against any such incidents. It also emphasized that the safety and well-being of students on campus is non-negotiable, and institutions must treat this as a top priority. The guidelines further clarify that verbal insults, threats of social exclusion, forced haircuts, and denying juniors sleep are all considered serious forms of ragging. The commission warned that institutions failing to implement anti-ragging measures effectively risk having their grants

withheld. Once a feared and often ignored demon on campus, ragging has been pushed back through law enforcement, anti-ragging squads, and awareness campaigns. However, the menace has now returned in digital form. The UGC has reaffirmed that whether physical or virtual, ragging in any form will not be tolerated. With these strict instructions, the UGC aims to ensure that college campuses remain safe and inclusive spaces for all students.

## AK Singh Takes Charge as Chief Justice

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Justice Aparesk Kumar Singh was sworn in as the Chief Justice of the Telangana High Court at a ceremony held at Raj Bhavan. Governor Jishnu Dev Verma administered the oath of office. The swearing-in ceremony was attended by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, Legislative Council Chairman Gutta Sukhender Reddy, Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar, Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, ministers, High Court judges, MLAs, MLCs, and other dignitaries. Justice AK Singh, who was transferred from the Tripura High Court, is the seventh Chief Justice of the Telangana High Court. Since the formation of the state, six judges have served in the role before him. With his appointment and the recent changes in judicial positions, the High Court now has 25 serving judges out of a total sanctioned strength of 42. Born on July 7, 1965, Justice Singh hails from a family of legal luminaries. He is a third-generation lawyer and the son of Dr. Ram Gopal Singh and Dr. Shraddha Singh. His maternal grandfather, Justice B.P. Sinha, served as the sixth Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of India. His paternal grandfather, Justice Shambhu Prasad Singh, served as the Acting Chief Justice of the



Patna High Court. Justice Singh completed his B.A. (Hons.) and law degree from Delhi University and enrolled as an advocate in the Patna High Court in 1990. He practiced there until 2000 and later in the Jharkhand High Court from 2001 to 2012. He was appointed as an Additional Judge of the Jharkhand High Court in 2012 and became a Permanent Judge in 2014. He also served as Acting Chief Justice of the Jharkhand High Court in 2022 before being elevated as Chief Justice of the Tripura High Court in 2023. His transfer to the Telangana High Court marks another milestone in his distinguished judicial career.

# Uttam Orders Water Plan for Kharif

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Irrigation Minister Capt N Uttam Kumar Reddy held a high-level review at the Dr BR Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat on Saturday, assessing the water availability across major reservoirs for the ongoing Kharif (Vana Kalam) season. He directed irrigation officials to formulate a practical and scientific plan based on current water levels, expected monsoon inflows, and total ayacut coverage. The Minister stressed coordinated efforts between the Irrigation and Agriculture Departments, citing last year’s record paddy production of 281 lakh metric tonnes. He urged officials to maintain the same coordination with Collectors and field staff this season to ensure farmers receive timely water supply. Reviewing the Krishna and Godavari basins, Uttam Kumar Reddy called for a data-driven water release strategy aligned with crop patterns and geography. “No farmer should suffer due to lack of water,” he asserted. The Minister also evaluated monsoon preparedness and instructed close monitoring of all irrigation infrastruc-



ture to prevent flooding or breaches. He asked for continuous coordination with the Disaster Management wing to protect public safety and preserve assets. In a significant development, Uttam reviewed the long-pending Srisailem Left Bank Canal (SLBC) tunnel project and ordered immediate resumption of the remaining 10 km of tunneling. He described SLBC as a vital lifeline for Telangana and said its completion must be prioritised. Advanced techniques such as electromagnetic surveys and LIDAR technology, in partnership with NGRI and GSI, are being used to accelerate progress. The Minister met NGRI scientists to finalise survey plans and assured that cost would not be a constraint for qual-

ity execution. The meeting also featured Col. Parikshit Mehra, a reputed tunnel engineering expert who recently joined the department, and Uttam announced that former Army Engineer-in-Chief Gen. Harpal Singh would soon join as an Honorary Advisor. Uttam Kumar Reddy also reviewed desilting work in both river basins and directed urgent efforts to restore reservoir capacity. He expressed concern over sedimentation and ordered immediate desilting of vulnerable reservoirs before peak rainfall. Addressing land encroachments on irrigation properties, he instructed officials to identify and remove illegal occupants, including on the premises of WALAMTARI and ERL. A statewide eviction drive will be launched, and officials were told to coordinate with municipal and police departments. On administrative matters, the Minister instructed the completion of pending promotions in the Irrigation Department within two months. Reaffirming the government’s commitment to farmers, Uttam said: “We are focused on optimal water use, safety of structures, and revival of key projects. This Kharif must bring prosperity to every farmer.”

# SECUNDERABAD - JODHPUR TRAIN LAUNCHED

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Union Minister Kishan Reddy inaugurated the long-awaited Secunderabad-Jodhpur direct train service, fulfilling a 40-year-old demand of the Rajasthan community living in Hyderabad. Speaking at the launch event, he expressed happiness over the introduction of this daily service and credited Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav for responding promptly to the public’s request. The minister noted that the people of Rajasthan residing in Hyderabad had been seeking a direct train to Jodhpur for decades. On the directions of Prime Minister Modi, the Railway Minister approved the route, and the service is now operational. Highlighting the ongoing transformation of the railway network in Telangana, Kishan Reddy stated that 40



railway stations in the state are currently under development. Stations like Karimnagar, Warangal, and Begumpet have already been modernized. He added that Begumpet Railway Station is notably operated entirely by women staff, which he called a matter of pride. He also mentioned that a new coach manufacturing unit is being established in Warangal, fulfilling a de-

cadec-old demand that dates back to the tenure of former Prime Minister P. V. Narasimha Rao. Electrification of all stations in Telangana has been completed, and Wi-Fi connectivity is now available across the network. Among other key developments, the Cherlapalli railway terminal, Telangana’s fourth terminal, was inaugurated by Prime Minister Modi. Meanwhile, Secunderabad Railway Station is being redeveloped in the style of an airport with an investment of ₹720 crore and is expected to open next year. Nampally station is also undergoing modernization with an outlay of ₹350 crore. Concluding his speech, Kishan Reddy thanked the Prime Minister and the Railway Minister on behalf of the people of Telangana for their significant contributions to the state’s railway infrastructure.



## GHMC Launches War on Dengue

colonies with reported cases to monitor health conditions. In areas with multiple cases, a fever survey must be carried out to contain the spread. Deputy commissioners and assistant medical officers have been ordered to regularly inspect Urban Public Health (UPH) hospitals to review preparedness and patient care related to dengue. In addition to health measures, the Commissioner reviewed the progress of the ongoing road safety and infrastructure improvement programs. Engineering officials reported that of the 8,000 potholes identified citywide, 4,500 have been repaired so far, with plans to complete all repairs by next week. Work on storm water drains, catch pits, and other flood-prone areas is also being expedited. The Commissioner highlighted the vital role of GHMC in flood prevention and urged close coordination with the Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (Hydra) to minimize disruptions during the monsoon season. The meeting was attended by CEO Sahadev Ratnazar, Additional Commissioner Raghu Prasad, Zonal Commissioners, medical officials, and other senior staff members.

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Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) Commissioner RV Karnan has called for war-like measures to prevent the spread of dengue in the city. At a review meeting held on Saturday with health officials, the Commissioner stressed the importance of intensified anti-larvae operations across slums, houses, apartments, schools, colleges, and government hostels. He instructed medical officers to personally visit these areas to identify and eliminate mosquito breeding sites, especially in places with stagnant water. Fogging operations are to be conducted regularly, particularly in government hostels, to minimize the risk of dengue transmission. Special initiatives are also to be launched to prevent mosquito breeding in closed and stagnant water bodies. Commissioner Karnan emphasized that the ELISA test should be made mandatory for dengue diagnosis, pointing out that rapid diagnostic tests used by pathology labs are insufficient. He directed doctors to conduct ELISA tests for all suspected dengue patients and to visit





# Jagga Reddy Slams KCR,

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As Revanth Reddy completes 18 months as Chief Minister, political tensions in Telangana continue to escalate, with senior Congress leader Jagga Reddy sharply criticizing the ruling KCR family and their close aides. Jagga Reddy highlighted widespread public dissatisfaction, stating that unfulfilled promises over the past decade have led to strong resentment against the KCR family. He referred to failed commitments such as the incomplete loan waiver scheme, lack of minority reservations, and unfulfilled promises of jobs and housing. “We have every right to criticize,” he said, addressing the public grievances. Focusing his remarks on the KCR family, Jagga Reddy condemned what he called the “wretched” rule that allegedly oppressed farmers and common people. He criticized incidents like the Mallanna Sagar farmer beatings and accused the regime of cruelty and misgovernance. On the political front, Jagga Reddy praised Chief Minister Revanth Reddy’s leadership under Rahul Gandhi’s guidance, highlighting achievements such as free bus travel for women, enhanced health schemes like Aarogya Sri increased to ₹10 lakh coverage, and proposed initiatives including integrated schools with significant investment. He urged people to witness the progress in areas like Siddipet and Sircilla firsthand. He also launched a scathing attack on KTR, the working president of the ruling party, questioning his conduct and criticizing his approach. Jagga Reddy accused KTR of undermining governance and ridiculed his overseas education and leadership style. “KTR is laughing when you look at him,” he said, implying disconnect from the public. Responding to criticisms, Jagga Reddy described Revanth Reddy as a strong leader but acknowledged internal political challenges. He warned against provoking Revanth unnecessarily, highlighting tensions within the political camp and warning of potential electoral challenges. The political exchange reflects growing friction between the Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) leadership and the Congress government, signaling a turbulent political climate as elections approach.

# Etala Stands by Huzurabad, Slams BRS

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Malkajgiri MP Etala Rajender assured his continued support to the people of Huzurabad and strongly criticized the BRS leadership during a meeting with party workers. He said he was not treated fairly in the BRS and had faced many difficulties since 2021. Etala said that he did not leave BRS by choice but was forced out. “I have faced insults and struggles in politics. But I believe the people will never betray me,” he said. He reminded the public of his long association with Huzurabad, saying he has visited every village in the united Karimnagar district. “I have not lost in local body elections in Huzurabad in the past 20 years,” he said. He also added that in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, BRS had a majority of 53,000 votes in Huzurabad.

Etala said that the strength of a party comes from its leaders and workers. “I understand the problems of the workers. I will try to fulfill their political needs. I work with full dedication in any party I am in. I don’t chase power or positions,” he said. He also commented on the current political situation and leadership. “Sometimes BJP speaks, sometimes it remains silent. I speak openly and don’t believe in backstabbing. I will fight my political enemies directly,” he said. Etala said he would stay connected with the people of Huzurabad. “I will visit Huzurabad every 10 days. We will open party offices in every mandal. Workers should not lose hope,” he said. He encouraged party members to stay united and ignore political opportunists.



# Party First, Not Personal Rule: Raj Gopal to CM Revanth

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In a rare show of dissent within the ruling party, Congress MLA Komatireddy Raj Gopal Reddy has strongly objected to Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy’s recent claim that he would serve as CM for ten years. Terming the statement “undemocratic and against party values,” Raj Gopal Reddy warned against any attempt to turn the Telangana Congress into a personal empire. Reacting to the CM’s comments

made at a public meeting in Kollapur, the Munugode MLA said, “In the Congress, which is a national party, the Chief Minister is elected democratically under the directions of the high command. No one can self-declare a decade-long term.” He cautioned that such statements erode the spirit of collective leadership and internal democracy, which are core values of the Congress. “No true Congress leader or worker will accept autocratic behavior. The

party belongs to everyone, not an individual,” he said. This marks the first time a sitting Congress legislator has publicly pushed back against CM Revanth Reddy since the party formed the government in Telangana in December 2023. Raj Gopal Reddy, who is also the younger brother of Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy, stressed that personal ambition should not override party discipline and democratic traditions. The statement has triggered political discussion,



with observers viewing it as a sign of emerging cracks in the state Congress leadership.

# Congress Confident in Jubilee Hills Bypoll

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Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President Mahesh Kumar Goud exuded confidence that the Congress party would secure a decisive victory in the upcoming Jubilee Hills by-election. Speaking to the media, Goud said that internal surveys and feedback from the ground suggested that public sentiment was clearly in favour of the Congress. “The tide is turning. People are responding positively to our campaign and leadership,” he said. In a significant show of strength, several prominent local leaders joined the Congress on the occasion. Former MLA candidate Murali Goud and former corporator

Sanjay Goud were among those who formally joined the party. TPCC chief Mahesh Kumar Goud welcomed the new entrants by offering them the traditional Congress stole, symbolising their official induction into the party. Meanwhile, Goud strongly rebutted allegations made by BRS senior leader T Harish Rao concerning the Banakachera project. He criticised Harish Rao for misleading the public with baseless accusations and said that such statements were part of a broader misinformation campaign by the BRS. “It’s unfortunate that senior leaders are resorting to falsehoods. The people can see through it,” he added.



Goud further said that the Congress remains committed to transparency and development. He maintained that the recent joinings and the public’s enthusiasm reflected the trust be-

ing placed in the party. “We are working at the grassroots level, and the response has been overwhelming. Jubilee Hills is ready for change, and the Congress will lead it,” he affirmed.

# KTR Ruled Like a Shadow CM : Mynampally

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Former MLA Mynampally Hanmantha Rao launched a scathing attack on BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) during a press meet at Gandhi Bhavan. Accusing KTR of acting as a “shadow Chief Minister” during the previous government, Mynampally said the BRS leader made hollow promises and led the state into political and administrative chaos. Rao said KTR spoke arrogantly and failed to deliver on assurances like providing jobs to every household, appointing a Dalit as Chief Minister, and allotting lands to Dalits. He pointed out that even the much-publicized double-bedroom housing scheme was repeatedly delayed. In contrast, he praised Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for allocating ₹9,000 crore to assist those who constructed houses



on their own. He made serious allegations of phone tapping during the BRS regime, stating that phones of public representatives, his own family members, and even film actresses were illegally monitored. “My family and even a heroine were targeted. They were made to write false statements,” he alleged, calling it a criminal misuse of power. He claimed

that such surveillance was meant to silence opposition and crush political growth. Criticizing KTR’s response to the suicide of UPSC aspirant Pravalika, Mynampally said the BRS leader belittled the issue by terming it a love affair, instead of acknowledging the pressure caused by joblessness. He accused KTR of lacking compassion

and failing to address youth concerns seriously. The former MLA also said that the BRS brought embarrassment to Telangana at the national level by inviting leaders from Maharashtra and Odisha and then failing to build meaningful alliances. He alleged that governance under KCR was marked by the destruction of institutions and centralization of power, block-

ing leadership from emerging within the party. He said KTR’s only focus was on controlling social media and spreading false propaganda. Rao criticized attempts to rename media houses and questioned whether KTR believed such institutions were his family property. Mynampally warned that Congress workers are prepared to fight back. “We are not weak. If provoked, we will retaliate. We will expose your misdeeds with facts,” he said. He asserted that he has never lost in Huzurabad for two decades and that the party’s strength lies with the people. He reassured party workers of his full support, stating that he would visit Huzurabad regularly and set up offices in every mandal. Ending with a strong note, he said Congress will not tolerate threats and is ready to take the battle to the people.



# Hydra Marks One Year with Eco Call

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In a strong message advocating environmental responsibility, Hydra Commissioner Shri AV Ranganath declared that protecting nature is a collective sacrifice, not a mere duty. Speaking at the first anniversary celebrations of Hydra held at Rabindra Bharathi, the Commissioner reiterated that only by safeguarding nature can humanity hope to secure a healthy future. The event featured an impressive exhibition organized by Ind Fame Visual Arts, with hundreds of students from government and private schools participating. The theme focused on social and environmental issues, and showcased students' creative perspectives on preserving lakes, tanks, canals, and green spaces. Commissioner Ranganath praised the children for their awareness and in-depth understanding of ecological



concepts such as FTL (Full Tank Level), buffer zones, and the role of tanks in urban sustainability. He recalled how Hydra was created by the government as a unified force combining the powers of departments like police, municipality, irrigation, and revenue to prevent encroachments and protect natural ecosystems. Despite facing challenges and resistance, Hydra has been actively restoring ponds, clearing illegal structures, and creating awareness among citizens. The Commissioner highlighted the significance of collective effort and responsibility, quoting a popular dialogue from Janatha Garage to stress the importance of integrity in public life. He noted that Hydra's work has been recognized in civil services interviews and academic circles, including a feature by the Indian School of Business. Film director Tharun Bhascker, present at the event,

lauded Hydra's mission and expressed pride in supporting such an initiative. The exhibition deeply moved visitors, with students emphasizing that nature belongs to all and must be preserved for future generations. Commissioner Ranganath assured them that Hydra will continue to work tirelessly to protect the environment and warned that those harming nature will not be spared. He also discussed the restoration efforts at Bathukamma Lake and encouraged students to spread awareness in their communities. On this occasion, awards and mementos were presented to students who excelled in competitions held under the environmental awareness initiative. Dasyam Geetha Bhaskar, founder of Ind Fame Visual Arts, coordinated the program, which concluded with renewed calls for active civic participation in environmental conservation.

## Actor Fish Venkat Dies at 53



**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**  
Telugu actor and comedian Fish Venkat, whose real name was Venkat Raj, passed away on Saturday at the age of 53. He died at a hospital in Hyderabad after battling kidney-related ailments. Venkat was admitted to the hospital recently after his kidney condition worsened, leading to kidney failure. He was undergoing treatment in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) and was reportedly in need of a kidney transplant. Despite medical efforts, his health continued to deteriorate, resulting in his demise. Known for his signature Telangana accent and a mix of comedic and villainous roles, Fish Venkat was a familiar face in Telugu cinema. His nickname "Fish" was derived from a viral comedic scene set in a fish market, which resonated widely with audiences. Over the years, Venkat appeared in several successful films including Bunny, Adhurs, Dhee, and Mirapakay. He was most recently seen in the Aha thriller Coffee with a Killer. During the Covid-19 pandemic, he earned appreciation for his performances in Maa Vintha Gaadha Vinuma and DJ Tillu, both of which featured actor Siddhu Jonnalagadda. The news of his passing has left fans and colleagues in the film industry deeply saddened, with many remembering his contributions to Telugu cinema and his distinctive comic style.

## Bonalu Fest to Conclude at Lal Darwaja Today

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The historic Bonalu festival will conclude with grand celebrations at the Simha Vahini Ammavari Temple in Lal Darwaja on Sunday, marking the last Sunday of the Ashadha month. Elaborate arrangements have been made by the state government to ensure the smooth conduct of the festivities. Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar, Hyderabad Mayor Gadwal Vijayalakshmi, Rajya Sabha MP Anil Kumar Yadav, and several other key leaders are scheduled to participate in the celebrations. As part of the tradition, they will offer silk clothes to the goddess and take part in the rituals. The Bonalu festivities began on June 26 at the Golconda Jagadamba Mahankali Temple and continued with major events at the Balkampet Yellamma Temple on July 1 and the Ujjaini Mahankali Temple on July 13. The final and most prominent celebration at Lal Darwaja is expected to draw large crowds. Officials said all arrangements, including traffic management, sanitation, lighting, and security, have been put in place for devotees attending the festival. Ministers and leaders will also offer silk clothes at other important temples across the city on the same day. The Bonalu festival, a significant cultural and religious event in Telangana, is celebrated with devotion and grandeur, with thousands of devotees offering traditional Bonam to the goddess seeking health, protection, and prosperity.



## Online Licence Must for Hyderabad Pubs



**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**  
In a move to improve public safety at night establishments, the Hyderabad Police

has made it mandatory for bars, pubs, restaurants, and hotels to apply for entertainment and amusement licences through its official

web portal. An amusement licence will be issued only after obtaining an entertainment licence. The police issued strict safety guidelines, requiring all establishments to install door frame metal detectors (DFMDs) and hand-held metal detectors (HHMDs) at entry and exit points. CCTV cameras with a minimum 30-day backup must be installed, covering both interiors and surrounding roads. Strict action will be taken against establishments allowing minors to consume alcohol or smoke. Emergency exits and signage must be in

place to avoid stampede-like situations, and noise levels must be within the prescribed limits — 65 dB during the day and 55 dB at night. Managements must prevent drunk driving by encouraging cab services. All bouncers and security staff must be trained in fire safety and emergency response, with mock drills conducted regularly. Events or special programmes require prior police permission. Police also urged timely reporting of any suspicious activity or incidents. All outlets must strictly adhere to closing hours and public safety norms.

## CPI Leader Chandunayak Murder : Five Held

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The Malakpet Police, along with the South East Zone Task Force, cracked the sensational murder case of CPI State Council Member Kethavath Chandu Rathod, who was gunned down on July 15 at Shalivahana Nagar GHMC Park, Moosarambagh. The case was registered under Malakpet PS Crime No. 265/2025 under relevant sections of the BNS, Arms Act, and SC/ST POA Act. According to Hyderabad City Police, A1 Donthi Rajesh alias Rajanna, Telangana State Secretary of CPI-ML Red Flag, conspired with five others to eliminate Rathod. The motive included political rivalry, financial disputes involving land and hut settlements in Kuntloor, and personal enmity stemming from allegations of betrayal and an illicit affair. The accused claimed financial losses worth ₹50 lakh due to the victim. On July 15, the accused attacked Rathod after his morning walk.



Chilli powder was thrown at him before he was shot dead by co-accused using a pistol and revolver. Four cartridges, two misfired bullets, and two leads were recovered from the scene. Gold and weapons linked to earlier cases were also seized. A1 Rajesh and A2 Yedukondalu were apprehended near Janagam, while A4 and A5 were arrested near Kavali. The investigation was led by SE Zone DCP Sri K. Sreekanth, with field operations supervised by ACP Subbarami Reddy and Malakpet PS teams —(S. Chaitanya Kumar, IPS) Dy. Commissioner of Police, South East Zone, Hyderabad

## GHMC Steps Up After Heavy Rains



**TPN Correspondent |Hyderabad**  
In the aftermath of heavy rains that lashed Hyderabad, Greater Hyderabad Deputy Mayor Smt. Mothe Srilatha Shobhan Reddy, along with TTUC State President Shri Mothe Shobhan Reddy, visited the low-lying areas in the Tarnaka division to assess the situation on the ground. The inspection aimed to understand the hardships faced by residents and ensure immediate corrective action. During the visit, the Deputy Mayor observed severe water stagnation in several locations, particularly around drainage canals. She instructed concerned GHMC officials to coordinate closely with the Hydra and Monsoon Emergency teams and initiate prompt relief measures to clear waterlogging. Addressing the public and officials, she emphasized the importance of staying alert and responsive during the monsoon. She directed that stormwater drain blockages must be cleared as soon as rains begin, and that teams should be well-equipped with the necessary machinery for efficient action. She reassured citizens that the GHMC is actively working to resolve monsoon-related issues and urged officials to maintain high vigilance to prevent further inconvenience to the public.

## Nizam College Students Protest Hostel Closure

**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**  
Students of Nizam College staged a protest on Nizam College Road in Basheer Bagh on Saturday, demanding the immediate reopening of their hostel. The protest created a massive traffic jam in the area, prompting the deployment of police personnel to control the situation. Students sat on the road, raising slogans and holding placards. They alleged that despite paying hostel fees, the facility has remained closed for the past 20 days. They expressed frustration over being left without accommodation, especially during the academic term. The students accused the college administration of negligence and



demanding urgent action. "The hostel has been shut for nearly three weeks. We have paid the fees, but we are left to struggle for shelter. Until it reopens, we will continue our agitation," a student said. The protest caused significant disruption to traffic on the busy Basheer Bagh route. Authorities have not yet issued an official response regarding the hostel reopening.



# Minister Ponnam Distributes Welfare Aid in Saidapur

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Karimnagar

Civil Supplies Minister Ponnam Prabhakar distributed a range of welfare benefits at a public event held at the Vishala Parapati Cooperative Society Hall in Saidapur Mandal. The program saw the distribution of new ration cards, Kalyana Lakshmi and Shaadi Mubarak cheques, CMRF assistance, interest-free loan cheques to women's groups, Steel Bank kits, and Katamayya protective suits to sanitation workers. District Collector Pamela Satpati, Additional Collector Tanaji, Market Committee Chairman Dontha Sudhakar, and several other officials and public representatives were present at the event. Speaking on the occasion, Minister Prabhakar said that 1301 ration cards were being issued in the mandal, bringing re-



lief to families who had waited over a decade. "Many have been married, have children, and applied multiple times without receiving ration cards. Under the current Praja Palana government, we are addressing this injustice," he said. A total of 1795 names were newly added to the ration card list. The minister stressed that welfare is being extended to all

eligible citizens, regardless of political affiliation. He listed key initiatives of the state government, including 200 units of free electricity, LPG cylinders at ₹500, and free RTC bus travel for women. He noted that several women's self-help groups have also become owners of RTC buses, with cheques distributed to cover fares. In Saidapur Mandal alone, 18

beneficiaries received Kalyana Lakshmi and Shaadi Mubarak cheques, while 45 individuals were given CMRF cheques totaling ₹16 lakh. Plans to organize regular health camps in Hyderabad, Warangal, and Karimnagar were also announced, to ensure medical care for rural communities. The minister distributed Steel Bank kits—consisting of reus-

able utensils—to six women's groups, encouraging a shift away from plastic and promoting healthier, eco-friendly practices. "There are enough kits to serve 10,500 people at once," he noted. Additionally, over 34,000 glasses have been distributed to hotels across the Husnabad constituency to replace plastic use. Protective Katamayya suits were handed over to Geeta workers. Minister Prabhakar pointed out that no double-bedroom houses were sanctioned in the mandal over the past decade, but the current government has already sanctioned 585 Indiramma houses, with construction underway for 385 of them. He also announced nearly ₹1 crore in interest-free loans to women in the mandal, part of a ₹600 crore state-wide initiative aimed at making one crore

women financially self-reliant. Six Village Organization (VO) buildings have been sanctioned in Saidapur alone. On the agricultural front, the minister highlighted that ₹9,000 crore had been disbursed under the Rythu Bima scheme within nine days. He encouraged farmers to cultivate oil palm, dragon fruit, and other alternative crops, and assured that land acquisition for the Gauravelli project canals would soon begin to ensure irrigation for local farms. Minister Prabhakar emphasized the importance of education, urging parents to send their children to government schools. He also called for a village-wide plantation drive, encouraging households to grow medicinal and culinary plants like neem, lemon, guava, and curry leaves to promote good health.

## Live on Air: Collector Hears Public



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Anvesh Reddy

In a first-of-its-kind outreach initiative, district collector Jitesh V. Patil on Saturday participated in a live radio broadcast titled "Bhadradi Kothagudem on the Path of Development" aired by All India Radio, Kothagudem, from 8:30 to 9:30 am. The program allowed citizens from various mandals to directly connect with the collector via phone calls and share their problems, suggestions, and expectations. Citizens raised concerns related to healthcare, education,

rural roads, drinking water, ration card issuance, pension delays, agricultural issues, and the development of tribal areas. The collector attentively responded to each grievance and assured immediate directions to the concerned departments for resolution. Addressing listeners, Jitesh Patil emphasized the value of public opinion in governance. He said public feedback serves as a guiding force in administration and noted that such interactive platforms would enhance people's participation in the district's progress. He also urged the youth to view

agriculture as a profitable livelihood, encouraging the adoption of modern techniques like oil palm cultivation, tung farming, and aquaculture to achieve higher yields and economic growth. Calling for community participation in ongoing development projects, the collector reiterated his commitment to inclusive progress. The broadcast saw active involvement from program head Kolipaka Shankar Rao and radio staff Prabhakar, Anand, Suman, Koteswara Rao, Katta Ramakrishna, Srinivas, along with women radio jockeys.

## Police Recovers 16 L worth stolen phones



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Adilabad district police have recovered 109 lost and stolen mobile phones worth around Rs 16 lakh and returned them to their rightful owners after a 20-day operation. The phones were traced to several states, including Haryana and Maharashtra, highlighting the interstate nature of mobile phone theft. District Superintendent of Police Akhil Mahajan said the initiative focuses on helping citizens, especially from middle and economi-

cally weaker classes, retrieve their lost or stolen devices. He emphasized the importance of mobile phones in daily life and urged victims to file complaints immediately on the Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR) portal or at the nearest police station. He clarified that no fees or challans are required at Meeseva centres for this. Mahajan warned mobile phone shop owners and repair centres against buying used phones without verifying ownership, stating strict legal

action would follow against those handling stolen devices. The recovery was supervised by DSP L Jeevan Reddy, ARD DSP Kamatham Indra Vardhan, and Reserve Inspector D Venkati, with support from a special police team. The phones were handed back to the owners during a special event at the district police headquarters, where recipients expressed their gratitude. The SP assured that such efforts will continue and urged the public to cooperate by promptly reporting any lost or stolen mobile phones.

## Seethakka Reviews Medaram Temple Upgrade



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Minister for Tribal Welfare and Women & Child Development, Seethakka, held a crucial review meeting at the State Secretariat on the proposed modernisation works at the Sammakka Saralamma temple located in Medaram, Mulugu district. The review focused on infrastructure development and improved facilities for devotees, while ensuring the preservation of the temple's tribal and spiritual heritage. The meeting was attended by key officials, including Principal Secretary of the Endowments Department Shailaja Ramaiyar, Endowments Commissioner Venkat Rao, Mulugu District Collector Diwakar, senior officials from the Tribal Culture Department, temple priests, and technical experts. The government's decision to

undertake the modernisation works comes in response to appeals from temple priests and stakeholders, who sought improved amenities to manage the growing number of devotees, especially during the biennial Sammakka Saralamma Jatara—one of Asia's largest tribal festivals. Minister Seethakka emphasised that the development will be undertaken with utmost sensitivity to the cultural and religious importance of the site. She assured that the sacred "Ammala Gadde"—the sanctum where the deities are traditionally worshipped—will remain untouched. "The spiritual sanctity and tribal identity of the temple will be preserved. Development is necessary, but it will not come at the cost of tradition," she said. The proposals include construction of rest houses for

priests, better emergency medical services, enhanced security systems, and dedicated facilities for media personnel during major events. The Minister also stressed the need for sanitation improvements and crowd management infrastructure to accommodate lakhs of devotees during festival times. Officials were directed to prepare a comprehensive plan that balances heritage conservation with modern amenities. Experts from the Tribal Culture Department were also asked to ensure that any development reflects the values and traditions of the local tribal communities. The government reiterated its commitment to develop the temple as a spiritual and cultural hub while ensuring that tribal customs and identity are respected and promoted.

## BJP Leaders Distribute Notebooks in Meerpeta

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As part of community outreach and social responsibility, a notebook distribution program was organized at the Government School in Meerpeta on the occasion of BJP leader Bikshapati Chari's birthday. The event was led by Pasunuri, President of the BJP Meerpeta Municipal Corporation, under the Maheshwaram constituency. Maheshwaram BJP MLA contestant Ande Sriramulu Yadav graced the event as the chief guest. Addressing the gathering, Sriramulu Yadav expressed his joy at participating in such a meaningful event. "It is a matter of great happiness to see educational support being extended to children on such an occasion. I wish Bikshapati Chari continued health and success. May he carry out many more such noble initiatives in



the future," he said. The program was well-received by the students and school staff, who appreciated the gesture aimed at encouraging education among government school children. Several local BJP leaders, party workers, and community members also

participated, reaffirming the party's commitment to public welfare and grassroots engagement. The event concluded with warm birthday wishes for Bikshapati Chari and a promise from party leaders to continue similar welfare programs across the constituency.



# Should display at any conspicuous place in the workplace, Internal Committee details with contact number

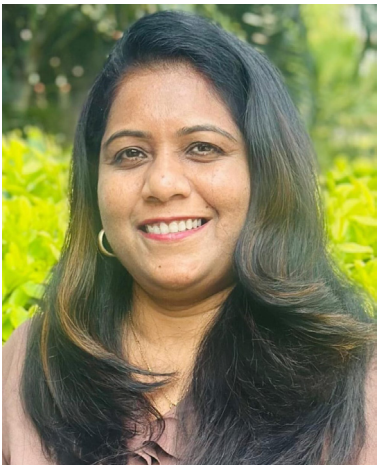
The word economic forum in its gender gap report 2025 ranks INDIA 131 out of 148. Countries with particularly low scores in economic participation and health and survival — the pillars essential for meaningful gender parity. These are not just social indicators. They are signs of a structural failure holding back national progress.

According to the latest McKinsey and LeanIn.org Women in the Workplace report, only about half of women feel confident that their employer would handle harassment claims effectively—a percentage virtually unchanged from 2018. This lack of trust in workplace processes not only discourages women from reporting incidents but also contributes to perpetuation of toxic work environment.

International labour organisation in a press release published -India's POSH Act (2013) is a critical step in addressing workplace sexual harassment, but weak enforcement, employer non-compliance, and lack of independent oversight limit its impact.

A safe workplace for women is a work environment where they feel secure, respected, and free from harassment, discrimination, and physical harm. Employers are responsible for creating a safe and healthy working environment for women, free from the fear of violence or discrimination. This includes:

- **Freedom from Harassment & Discrimination**
- **Physical Safety**
- **Equal Pay & Opportunity**
- **Safe Working Hours**
- **Confidentiality**
- **Access to Support**
- **Employers play a crucial role in fostering a safe and respectful workplace. The Prevention of Sexual Harassment (PoSH) Act is a key legal framework that mandates employers to prevent and address sexual harassment at work. Understanding the PoSH Act is essential for employers to**



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comply with the law, create a safe environment, and protect both employees and the organization. By implementing section 19 of PoSH Act effectively, employers can enhance employee well-being, reduce risks, and ensure smooth operations.

- **Employers must ensure a safe workplace environment. This includes safety from individuals who may come into contact with employees.**
- **Employers must display the penal consequences of sexual harassment. They should also display the order that constitutes the Internal Committee under section 4(1).**
- **Employers must regularly organize workshops and awareness programs. These programs should inform employees about the POSH Act and train Internal Committee members as required.**
- **Employers must provide necessary facilities for the Internal or Local Committees. This helps them deal with complaints and conduct inquiries effectively.**



- **Employers must assist in securing the attendance of the respondent and witnesses. They must also provide necessary information to the Internal or Local Committee as needed.**
- **Employers must assist a woman in filing a complaint related to sexual harassment under the Indian Penal Code or any relevant law. Sexual harassment should be treated as misconduct under the service rules. Employers must take appropriate action for such misconduct.**
- **Employers must ensure timely submission of reports by the Internal Committee.**

Even after a decade after the enactment of POSH Act 2013 there are major drawbacks by the employers in the implementation

1. **Lack of Training. HR teams and**



- ICC members often lack training. Employees may not know how the reporting process works.
2. **Poor Documentation. Committees may not maintain proper records. Missing data leads to incomplete or non-compliant reports.**
  3. **Unclear Submission Process. States may not offer clear instructions. Organizations often submit reports late or to the wrong authority.**
  4. **Last-Minute Compliance. Many companies act only during audits. This leads to rushed, low-quality reports.**
  5. **Improper ICC Setup. Some fail to follow legal guidelines when forming the ICC. They may appoint unqualified external members.**
  6. **Generic POSH Policies. Many use copied templates not tailored to their workplace. Poorly documented training sessions weaken compliance.**

7. **Confusion Over “Nil” Reports. A “nil” report is still mandatory if there are no complaints. Many are unaware and skip filing.**
8. **Data Security Issues. Concerns about confidentiality delay online submissions. Some avoid email due to privacy risks.**

In November 2024, the Orissa High Court issued a significant directive concerning Section 19(b) of the PoSH Act. The case, initiated through a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) by social activist Biyat Pragya Tripathy, addressed the non-compliance of both central and state authorities with the provisions of the PoSH Act.

The court emphasized the mandatory requirement for employers to:

1. **Display Penal Consequences: Clearly exhibit the legal repercussions of sexual harassment in a conspicuous location within the workplace.**
2. **Constitute Internal Committee: Ensure the establishment of an Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) as mandated under Section 4(1) of the PoSH Act.**

If women continue to exit or be excluded from the workforce, the dependency ratio will rise even faster, placing greater strain on fewer workers and undermining fiscal stability. Reversing this trend demands integrated policies that connect health, labour and social protection.

Strict employer liability, independent investigations, financial penalties, and survivor-centric policies—best practices India must adopt. To ensure safe and inclusive workplaces, India must ratify ILO C190, expand protections to gig and informal workers, strengthen penalties, and mandate employer accountability. A survivor focused, globally aligned approach will transform policies into real workplace safety.

## Trumpomacy and India: Navigating the Chaos with Strategy, Not Emotion



Donald Trump's unconventional diplomacy—dubbed Trumpomacy—is shaking up the global order. His approach, driven by blunt statements, social media theatrics, and transactional politics, has unsettled allies and adversaries alike. For India, his recent remarks—lumping Prime Minister Modi and Pakistan's Field Marshal Asim Munir in the same breath—have reignited concerns about the long-rejected “hyphenation” with Pakistan.

But rather than respond with indignation or anxiety, India must step back and assess the situation with realism and strategic calm. Trump isn't reviving old diplomatic frameworks—he's tearing them apart. His praise of Munir isn't a departure from U.S. policy, but a clearer endorsement of what India has long claimed: the Pakistani military, not its elected government, holds real power. In Trump's world, diplomacy bypasses formalities. He deals directly with the power centers, and for him, that means engaging with generals, not figurehead prime ministers.

India has traditionally opposed external mediation in its disputes with Pakistan. But Trump's style isn't classic mediation—it's improvisational facilitation, as seen during “Operation Sindoor.”

Even then, it was India's Foreign Minister S. Jaishankar, not Prime Minister Modi, who was treated as the key counterpart. Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif was largely ignored, highlighting where Trump sees real authority.

This brand of diplomacy unsettles many global leaders, as Trump has insulted NATO allies, made outrageous offers to Canada, and undermined Ukraine while praising Putin. His actions are driven by spectacle and an obsession with American dominance, not consistency. Friends and foes alike are adapting—Europeans with flattery, China with leverage, and smaller nations by playing smart. India must do the same. Trump may visit for the Quad Summit, and a stop in Pakistan is not unthinkable. Should that happen, India's response must be pragmatic, not reactionary. Trump's style may be chaotic, but the underlying strategic currents—security cooperation, economic interests, Indo-Pacific balance—remain constant.

In a world reshaped by Trumpomacy, India cannot afford to get caught up in symbolic slights. It needs a cool-headed strategy rooted in national interest. Trump may bring noise, but India must respond with signal.

## From Goldman Sachs to OnlyFans: What the Rise of the Creator Economy Really Tells Us

In an era where leaving a high-paying job at Goldman Sachs for a content creation career on OnlyFans barely raises eyebrows, the shift from traditional employment to the creator economy has never been more stark—or more complicated. What was once considered a risky alternative is now an aspirational mainstream.

It's easy to dismiss this shift as a desire for “easy money,” but the truth runs deeper. The mass resignations, the pivot to passion projects, and the rise of influencers over MBAs all reflect a generational disillusionment with the corporate promise: stability, status, and success. For many, the 9-to-5 grind offers none of these—only burnout and a sense of meaninglessness wrapped in PowerPoint slides.

Welcome to the creator economy, where algorithms are gatekeepers, attention is currency, and going viral can be more lucrative than an Ivy League degree. With platforms like Instagram, TikTok, and YouTube democratizing fame and monetization, charisma often trumps competence. Even in India, the “Jiofication” of internet access has turned small-town tea vendors into viral sensations and homemakers into beauty influencers.

But this brave new world isn't without con-

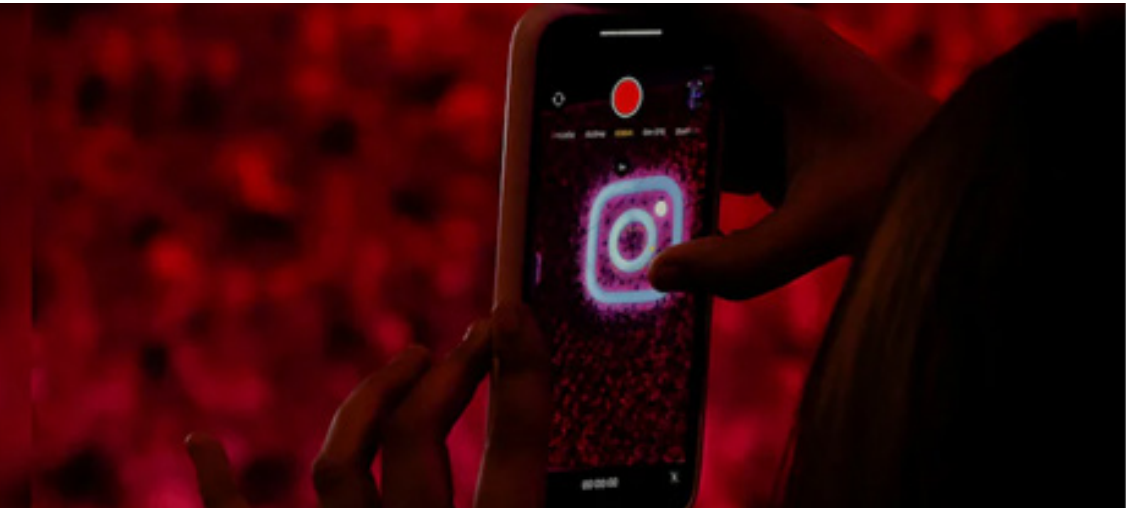
sequences. Traditional high-achievers—those who aced exams, collected degrees, and climbed corporate ladders—are now grappling with imposter syndrome and identity crises. Their disciplined skill sets are often overlooked in a system that rewards virality over value.

Content creation isn't easy either. Behind every 15-second reel lies hours of editing, emotional vulnerability, and endless hustle. Creators act as CEOs of their own one-person startups, juggling branding, content, marketing, legal compliance, and mental health.

The irony? Education hasn't caught up. Students still memorize facts in classrooms while AI writes essays and 13-year-olds rake in sponsorships. We're preparing kids for a world that no longer exists.

The solution isn't to dismiss influencers or idolize them. It's to reform education—teach emotional intelligence, financial literacy, digital ethics, and offline self-worth in an online-first world. Because when the dopamine fades and the next algorithm shift hits, we'll need citizens who can think, feel, and adapt—not just perform.

Not everyone will go viral. But everyone deserves a meaningful life—even when the WiFi goes down.







## BJP MP Nishikant Dubey: Age 75 Rule Does Not Apply to PM Modi

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

BJP MP Nishikant Dubey has confidently stated that the Bharatiya Janata Party will struggle to win even 150 seats in the Lok Sabha if Prime Minister Narendra Modi stops leading the party. Currently, the BJP holds 240 seats, and Dubey believes Modi's leadership is crucial for the party's continued success. Speaking to ANI, Dubey emphasized that Modi remains the undisputed leader of the country and the BJP for the next 15 to 20 years. He said that the party's victories are closely tied to Modi's popularity, adding that the BJP's significant gain in the poor voter base began after Modi took charge in 2014. "When PM Modi came, a vote bank which was never with BJP, especially the poor section of society, shifted towards the party and their devotion shifted to Modi ji," Dubey said. Dubey described it as a "majboori" (com-

pulsion) for the BJP to fight the 2029 general elections under Modi's leadership. "If PM Modi is not our leader, then mark my words, the BJP will not be able to win even 150 seats," he stated, stressing that party workers and the public need Modi more than Modi needs them. Addressing concerns about Modi's age, Dubey cited former Prime Minister Morarji Desai, who became PM at 82, to argue that age should not be a barrier for leadership. He urged voters to support Modi until he is well, especially with the vision of a developed India by 2047 in mind. Dubey's remarks come amid ongoing speculation about whether Modi will step down after turning 75 in September, in line with the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh's (RSS) suggestion that leaders should retire after 75 to allow new leadership. However, Dubey's firm stance reinforces Modi's continued centrality in BJP's future plans.

## PM Modi lauds Delhi CM Rekha Gupta for her 'rise through ranks'

TPN Correspondent | Bihar

Prime Minister Narendra Modi extended warm birthday wishes to Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on her 51st birthday, commending her remarkable journey from grassroots activism to the state's top office. "Rising through the ranks, she has always remained active in serving Delhi. As Chief Minister, she has undertaken numerous initiatives for the city's welfare. May she be blessed with a long and healthy life," PM Modi wrote on X (formerly Twitter). In response, Ms. Gupta expressed gratitude for the Prime Minister's wishes, calling his guidance "ever-inspiring" and a key source of strength in her journey of public service.

A first-time MLA, Rekha Gupta became the BJP's surprise pick for Chief Minister earlier this year when the party returned to power in Delhi after a gap of 24 years. She is currently the only woman Chief Minister from the BJP and one of just two in the country, alongside West Bengal's Mamata Banerjee. On her birthday, Ms. Gupta chose to celebrate in her ancestral village, Nandgarh, in Haryana's Julana region. Union Ministers Amit Shah, Rajnath Singh, and Nitin Gadkari also conveyed their greetings, while Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini personally welcomed her upon arrival.



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## ED Issues Notices to Google and Meta Over Online Betting App Promotions

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The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has issued notices to global tech giants Google and Meta as part of its intensified crackdown on illegal online betting platforms in India. The move comes amid rising concerns over the growing number of suicides, debt traps, and broken families attributed to online gambling addiction. According to ED sources, the agencies have found that both Google and Meta allegedly promoted and provided advertising space for betting apps through their platforms. These promotions, ED claims, not only offered visibility to illegal gambling operations but also made direct website links available to users,

aiding in their access to these platforms. The ED's investigation is part of a broader probe into the operations of illegal betting networks such as the Mahadev Betting App, which has already been linked to multiple scams. The agency has reportedly registered cases against 29 Tollywood actors, YouTubers, and social media influencers for their alleged involvement in promoting the Mahadev platform. Officials have raised concerns that major digital platforms are failing to regulate paid advertisements for gambling apps, thereby contributing to a growing social crisis. The ED believes such negligence has enabled betting companies to exploit loopholes and target young, im-



pressionable users, particularly college students and working professionals. The central agency emphasized the dangers of online betting and urged parents to monitor their children's digital activities. "Greed and peer pressure are leading our youth into a trap that's hard to escape," an official said. "It's not just about financial loss; lives are being ruined." The Enforcement Directorate, while not a police force, is a powerful central agency tasked with investigating economic offenses, including money laundering and financial fraud. Further legal action may follow, depending on the response from Google and Meta.

## You'll Be Slapped If You Don't Understand Marathi: Raj Thackeray

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) chief Raj Thackeray sparked controversy once again with his fiery remarks targeting non-local residents of Maharashtra. Addressing a rally in Mira-Bhayandar, Thackeray warned that anyone who fails to understand Marathi will be slapped on the spot. "If someone speaks to you in Marathi and you still don't understand it—even when said in your ear—you will be slapped. People will not tolerate this ignorance anymore," Thackeray declared, drawing cheers from MNS supporters. The remarks come in the wake of a recent incident where MNS workers allegedly assaulted a shopkeeper for refusing to speak in Marathi. The incident triggered protests from traders and business owners, many of whom closed their shops in protest. Thackeray defended the actions of his party workers, blaming the shopkeeper's attitude for provoking the confrontation. He criticized those who shut down their businesses in protest, questioning, "How long can you keep your shops closed? What will happen when locals stop buying from you?" He went on to warn non-locals who live and work in Maharashtra, saying they must behave responsibly and not "sneak around." "Those who work here should work with honesty and without hiding anything," he added.

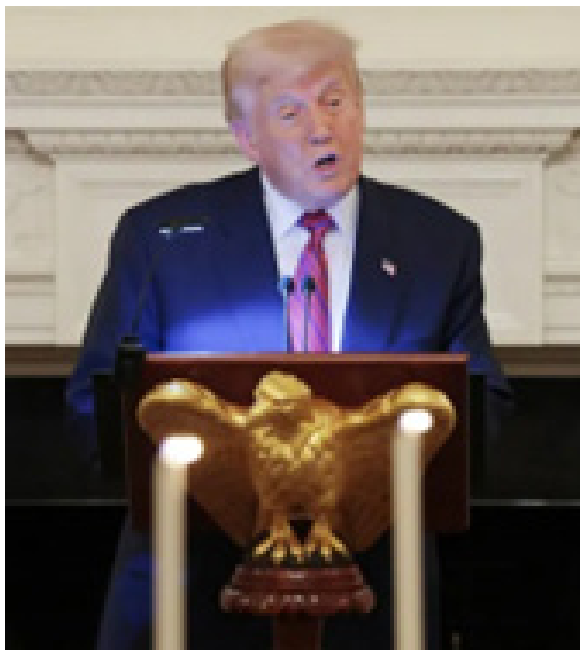


### Warning to the State Government

Raj Thackeray also directed sharp criticism at Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, opposing any move to make Hindi mandatory in schools from Classes 1 to 5. "We are not against any language," Thackeray said, "but if Hindi is made compulsory, we will shut down those schools." His remarks have reignited debates around regional identity, linguistic nationalism, and freedom of language choice in one of India's most economically vital states.

## "5 Jets Were Shot Down": Trump Makes Another Op Sindoor Claim

US President Donald Trump claimed during a private White House dinner that "five jets were shot down" in the recent India-Pakistan conflict sparked by the Pahalgam terror attack. He did not specify which country's aircraft were lost but highlighted the intensity of the brief military exchange between the two nuclear-armed neighbors. The conflict began after a deadly terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam on April 22, which killed 26 people, including tourists. India responded with Operation Sindoor, launching air and missile strikes over several days targeting terrorist camps and military assets across Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. Pakistan has claimed that its air force shot down multiple Indian jets, including three Rafale fighters, and captured Indian pilots—claims strongly denied by India. Indian officials have acknowledged some aircraft losses but rejected Pakistan's assertions of losing several Rafales. Indian Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan emphasized India's ability to adapt tactics quickly and conduct precision strikes deep inside Pakistani territory. The French manufacturer Dassault Aviation's CEO Eric Trappier also refuted Pakistan's claims, calling them "factually incorrect." India maintains that no Rafale jets were lost and no pilots were captured during the conflict. Trump further claimed that the ceasefire, announced on May 10, was achieved through US



diplomatic intervention, with threats to suspend trade talks if hostilities continued. However, India disputes this version, insisting that the resolution was reached bilaterally without any foreign mediation. Operation Sindoor involved coordinated strikes by India's Air Force, Army, and Navy over several days, which India describes as targeting terrorist infrastructure and military installations. Both India and Pakistan continue to maintain conflicting narratives about the events and losses during the conflict.



# Trump sues Wall Street Journal over Epstein report, seeks \$10 billion

TPN Correspondent | Washington

President Donald Trump has filed a libel lawsuit against The Wall Street Journal, its parent company Dow Jones, and two of its reporters, Khadeeja Safdar and Joe Palazzolo, over a story that linked him to a letter and drawing allegedly sent to Jeffrey Epstein in 2003. The article claimed Trump gifted Epstein a note and a sketch of a naked woman for his 50th birthday — an allegation Trump forcefully denies.

Filed in federal court in Miami, the 18-page complaint accuses the Journal of “glaring failures in journalistic ethics.” Trump’s legal team says no authentic letter or drawing exists and contends the story lacked both photographic evidence and verification.



The lawsuit represents a significant escalation in Trump’s legal battles against the press, seeking a massive \$20 billion in damages. Trump, writing on Truth Social, claimed that Rupert Mur-

doch, whose News Corp owns the Journal, was personally warned the letter was fake. “But obviously, did not have the power to stop it,” Trump posted. A spokesperson for Dow Jones

defended the reporting, stating: “We have full confidence in the rigor and accuracy of our reporting and will vigorously defend against any lawsuit.” Trump’s ties to Epstein, who died in jail in 2019 while facing sex trafficking charges, have drawn renewed attention. During the 2024 campaign, Trump promised to release more information on the Epstein case, appealing to right-wing influencers calling for transparency.

This is not Trump’s first lawsuit against the media. He previously sued ABC and CBS in 2024, settling both cases for \$16 million each — funds earmarked for his future presidential library. Legal experts say this case could test the limits of presidential defamation suits. “No sitting president has ever done this,” said First Amendment attorney Ted Buttrous.



## Japan's PM Shigeru Ishiba Faces Election Test Amid Rising Prices and Political Instability

TPN Correspondent | Tokyo

Japan’s Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba is heading into a critical upper house election on Sunday, July 20, 2025, as his leadership hangs in the balance amid political turbulence, rising prices, and public frustration. A poor performance could deepen instability and cast doubt on his government’s ability to address urgent economic and social issues.

The ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), along with coalition partner Komeito, needs to secure 50 of the 124 contested seats to maintain a majority in the 248-seat upper house. This would still be a significant drop from the coalition’s pre-election total of 141 seats. Analysts warn that failure to secure a majority could spark calls within the LDP to oust Ishiba.

Even if the coalition manages to win, Ishiba’s leadership is expected to remain weak. Since suffering a major defeat in last year’s lower house election, his minority government has struggled to push legislation without opposition support, limiting its ability to curb inflation and boost wages.

A major flashpoint has been the soaring price of rice, which has doubled over the past year due to shortages and poor distribution. Ishiba’s handling of the crisis has been criticized, especially as U.S. President Donald Trump pressures Japan with a 25% tariff on rice and autos.

Meanwhile, populist parties like Sanseito have capitalized on public dissatisfaction by promoting anti-foreigner rhetoric, traditionalist values, and resistance to globalism. Critics warn this trend is fueling xenophobia, even as Japan faces a labor shortage due to its aging population.

The opposition, while gaining ground, remains fragmented, limiting its ability to pose a united challenge to the ruling coalition. However, if the LDP loses its majority, it could trigger a broader political reshuffle and shift in national policy priorities.

## Syria Declares Immediate Nationwide Ceasefire Following Deadly Clashes in Druze Region



TPN Correspondent | Damascus

The Syrian presidency has announced a comprehensive and immediate ceasefire across the country, following days of deadly violence in the southern Druze-majority city of Sweida, where hundreds have reportedly been killed.

In a public statement on Satur-

day, the Syrian presidency urged all armed parties and factions to commit fully to halting hostilities and ensuring calm in all regions of the country. The appeal comes amid rising fears of further escalation after brutal clashes between government forces and local Druze militias. Earlier the same day, Syria’s Interior Ministry confirmed

that internal security forces had begun deploying in Sweida to restore order and enforce the ceasefire. The government’s move follows widespread outrage over civilian casualties and the involvement of Bedouin tribal fighters reportedly heading toward the city. The conflict in Sweida drew regional attention and inter-

national pressure, prompting diplomatic intervention. U.S. Special Envoy Tom Barrack, who also serves as Washington’s ambassador to Turkey, announced Friday that Syria and Israel had agreed to a ceasefire, with support from Turkey, Jordan, and other regional actors.

In a rare move, Israel had carried out airstrikes earlier this week targeting Syrian government positions, including a strike on the defense ministry in Damascus, expressing solidarity with the Druze minority. This marked one of the most direct interventions by Israel in Syria’s internal conflict in years.

Analysts suggest the ceasefire reflects growing international pressure to prevent the Syrian conflict from spilling into a broader regional war. Whether the truce holds remains uncertain, but for now, Syria’s leadership is calling for unity and calm.

The situation in Sweida remains fragile, and the world watches closely as Syria’s battered population hopes for lasting peace after more than a decade of war.

## US Tech Company Launches Probe Into CEO, Head HR's Viral Coldplay Video

TPN Correspondent | US

A U.S. tech CEO has been suspended following a viral video that allegedly shows him embracing his head of HR during a Coldplay concert. The incident, caught on the venue’s “kiss cam” at Gillette Stadium in Massachusetts, led to widespread speculation online and has now triggered an internal investigation.

The pair in question are believed to be Andy Byron, CEO of the AI firm Astronomer, and Kristin Cabot, the company’s Chief People Officer. The footage shows the two swaying closely to the music before abruptly ducking when they appear on the big screen. Coldplay frontman Chris Martin quipped from the stage: “Either they’re having an affair or they’re just very shy.”

Soon after, online sleuths identified the duo as Byron and Cabot, sparking controversy due to their high-ranking positions within the same company. Astronomer responded late Friday, confirming Byron had been placed on leave and that Co-founder Pete DeJoy will serve as interim CEO.



The company released a brief statement on X (formerly Twitter), reaffirming its commitment to “the values and culture that have guided us since our founding,” and emphasizing accountability among leadership.

Byron, who became CEO in July 2023, had praised Cabot’s leadership when she joined the com-

pany in November. Neither party has made a public statement since the video emerged. Byron’s wife has reportedly removed his surname from her social media profile and deleted her account amid the fallout.

The video’s rapid spread online led to memes and even a fake statement quoting Coldplay lyrics.

The woman who posted the clip said she had no idea who the couple was but hoped the situation allows those affected to heal.

As the investigation continues, the company has yet to announce further actions or confirm if Cabot remains in her position.



## SpaceX VP Lauren Dreyer Applauds Bangladesh’s Swift Support for Starlink Launch

TPN Correspondent | Dhaka

SpaceX Vice President Lauren Dreyer praised the Bangladeshi government’s efficient and decisive support in facilitating the launch of Starlink services in the country, calling it among the best globally.

During a meeting with Chief Adviser Professor Muhammad Yunus at the State Guest House Jamuna, Dreyer said, “We operate in 150 countries and territories, but the level of coordination and effectiveness here is unmatched. On behalf of everyone at SpaceX, I thank you and look forward to deeper collaboration.”

Professor Yunus welcomed Dreyer and emphasized the importance of dependable connectivity, especially during Bangladesh’s monsoon season. “While the landscape is lush and beautiful, we also face challenges like flooding and waterlogging. These situations highlight the need for robust technology solutions like Starlink,” he said.

He outlined initiatives to improve connectivity in remote and underdeveloped regions, especially in the hill tracts, where schools, doctors, and infrastructure are scarce. “We aim to launch online education programs in 100 remote schools. Reliable internet will ensure children in isolated areas have access to quality learning,” Yunus stated.

He also emphasized the importance of digital healthcare. “We are enabling remote consultations, particularly beneficial for pregnant women and those in rural areas. Medical histories will be digitally stored, improving continuity of care.”



# Textile Industry Urges Uniform 5% GST Across Value Chain to Boost Growth



The Indian textile industry has reiterated its demand for a fibre-neutral Goods and Services Tax (GST) rate of 5% across the entire textile and apparel value chain. Industry leaders argue that rationalising the current tax structure will eliminate the inverted duty structure, boost investments, and promote growth in all segments of the sector. Currently, the cotton-based textile sector largely attracts a 5% GST, except for garments priced above ₹1,000, which are taxed at 12%. However, the Man Made Fibre (MMF) sector faces a complex and higher tax structure — raw materials like Purified Terephthalic Acid (PTA) and Monoethylene Glycol (MEG) are taxed at 18%, MMF filament and spun yarn at 12%, fabrics and garments at 5%, and items priced above ₹1,000 at 12%.

R.K. Vij, Secretary General of the Polyester Textiles Apparel Industry Association, highlighted the impact of this disparity. “A uniform 5% GST is crucial to remove the inverted duty structure and make MMF sector globally competitive,” he said. He added that to achieve the textile sector’s ambitious target of \$100 billion in exports

and \$250 billion in domestic sales by 2030, all segments — cotton, viscose, and synthetic fibres — must grow simultaneously. Currently, there are no major expansions in the viscose or cotton sectors, making MMF sector growth vital. K. Selvaraju, Secretary General of the Southern India Mills Association, suggested that garments and fabrics priced above ₹2,000 be taxed at 12%, while all other products, irrespective of the fibre, should attract a uniform 5% GST. “Micro, small, and medium enterprises are struggling with input tax credit accumulation. MMF-based fabrics and garments are affordable to the masses and must be supported through lower taxation,” he emphasized. He also pointed out that the textile and apparel industry is one of the largest employment generators in the country. Rationalising the GST structure, he argued, would encourage new investments and job creation. Industry bodies believe that implementing a fibre-neutral GST regime will bring parity, reduce compliance complexity, and position India more competitively in the global textile market.



# India’s agri-exports surge in Q1 FY26, rice exports lead

India’s agricultural and processed food exports have shown strong momentum in the first quarter of FY26, recording a 7% year-on-year increase to reach \$5.96 billion between April and June. This growth reflects the sector’s robust performance, driven by supportive policies and strong global demand. Rice remains the cornerstone of India’s agri-export success. Combined shipments of basmati and non-basmati rice rose by 3.5%, reaching \$2.9 billion in Q1 FY26. This comes on the heels of a record-breaking FY25, where rice exports hit \$12.47 billion — a 20% jump over the previous year. For over a decade, India has consistently maintained its status as the world’s largest rice exporter, contributing 40% of the global trade. The recent surge in rice exports was supported by the government’s decision in late 2024 to remove various export controls, including minimum export price restrictions, following a record harvest and strong domestic stock levels. Other key drivers of export growth include buffalo meat, dairy, and poultry products, which collectively grew by 17% to \$1.18 billion in Q1.

India is now the world’s second-largest exporter of buffalo meat, with major markets in the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, Vietnam, Iraq, and Egypt. These exports are managed under the APEDA framework, with integrated, certified meat plants regularly inspected by importing countries to ensure compliance with international standards. Fruits and vegetables also posted impressive growth, with exports climbing 13% to \$0.95 billion in the quarter, reflecting rising global demand for Indian produce. APEDA (Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority) continues to play a vital role, coordinating exports worth \$25.14 billion in FY25 — a 12% rise from FY24. APEDA products now account for over half of India’s total agricultural exports. Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal credited the sector’s progress to favorable policies, fiscal incentives, low tariffs, and enhanced market access through free trade agreements (FTAs) with countries like Australia, the UAE, the UK, and EFTA nations.

# Indian electronic exports hit \$40 billion: Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw

India’s electronics exports have surged dramatically, crossing the \$40 billion mark—a growth of eight times over the past 11 years—Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw announced on July 19, 2025. He also highlighted that domestic electronics production has increased sixfold during the same period, reflecting the country’s rapid advancement in this sector. Speaking at the 14th Convocation of IIT Hyderabad, Vaishnaw underlined the remarkable progress India has made in electronics manufacturing and related technologies. He shared optimistic news about India’s first bullet train project, expected to be operational by August or September 2027, showcasing the country’s broader technological strides. Looking ahead, Vaishnaw revealed that India is set to produce its first commercially made semiconductor chip this year. He expressed confidence that the nation is on a clear trajectory to become one of the world’s top five semiconductor manufacturing hubs, driven by increasing investments in capital equipment and materials essential for semiconductor production. “In just 11 years, we have increased our electronics production six times,” Vaishnaw said, emphasizing the double-digit compound annual growth rate (CAGR) that few corporations can match. “Our exports have grown eightfold, surpassing



\$40 billion—a phenomenal pace of growth rarely seen in countries of our size.” Vaishnaw credited this impressive transformation to the vision and leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He pointed to a key achievement under this vision—the design of a complete 4G telecom stack within about three and a half years. This homegrown technology now powers nearly 90,000 telecom towers across India, outnumbering the networks of many countries worldwide. The minister’s remarks highlight India’s expanding role in the global electronics and semiconductor industries, reflecting a strong push to develop indigenous manufacturing capabilities and reduce dependence on imports. As India strengthens its production and export capacity, it is set to become a critical player in the fast-evolving global electronics market.

# Crypto Market Surges Past \$4 Trillion Amid New U.S. Regulatory Framework

The cryptocurrency sector reached a historic milestone on Friday, with its total market value surpassing \$4 trillion, signaling the maturation of digital assets from a speculative fringe to a mainstream component of global finance. According to CoinGecko, this surge comes amid renewed optimism, clearer regulatory policies, and increasing institutional investment. A key catalyst behind this growth was the U.S. House of Representatives passing a bill on Thursday to establish a regulatory framework for U.S.-dollar-pegged stablecoins—cryptocurrencies designed to maintain a 1:1 value with the dollar. The bill has been sent to President Donald Trump, who is expected to sign it into law. This legislative move marks a significant shift in the U.S. government’s stance toward the crypto industry, balancing cautious oversight with support for innovation.



In addition to the stablecoin bill, the House approved two more crypto-related laws, including one outlining broader crypto regulations and another aiming to prohibit the issuance of a U.S. central bank digital currency. These measures now await Senate review. “The Genius Act will go down in history as a foundational step in mainstreaming crypto as an asset class,” said Chris Perkins, president of CoinFund. The rise of stablecoins, which facilitate instant payments and seamless fund transfers between tokens, has been a major driver of market expansion. Meanwhile, corporate adoption of cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin is accelerating, with more public companies adding digital assets to their treasuries as a long-term store of value. Despite Bitcoin’s slight dip of

1.8% to around \$120,000 after hitting an all-time high near \$112,000 earlier this week, forecasts remain bullish. Brokerage Bernstein predicts Bitcoin could reach \$200,000 by the end of 2025. Ethereum, the second-largest cryptocurrency, climbed 4.5%, having more than doubled in value over the past three months. The crypto rally also boosted related equities, with Coinbase and Robinhood stocks hitting record highs on Friday. Coinbase shares rose 1%, while Robinhood, which supports crypto trading, gained 3%, reflecting broad investor enthusiasm across the sector. As the world’s third-largest emitter of greenhouse gases, India’s transition holds immense global significance. The report underlines that timely action and capital inflow will be critical in determining the country’s role in the global climate response.

# Nifty Enters Key Demand Zone Between 25,000–24,770, Say Analysts

Indian stock markets ended the week on a weak note, with the Nifty slipping below the 25,000 mark, entering what analysts describe as a crucial demand zone between 25,000 and 24,770. This level is now expected to act as immediate support. On Friday, the Sensex dropped 501.51 points to close at 81,757.73, while the Nifty declined 143.05 points to end the session at 24,968.40. The broader market also witnessed profit booking, with mid- and small-cap indices correcting nearly 1%. Mandar Bhojane, Senior Technical Analyst at Choice Equity Broking, noted that the Nifty has formed three consecutive bearish candles on the weekly chart, signaling a loss of upward momentum. However, the fall in trading volume during the correction indicates a lack of aggressive sell-



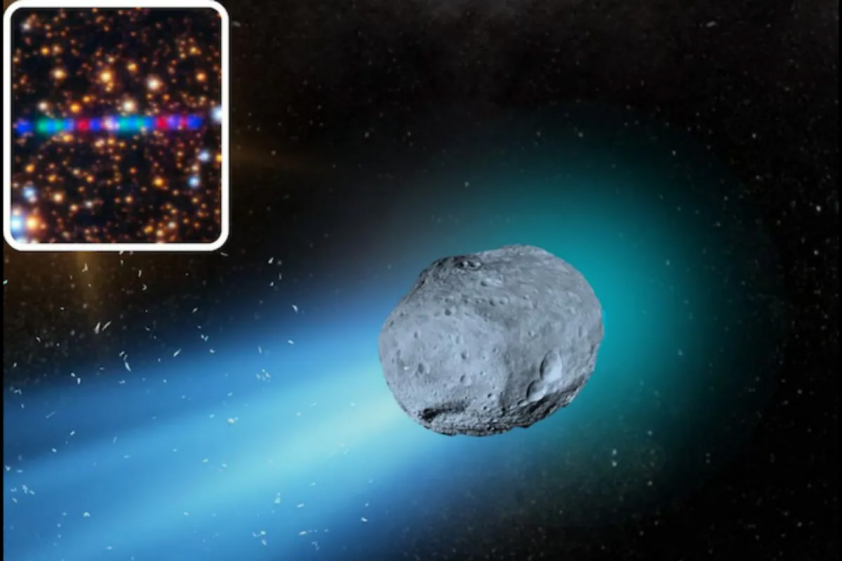
ing, suggesting the overall trend structure remains bullish. “If the index holds the demand zone and reverses, we could see a fresh rally towards 26,000–26,400 in the coming weeks,” Bhojane added. Key support for the Nifty lies between 24,900 and 24,800, while resistance is expected around 25,200–25,500.

Global factors like rising crude oil prices due to supply disruptions in Iraq and uncertain signals from the U.S. Federal Reserve continue to weigh on market sentiment, especially for oil-importing economies like India. Meanwhile, Bank Nifty ended the week at 56,283, down 0.83%, amid pressure from ongoing earnings announcements. Analysts expect consolidation or a sideways-to-bearish phase ahead unless the index breaks above the 57,000 resistance level. Key support for Bank Nifty is seen at 56,000 and 55,500. Traders are advised to stay cautious and wait for confirmation signals before taking directional trades. Upcoming earnings from banking heavyweights like HDFC Bank and ICICI Bank are expected to guide market direction in the coming week.



## Are Aliens Watching Us? Massive 20-Km Interstellar Object Sparks Global Buzz

A massive interstellar object named 3I/ATLAS has captured the attention of scientists and the public alike. Spotted by NASA's ATLAS telescope, the object is nearly 20 kilometers long, making it the largest known interstellar visitor to our solar system. Its strange features, including unusual speed, trajectory, and structure, have raised more questions than answers. Harvard astronomer Avi Loeb suggests that 3I/ATLAS may not be a natural object at all. Instead, he believes it could be an alien probe or spacecraft, possibly sent by an advanced extraterrestrial civilisation. The object's surrounding gas and dust cloud, along with its odd behavior, support his theory that this might be intelligent technology rather than a random rock from deep space. Loeb has even linked the object to the "Dark Forest Hypothesis"—a theory that alien civilizations stay hidden to avoid detection and destruction. If 3I/ATLAS is a deliberate signal or device, it could mean that Earth has been noticed, possibly for the first time. However, not all scientists agree. Many believe it's more likely to be a natural object—a chunk



of primordial matter ejected by distant stars. Yet Loeb urges caution, arguing that we shouldn't rule out the alien explanation until all possibilities are explored. 3I/ATLAS is expected to come closest to Earth in December 2025, passing at a distance of about 270 million kilometers. As that date approaches, astronomers around the globe are preparing to study it in greater detail. Whether it turns out to be alien technology or just a strange space rock, one thing is certain: 3I/ATLAS has reignited humanity's curiosity—and concern—about what lies beyond our solar system.

## From Danger to Distinction: The Comeback of 'Suicide Doors' in Luxury Cars

Once deemed dangerous and dubbed "suicide doors," rear-hinged doors are making a stylish return, now rebranded as a hallmark of luxury and elegance—thanks largely to brands like Rolls-Royce. These doors, which swing open from the rear rather than the front, were once popular in the 1930s and 1940s, gracing high-end sedans and limousines like the iconic Lincoln Continental. However, early safety concerns led to their fall from favor. Without seatbelts or secure locks, these doors could fly open mid-drive, posing serious risks. The term "suicide doors" reflected the perceived danger, especially when passengers exited into oncoming traffic.



**So why are they making a comeback?** Advances in automotive engineering have eliminated the safety flaws of the past. Reinforced hinges, electronic locking systems, and modern safety features have made rear-hinged doors both secure and functional. More than just a retro design gimmick, they now symbolize status and sophistication. Rolls-Royce, in particular, has turned these doors into a signature feature, using them on models like the Phantom, Ghost, and Cullinan SUV. Today's suicide doors are more than a nod to

nostalgia—they enhance convenience too. The wide opening makes it easier to enter or exit, especially for chauffeured passengers, the elderly, or parents assisting children. This design is ideal for luxury sedans and extended-wheel-base vehicles, offering a graceful entry experience that standard doors can't match. Beyond Rolls-Royce, other manufacturers are also exploring rear-hinged doors. Lincoln's Continental Coach Door Edition and even sports cars like the Mazda RX-8 have embraced this revived trend. What was once seen as a hazard is now a bold statement—rear-hinged doors have shed their ominous past to become a symbol of modern luxury and innovation.

## ChatGPT Flags Blood Cancer Symptoms in Woman Nearly a Year Before Medical Diagnosis

In a striking example of AI's growing role in healthcare, a 27-year-old woman from Paris claims that ChatGPT identified signs of blood cancer nearly a year before doctors confirmed her diagnosis. Marly Garnreiter began experiencing unusual symptoms in early 2024, including persistent night sweats and unexplained itching. Though doctors initially dismissed her concerns, attributing them to stress following the recent death of her father from colon cancer, Marly turned to ChatGPT for insight. To her surprise, the AI tool suggested a far more serious possi-



bility: blood cancer. "I thought it was crazy at first," Marly told the Daily Mail. "My friends told me not to trust a chatbot and to stick with real doctors." Despite the initial skepticism,

her symptoms worsened over the months. When she developed chest pain and extreme fatigue, she sought additional medical help. It was then that she was diagnosed with Hodgkin lymphoma, a type of blood cancer that starts in white blood cells and affects the lymphatic system. Currently undergoing treatment, Marly shared, "I felt devastated. I didn't want my family to go through another cancer battle. But I'm glad I listened to my body." Hodgkin lymphoma is often treatable when caught early, with therapies such as chemotherapy, radia-

tion, immunotherapy, and targeted drugs offering strong outcomes. Marly's experience has reignited conversations about how AI tools like ChatGPT might assist in early symptom analysis and health awareness. While ChatGPT cannot replace medical professionals, her story shows how it can play a supportive role in personal health management, helping users advocate for themselves and seek timely care. The incident serves as a reminder: AI may not have a medical license—but it might just help save a life.

## Skincase: The Phone Cover That Gets Sunburnt to Remind You to Use Sunscreen

In a creative fusion of health awareness and tech innovation, French researcher Marc Teyssier has developed a smartphone case that mimics human skin—and even shows signs of sunburn when exposed to strong UV rays. Named Skincase, this unusual invention was created in collaboration with Virgin Media O2 to highlight the dangers of sun exposure and encourage regular sunscreen use. Made from silicone and UV-reactive materials, Skincase looks and feels like real skin. It features lifelike textures such as pores and wrinkles, crafted using 3D printing and hand-sculpting techniques. Available in three skin tones, the case changes colour under intense sunlight, simulating sunburn. The idea is simple: when users see their phone case turning red, it's a timely reminder to protect their own skin. Teyssier explained, "My work aims to connect our digital habits with real-world health. Skincase is a tool to promote self-care through technology." His inspiration came from studies showing that while people frequently check their phones, they often forget to apply sunscreen, even in high UV conditions.



The Skincase acts as a behavioral nudge—each glance at the discolored phone cover reinforces the need for sun protection. As Chris Hindenach of Virgin Media O2 noted, phone usage spikes during holidays, a time when sunburn risk also rises. Skincase leverages that phone-checking habit to raise awareness. Currently, Skincase remains a prototype and isn't available for commercial use, but it's already sparking conversations about wearable health tech and behavioral design. This isn't Teyssier's first venture into human-like devices—he previously created artificial skin for phones that responded to touch gestures. Skincase proves that even quirky gadgets can carry a serious message—protect your skin, one phone check at a time.



## McDonald's Brings Back Fan-Favourite Snack Wrap After 9 Years

After nearly a decade, McDonald's has officially brought back a beloved item that fans have long missed—the Snack Wrap. Discontinued in 2016, the crispy, chicken-filled wrap returns to the US menu starting July 10, 2025, with a fresh twist and new flavours. The Snack Wrap is now available not just during the day but also on the late-night menu, making it easier than ever for fans to grab their favourite bite any time. Priced at \$2.99, the Snack Wrap offers a budget-friendly option packed with flavour. This time around, McDonald's is rolling out two new versions of the wrap: Spicy and Ranch. The spicy variant includes a bold habanero sauce inspired by the Spicy McCrispy Chicken Sandwich, while the ranch version features a creamy garlic-infused sauce paired with crispy chicken—perfect for those who prefer a milder taste. The Snack Wrap can be purchased at all McDon-

ald's outlets in the US, including drive-thrus, and is also available for home delivery through the McDonald's app. The relaunch is part of the fast food giant's push to offer more affordable, crave-worthy menu items amid rising demand for quick, convenient food options. The return of the Snack Wrap was announced in a heartfelt Instagram post on June 3, which featured a 16-slide tribute to the fans who campaigned for its comeback. The emotional message from McDonald's social media team acknowledged the persistence of fans and celebrated their role in bringing the wrap back. With nostalgic flavour and modern updates, the Snack Wrap revival is more than a menu update—it's a celebration of fan loyalty and a delicious nod to the past. McDonald's lovers, it's finally time to snack happy again.



# India Storms into Badminton Asia Junior Quarters

India secured a strong 110-83 victory against the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in their Group D match at the Badminton Asia Junior Mixed Team Championships held in Solo, Indonesia. This win, announced by the Badminton Association of India (BAI), ensured India's progression to the quarterfinals of the prestigious tournament. The tournament uses a relay scoring format where teams compete across 10 matches, racing to reach 110 points first. India got off to a great start with Rujula Ramu winning the



girls' singles match 11-5 against Mysha Khan. The momentum continued as the mixed doubles duo of C Lalramsanga and Taa-rini Suri extended India's lead to 22-11. Throughout the contest, India maintained control despite some strong resistance from the UAE team. At the halfway mark, India led 55-41, demonstrating solid performances across different disciplines. US Open finalist Tanvi Sharma was impressive in her singles match, increasing India's lead to 66-46 over Madhumi Sundarapandian. The second mixed doubles match saw

Lalramsanga paired with Reshika U, who defeated Adithya Kiran and Mysha Khan 11-5, taking the score to 77-51 and firmly placing India in command. This victory followed India's strong opening-day win against Sri Lanka, while Hong Kong China also secured two wins from their matches, confirming both teams' progression to the knockout stages. India will face Hong Kong China on Sunday to decide the top spot in Group D. With this commanding performance, India's junior team looks poised to continue their impressive run and aims for a deep finish in the Badminton Asia Junior Mixed Team Championships.



## Olivia Smith Becomes Most Expensive Women's Footballer as Arsenal Signs Her for Record £1 Million

London, July 18, 2025 — In a landmark move for women's football, Arsenal has signed Canadian forward Olivia Smith from Liverpool for a world record transfer fee of £1 million (\$1.34 million), making her the most expensive player in women's soccer history. The transfer surpasses the previous record set earlier this year when Chelsea paid £900,000 (\$1.1 million) to sign Naomi Girma from San Diego Wave. Smith, just 20 years old, has signed a four-year deal with Arsenal, as confirmed by sources close to the negotiation. However, full contractual details remain undisclosed. "Olivia is one of the most talented young players in the game and has huge potential for further development here at the club," said Clare Wheatley, Arsenal's director of women's football. This transfer underscores the rapid growth and investment in the women's game. Transfer fees that once hovered below half a million dollars have

now surged, with multiple record-breaking deals occurring in recent years. Just in 2023, Zambia's Racheal Kundananji was transferred to Bay FC for \$788,000. Before that, Pernille Harder's \$355,000 move to Chelsea in 2020 was the benchmark. Smith, Canada's youngest-ever international, debuted at age 15 in 2019. She spent one season at Penn State before moving to Europe, where she impressed at Sporting Lisbon with 16 goals in 28 matches. At Liverpool last season, she scored nine goals in 25 appearances. Arsenal head coach Renee Slegers praised Smith's adaptability and professionalism, noting, "We've been impressed by her mentality and character, excelling in two European leagues at such a young age." Smith joins a club rich in history, with 15 English titles and two UEFA Women's Champions League trophies. She said, "It's my dream to compete for the biggest titles in England and Europe. I'm excited to get started."

## Hockey India Announces 40-Member Core Group for Women's Asia Cup 2025 Camp

Bengaluru, July 19, 2025 — Hockey India has officially announced a 40-member core group for the upcoming Senior Women's National Coaching Camp, ahead of the all-important Women's Asia Cup 2025. The camp is set to begin on July 21 and will run until August 29 at the Sports Authority of India (SAI) Centre in Bengaluru. This extensive training camp will be crucial for team preparations as the Asia Cup, scheduled to begin on September 5 in Hangzhou, China, serves as a direct qualification event for the 2026 FIH Women's World Cup. Only the tournament winner will secure an automatic spot in the World Cup. All members from the previous national camp have been



retained, a move aimed at ensuring continuity and stability within the squad. The goal-keeping department includes veterans like Savita and Bichu Devi Kharibam, alongside promising talent Samiksha Saxena from Assam.

The defensive unit features seasoned players such as Niki Pradhan and Sushila Channu, along with new names like Ishika Chaudhary and Anjuna Dungdung. In the midfield, stalwarts like Neha, Salima Tete, and Sharmila Devi will

combine forces with emerging players like Sujata Kujur and Albela Rani Toppo. India's forward line is packed with firepower and agility, featuring key attackers Navneet Kaur, Mumtaz Khan, Sangita Kumari, and Deepika Soreng. Chief coach Harendra Singh emphasized the importance of the camp, calling it a "critical juncture" for the team following a difficult FIH Pro League campaign. He noted a focus on penalty corner defence and improving decision-making under pressure. With a strong mix of experience and youth, the Indian women's team will aim to bounce back and claim the Asia Cup title — and with it, a ticket to the 2026 World Cup.

## Freestyle Chess Grand Slam: Arjun Erigaisi Exits in Semifinals After Loss to Aronian

Las Vegas, July 19, 2025 — Indian Grandmaster Arjun Erigaisi's historic run at the Freestyle Chess Grand Slam came to an end in the semifinals after a 0-2 defeat against veteran Grandmaster Levon Aronian. Arjun, who had become the first Indian ever to reach the semifinal stage of this prestigious tournament, showed incredible form in earlier rounds. He defeated five-time world champion Magnus Carlsen in the preliminary playoff and went on to overcome American star Hikaru Nakamura in the quarterfinals, raising hopes of a potential championship win. However, in the semifinal clash against Aronian — the Armenian-born player now representing the United States — Erigaisi was unable to convert key



opportunities. In the first game, he secured a promising position but faltered during the critical moments, allowing Aronian to escape with a drawish position that ultimately tipped in his favor. In the second game, Aronian, needing only a draw to progress to the final,

played strategically from the start. While the opening led to a balanced position, Erigaisi, under pressure to win, chose an aggressive approach and took high risks. These miscalculations proved costly as Aronian calmly capitalized on the errors and sealed the match. Despite the semifinal exit, Erigaisi's performance at the Freestyle Chess Grand Slam has been widely lauded. His wins over elite opponents like Carlsen and Nakamura have further cemented his place among the rising stars of international chess. The Freestyle Chess format, known for its emphasis on creativity and dynamic play, brought out the best in Arjun's tactical abilities. Although his journey ended short of the final, the 21-year-old grandmaster has demonstrated that he is ready to compete at the highest level.



## Pogacar Makes History with 21st Tour de France Stage Win in Mountain Time Trial

Slovenian cycling star Tadej Pogacar delivered a sensational performance in Friday's mountain time trial at Peyragudes, becoming the youngest rider ever to claim 21 Tour de France stage victories. With a commanding ride over 10.9 kilometers, Pogacar crushed his rivals, extending his overall lead in the 112th edition of the race. Racing without a radio or time trial bike, the 26-year-old UAE Team Emirates-XRG rider completed the punishing uphill course in 23 minutes flat — a remarkable 36 seconds faster than second-placed Jonas Vingegaard (Visma-Lease a

Bike). Olympic and world time trial champion Remco Evenepoel (Soudal Quick-Step) suffered a major blow, dropping to over seven minutes behind in the general classification after mechanical issues and a complete collapse on the final climb. Pogacar's daring choice to ride with a traditional climbing setup, combined with his unmatched pacing on the Col de Peyresourde and the brutal Peyragudes altiport ramp, underlined his dominance. After being four seconds behind Evenepoel at the 4km mark, he surged ahead on the slopes, building a 23-second lead over Vingegaard

by the second checkpoint. Despite nearly exhausting himself on the steepest gradients near the finish, Pogacar kept pushing, inspired by the sight of the clock and the knowledge that victory was within reach. "I'm super happy. I almost blew up in the end, but seeing the timer at the top gave me that final push," Pogacar said after the stage. "I wanted to go all out from start to finish." This latest triumph further solidifies his position as the race leader and underscores his superiority in what has become an increasingly one-sided Tour.





# Anandhi Shines in First Look of ‘Garividi Lakshmi’

Telugu actress Anandhi is all set to portray a powerful and culturally rich role in the upcoming biographical film *Garividi Lakshmi*, which brings to life the story of a legendary Burra Katha artist from Urtar Andhra. The film is directed by Gowri Naidu Jammu and produced by TG Vishwa Prasad and TG Krithi Prasad under the People Media Factory banner. It is currently in production and gaining attention for its focus on folk art and a strong female protagonist.

The makers unveiled the film’s first look on July 18, revealing Anandhi in a traditional avatar, holding a harmonium—an iconic instrument associated with the Burra Katha performance tradition. Her appearance exudes authenticity and grace, perfectly capturing the essence of the character and the art form. This first look has already begun creating buzz among audiences for its culturally rooted visuals.

Burra Katha, a narrative performing art native to Andhra Pradesh, involves storytelling through music and dialogue, often addressing social themes. Anandhi’s portrayal promises to revive and celebrate this traditional medium while bringing to light the journey of a real-life folk heroine. Adding to the film’s cultural richness is its music, composed by Charan Arjun. The first single, titled “Nala Jilakara Mogga,” has been released and is receiving a fantastic response for its folk-inspired composition and lyrical beauty.

With its focus on regional heritage, women empowerment, and a respected art form, *Garividi Lakshmi* is shaping up to be a meaningful cinematic experience. As Anandhi steps into the shoes of an unsung folk legend, audiences can look forward to a film that honors tradition while telling an inspiring story.



# Vijay Deverakonda’s ‘Kingdom’ Renamed ‘Saamrajya’ for Hindi Release, Set to Hit Screens on July 31

Telugu star Vijay Deverakonda is all set to make waves with his upcoming film ‘Kingdom’, which has now been officially titled ‘Saamrajya’ for its Hindi release. Directed by Gautham Tinnanuri and produced by Suryadevara Naga Vamsi and Sai Soujanya, the film is being jointly presented under the banners of Sithara Entertainments and Fortune Four Cinemas.

There had been recent speculation suggesting that the film might not release in Hindi, but the makers have now put those rumours to rest. The film is confirmed to release simultaneously in Telugu and Hindi on July 31, 2025. Along with the announcement, the team also unveiled a brand-new poster revealing the Hindi title ‘Saamrajya’, generating buzz across social media platforms.

Bhagyashree Borse stars opposite Vijay Deverakonda as the female lead, while talented actor Satyadev plays a pivotal role. The film promises an intense blend of action and drama, with Vijay seen in a powerful, regal role that matches the grand tone implied by the titles “Kingdom” and “Saamrajya.”

Adding further excitement is the music by renowned composer Anirudh Ravichander, whose soundtrack is expected to enhance the film’s epic narrative and emotional depth.

With high production values, a star-studded cast, and an ambitious dual-language release, *Saamrajya/Kingdom* is one of the



most anticipated films of the season. Vijay Deverakonda’s strong fanbase across both Telugu and Hindi-speaking regions ensures high expectations for the film’s performance at the box office.

Mark your calendars—July 31 is set to bring Vijay Deverakonda back to the big screen in a commanding new avatar that promises grandeur, drama, and entertainment across languages.

# ‘Hari Hara Veera Mallu’ Ticket Prices Hiked in Andhra Pradesh Ahead of Release



Fans of Power Star Pawan Kalyan are gearing up for the grand release of *Hari Hara Veera Mallu: Part 1 – Sword vs Spirit*, hitting theaters on July 24, 2025, in multiple Indian languages. Directed by Jyothi Krishna and presented by A.M. Rathnam, the film has already created significant buzz, and a major update has now been confirmed—a hike in ticket prices in Andhra Pradesh.

According to Rathnam, the production team has officially received permission for night premiere shows and a temporary ticket price hike across theaters in the state for a 10-day period starting from the release date.

**Revised Ticket Prices (AP Region)**

- Single Screens:**
  - Lower Class: Up to ₹100
  - Upper Class: Up to ₹150
  - Approx. total (including taxes/charges): ₹297
- Multiplexes:**
  - All Classes: Up to ₹200
  - Approx. total (including taxes/charges): ₹377

This pricing move aligns with recent trends for big-budget, high-profile releases in Tollywood. However, industry watchers are keen to see whether audiences will turn out in large numbers, given the elevated prices.

The film stars Nidhhi Agerwal as the female lead and features Bobby Deol in a powerful antagonist role. The supporting cast includes Sathyaraj, Sunil, Vennela Kishore, Anasuya Bharadwaj, and Pujita Ponnada. Produced by A. Dayakar Rao under the Mega Surya Production banner, the film features a compelling soundtrack composed by Oscar-winner M.M. Keeravaani.

With night premieres nearly confirmed and fan excitement building, all eyes are now on whether *Hari Hara Veera Mallu* can live up to its high expectations—and justify its premium pricing.

# Ajay Devgn’s ‘Son Of Sardaar 2’ to Clash with Vijay’s ‘Kingdom’ at Box Office

Bollywood star Ajay Devgn’s upcoming film, *Son Of Sardaar 2*, directed by Vijay Kumar Arora and starring Mrunal Thakur as the female lead, is set to release on July 31, 2025. This sequel follows the original *Son Of Sardaar*, a Hindi remake of the Telugu hit *Maryada Ramanna*, directed by S.S. Rajamouli.

The first look and trailer of *Son Of Sardaar 2* have already impressed audiences. However, the film’s release date has been postponed by a week from July 25 to July 31 due to unforeseen reasons.

On the same day, Tollywood star Vijay Deverakonda’s much-anticipated film *Kingdom* is also scheduled to hit theaters. This sets up a direct box office clash between

the two films, creating excitement and competition among fans and industry watchers alike.

The simultaneous release of these two major films from different film industries—Bollywood and Tollywood—will make the last week of July a highly competitive period at the box office. Fans of both Ajay Devgn and Vijay Deverakonda are eagerly awaiting the releases, which are expected to draw significant attention.

As *Son Of Sardaar 2* aims to build on the success of its predecessor, *Kingdom* looks to capture the audience with Vijay’s strong fanbase. The box office battle will be closely watched to see which film comes out on top.



# Mega 157 On-Set Video Leaked – Makers Warn of Legal Action

A leaked video from the sets of *Mega 157*, the highly anticipated film starring Chiranjeevi and Nayanthara, has caused an online uproar, prompting a stern legal warning from the producers.

The video, reportedly captured without consent during the film’s third shooting schedule in Kerala, shows Chiranjeevi and Nayanthara filming a romantic song in traditional attire. The clip quickly went viral on social media, disappointing the film’s production team.

Producers Shine Screens and Gold Box Entertainments condemned the leak, calling it a “breach of trust” and a violation of the creative rights of the filmmakers. They stressed the hard work invested in every scene and urged the public not to record or circulate any unauthorized footage.



The producers warned that further leaks would face strict legal action under anti-piracy and copyright laws. They emphasized that such breaches of on-set confidentiality would not be tolerated.

*Mega 157*, directed by Anil Ravipudi, is shaping up to be a mass entertainer filled with action and drama. Following his previous success with *Sankranthi Ki Vastunnam*, Ravipudi has teamed up again with crowd favorites Chiranjeevi and Nayanthara, raising fan expectations to new heights.

In light of the recent incident, security on the film sets has been tightened to prevent any more unauthorized recordings. The makers hope that the focus will shift back to the film itself, steering clear of off-camera controversies as the shoot progresses.