



Rayalaseema Ideal for Electronics Clusters: CM

Review on Electronics Components Policy 4.0

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Monday reviewed the newly formulated Electronics Components Manufacturing Policy 4.0 at the Secretariat, asserting that Andhra Pradesh, especially the Rayalaseema region, is strategically positioned to emerge as a hub for electronics production. He directed officials to focus on attracting investments to electronics manufacturing clusters at Sri City, Hindupur, and Koppurthy. The new policy, aimed at attracting investments between 2025 and 2030, is designed to reduce imports, boost domestic production, and scale up exports. Officials briefed the CM that India imported electronic circuit boards

worth \$70 billion last year, highlighting the enormous demand in this sector. The CM emphasized achieving "self-reliance" and "Made in India" goals through proactive action plans and policy support. He also underlined the importance of creating strong domestic brands and setting up a robust ecosystem for manufacturing. The government aims to attract \$100 billion in investments in the electronics sector. With land availability becoming scarce in Bengaluru and Chennai, AP's industrial-friendly regions like Orvakal near Kurnool, Sri City near Tirupati, and Hindupur offer excellent alternatives. The CM also stressed the need to encourage young entrepreneurs and reiterated the coalition government's vision: "One entre-

preneur per household." **Three Regions Ideal for IT Growth** Naidu further noted that Visakhapatnam, Amaravati, and Tirupati are well-suited for IT development. Allotting space to 500 IT firms in these regions would generate substantial employment. He also proposed setting up coworking spaces and emphasized expanding IT and manufacturing sectors from Lepakshi to Orvakal. To meet future workforce demands, the CM directed integration of the Skills Portal with others and curriculum updates in the education sector. The ultimate goal, he said, is to position Andhra Pradesh as India's number one knowledge economy.



False Cases Filed for Supporting Jagan

TPN Correspondent | Palnadu

Former ministers Ambati Rambabu and Vidudala Rajini have accused Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Minister Nara Lokesh of deliberately filing false cases against them for their support to Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy. Addressing the media in Satenapalli, the leaders said they appeared before the local police following notices issued in connection with recent political events. Ambati claimed that attending Jagan's public meetings has become the reason for harassment under the new coalition government. "They are targeting us for political revenge. They want to suppress us by dragging us to police stations and courts," he said. He also mentioned the arrest of YSRCP MP Mithun Reddy, alleging that similar false cases are being used to stifle opposition voices. He questioned whether the police system now exists only to file cases against former ministers and MLAs. "Why are police not acting against rowdies or anti-social elements? Why only political leaders who are serving the public?" he asked.

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Mithun Reddy Demands Jail Facilities

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YSRCP MP Mithun Reddy, currently in remand in connection with the Andhra Pradesh liquor scam, filed a petition requesting basic facilities in Rajahmundry Central Jail. His lawyers informed the ACB court on July 21 that he had been made to sleep on the floor without a bed. The defense counsel emphasized that despite his status as a Member of Parliament, Mithun Reddy had not been provided with appropriate accommodations. They noted that a bed was not given, leading to uncomfortable conditions. Government lawyers countered by stating that a bed had been provided. The court directed Superintendent Rahul of Rajahmundry Central Jail to appear and clarify the matter. Superinten-



dent Rahul responded that a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) would represent the jail's administration before the court. Later, the jail superintendent issued an official statement confirming that Mithun Reddy was admitted on July 20 at 8:50 PM. A medical evaluation upon his arrival showed normal vital signs—blood pressure, heart rate, and oxygen saturation. Following the examination, Mithun Reddy was placed in a

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Rammohan Naidu Slams False Reports on Air India Crash

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Union Civil Aviation Minister Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu made a key statement in the Rajya Sabha regarding the recent Air India plane crash in Ahmedabad. Addressing concerns in Parliament, he confirmed that a preliminary report has been submitted and reviewed, but stressed that conclusive details will only emerge from the final report. Rammohan Naidu clarified that the investigation into the crash is being carried out under international protocols by the Aircraft Accident Inves-

tigation Bureau (AAIB). He emphasized the transparency of the process and assured that all procedures are being followed in accordance with global aviation standards. "We have initiated a proper investigation into the Air India crash. Despite damage to the black box, we were able to retrieve and decode the data — a first in such conditions," the minister said. He further condemned sections of the foreign media for spreading misinformation about the crash. "Certain foreign media outlets are engaged in spreading false propaganda. I want



Double Fine for Traffic Violations Involving Minors

TPN Correspondent | New Delhi

In a move aimed at enhancing road safety for children, the Union Road Transport Ministry has proposed to double fines for motorists found violating traffic rules while traveling with minors. The proposal is part of a broader set of amendments being considered for the Motor Vehicles Act. Official sources indicate that the Ministry has circulated the draft proposal to other central ministries, seeking their opinions on the new measures. The proposed penalty is intended to instill greater responsibility among drivers, especially parents, family members, and school transport operators, who often neglect road safety norms while ferrying children.

The ministry has highlighted a growing concern that minors are being put at risk due to traffic violations by adult drivers. By imposing stricter penalties, the government aims to increase compliance and reduce accidents involving children. In addition to the increased fines, the proposal includes the introduction of a 'merit and demerit' point system for drivers. This system would reward rule-abiding motorists and penalize repeat offenders, thereby promoting long-term behavioral change on the roads. The final decision on these amendments will be taken after the consultation process is complete. If approved, the measures could be included in the next round of reforms under the Motor Vehicles Act.



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Avinash Reddy's Bail Under Review

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The Supreme Court on Monday heard petitions seeking the cancellation of bail granted to YSRCP MP Y.S. Avinash Reddy and other accused in the murder case of former minister Y.S. Vivekananda Reddy. The apex court sought the Central Bureau of Investigation's (CBI) views on three specific aspects related to the case before proceeding further. The court clarified that it would consider the plea for cancellation of bail only after receiving the CBI's response. Following this, the bench adjourned the matter to a later date. The bail cancellation petitions were filed by Sunitha Reddy, the daughter of the slain leader, and officials from the CBI. The petitioners challenged the Telangana High Court's decision to grant bail to Avinash Reddy and several others accused in the high-profile case. Y.S. Vivekananda Reddy, the younger brother of former Chief Minister Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy, was found murdered at his residence in Kadapa in 2019. The case took several turns over the years, with the CBI taking over the investigation and naming several accused, including Kadapa MP Avinash Reddy.

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HC Defers Bail Hearing....

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Former Minister and senior YSRCP leader Perni Venkataramaiah, popularly known as Perni Nani, has reportedly gone underground following a controversy over his recent remarks made at an event in Pamarru on July 8.

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He alleged that the real culprits in the liquor scam are TDP leaders, including Chandrababu and Lokesh, and challenged the government to act against them instead. Vidudala Rajini said she was served notices from Sattenapalli town and rural police stations simply for accompanying Jagan's tour. She denied organizing any public gathering. "Our leader traveled in a car from Tadepalli to Rentapalla. The people came voluntarily, because Jagan lives in their hearts. There was no need for special mobilization," she stated. She alleged that police imposed restrictions and created panic during Jagan's visit, while giving Chandrababu a free hand. "Despite all the hurdles, people supported our leader. This government is already facing public discontent within just a year," she added. The press meet was attended by YSRCP constituency in-charge Gajjala Sudheer Bhargav Reddy, state secretary Nimmakayala Rajanarayana, and several local leaders and supporters.

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His statements, which included provocative phrases such as "rappa rappa kaadhu, ratriki ratri cheseyaalante," stirred political and public uproar, with multiple police complaints filed against him across the state. Several political and civil groups alleged that Nani's comments incited violence and posed a threat to public order. In response to the growing pressure and potential legal action, Nani approached the Andhra Pradesh High Court seeking anticipatory bail. However, the court rejected his interim plea and posted the next hearing for July 22, further intensifying the legal heat on the former minister. According to sources, anticipating arrest, Nani has gone incommunicado and is currently untraceable. Police teams are reportedly searching at various locations to track him down. His sudden disappearance has added a layer of mystery to the ongoing controversy and led to speculation about his next legal move. Legal experts believe Nani might appear after the High Court's next hearing on Monday, hoping for a favorable order. Until then, police teams are on alert in key areas linked to the leader. This episode comes at a time when the YSRCP is already under scrutiny over several issues, including the liquor scam and allegations of misuse of power. The party leadership has not made any official statement on Nani's whereabouts or the nature of his remarks, but political observers see this as another blow to the party's image.

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Mithun Reddy is designated as "A 4" in the CID liquor scam case (Cr.No. 21/2024, CID PS Mangalagiri, Andhra Pradesh). The charges against him include IPC sections 420 (cheating), 409 (criminal breach of trust), 384 (extortion), 201 (destruction of evidence), and 120B (criminal conspiracy), along with additional provisions under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. The Vijayawada ACB court has remanded him in custody until August 1.

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Sunitha Reddy and the CBI alleged that the High Court erred in granting bail to the accused and argued that it could hamper the investigation. With the Supreme Court now seeking specific clarifications from the CBI, legal and political circles are closely watching the developments.

Amaravati Ready in 3 Years: Minister Narayana

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Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister P. Narayana has asserted that the construction of Amaravati capital city will be completed within three years. Speaking to the media after reviewing ongoing works in the capital region, the Minister said government buildings currently under construction will be ready by March 2026. He visited key construction sites along with CRDA engineers and reviewed progress of quarters for ministers, All India Services officers, judges, and officials. Narayana interacted with representatives of construction companies, inquired about workforce numbers, materials used, and machinery in place. He emphasized that the previous government had halted all construction works and created difficulties for both farmers and contractors.



According to the Minister, a total of 12 towers with 288 flats are being built for MLAs and MLCs, while 6 towers with 144 flats are under construction for All India Services

officers. Additionally, 25 bungalows for principal secretaries, 90 for secretaries, 35 for ministers, and 36 for judges are also in progress. For non-gazetted officers, 21 towers

with 1,968 flats are being built. Four towers with 384 flats for Type-1 gazetted officers, four towers with 336 flats for Type-2, and six towers with 720 flats for Group-D staff are under construction. The HappyNest project is adding 1,200 flats in 6 towers. Minister Narayana said most of the MLA, MLC, and AIS quarters will be completed by December this year, while the rest will be finished by March. Talks are underway between contractors and UK-based design firm Norman Fosters on the iconic buildings project, which will also begin soon. The Minister also announced that 72 private companies allotted land in Amaravati will begin construction by this December. The Chief Minister has already signed agreements with most firms. A decision on the second phase of land pooling will be made in the cabinet sub-committee and then finalized in the cabinet.

YS Jagan Condemns Arrest of Ramesh

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YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) President and former Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy has strongly condemned the arrest of party leader Reddappagari Ramesh Kumar Reddy. The YSRCP chief spoke over the phone with Ramesh Kumar Reddy—who also serves as the party's State Official Representative, Hindupur Parliament Observer, and a former MLA—to learn the details surrounding the case and his arrest. According to party sources, Ramesh Kumar Reddy was taken into custody following a complaint lodged by a TDP leader from Lakkireddipalle. The complaint alleged that Reddy made critical political remarks against Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Transport Minister Mandipalli Ramprasad Reddy. Based on this complaint, police reportedly registered a case and proceeded with the arrest. YS Jagan expressed serious concern over what he described as misuse of police machinery to target political



opponents. "Filing false cases and intimidating individuals under the pretext of the so-called 'Red Book' guidelines is deplorable," said Jagan, referring to the government's alleged tactics to suppress dissent. He criticized the arrest as a blatant violation of democratic principles and assured Ramesh Kumar Reddy of full legal support from the party. "The YSRCP legal cell will extend all necessary assistance," Jagan stated, affirming the party's commitment to standing by its leaders during what he called a time of political vendetta.

Minister Thanks Centre For MSME Infra Support



TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

Andhra Pradesh MSME, SERP, and NRI Empowerment & Relations Minister Kondapalli Srinivas expressed his sincere gratitude to Union MSME Minister Jitan Ram Manjhi for promptly responding to the State's request concerning strengthening MSME infrastructure in Visakhapatnam. In an official press statement released on Monday, the Minister appreciated the Union Government's move to appoint Sri R. Senthil Kumar as the regular Joint Director and Sri K. Siva Ram Prasad as the Assistant Director to the MSME Development and Facilitation Office (DFO) in Visakhapatnam. The appointments were made through the orders issued on July 8, 2025. Minister Srinivas noted that this

decision reflects the growing recognition of Andhra Pradesh's vital role in national MSME advancement. He emphasized that Visakhapatnam, being one of the emerging industrial corridors, needed enhanced technical and administrative support to nurture and scale MSMEs in the region. "Having senior officers like Senthil Kumar and Siva Ram Prasad will provide critical momentum to policy implementation, industry facilitation, and entrepreneurial support mechanisms in coastal Andhra," said the Minister. He also stated that the appointments would accelerate pending MSME projects, improve the efficiency of the DFO, and create a stronger link between local entrepreneurs and national-level policy frameworks. The Minister reiterated the State Government's commitment to working in coordination with the Union Government to foster job creation, industrial growth, and empowerment of micro, small, and medium enterprises across rural and urban Andhra Pradesh. Sri Kondapalli Srinivas further thanked the Union Minister for acknowledging the strategic importance of Andhra Pradesh in the national MSME roadmap and assured all necessary state-level cooperation to enable the functioning of the new appointees.

Centre Plans PMSHRI Expansion in AP

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The Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India (PMSHRI) scheme, launched by the Government of India, is playing a vital role in transforming the school education sector across the country. These schools are designed to implement every component of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. Union Minister of State for Education Jayant Chaudhary, in a written reply to Vijayawada MP Kesineni Sivanath (Chinni) in the Lok Sabha, stated that more schools in Andhra Pradesh may be added to the scheme after the successful development of the currently selected institutions. MP Kesineni had questioned the Ministry of Education on district-wise allocation of schools under the PMSHRI scheme in Andhra Pradesh, including the number of schools selected, facilities to be developed, funds allocated, and whether new schools can be added in the future. In his reply on Monday, the Union Minister provided detailed district-wise data. Under the scheme, 953 schools in Andhra Pradesh have been selected. Among these, Kurunool district leads with 54 schools, while Visakhapatnam has only 6. In



NTR district, 29 schools were selected, with a total allocation of ₹3,404.1 lakh. Of this, ₹1,628.2 lakh has been released and ₹1,620.6 lakh utilized so far. The schools selected under PMSHRI are being developed with modern facilities such as science laboratories, smart classrooms, digital boards, LED lighting, libraries, playgrounds, and green school infrastructure. The Minister affirmed that the State Government submits proposals based on the required facilities for these schools, which are then approved by the Project Approval Board (PAB). The PMSHRI schools are being modeled to reflect the vision of NEP 2020, and efforts are underway to equip them with smart classrooms, digital libraries, LED lighting, medicinal gardens, and green composting units to ensure students receive a future-ready education.

Ex-Minister Narayanaswamy Skips SIT Probe

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The Andhra Pradesh liquor scam case continues to create ripples in the state's political circles. In a fresh development, former Excise Minister K. Narayanaswamy has informed officials that he will not be able to attend the Special Investigation Team (SIT) hearing scheduled for today. The SIT had earlier issued a notice summoning Narayanaswamy to appear at 10 AM today at their office in connection with the ongoing probe. However, citing health issues and personal reasons, the former minister informed SIT officials of his inability to attend the hearing. Narayanaswamy's name has surfaced as part of the broader investigation into the alleged ₹32,000 crore liquor scam, which has already led to several arrests of business associates and political aides. The SIT is investigating irregularities in liquor procurement, pricing, and illegal commissions allegedly routed through various channels during



the previous YSRCP government's tenure. Sources within the SIT indicate that fresh notices may be issued soon, asking the former minister to appear on a later date. Investigators are keen to question him on specific financial transactions and departmental decisions taken during his tenure. The refusal to attend today's questioning is being closely watched by political observers, who say it could further intensify scrutiny on former YSRCP ministers involved in the scandal. As the probe progresses, more top names are expected to be summoned, making this one of the most high-profile corruption investigations in recent times.

Women’s Free Bus Rides from Aug 15: CM

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has directed officials to implement the much-awaited RTC free bus travel scheme for women across Andhra Pradesh starting August 15. In a high-level review meeting held at the Secretariat on Monday, the CM emphasized that women passengers must receive a “Zero Fare Ticket” clearly displaying journey details, the amount saved through the subsidy, and the government’s 100% fare contribution. He instructed the development of a new software system to generate these zero-fare tickets, enabling women commuters to easily understand the benefits they receive. Naidu asserted that making this information transparent on tickets would increase awareness and appreciation of the scheme among women. The CM also held detailed discussions with officials about the financial implications of such schemes in other states and evaluated the estimated expenditure for Andhra Pradesh. He reiterated that the scheme must be launched efficiently on the scheduled date without fail. To ensure that the APSRTC (Andhra Pradesh



State Road Transport Corporation) remains financially viable despite the free travel scheme, the Chief Minister advised the corporation to explore alternative revenue sources and reduce operational costs. He stressed the need for a concrete action plan to improve the corporation’s profitability. In a major shift, the CM ordered that only air-conditioned electric buses be purchased

moving forward. He suggested converting existing buses to electric to reduce maintenance costs and encouraged self-generation of electricity to meet charging needs. Naidu further asked officials to conduct a feasibility study for setting up electric charging stations at all RTC depots across the state to support the electric fleet transition and ensure long-term sustainability.



Liquor Scam Accused Won’t Be Spared: Gottipati

TPN Correspondent | Ongole

Energy Minister Gottipati Ravi Kumar asserted that legal action will be taken against all those involved in the spurious liquor scam, regardless of their status. Speaking at the “Good Governance – First Step to Every Household” program in Ongole’s 36th Division, the minister said the law will take its own course in the case of YS Jagan and his associates, who allegedly played with people’s lives through substandard liquor sales. The minister inaugurated a new 33/11 kV substation built with ₹4.8 crore in Venkateswara Colony and laid foundation stones for a ₹3.8 crore substation at Housing Board Colony and ₹10.5 crore worth of RDSS works. Gottipati accused the previous YSRCP government of looting public money by bypassing digital payments and circulating poor-quality liquor. He said those responsible would be punished, and that no one involved in the scam would escape accountability. On the issue of smart meters, the minister clarified that they are being installed only for commercial and industrial consumers and not for agricultural motors. He dismissed opposition claims that smart meters lead to inflated bills as baseless misinformation. Minor issues with meter implementation will be resolved by the government, he assured. Highlighting the failures of the previous government, he said the YSRCP raised electricity charges nine times, burdening the public. The new coalition government, he said, is working to reform the power sector, allocating ₹6,000 crore to fix low-voltage issues. On education, Gottipati alleged that the YSRCP had politicized the system and distributed substandard materials with the CM’s image. In contrast, Minister Lokesh has launched reforms aimed at improving government schools. Under the “Talli Ki Vandanam” scheme, ₹10,000 crore was deposited into mothers’ accounts in a single day. The minister emphasized the government’s commitment to quality education, free from political influence.

YSRCP MP Slams APMDC Debt Model

TPN Correspondent | Tirupati

Tirupati MP Maddila Gurumoorthy has raised grave constitutional and financial concerns regarding the Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation’s (APMDC) decision to float ₹9,000 crore worth of non-convertible debentures (NCDs). Speaking under Rule 377 in the Lok Sabha, the MP urged the Central Government to scrutinize what he described as a “dangerous precedent” set by the state-run corporation. Gurumoorthy alleged that a private debenture trustee has been empowered—through a direct debit authorization by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)—to withdraw funds directly from the Andhra Pradesh state treasury. He stressed that this bypasses Articles 203 and 204 of the Constitution, which stipulate that any withdrawal from the Consolidated Fund of the state must be authorized by the Legislature. The MP further claimed that the funds raised through these debentures are being routed back to the state government in return for granting mining leases. According to him, this structure essentially mirrors a direct government loan, and thus should fall under the purview of Article 293(3) of the Constitution. This Article mandates that a state must obtain prior approval from the Central Government before incurring any loan liabilities, particularly if it is already in debt to the Centre. Gurumoorthy demanded to know whether the Andhra Pradesh Government had received the necessary approval under Article 293(3) before proceeding with this financial arrangement. He also called on the Union Finance Ministry to intervene and investigate the transaction’s legality and implications. Warning that such financial practices could set a precedent for unchecked borrowing and undermine constitutional safeguards, the MP urged the Centre to act decisively. He stated that upholding Articles 203, 204, and 293(3) is essential to maintain fiscal discipline and constitutional order in the states.



Jana Sena MP Questions Fall in PM-SYM

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Machilipatnam MP Vallabhaneni Balashouri raised serious concerns in the Lok Sabha about the significant drop in budget allocation and enrollment under the Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-dhan (PM-SYM) scheme, which was launched in 2019 to provide pension support for unorganised sector workers. During the ongoing monsoon session of Parliament, the MP questioned Union Minister for Labour and Employment Shobha Karandlaje on multiple aspects of the scheme. He asked whether the scheme’s budget had dropped from ₹324 crore in 2021–22 to ₹137 crore in 2024–25 and if this decline was connected to falling enrollment numbers. He also sought state-wise enrollment data for Andhra Pradesh and asked about steps taken to promote the scheme in rural and unorganised worker communities. In addition, he inquired whether the government had received any demands to revise the income eligibility limit from ₹15,000 to ₹30,000 per month to include more workers under the scheme. In a written reply, the Minister confirmed that PM-SYM is a voluntary and contributory pension scheme that provides a monthly pension of ₹3,000 to unorganised sector workers after they turn 60. Workers aged between 18 and 40 with a monthly income of ₹15,000 or less and not covered under EPFO, ESIC, NPS, or income tax, are eligible. Monthly contributions range from ₹55 to ₹200 based on age, with an equal contribution from the central government. Enrollment is facilitated through over 4 lakh Common Service Centres (CSCs) across the country. The enrollment data for Andhra Pradesh reflected a worrying trend. In 2021–22, only 1,567 workers enrolled out of a national total of 1,28,369. The numbers rose to 17,800 in 2022–23, but fell drastically to 627 in 2023–24 and further to just 281 in 2024–25, despite national enrollment figures showing higher participation. However, the Minister clarified that there is currently no proposal to revise the minimum income eligibility limit under the PM-SYM scheme. The response has sparked debate over the government’s commitment to the welfare of unorganised workers, especially in states like Andhra Pradesh, where awareness and accessibility remain major challenges.

YSRCP Questions Govt's Selective Justice

TPN Correspondent | Rayachoti

YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) State General Secretary Srikant Reddy strongly condemned the arrest of former MLA Ramesh Kumar Reddy, calling it an anti-democratic act aimed at silencing dissent. Speaking to the media after meeting Ramesh at Madanapalle Police Station, Srikant Reddy said that questioning the government is a constitutional right of the opposition and cannot be treated as a crime. The arrest, he claimed, was triggered merely because Ramesh Kumar Reddy raised concerns over governance failures during a recent event titled “Babu Surety – Scam Guarantee.” Srikant Reddy asked whether highlighting lapses under the Chandrababu-led administration now qualifies as a punishable offense. Expressing concern over rising political repression, he alleged that the ruling NDA alliance in Andhra Pradesh is increasingly filing cases and issuing threats against critics. “Even journalists are being intimidated, and citizens are being threatened by ministers for sharing or forwarding critical news on social media,” he said. He recalled that when YSRCP was in power, opposition leaders like N. Chandrababu Naidu, Nara Lokesh, and Pawan Kalyan had made deeply personal and derogatory state-



ments against then CM Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy. “But we never used police force or arrests as tools of political revenge,” he noted. Srikant Reddy demanded that the police act against those making objectionable remarks against Ramesh Kumar Reddy and called the arrest a clear case of political vendetta. He termed the detention unjustified and urged the government to uphold democratic values and free speech. Leaders from Madanapalle, Punganur, and Rayachoti constituencies, including Naresh Kumar Reddy and Srinath Reddy, visited the police station to extend their support to the arrested former legislator and express their protest against the government’s actions.

Jagan an ‘Economic Terrorist’: SVSN Varma



TPN Correspondent | Kakinada

Former MLA SVSN Varma launched a scathing attack on YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) chief and former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, branding him an “economic terrorist” for allegedly masterminding a ₹32,000 crore liquor scam. Addressing a press conference at the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) office in Pithapuram, Varma demanded Jagan’s immediate arrest and the seizure of his illegal assets for public welfare. Varma alleged that during his tenure as CM, Jagan misused his office to amass ₹60 crore every month through

liquor commission kickbacks. “This is a mockery of democracy and an insult to the CM’s chair,” he said, calling on the current government to confiscate the ill-gotten wealth and utilize it for the benefit of the poor. Citing CBI charges, Varma accused Jagan of accumulating over ₹1 lakh crore by exploiting the influence of his late father, former CM Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy. “Jagan has been on bail for over 11 years and continues to manipulate the legal system while engaging in massive corruption without any fear of law or imprisonment,” Varma said. He also alleged that Jagan’s cousin and YSRCP MP Mithun Reddy played a key role in facilitating corruption in East Godavari district. Varma claimed that Mithun Reddy intimidated mining and laterite traders and was involved in coercing the transfer of the Kakinada SEZ to Aurobindo Group during YSRCP rule. Referring to findings in the Special Investigation Team (SIT) charge sheet, Varma said the mechanisms of Jagan’s financial gains through the liquor scam are well documented. He urged Income Tax authorities to immediately conduct raids on Jagan’s properties. The press meet was attended by several TDP leaders, who echoed Varma’s demand for strong action against what they described as institutionalized corruption under Jagan’s leadership.



CM Releases Green Hydrogen Declaration

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Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu officially released the Amaravati Declaration on Green Hydrogen Valley at his camp office, marking a significant step in Andhra Pradesh's green energy journey. The declaration outlines a comprehensive roadmap to transform the state into a Green Hydrogen Valley by 2030. Chief Secretary

Vijay Anand and NEDCAP MD Kamalakar Babu were present at the event. The declaration was a follow-up to the two-day Green Hydrogen Summit held recently in Amaravati, which witnessed participation from over 600 representatives, including CEOs, COOs, and MDs of major green hydrogen companies. The summit featured seven key sessions focused on green hydrogen production, in-

novation, and policy development. The Amaravati Declaration aims to position Andhra Pradesh as a national leader in clean energy and green hydrogen manufacturing. It proposes to create a robust ecosystem for hydrogen production by promoting favorable infrastructure and policy frameworks. The government targets the establishment of a 2 GW electro-

lyzer manufacturing capacity by 2027 and 5 GW by 2029. Additionally, the state aims to produce 1.5 million metric tonnes of green hydrogen annually by 2029. A notable highlight of the declaration is the emphasis on reducing the cost of hydrogen gas from the current ₹460 per kg to ₹160 through focused research and development. The plan also includes setting up 25 GW of renewable energy distri-

bution infrastructure by 2029, thus developing a Green Energy Corridor in the state. To foster innovation, the government has allocated ₹500 crore for R&D and announced support for 50 startups working in the green hydrogen sector. The declaration is a strategic initiative to make Andhra Pradesh a hub for clean fuel and sustainable energy in India.

Trainee IPS Officers Visit CRDA



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A team of trainee IPS officers visited the Andhra Pradesh Capital Region Development Authority (APCRDA) office in Vijayawada on Monday. The visit was aimed at understanding the urban planning and development strategies being implemented for the capital city Amaravati. The delegation was welcomed by CRDA Additional Commissioner M. Naveen, IAS, and Joint Director (Economic Development) B. Vineesh, who delivered a detailed PowerPoint presentation. The officers explained the successful execution of the land pooling model, where farmers voluntarily contributed land for the development of Amaravati, and how CRDA has been implementing various social welfare schemes for these contributors and residents of the capital region. The presentation also highlighted the construction of the Amaravati Government Complex (AGC) and other major

buildings. Officials informed that all CRDA project offices and buildings are being constructed following eco-friendly and sustainable practices. The structures are designed to meet EDGE (Excellence in Design for Greater Efficiencies) green building certification standards. Additionally, the team was briefed on prominent educational and medical institutions already established in Amaravati, as well as those set to begin operations soon. The officers were also introduced to the concept of Quantum Valley and its future role in quantum technology development. Concluding the session, Additional Commissioner Naveen presented mementoes to the visiting IPS trainees and accompanying officials. He extended best wishes to the future IPS officers, encouraging them to excel in their forthcoming responsibilities and serve the nation with dedication.

ICRICT 2025 Kicks Off

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada

A two-day International Conference on Recent Innovations in Computer Science & Technology (ICRICT-2025) commenced on 21st July at P.B. Siddhartha College of Arts & Science, Vijayawada. Organized by the Department of Computer Science, the event aims to benefit students, researchers, and academicians by showcasing recent advancements in the field. The Chief Guest, Mr. Abhinav Kotagiri, Vice President and Chief Data Center Delivery Officer at Pi Data Centers Pvt. Ltd., Mangalagiri, emphasized the growing importance of research and program-



ming skills in the tech industry. He advised students to focus on certifications, practical work, and projects to enhance their employability. International speakers and researchers from reputed institutions and companies are participating in the conference. Notable keynote speakers include Shesha Raghu-

nathan (IBM, Bengaluru), Venkat Pola (OneShot AI, USA), V. Shiva Kishore (Infosys, Germany), Venu Nimmagadda (Velera, USA), Kiran Babu Machha (Maximus, USA), Dr. Ganganagunta Srinivas (University of Technology and Applied Sciences, Oman), Suresh Suggula (SwankTek, USA), and Dr. Koothadi Venumadhav

(International University of Science and Technology, South Africa). They are expected to share insights on emerging technologies, research methodologies, and their real-world impact. Final-year students of MCA and M.Sc. Computer Science will also present their project work in the form of research articles. The conference was inaugurated with a formal poster release by Dr. Meka Ramesh, Principal, along with college and department heads including Vemuri Baburao, Rajesh C. Jampala, Dr. T.S. Ravi Kiran, G. Samrat Krishna, K. Sudheer, and Kavuri Sridhar.

Gas Leak Triggers Fire



TPN | NTR District

A fire broke out at an apartment complex on Geetha Mandir Road in Raithu Peta area of Nandigama town on Sunday, causing panic among residents and resulting in significant property loss. The incident occurred on the second floor of the Narayana Swamy Apart-

ments while a woman was cooking in the kitchen. According to preliminary reports, a gas cylinder leak triggered the fire, which quickly spread through the apartment. Sensing the danger, apartment residents rushed out of the building in fear as thick smoke and flames erupted from

the flat. The fire engulfed household appliances, furniture, and other essentials, all estimated to be worth around ₹4 lakh. Fortunately, the woman who was cooking at the time escaped with only minor injuries. Her quick response and the alertness of other residents helped prevent a major tragedy. Fire department officials rushed to the scene immediately upon receiving the alert and brought the fire under control before it could spread to other flats. Their timely intervention ensured that no lives were lost and damage was restricted to a

single unit. This incident has raised concerns about gas safety in apartment complexes. Residents are being urged to regularly check for gas leaks and maintain safety protocols while using LPG cylinders. The local authorities are expected to conduct a detailed inspection of the building's fire safety measures and ensure that all necessary precautions are followed in the future. The incident stands as a reminder of the importance of fire safety awareness and preparedness, particularly in densely populated residential areas.

APJU Warns on Union Name Misuse



TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada

The Andhra Pradesh Journalists Union for Print and Electronic Media (APJU) has issued a strong warning against individuals misusing the union's name and urged collective unity to safeguard journalist rights. The statement came during the inauguration of the APJU state office in Satyanarayanapuram, Vijayawada, and the Amaravati Capital Region office. Addressing the gathering, APJU President Jale Vasudeva Naidu criticized certain individuals who accepted union posts but failed to contribute to its growth. He warned that such individuals will not be considered for the new committee. Naidu also raised concerns over non-members and expelled individuals misrepresenting the APJU for personal gain, misleading officials and damaging the union's reputa-

tion. He made it clear that any future misuse of the union's name before dignitaries such as ministers, judges, or collectors will attract legal consequences. Highlighting the union's 35-year journey, Naidu recalled its registration under the Trade Union Act in 2017 and emphasized that minor disputes among members should be resolved amicably. He also announced plans to request the government for housing and office spaces for journalists. Chief Guest Chaladi Poornachandra Rao, Senior National Vice President of the All India Newspaper Employees Federation (AINEF), expressed concern over the lack of pension facilities for retired journalists in Andhra Pradesh, unlike neighboring states. He urged Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu to allot 100 yards of land to eligible journalists, especially those in Amaravati. Rao also called for reforms in journalist accreditation, proposing only qualified, educated individuals with clean records be considered. The meeting also discussed organizing APJU's 35th anniversary, with Nellore, Kadapa, and West Godavari units volunteering to host it.

Ministers Drive Rapid Road Development

TPN Correspondent | Mangalagiri

Significant improvements in road infrastructure are underway in the Mangalagiri and Tenali Assembly constituencies, thanks to the proactive efforts of the coalition government over the past year. that roads in the region have undergone a transformation, bringing long-awaited development and convenience to residents. Following the coalition government's completion of one year in office, multiple new blacktop (BT) roads have been constructed to connect key rural and urban areas. Roads connecting villages have also been upgraded through patchwork and fresh BT works, modernizing transportation links. One of the notable achievements is the completion of the new tar road from Tenali to Pedapudi.

Ongoing works like the Duggirala-Emani road and the stretch from Duggirala Lock to Kollipara are progressing rapidly. The dual presence of state ministers—Nadendla Manohar representing Tenali and Nara Lokesh from Mangalagiri—has helped accelerate road development works, as both constituencies share a border and have received



focused attention.

Other road projects nearing completion include the Mangalagiri-Tenali road, Revendrapadu-Shrungarapuram road, and the Kantharajukonduru-Chiluvuru road. In Duggirala mandal, several rural link roads, commonly referred to as donka roads, have also been completed. In addition, road construction is

ongoing from Kunchanapalli via KL University to Revendrapadu Center. The quick sanction of funds within a year and completion of several key roads have drawn appreciation from local residents. Commuters expressed gratitude to the government, citing enhanced travel convenience and a significant reduction in road accidents due to improved infrastructure.

CRDA to Conduct E-Lottery

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

The Andhra Pradesh Capital Region Development Authority (APCRDA) will conduct an e-lottery for allotment of returnable plots to farmers of Penumaka Jaribu who gave their lands under the land pooling scheme for the construction of Amaravati. The event is scheduled for July 22, Tuesday, from 10 AM onwards at the CRDA headquarters located at Lenin Centre, Vijayawada.

According to CRDA officials, the online random draw will allot a total of 1,848 plots to approximately 800 farmers. Of these, 1,082 are residential plots, while 766 are commercial plots. This initiative is part of CRDA's commitment to provide

fair and transparent compensation to the land contributors of the capital city. Farmers who are eligible for the returnable plots are requested to attend the e-lottery event in person. In case any farmer is unable to attend, they may collect the provisional certificates related to their allotted plots from the office of the competent authority at Penumaka at a later date. The CRDA emphasized the importance of the e-lottery process in ensuring transparent and equitable distribution of plots. This step also reflects the government's dedication to honouring its promises to the farmers who played a key role in making the vision of Amaravati a reality.

Minister Responds Swiftly to Farmers’ Plight

TPN Correspondent | East Godavari
Farmers in Singavaram and Nidamaru of East Godavari district are breathing a sigh of relief after swift government action following severe agricultural damage caused by a sewage canal. The problem came to light when sewage water, reportedly flowing from behind the Sri Kota Sattemma temple, began entering farmlands, submerging standing crops and causing distress among local farmers. Taking serious note of the issue, Minister Durgesh responded to farmers' complaints and directed officials to initiate immediate remedial measures. His intervention mobilized the administration into action without delay. Field inspections and prompt response work were carried out by a team comprising the Deputy Engineer and Assistant



Engineer of the Yerrakalava irrigation section, Agricultural Officer from the Agriculture Department, Revenue Inspector, and the Mandal Surveyor from Nidamaru mandal. Representatives from the Irrigation Department and concerned farmers also participated actively in the inspection. Officials have assured that temporary diversion and drainage works would be taken up immediately to prevent further crop damage. Plans for a long-

term solution to prevent such sewage inflow in the future are also under consideration. Farmers expressed gratitude for the minister's prompt response and hoped for a permanent resolution to the issue that has threatened their livelihoods for several seasons. This incident reflects a growing emphasis on responsive governance, where farmer grievances are addressed swiftly through inter-departmental coordination.

Farmers to Receive ₹7,000: Acham Naidu

TPN Correspondent | Pendurthi
As part of the "Supaari Paalana Tholi Adugu" (First Step Towards Good Governance) campaign, Andhra Pradesh Agriculture and Cooperative Societies Minister Kinjarapu Acham Naidu visited Gurrampalem village in Pendurthi constituency on Monday. The program, organized under the leadership of former MLA and State Oil Federation Chairman Gandhi Babji, witnessed an enthusiastic participation of around 5,000 people. Speaking at the event, Minister Acham Naidu emphasized that despite the severe financial crisis in the state, the government is ensuring that welfare schemes continue uninterrupted. Andhra Pradesh stands as the state offering the highest pension amounts in the country, he noted. He also highlighted that mothers are receiving benefits under vari-



ous schemes regardless of the number of children. Taking a direct dig at the previous government, Acham Naidu accused former CM Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy of pushing the state into a debt trap of ₹10 lakh crore, calling his governance a disaster. He alleged that Jagan had betrayed mothers and sisters and is now pretending to be righteous by conducting press meets. The Minister announced that the 'Annadata Sukhibhava' scheme will be launched by the end of this month, with

₹7,000 to be credited to each farmer's account. Despite the heavy rains, the event went smoothly, and Acham Naidu lauded Gandhi Babji for his leadership. He also appreciated the TDP cadres, who have visited over 30,000 houses in the constituency as part of this campaign. The Minister described Gandhi Babji as a committed leader, noting that he continued working for the party despite losing his MLA seat due to alliance seat-sharing. Senior TDP leaders including Battula Tatayya Babu, Korada Rajababu, Avagadda Appalanaidu, and Sukhavasi Ajay, along with corporators, ward presidents, and workers from three mandals, participated in large numbers.

Minister Inaugurates PM Surya Ghar Unit

TPN Correspondent | Kakinada
Ramachandrapuram: In a bid to promote renewable energy and reduce household electricity expenses, Andhra Pradesh Labour Minister Vasamsetty Subhash inaugurated a three-kilowatt solar system under the Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar Scheme at Golapalem village in Kajuluru Mandal. The solar installation was set up by Gubbala Soma Sundari Mani, a local homemaker, with a total cost of ₹2.10 lakh. Of this, ₹78,000 was provided as a government subsidy. Speaking at the event, Minister Subhash urged the public to make effective use of central and state government subsidy schemes for long-term benefit. The Minister detailed that under the PM Surya Ghar Scheme, the government offers subsidies of ₹30,000 for one kilowatt, ₹60,000 for two kilowatts, and ₹78,000 for three kilowatts of solar capacity. The remaining amount can be availed through government-supported loans. He also announced that the scheme will be implemented free of cost for Scheduled Caste (SC) families. Additionally, Minister Subhash mentioned that DWCRA women can avail loans under the Stree Nidhi scheme to install solar systems at their residences. He emphasized that the scheme not only contributes to individual household savings but also supports nationwide energy conservation efforts. He encouraged citizens to take advantage of such welfare programs and contribute to a sustainable future. Officials including MPDO J. Rambabu, DE N. Udaya Bhaskar, DEE K. Muralimohan, AE Veerreddy, and several local leaders and alliance representatives participated in the event.



MLA Vows Lifelong Service to Constituency



TPN | Tirupati
Satyavedu MLA Koneti Adimulam has reaffirmed his commitment to work for the development of his constituency "as long as he breathes." On Monday, he participated in the "Supaari Paalana Tholi Adugu" (First Step Towards Good Governance) campaign along with alliance leaders in Parlapalli and Katur villages of Buchinaidu Kandriga mandal, Tirupati district. The MLA visited the Ammavari temple in Parlapalli and offered prayers with local residents. Later, during an interactive session, he listened to the grievances of villagers and instructed officials on the spot to resolve them. He assured the people that the new coalition government is focused on welfare, and highlighted that free bus services for women will begin from August 15. Addressing the villagers, he said the administration is committed to initiating various development works in the coming days. Koneti Adimulam also inspected the mid-day meal scheme at a government school and had lunch with the students. He urged school staff to treat the children like their own and ensure their well-being. At Katur village, he continued the campaign, interacting with residents and addressing their issues immediately by directing concerned officials. Speaking to the media, the MLA stated that even if he were offered higher positions, he would decline them to continue serving the people of Satyavedu. He said he contested and won as an MLA for the second time only to serve his people, not for power. He also announced that a mega job mela will be organized on July 23 at Pichatur, with over 15 companies participating to provide employment opportunities to around 500 unemployed youth. He encouraged all educated individuals in the constituency to take full advantage of the event.

Minister Inspects Hostels, Praises Welfare Efforts

TPN Correspondent | Nandyal
Social Welfare, Disabled & Senior Citizens Welfare, and Village & Ward Volunteer Minister Dola Sri Bala Veeranjaneya Swamy emphasized that social welfare hostels are playing a vital role in shaping the future of poor students. During his visit to Nandyal district, the Minister conducted a surprise inspection at Post-Matric Girls' Welfare Hostels 1 and 2 located at Girinath Center, along with District Collector Rajakumari Ganiyah. The inspection focused on key aspects such as room occupancy, cleanliness, food quality, sanitation facilities, and hostel management. The Minister interacted with students and staff to gather firsthand feedback on the hostel environment, menu adherence, kitchen hygiene, and daily study hours. Minister Veeranjaneya Swamy highlighted that Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu is giving special attention to the welfare of SC/ST communities. He urged the girl students to utilize government support to achieve higher education and secure respectable positions in society. District Collector Rajakumari Ganiyah reiterated the government's commitment to education and welfare. She encouraged eligible students to utilize hostel facilities provided by the government, which offer free quality education and food without financial burden. Later, the Minister and the Collector had lunch with the hostel girls and personally verified the food quality, expressing satisfaction. The visit underscored the government's priority to ensure welfare hostels function efficiently and uphold high standards in education and nutrition.



Interstate Bike Thieves Caught

TPN Correspondent | Krishna District :
Gudivada: In a major operation, Gudivada One Town Police arrested two inter-state criminals involved in multiple two-wheeler thefts and recovered 14 stolen bikes worth approximately ₹6.5 lakh. The arrests were announced by DSP Dheeraj Vinil during a press conference held at the One Town Police Station. The incident began on June 28 when a resident of Pamarru, Chatla Srinivasa Rao, filed a complaint after his bike (AP 16 DA 4266) was stolen from the Gudivada Government Hospital premises. Acting on reliable information, DSP Vinil directed a special team led by CI Kondapalli Srinivas

and SI Gowtham Kumar to investigate the case. Based on both technical and non-technical analysis, the team conducted vehicle checks near VKR & BNB College on the outskirts of Gudivada. Around 8:30 AM, the suspects, traveling from Hanuman Junction towards Gudivada, attempted to flee on spotting the police but were swiftly apprehended. Upon interrogation, the accused confessed to stealing two-wheelers across five districts—Krishna, Eluru, NTR, Guntur, and Prakasam—covering 11 police jurisdictions. The thefts included three bikes from Gudivada One Town, one each from Gudivada Two Town, Hanuman Junction, R.Peta, Eluru Two Town,

Kothapeta in Guntur, and Markapuram in Prakasam. Four bikes were stolen from Vijayawada's One Town, Two Town, Bhavanipuram, and Krishnalanka areas. The arrested individuals were identified as Koradala Yesu from Vijayawada Kothapeta and Chilakanti Rangarao from Epuru village in Eluru district. They used duplicate keys to steal vehicles parked near hospitals, bus stands, and homes, later pledging them to known traders and farmers. A case has been registered under Crime No. 96/2025, Section 303(2) of the BNS Act. The operation involved the active participation of the CI, SI, and other police personnel from Gudivada One Town.

Two Held for Obstructing Police

TPN Correspondent | Anantapur
Two individuals were arrested and sent to 14-day remand for obstructing police personnel on duty in Anantapur. Three Town Circle Inspector Shantilal confirmed that the incident occurred around 3 PM on Saturday near Gooty Road. Based on a tip-off about open alcohol consumption in a public place, Blue Colts personnel Constable Gangaraju and Home Guard Ram Anjaneyulu rushed to the spot. They found two individuals — Shaik Shafi and

Shaik Tippu Sultan from LB Nagar in Bukkarayasamudram mandal — consuming alcohol in public, which is a violation of law. The officers attempted to stop them and explained that open drinking is illegal, but the duo not only ignored the warnings but also obstructed the duties of the Blue Colts team. Following this, police registered a case against them for hindering police personnel from discharging their duties. The accused were taken into custody and produced before a mo-

bile court. Upon review, the magistrate ordered 14 days of judicial remand. The two were subsequently shifted to the district jail. CI Shantilal reiterated that any attempt to hinder police operations would be dealt with strictly, and public nuisance through open alcohol consumption would not be tolerated under any circumstances. This incident highlights the commitment of Anantapur police in maintaining law and order and their zero-tolerance policy toward unlawful behavior.



India’s Strategic Trap: Why It Must Diminish, Deter, and De-Hyphenate From Pakistan

For over three decades, a core principle of India’s foreign policy has been to de-hyphenate itself from Pakistan—diplomatically, economically, and strategically. This approach was rooted in the belief that India had moved beyond Pakistan in terms of global stature, and should no longer be viewed through a shared South Asian lens by major powers. However, recent political narratives suggest that India is now self-hyphenating again—dragging Pakistan back to the center of its discourse, especially domestically. The original rationale behind de-hyphenation was pragmatic: while India must always contend with its two nuclear-armed neighbors—Pakistan and China—the larger challenge lies with China. Militarily and economically, Pakistan can be managed, “en passant,” as General Sundarji once put it in 1986. China, on the other hand, requires a long-term strategy in-

volving military preparedness, economic growth, and mutual interest-building to ensure peace. The India-China equation is vastly more consequential in geopolitical terms, but ironically, China barely features in the domestic political rhetoric. A basic word-cloud analysis of political speeches would show Pakistan mentioned far more frequently than China, despite the latter being the real strategic threat. Why this disparity? It’s political. In the post-2019 era—especially after the Pulwama attack—Pakistan has become the centerpiece of the BJP’s domestic narrative. Framing Pakistan as synonymous with terrorism feeds into a broader framework of Hindu-Muslim polarization, making it a convenient political tool. But this strategy has a cost. It re-centers Pakistan in national and international perception, undermining years of effort to break that linkage. It also allows Paki-

stan to manipulate Indian responses, as seen in how military provocations can now trigger predictable political reactions in India. The irony is that this rhetorical dependence benefits not just domestic actors in India, but also the Pakistan Army, which thrives on perpetual hostility with India. India’s strategic thinkers have long pursued a balanced, forward-looking doctrine—stabilize relations with China, expand economic power, and limit Pakistan’s influence to manageable levels. But domestic politics is now working at cross purposes with this strategy. The solution lies in adopting a new 3D doctrine: Diminish Pakistan’s centrality in political discourse, Deter through military strength and smart diplomacy, and De-hyphenate India’s global identity from its neighbor. Anything else risks making India its own worst strategic obstacle.

India Can Reframe the Artificial Intelligence Debate: Leading AI for the Public Good

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has swiftly moved from the confines of research labs into everyday life—impacting our homes, schools, and even policy debates. Since ChatGPT’s debut less than three years ago, the world has witnessed an urgent awakening to AI’s transformative potential and challenges. This surge prompted a series of high-profile global summits on AI, reflecting the urgency felt by leaders worldwide. Now, with India set to host the AI Impact Summit in February 2026, the country has a unique opportunity to steer the conversation beyond just technological innovation and market competition. India can reposition AI as a force for public good, demonstrating how governments—not just corporations—can actively shape AI’s development, deployment, and ethical use. India’s leadership in this arena is critical. As a nation representing a vast and diverse global majority, it can champion a more inclusive approach to AI capacity-building



and governance. This involves pushing for equitable access to AI technologies, ensuring AI benefits are widely shared, and addressing risks like bias, privacy breaches, and digital divides that disproportionately affect developing regions. Hosting the summit also allows India to showcase its own AI ambitions, grounded in public welfare rather than mere commercial gains. From healthcare diagnostics to education tools, AI offers immense potential to address societal challenges unique to India and similar countries. But

realizing this potential requires strategic governance that aligns AI development with public interest, safeguards human rights, and fosters transparency. Moreover, India’s role in the AI Impact Summit can highlight the need for international cooperation on AI ethics, standards, and security—areas where fragmented efforts risk undermining trust and progress. The summit can be a platform for setting norms that balance innovation with responsibility, promote collaboration over competition, and prioritize sustainable, inclusive growth. In short, the AI Impact Summit offers India more than a chance to host a global event. It’s a moment to reframe the AI debate on the world stage—shifting the focus from AI as a corporate-driven race to AI as a tool that governments can harness for societal benefit. By doing so, India can influence the future of AI in a way that uplifts not just its citizens, but the global majority seeking a fairer and safer digital future.

India-US Quantum Partnership: A Strategic Leap to Challenge China’s Dominance



Quantum technologies—once confined to labs and universities—have now become crucial to national security, economic strength, and geopolitical power. Leading in quantum computing, communication, and sensing means setting the future standards for encryption, surveillance, and next-generation warfare. In this high-stakes arena, India and the US have forged one of their most significant technology partnerships yet. The collaboration is anchored by the US-India Initiative on Critical and Emerging Technology (iCET), launched in 2022 by Presidents Biden and Modi. It includes two main pillars: the Indo-US Quantum Coordination Mechanism, which connects academia, industry, and government to foster research, and the US-India Science and Technology Endowment Fund, which has already invested over \$2 million in cutting-edge quantum and AI projects. In January 2025, both countries reaffirmed their commitment to deepening cooperation in quantum communication, post-quantum security, and digital twin technologies. This alliance aims to combine their complementary strengths: the US offers capital, world-class labs, and a robust private sector, while India provides a growing talent pool, cost-effective research, and a vibrant startup ecosystem. Despite its promise, the partnership faces hurdles. Export controls by the US restrict some technology transfers to India, due to concerns about cybersecurity and defence ties. Intellectual property protections and data privacy in joint ventures also require clear frameworks to prevent future conflicts. Another challenge is the limited quantum talent pipeline—India’s National Quantum Mission supports 152 researchers, but overall expertise remains scarce. Strategically, both countries share democratic values and face common challenges posed by China’s rapidly growing quantum investments, estimated at \$15 billion—far outpacing the combined US-India quantum investment of roughly \$5.75 billion. This cooperation is designed to reduce dependency on China-controlled supply chains and to build resilient, secure ecosystems that can withstand global political shifts. India’s National Quantum Mission seeks to develop quantum computers with up to 1,000 qubits by 2031, alongside satellite-based secure quantum communications and multi-node quantum networks. US collaboration will accelerate these ambitions and may evolve into larger joint projects involving quantum hardware and communication systems. Ultimately, the India-US quantum partnership is more than technology—it is a shared vision of strategic independence, innovation, and geopolitical positioning. Together, they aim to lead in a global quantum market expected to reach \$106 billion by 2040, while securing their place in the future of technological dominance.

Modi's Political Dominance and the Missing Disruptor

As Prime Minister Narendra Modi nears the first anniversary of his third term, he appears reinvigorated—confident, assured, and politically unchallenged. The initial unease following the BJP’s dip to 240 seats has faded, buoyed by electoral successes in Haryana and Maharashtra and a floundering INDIA bloc. But beyond the immediate victories, what truly empowers Modi now is the vacuum of compelling ideas from the Opposition. India’s political discourse is caught in a state of stasis. The Opposition continues to recycle outdated themes—secularism vs. communalism, rich vs. poor—but none resonate deeply with voters anymore. Modi, once an outsider, has successfully co-opted, improved, or rendered irrelevant many of these old paradigms. His welfare politics has scaled up to an unprecedented level: free food grains for 80 crore people, housing and toilet subsidies, farm handouts, Mudra loans—all executed with reduced bureaucratic friction. The result? Even the “Adani-Ambani” tag doesn’t stick. Mo-



di’s politics feels more pro-poor than his rivals’. The idea that Modi will step down at 75 is little more than a social media

fantasy. He’s poised to lead the BJP into 2029, and none of his challengers have the momentum—or ideas—to disrupt his run. Congress banking on

caste census as a game-changer only highlights its lack of political imagination. The party’s attempt to reinvent itself as a caste-justice crusader

seems forced and inconsistent with its traditional umbrella role. So, what could shake this status quo? History shows that Indian politics has seen only three truly disruptive ideas: Garibi Hatao, Mandal, and Mandir. All have run their course, and two have been absorbed by every major party. The missing fourth wave could be libertarianism—a revival of what the Swatantra Party once stood for: minimum government, maximum governance. Its original 21-point charter championed wealth creation, private enterprise, and freedom from bureaucratic control. A libertarian disruptor, speaking uncomfortable truths about state overreach, corruption, and inefficiency—much like Minoo Masani once did—could offer real political differentiation. India, tired of ideological recycling and transactional politics, might just be ready for that bold, new narrative. Until then, Modi remains the only game in town—and the Opposition, its own biggest problem.



Impeachment Process Launched Against Judge Yashwant Varma

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For the first time in independent India's history, Parliament has initiated impeachment proceedings against a sitting High Court judge. Justice Yashwant Varma, formerly of the Delhi High Court, faces removal after piles of burnt ₹500 currency notes were found at his official residence earlier this year.

The process began Monday afternoon after 145 Members of Parliament—cutting across party lines—submitted a memorandum to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla. Signatories include prominent leaders such as BJP's Anurag Thakur, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, and NCP MP Supriya Sule. MPs from parties like the TDP, JD(U), CPI(M), and JD(S) also endorsed the move, underscoring the bipartisan nature of the action.

The impeachment process will now be carried out under Articles 124, 217, and 218 of the Constitution, in line with the Judges (Inquiry) Act of 1968. Although the Constitution does not use the word "impeachment" for judges, it outlines a rigorous process for their removal, requiring an order from the President based on Parliament's recommendation. The threshold for initiating such a process is high—at least 100 MPs in the Lok Sabha or 50 in the Rajya Sabha must sign a motion. Once admitted by the Speaker or Chair, an inquiry follows.

Justice Varma's troubles began on March 15, when a fire at his Delhi bungalow led to the discovery of burnt cash in an outhouse maintained by him and his family. Though he denied any wrongdoing, an in-house Supreme Court panel recommended his removal, citing troubling evidence.

Justice Varma has challenged the panel's findings in the Supreme Court, questioning its authority and claiming he was denied due process. The outcome of his challenge could shape the future of judicial accountability in India.

Monsoon session like 'Vijay Utsav'; PM Modi hails Operation Sindoor

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi set an optimistic tone for the Monsoon Session of Parliament, which began on Monday, by calling it a 'Vijay Utsav' (celebration of victory) following the Indian Armed Forces' swift and decisive Operation Sindoor.

Addressing the media on the opening day, PM Modi highlighted that Indian forces destroyed terror targets deep inside Pakistan in just 22 minutes, marking a "100 percent success" in the military operation launched in response to the recent terror attack in Pahalgam.

"This Monsoon Session will be a celebration of our victory," Modi said, urging parliamentarians across party lines to unite and acknowledge the bravery and success of India's defense forces. "The world witnessed the military



pro prowess of made-in-India arms during Operation Sindoor." The operation was launched soon after the terror strike in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir,

which had shocked the nation and the world. The Indian military's swift retaliation targeted terror infrastructure across the border with precise and powerful

strikes, showcasing the country's advanced defense capabilities.

The Prime Minister's remarks aimed to set a collaborative and patriotic mood for the ongoing parliamentary session, encouraging lawmakers to come together to support the government's efforts in safeguarding the nation and strengthening national security.

Operation Sindoor has been widely hailed as a demonstration of India's military readiness and its commitment to tackling terrorism effectively. Modi's emphasis on the operation during the parliamentary session's start reflects the government's focus on national security as a top priority.

With Parliament now in session, expectations are high for productive discussions and legislative actions that reflect the spirit of unity and resilience echoed in the Prime Minister's statement.

Meta, Google Executives Skip ED Summons in Online Gambling Probe

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Senior executives from tech giants Meta and Google did not appear before the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Monday, as previously summoned, in connection with a money laundering case linked to the promotion of illegal online betting and gambling platforms. The agency has now issued fresh summons, asking them to appear on July 28, official sources confirmed.

The executives reportedly requested additional time to gather necessary documents and prepare

relevant information. The ED granted the one-week extension but emphasized the importance of their cooperation in the ongoing investigation.

According to sources, the tech firms will be questioned on how advertisements for illegal betting platforms were placed across their platforms, including social media networks, search engines, and app distribution services.

Once they appear, their statements will be recorded under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). The ED has not received any formal public response

from either company so far.

The agency is currently investigating more than a dozen major online gambling and betting cases across the country, alleging these platforms have duped citizens of crores of rupees while laundering black money and evading taxes.

The ED is also examining the roles of celebrities, influencers, and sports personalities who may have endorsed these platforms or featured in promotional campaigns. They too are expected to be summoned for questioning in the coming weeks.

The central probe agency has stat-



ed that the advertisements and promotion of such illegal platforms on popular internet platforms have helped them reach a wider audience, thereby exacerbating financial crimes against ordinary citizens.

This case is part of a broader crackdown on digital financial crimes and unregulated online betting networks operating across India.



India ready to extend all possible support: PM on Bangladesh plane crash

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday expressed profound grief over the tragic crash of a Bangladesh Air Force training aircraft that struck a school in Dhaka, killing at least 19 people, many of them children.

In a message shared on social media platform X (formerly Twitter), PM Modi conveyed India's solidarity with Bangladesh in the wake of the disaster and assured all possible assistance.

"Deeply shocked and saddened at the loss of lives, many of them young students, in a tragic air crash in

Dhaka. Our hearts go out to the bereaved families," the Prime Minister said. "We pray for the swift recovery of those injured. India stands in solidarity with Bangladesh and is ready to extend all possible support and assistance."

The crash occurred in the Uttara area of Dhaka when a Chinese-made F-7 BGI training jet of the Bangladesh Air Force plunged into the Milestone School and College campus shortly after takeoff. The impact caused a massive fire, with visuals showing plumes of smoke and rescuers pulling victims from the wreckage.

Bangladeshi officials said the aircraft

had departed at 1:06 PM and crashed minutes later. Emergency responders, including the fire service, police, army, and air force helicopters, were quickly dispatched to the site.

According to eyewitnesses, the jet fell near the school's main gate during active class hours, causing maximum casualties among students and staff. Over 50 people were transported to hospitals, many of them with severe burn injuries.

The tragedy has sparked an outpouring of condolences from leaders across the region, and India's offer of assistance reflects its close historical and diplomatic ties with Banglades

"No Closure For 180 Families": Asaduddin Owaisi



All India Majlis-e-Ittehad-ul-Muslimeen (AIMIM) chief Asaduddin Owaisi on Monday raised serious questions over the justice system after the Bombay High Court acquitted 12 men convicted in the 2006 Mumbai train blasts case. The court ruled that the prosecution had "utterly failed" to prove the charges, leading to the release of men who had spent 18 years in prison.

Reacting to the verdict, Owaisi said the outcome provides "no closure" for the 180 families who lost their loved ones in the coordinated serial bombings that killed 189 people and injured over 800. He also demanded accountability from the Maharashtra Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS), which led the investigation.

"Twelve Muslim men spent 18 years in jail for a crime they didn't commit. Their prime life is gone. The families of the victims have no closure. Will the government act against the officers who ruined lives and got it all wrong?" Owaisi posted

on X (formerly Twitter).

He also highlighted the personal losses faced by the acquitted, stating, "Two lost both parents while in jail. One never got to speak to his wife before she died. What justice is this?"

The July 11, 2006 bombings involved explosives packed in pressure cookers placed in first-class compartments of local trains during evening rush hour. Seven blasts occurred within 11 minutes across multiple stations, from Matunga Road to Borivali.

A special court had convicted 12 individuals in 2015, sentencing five to death and seven to life imprisonment. The Bombay High Court on Monday overturned all convictions, citing insufficient evidence and flaws in the prosecution's case.

Owaisi's remarks have reignited debate over wrongful incarceration, communal bias, and the accountability of law enforcement agencies in high-profile terror cases.

“No Pass for Butchers”: Trump Backs Terror Tag for TRF Over Pahalgam Attack

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US President Donald Trump has voiced strong support for the Former President Biden administration’s decision to designate The Resistance Front (TRF) as a Foreign Terrorist Organisation (FTO), following the group’s responsibility claim for the deadly April 22 attack in India’s Jammu and Kashmir region. Trump, known for his blunt rhetoric, endorsed the move on social media, stating, “When you butcher civilians, you don’t get a pass—you get justice.” The TRF, widely acknowledged as a proxy for the Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), claimed responsibility for the Pahalgam attack that killed 26 civilians and led to a tense four-day military stand-off between India and Pakistan. The designation comes amid heightened international focus on cross-border terrorism and growing calls for accountability.



ty. The US House Foreign Affairs Committee Majority, aligned with the Republican Party, posted Trump’s reaction online, af-

firming bipartisan backing for the decision. “President Trump calls it like it is. The Resistance Front is a foreign terrorist or-

ganization and deserves the designation,” the Committee stated. India’s External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar welcomed the designation, calling it a strong affirmation of India-US counterterrorism ties. “Appreciate @SecRubio and @StateDept for designating TRF as an FTO and Specially Designated Global Terrorist (SDGT). It claimed responsibility for the April 22 Pahalgam attack. Zero tolerance for terrorism,” he posted on X. The TRF has been linked to several recent attacks in Kashmir and is considered part of LeT’s broader strategy to operate under different names while avoiding direct scrutiny. The new designation is expected to limit the group’s access to financial systems and international support networks. Analysts say the move reflects deepening strategic cooperation between New Delhi and Washington on terrorism and regional security.



Russia Strikes Kyiv Hours Before NATO Talks on Ukraine Support

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Russia launched one of its most intense aerial assaults on Kyiv in recent months, just hours before a high-level NATO meeting was set to discuss renewed military aid for Ukraine. The strikes killed at least two people and injured 15, including a 12-year-old child, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy confirmed. The overnight barrage, which lasted from midnight to dawn, included drones and Kinzhal hypersonic missiles. Key infrastructure was hit across Kyiv, including a kindergarten, supermarket, and warehouse in the Darnytskyi district. In Shevchenkivskiy, a drone struck the entrance of a subway station filled with civilians sheltering from the blasts. The timing of the attack underscores the growing urgency for Ukraine to strengthen its air defense capabilities. The UK and Germany are co-chairing a virtual Ukraine Defense Contact Group meeting on Monday, where U.S. President Donald Trump’s new arms transfer initiative will be a primary focus. The plan involves European allies sending American weapons, including Patriot air defense systems, to Ukraine either from stockpiles or via direct purchase. Trump has also issued a 50-day deadline to Moscow to agree to a ceasefire, warning of harsher sanctions if it fails to comply. UK Defense Secretary John Healey and German Defense Minister Boris Pistorius are expected to urge allies to accelerate support during the “50-day drive” to bolster Ukraine’s military readiness. Despite the urgency, logistical delays remain. Germany has pledged to finance and potentially donate Patriot systems but warns deliveries may take days or weeks. Meanwhile, the U.S. and NATO continue to coordinate the delivery of other military supplies. Zelenskyy has proposed fresh peace talks, while Russia has signaled openness but remains firm on its objectives. As attacks escalate, hopes for diplomacy remain fragile amid growing military tensions.



Trump posts AI-generated video of Obama arrested by FBI

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U.S. President Donald Trump ignited a fresh wave of controversy on Monday after sharing an AI-generated video depicting former President Barack Obama being arrested by the FBI in the White House. The video, posted on Trump’s Truth Social platform, shows Obama being handcuffed in the Oval Office while Trump looks on with a smile. The clip begins with a digitally altered Obama declaring, “especially the President is above the law,” followed by a montage of U.S. leaders saying, “no one is above the law.” The video ends with scenes of Obama in an orange prison jumpsuit, pacing inside a jail cell. Critics have slammed the video as irresponsible and misleading, warning of the potential dangers of AI-generated misinformation, particularly when shared by a sitting president. Legal experts have raised questions about potential defamation, ethical concerns, and national stability in the wake of such digitally fabricated content. The post comes amid renewed scrutiny of the Obama administration, following explosive statements by U.S. Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard. Gabbard, a former Democrat now allied with Trump, has called for the prosecution of Obama-era officials. She claims declassified documents show a “conspiracy” involving fabricated intelligence to implicate Russia in aiding Trump’s 2016 campaign. “The goal was to usurp President Trump and subvert the will of the American people,” Gabbard posted on X (formerly Twitter). “Every person involved must be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.” Meanwhile, the White House amplified the rhetoric, boasting online that Trump has “crushed the left’s mess” and “unleashed” the economy. In another viral post, Trump was portrayed as Superman, labeled “a symbol of hope” for the nation. The Biden campaign has not yet responded, but political analysts warn that AI-driven political content may become a serious threat to democratic discourse.

Microsoft Urgently Patches SharePoint Vulnerability Amid Active Exploits

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Microsoft has issued an urgent security patch for its on-premises SharePoint Server after detecting active cyberattacks targeting critical vulnerabilities. These attacks reportedly affect government agencies and businesses using SharePoint to manage and share documents within their organizations. The vulnerabilities are confined to on-premise SharePoint servers. Microsoft 365’s SharePoint Online, which operates in the cloud, remains unaffected. In its official security advisory, Microsoft revealed that the attacks exploit weaknesses that were only partially addressed in the July security update. “Microsoft is aware of active attacks targeting on-premises SharePoint Server customers by exploiting vulnerabilities partially addressed by the July



Security Update,” the company said, urging immediate action. The exploited flaw, tracked as CVE-2025-53770, involves remote code execution due to the deserialization of untrusted data in SharePoint’s on-premise versions. A second related vulnerability, CVE-2025-53771,

was also patched as part of the update. The U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) confirmed it is working closely with other federal agencies and private-sector partners to mitigate the threat. In response, the U.S. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) has

added CVE-2025-53770 to its Known Exploited Vulnerabilities (KEV) catalog. All Federal Civilian Executive Branch (FCEB) agencies are required to apply the patch by July 21, 2025. Microsoft stressed the importance of rotating the ASP.NET machine keys and restarting Internet Information Services (IIS) on all SharePoint servers after applying the patch or enabling AMSI (Antimalware Scan Interface). If AMSI cannot be enabled, rotating the machine keys after installation is critical for protection. Microsoft confirmed that the newly published guidance is accurate and that previous inconsistencies do not impact customer action plans. The company urged users of SharePoint Subscription Edition and SharePoint Server 2019 to apply the updates immediately to ensure full protection.

Bangladesh Air Force Training Jet Crashes Into School in Dhaka, 16 Dead, Dozens Injured

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In a devastating incident on Monday afternoon, a Bangladesh Air Force training aircraft crashed into the Milestone School and College campus in Uttara, Dhaka, resulting in the deaths of at least 16 people and injuring dozens more, many of whom are believed to be students. The F-7 BGI training aircraft took off at 1:06 p.m. and crashed moments later into the school premises with a loud explosion, according to a statement from the Defence Ministry. The plane reportedly burst into flames immediately upon impact. Lima Khanam, duty officer at the Fire Service Central Control Room, confirmed the recovery of one body at the scene and stated that four injured individuals were rescued by the Air Force. However, the total death toll was later confirmed to be 16. Details regarding the pilot’s condition remain unknown. Eyewitnesses described scenes of chaos as emergency services, including firefighting units, ambulances, and Air Force helicopters, rushed to the



site. “The plane fell on the gate and crashed nearby. Classes were in session at the time. We’re pulling out the injured one by one,” said Shah Bulbul, spokesperson for the school. According to the Dhaka Tribune, more than 50 individuals were transported to the

National Institute of Burn and Plastic Surgery. While identities have not been officially confirmed, most of the victims are reportedly students. The crash caused widespread panic and grief in the area, with concerned parents rushing to the school. A full in-

vestigation into the cause of the crash is underway, and authorities are expected to release more details in the coming hours. This tragic event marks one of the deadliest air training accidents in recent memory in Bangladesh.

Markets Rebound Strongly; Nifty Above 25,000, Sensex Soars 442 Points

Domestic stock markets performed well on Monday. Benchmark indices gained heavily. Although they initially fell to lows, buying gradually picked up. The pullback accelerated after noon. There were mixed signals from global markets. However, the release of results, buying in major companies, and the performance of banking, finance, metal and auto sectors gave impetus. In the end, Nifty ended with a gain of 122 points and Sensex with a gain of 442 points. Nifty holding the 25,000 level and reversing at the 50 SMA is a good sign.



The BSE Sensex, which closed at 81,757 in the previous session, opened at 81,918 on Monday. It touched an intraday low of 81,518. It reached an intraday high of 82,274. It ended at 82,200 with a gain of 442 points. The NSE Nifty, which opened at 24,999, reached a low of 24,882 and a high of 25,111. It closed at 25,090 with a gain of 122 points. The Nifty Bank rose 669 points to settle at 56,952.

In the Nifty50, 31 companies gained and 19 lost. Eternal, ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank, HDFC Life, Mahindra & Mahindra were the top gainers. Reliance, Wipro, IndusInd Bank, Eicher Mo-



tors, and HCL Tech were the biggest losers. Today, Finance, Private Bank, Bank, Metal, Auto, Realty, Consumer Durables indices were in a state of flux. Oil, PSU Bank, FMCG, IT, Pharma, Healthcare, and Infra indices were in the red.

Market breadth was equal for buyers and sellers on NSE today. Out of a total of 3075 stocks traded, 1492 gained. 1484 lost. 84 shares touched their 52-week high and 29 touched their 52-week low. The upper circuit was 87 and the lower circuit was 76.

The rupee settled at 86.29 against the

dollar. Macquarie has given an Outperform rating to Reliance Industries with a target price of Rs. 1500. Jefferies has maintained a buy rating on JSW Steel with a target price of Rs 1200. Morgan Stanley has maintained an underweight rating on LT Finance with a target price of Rs 135. Nuama has maintained a buy rating on ICICI Bank with a target price of Rs 1670. 20 lakh shares of Samvardhana Matharson International changed hands in a block deal. 20 lakh shares of LT Finance changed hands. Bernstein has given a buy rating to HDFC Bank with a target price of Rs 2300. Tata Capital has reportedly filed a se-

cret DRHP for its IPO.

Stock Recommendations

JSW Infra:

These shares are consolidating well after reversing from the fall. Relative strength is increasing. Volatility is decreasing. These shares, which closed at Rs. 316 on Monday, should be accumulated in the Rs. 300 range. The trend is bullish.



UPL:

This pesticide company's trend is bullish. You should buy and hold as it falls. These shares closed at Rs. 713 with a gain of 3.9% on Monday. Short-term and medium-term momentum is better.



Cummins India:

Momentum and relative strength in these shares have increased after the bullish reversal.



This counter, which closed at Rs. 3617 on Monday, should be invested in with the buy on dips method. It should be held for a long time.

National Aluminum:

These shares, which have undergone a long correction, are now on the path of reversal. The bullish trend has started. In this counter, which closed at Rs. 194 on Monday, investors should take a position in the Rs. 190 range.



Mahindra and Mahindra:

These shares, which have given 18% return in three months, are currently at the crucial Rs. 3200 level. The short, medium and long term momentum is better. In this counter, which closed at Rs. 3246 on Monday, one should invest in the buy on dips method. It should be held as long as the trend is bullish.



India's Economic Activity Hits in June : PMI Survey



India's economic momentum surged in June 2025, with business activity expanding at its fastest pace in over a year, according to the HSBC Flash Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) survey. The Composite Output Index, which combines manufacturing and services data, rose to 61, up from 59.3 in May—its highest level in 14 months. Any reading above 50 signifies expansion, while below 50 indicates contraction.

The robust performance was primarily driven by strong export demand, increased employment, and subdued inflation, signaling a broad-based economic recovery. The PMI report highlighted that the uptick in export orders was the strongest since comparable data began in September 2014, underscoring India's growing role in global trade.

Manufacturing led the upswing, with firms reporting a sharp rise in new orders and backlogs. This backlog pressure prompted many manufacturers to accelerate hiring. The services sector

also saw improved momentum, although employment growth in services slightly eased compared to May.

HSBC's Chief Economist, Pranjal Bhandari, noted, "The combination of robust global demand and rising backlogs prompted manufacturers to increase hiring. Employment growth is also healthy in the services sector."

Encouragingly, the survey also reported a cooling in cost and inflationary pressures. Input costs for private sector companies—ranging from labor to metals like copper and steel—rose only modestly. The overall inflation rate softened to a ten-month low and remained below the long-term average, offering relief to businesses and consumers alike.

This PMI data comes as a strong signal of economic resilience amid global uncertainties, with India maintaining growth on the back of export strength, stable inflation, and job creation across key sectors.

S&P Raises India's FY26 GDP Growth Forecast to 6.5%

Cites Domestic Resilience and Favorable Global Conditions

S&P Global Ratings on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, revised India's GDP growth forecast for FY26 upward to 6.5%, citing supportive domestic conditions and a favorable external environment. The forecast aligns with the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) earlier projection and assumes a normal monsoon, lower global crude oil prices, income tax concessions, and monetary policy easing. This revision comes just a month after S&P had downgraded India's FY26 estimate to 6.3%, largely due to concerns over global uncertainties and potential economic shocks from new U.S. tariffs. However, improved domestic indicators and stabilizing global energy markets have prompted the agency to adopt a more optimistic view. India, which imports about 90% of its crude oil and roughly half of its natural gas, is highly sen-



sitive to global energy price fluctuations. S&P acknowledged the escalating geopolitical tensions in the Middle East, particularly the recent U.S. military strikes on Iran's key nuclear sites following Israeli counterattacks. While these developments could raise the risk of sustained oil

price hikes, S&P believes current global oil markets are well-supplied, minimizing the chances of a long-term energy price shock. The report further highlights India's resilient domestic demand, which plays a critical role in cushioning the economy

from external shocks. Unlike export-heavy economies, India's reliance on internal consumption and services has made its economic outlook comparatively more stable. S&P also warned of broader global risks, especially the ripple effects of U.S. trade policies and rising geopolitical instability. "The increase in U.S. import tariffs and the uncertainty surrounding them could weigh on global trade, investment, and overall growth," the report noted. Despite these external headwinds, India's economy is expected to maintain momentum, driven by structural reforms, fiscal incentives, and stable macroeconomic fundamentals. As the world navigates volatile conditions, India's internal strengths are likely to be the cornerstone of its growth in FY26.

Gold Prices Dip Amid Weak Demand; Silver Remains Steady

Gold prices in the national capital declined by ₹160 on Monday, settling at ₹99,800 per 10 grams for 99.9% purity, according to the All India Sarafa Association. This drop comes amid continued selling by jewellers and stockists. On Friday, gold had closed at ₹99,960 per 10 grams.

Similarly, gold of 99.5% purity fell by ₹150, closing at ₹99,100 per 10 grams (inclusive of all taxes), down from its previous level of ₹99,250.

Meanwhile, silver prices remained unchanged, trading flat at ₹1,05,200 per kilogram (inclusive of all taxes), despite the volatility seen in gold.

On the global front, spot gold slipped slightly to \$3,365.40 per ounce, after briefly surging to \$3,413.80 earlier in the day. The pullback was attributed to market caution as investors awaited geopolitical developments, especially Iran's response following the U.S. air strikes on Tehran, said Kaynat Chainwala, AVP – Commodity Research at



Kotak Securities.

Investors are now closely watching key economic indicators, including Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell's congressional testimony, U.S. GDP data, and core PCE inflation figures, all of which are expected to offer more clarity on future monetary policy moves. The mixed messaging from the Fed in recent weeks has added to market uncertainty.

Additionally, the release of flash Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) data from major economies like the U.S. and the UK is expected to provide further cues on global economic momentum.

Despite the price drop, domestic gold prices have risen by 4% in June, noted Riya Singh, Research Analyst – Commodities and Currency at Emkay Global Financial Services. However, they are still trading at a discount to global prices, largely due to weakened jewellery demand.

Singh added that investment demand for gold bars and 10g coins remains strong, driven by inflation concerns, lower fabrication costs, and increased monetisation following the RBI's relaxed norms on loans against gold. This policy shift has further encouraged household gold monetisation, offsetting some of the impact of sluggish festive season buying.



Ditch the screen!

If you've ever checked your phone "just for a minute" and suddenly lost two hours, you're not alone. Sleep procrastination has quietly become one of the most common modern habits, taking a toll on both mental and physical well-being. The good news? It's entirely possible to break the cycle with mindful, gentle evening routines.

According to Shruti Jain, a yoga teacher and mindfulness coach, and Master Maharajan, who runs a yoga institute in Chennai, the key lies in intention and consistency.

Set a 'Digital Sunset Time'

Designate a specific hour each evening to unplug from all digital devices. "Use apps or your phone's settings to block notifications and lock distracting apps after a set time," advises Shruti. This boundary gives your mind space to unwind.

Incorporate Calming Yoga Practices

Master Maharajan recommends Bhramari Pranayama (humming bee breath) for its calming effects on the nervous sys-

tem. "It quietyens the mind and reduces anxiety," he says. Pair this with Vajrasana, the thunderbolt pose, especially after dinner. This seated posture aids digestion and helps ground your body for rest.

Journal to Clear the Mind

Take five minutes to jot down your thoughts from the day. "Write about what you're grateful for, something that stood out, or any lingering emotions. Journaling helps declutter the mind and prepare for a peaceful night," explains Shruti.

Read a Few Pages Before Bed

Swap screen time for page time. Keep a book near your bed—something calming like poetry or non-fiction. "Reading slows down the mind and shifts focus away from screens," adds Shruti.

Sip Herbal or Chamomile Tea

Finally, end your evening with a warm cup of caffeine-free herbal or chamomile tea. It helps relax the body and signals it's time to wind down.

With these small shifts, restful sleep is within reach.

Louis Vuitton Brings India-Inspired Flair to Paris Fashion Week

Paris witnessed a vibrant fusion of cultures as Pharrell Williams, Creative Director for Louis Vuitton Menswear, unveiled the Spring-Summer 2026 collection infused with rich Indian influences. The show took place outdoors on June 24, 2025, in front of the iconic Pompidou Centre, marking the opening day of Paris Fashion Week.

Guests had barely settled in when a buzz rippled through the crowd with the arrival of global icons Beyoncé and Jay-Z, who took front-row seats next to LVMH Chairman and CEO Bernard Arnault. As the Voices of Fire gospel choir performed live, a full orchestra launched the show with pulsating drums, setting the stage for a high-energy spectacle.

Models strutted across a sprawling wooden runway painted like a "snakes and ladders" board, dressed in ensembles that blended global street style with unmistakable Indian aesthetics. Standout pieces included loose, pleated trousers, striped coats, and detailed workwear. A strong visual element came through in the accessories—jeans and bags adorned with embroidered elephants and palm trees, evoking subcontinental warmth and flair.

Adding a touch of playful luxury, one model wheeled



a translucent purple acrylic trunk down the catwalk, while others paired sleek suits with chunky leather flip-flops. The eclectic fusion of traditional motifs with futuristic silhouettes captured Pharrell Williams' boundary-pushing approach to design.

After the final walk, Williams warmly greeted his family and embraced Jay-Z, celebrating the success of a show that mixed culture, music, and style on a bold canvas. The event also attracted fashion luminaries including Dior CEO Delphine Arnault and designer Jonathan Anderson, who is set to debut his first Dior Homme collection later this week.

With major fashion houses reshaping their creative leadership amid economic headwinds, Louis Vuitton's India-tinted showcase signals bold new directions ahead.

Is what you eat safe?

Rethinking Food Safety: Are We Really Aware of What We Eat?



During a recent visit to a friend who had just given birth, I was startled when she mentioned feeding donkey's milk to her one-month-old baby—a supposed traditional remedy followed by some in Bengaluru. The baby had just recovered from diarrhoea, and I was baffled that an educated woman, with a postgraduate degree no less, would trust such an unscientific practice. My reaction was disbelief. What nourishment could milk from a care-deprived animal, scavenging on garbage and drain water, possibly offer to an infant?

While this might seem like an isolated incident driven by age-old beliefs, the truth is that questionable food choices and practices are far more common than we care to admit. Think of the deep-fried bondas, bajjis, and French fries we enjoy—even when we're fully aware of the health risks posed by saturated fats and poor oil quality. The ancient Sanskrit saying, "Aham annam" — We are what we eat — remains profoundly relevant today.

Globally, foodborne illnesses affect 600 million people annually, claiming 420,000 lives. In India alone, nearly 100 million people fall ill due to unsafe food every year, and over 120,000 die. The reasons are widespread: adulteration, excessive pesticide use, poor hygiene in food handling, lax enforcement, and lack of proper storage infrastructure. Food safety in India often feels like a gamble, more dependent on chance than regulation.

Even young researchers are uncovering alarming data. A group of teens aged 15 to 18 recently shared findings from their study revealing the presence of acrylamide—a harmful compound—in popular snacks like French fries and paneer tikka. Acrylamide forms when starchy foods are cooked at high temperatures, thanks to the Maillard reaction—also responsible for the enticing aroma of spices in hot oil. Clearly, food safety awareness and stronger policy action are long overdue.

Shanghai Restaurant Sparks Outrage Over ₹5,500 Half-Chicken Dish

Says It Was Raised On Music And Milk

A Shanghai restaurant has stirred controversy by charging 480 yuan (₹5,500) for a half-chicken dish, claiming the chicken was raised on classical music and a special diet. The restaurant, Shanghai Club, defended the price, stating the dish features a rare "sunflower chicken" breed, sourced from a farm in Guangdong province. The incident gained traction online after a businessman and social media influencer with 270,000 followers dined at the restaurant on March 14. Amused by the high cost, he jokingly asked if the chicken had been raised listening to music and drinking milk. To his surprise, the staff confirmed the claim. According to the farm's online listing, sunflower chickens are a high-end variety of the famed "three-yellow" or "em-



peror chicken," already prized in gourmet circles. Their unique diet includes juice from sunflower stems and flower heads. Though widely marketed as milk-fed, the farm later clar-

ified to local media that while the birds are exposed to classical music, they are not fed milk. Despite being willing to pay the price, the influencer criticized the restaurant for exaggerated

marketing. "I could accept the price, but not the fabricated stories," he said. The story quickly went viral on Chinese social media, drawing widespread mockery. Some users joked about inventing their own gourmet breeds, including chickens raised on Shanxi folk music, while others criticized the exploitation of wealthy consumers in Shanghai. The controversy also reignited debate around "Shanghai currency," a term referencing the city's sky-high prices. A previous example was a loaf of Japanese toast priced at 98 yuan (₹1,100) in Shanghai—twice its price in Japan. With Shanghai's 2024 per capita income nearly double the national average, critics argue that luxury pricing in the city is often more about perception than real value.

Old Monk: India's Iconic Rum That Thrived Without Ads From a Man Who Never Took a Sip

India's most beloved rum, Old Monk, has learned a near-cult following over the decades — not through flashy advertising or celebrity endorsements, but through its enduring taste, nostalgia, and word-of-mouth legacy. What makes the story even more fascinating is that the man who made it a household name, Brigadier Kapil Mohan, was a strict teetotaler.

Old Monk was introduced in the 1950s by Mohan Meakin Ltd., a company formed after independence when M.N. Mohan acquired a British distillery established in 1885. Though Old Monk's origin lies in colonial-era brewing traditions, it became a symbol of post-independence Indian identity, with its familiar dark bottle gracing countless homes and bars across the country.

Under Kapil Mohan's leadership from 1973,



the brand rose to international fame — reaching sales of 8 million bottles a day at its peak and becoming the world's best-selling dark rum by 2000. Ironically, Mohan himself never drank alcohol, preferring tea instead. He believed the product should speak for itself — and it did. Old Monk was never advertised, making its success purely

organic. Its name remains a mystery. Some say it refers to the wooden barrels used in monastic cellars; others claim the deep, mellow taste is reminiscent of an old monk's wisdom. Whatever the truth, this sense of enigma only adds to the charm.

The recipe, bottle design, and label have barely changed since its debut, preserving the nostalgia. Its signature seven-year-aged XXX blend remains the most popular, though premium variants like Gold Reserve and Supreme also exist.

Old Monk is now loved in over 50 countries — from the US to Russia to Kenya — often praised for its smoothness and the rare quality of leaving behind no hangover. A true classic, Old Monk is a legacy built not just on taste, but on trust, tradition, and quiet excellence.

Satwiksairaj and Chirag Shetty Eye Strong Start at China Open

India's premier men's doubles badminton pair, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty, are gearing up to build momentum for the World Championships as they compete at the China Open Super 1000 tournament in Changzhou starting Tuesday. This event is the last major tournament before the World Championships scheduled from August 25 to 31 in Paris, and all players aim to secure wins to boost their confidence ahead of the prestigious competition.

Currently ranked world No. 15, Satwik and Chirag have reached three semifinals this season, including the Malaysia and India Opens. However, their progress was hampered by Satwik's health issues and Chirag's back injury, which sidelined them for several weeks. Since returning, the duo made the semifinals at the Singapore Open and quarterfinals at the Indonesia Open but recently lost to Olympic silver medallists China's Liang Wei Keng and Wang Chang at the Japan Open.

The pair will open their China Open campaign against Japan's Kenya Mitsuhashi and Hiroki Okamura, looking to bounce back strongly. In the singles category, Lakshya Sen, HS Pran-



noy, and PV Sindhu will also aim to regain form in the USD 2 million event. Lakshya, ranked 18th, has struggled with injuries and consistency, with his best result this year being a quarterfinal at the All England. He will face China's fifth seed Li Shi Feng in the first round.

HS Prannoy, ranked 35th, returns after missing the Japan Open and opens against Japan's Koki Watanabe. PV Sindhu, ranked 16th, has faced multiple early exits this year despite new coaching support. She will face Japan's sixth seed Tomoka Miyazaki in her opening match. Other Indian players, including Unnati Hooda, Anupama Upadhyaya, and several doubles pairs, will also compete, aiming to make their mark at this important tournament.

India to Host FIDE Chess World Cup 2025

India will host the prestigious FIDE Chess World Cup 2025 from October 30 to November 27, the international chess federation announced on July 21. The specific host city will be revealed soon. The tournament will feature 206 players competing for the coveted title and qualification spots in the 2026 FIDE Candidates Tournament.

India previously hosted the World Cup in 2002 in Hyderabad, where chess legend Viswanathan Anand claimed the title. This year's tournament will follow a knockout format, with players eliminated after each round. Since 2021, the event has been conducted as a single-elimination contest, with each round spanning three days: two classical games on the first two days and tie-breaks on the third if needed.

In the first round, the top 50 players will receive byes, while players seeded from 51 to 206 will compete. Pairings are based on matching the top half against the reversed lower half of the seed list.

The top three finishers in the 2025 World Cup will directly qualify for the 2026 Candidates Tournament, which determines the challenger for the World Chess Championship. Among the notable Indian players expected to compete are reigning world champion D Gukesh, 2023 World Cup runner-up R Praggnanandhaa, and Arjun Erigaisi, currently ranked world number five. The world number one Magnus Carlsen, who won the 2023 World Cup, will also participate.

India has been actively hosting major chess



events recently, including the 2022 Chess Olympiad, Tata Steel Chess India, the 2024 World Junior U20 Championships, and the 5th leg of the FIDE Women's Grand Prix earlier this year. FIDE CEO Emil Sutovsky expressed enthusiasm about bringing the event to India, highlighting the country's strong passion and support for chess and anticipating significant interest from local fans both in-person and online.

Mitchell shines in First T20I between Aus Vs WI

Mitchell Owen made a remarkable debut as Australia secured a thrilling three-wicket victory over West Indies in the first T20 International of the five-match series in Kingston on July 20, 2025. Australia chased down a challenging target of 190 runs with seven balls to spare, taking an early 1-0 lead. Owen showcased his all-round abilities by first taking a key wicket with his medium-pace bowling, helping to restrict the West Indies' scoring. He then returned to the crease and played a match-winning innings, smashing a quick 50 off just 27 balls.

His aggressive batting was crucial in steering Australia toward the target. West Indies, having lost the preceding Test series 3-0, started strong after being put into bat at Sabina Park. Captain Shai Hope (55), Roston Chase (60), and Shimron Hetmyer (38) built a solid foundation that hinted at a 200-plus total. However, the expected late surge did not come. Andre Russell, who is set to retire from international cricket after the second T20, could manage only eight runs. Australia's Ben Dwarshuis was the standout bowler, dismantling the West Indies middle and lower order

with figures of 4-36, which limited the hosts to a moderate 189-8. Despite losing both openers, captain Mitchell Marsh and Jake Fraser-McGurk, early in the innings, Australia's chase was steadied by a powerful 80-run partnership between Cameron Green and debutant Owen. Green scored a blistering 51 off 26 balls, including five sixes, while Owen contributed six sixes before being dismissed in the 17th over. Their partnership laid the groundwork for Australia's successful pursuit of the target, setting the tone for an exciting series ahead.



India A hockey team ends Euro Tour campaign with 2-8 loss against Netherlands

India A men's hockey team ended their European tour on a tough note, suffering a 2-8 loss against the Netherlands in their final match held in Eindhoven on July 21, 2025. Young midfielder Rajinder Singh and forward Selvam Karthi scored India A's only goals in the match. This defeat followed an earlier loss to the Netherlands, where India A was defeated 0-3 on July 18.

The Euro Tour, which began on July 8, saw India A play eight matches against five top European teams, including the world number one Netherlands and third-ranked Belgium. The team travelled across three cities, facing strong competition from some of the best hockey sides in the world. Despite the heavy losses, India A's head coach Shivendra Singh emphasized that the focus of the tour was not on the results but on gaining valuable experience. "We had a mix of senior and junior players in the squad, and this tour was about learning and growth. The players have gained crucial exposure over these two weeks, which will help them improve their game for future matches," he said, according to a Hockey India release.

Throughout the tour, India A faced teams such as Ireland, France, England, Belgium,



and the Netherlands, managing to secure victories in three out of their eight matches. While the scoreboard may not fully reflect their efforts, the experience gained against high-caliber European teams is expected to contribute significantly to the development of the squad.

As the team returns to India, the lessons learned during this challenging tour will be essential for their growth and preparation for upcoming international fixtures.

Darwin Nunez Hits Hat-Trick in Pre-Season Friendly

Darwin Nunez fired a stunning first-half hat-trick as Liverpool cruised to a 5-0 win over Stoke City in a behind-closed-doors pre-season friendly at the AXA Training Centre on Sunday. The Uruguayan forward wasted no time, opening the scoring in the sixth minute after reacting first to a half-cleared ball from Florian Wirtz's pass to Dominik Szoboszlai. Six minutes later, Nunez doubled the lead, calmly finishing off Szoboszlai's low cross after a well-worked attacking sequence.

The 25-year-old completed his treble by the 14th minute, slotting in Curtis Jones' assist from close range, wrapping up a clinical display of finishing and awareness inside the box.

Liverpool didn't slow down after their fast start. Young winger Rio Ngunmoh added a fourth goal midway through the first half, cutting inside before his deflected effort found the net. Curtis Jones nearly added a fifth just before the break but was denied by Stoke keeper Viktor Johansson. Manager Arne Slot fielded an entirely different outfield lineup for the second half. The Reds maintained their attacking intensity, with Federico Chiesa, Cody Gakpo, and Ben Doak all testing Stoke's second-half goalkeeper, Jack Bonham. Chiesa, recently signed from Juventus, was especially lively and eventually got his name on the scoresheet in the final moments.



Liverpool dominated the contest from start to finish, limiting Stoke to a few half-chances. Armin Pecsai was called into action once to deny Tatsuki Seko's header.

The Reds now have two convincing wins in as many pre-season matches as they prepare for their upcoming tour of Asia. With Darwin Nunez firing on all cylinders and new signings like Chiesa settling in well, Liverpool fans have plenty to be excited about ahead of the new season.



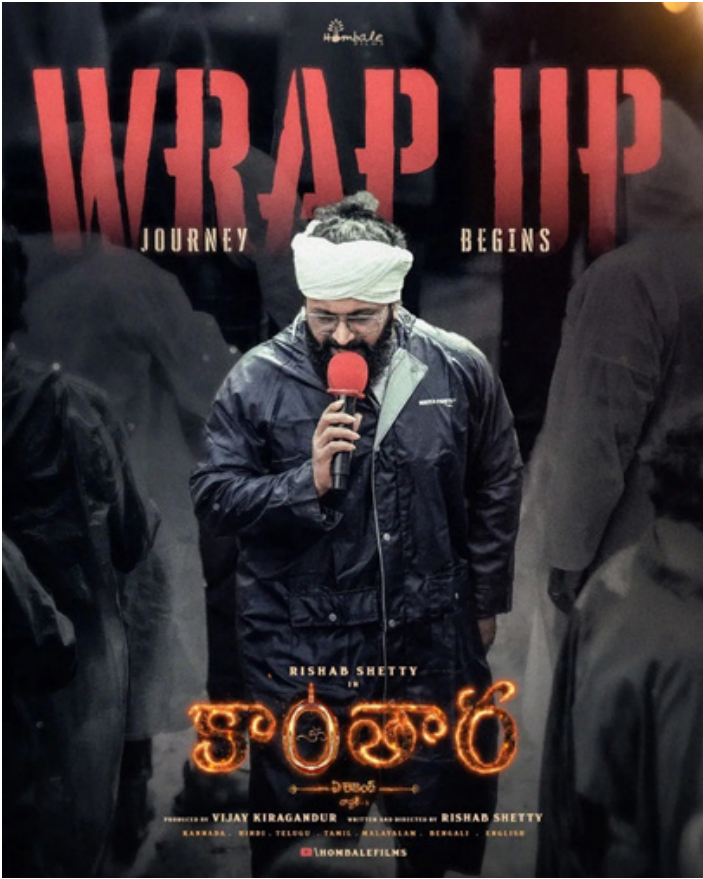
Kantara Chapter 1 Making Video Unveiled: A Glimpse Into the Magnum Opus

Hombale Films has officially dropped the making video of Kantara Chapter 1, offering fans an exciting behind-the-scenes look into what promises to be a cinematic spectacle. Directed by and starring Rishab Shetty, the upcoming film is shaping up to be a grand visual and emotional experience, reflecting years of meticulous work and creative dedication.

The video marks a significant milestone—the wrap-up of over 250 days of filming. This extensive shoot is part of a broader creative journey that has been in development for more than three years. The making video captures the sheer scale of production, from intricately designed sets and intense action sequences to the culturally rich and spiritually resonant themes that are expected to form the heart of the narrative.

Rishab Shetty, who won national acclaim with the original Kantara, returns not just in front of the camera but also behind it, leading the project with an unwavering vision. His deep-rooted connection to folklore and storytelling is evident in every frame glimpsed in the video.

Kantara Chapter 1 is set for a massive global release on October 2, 2025. The film will be released in seven languages—Kannada, Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Bengali, and English—ensuring its reach across diverse audiences.



The musical score by B Ajaneesh Loknath, who composed for the first chapter, is expected to add a powerful emotional layer to the film. Arvind Kashyap handles cinematography, promising visually rich storytelling that complements the film's mystical and raw aesthetic.

With the making video now out, anticipation for Kantara Chapter 1 is at an all-time high. Hombale Films looks poised to deliver yet another milestone in Indian cinema.

Varun Tej and Thaman Reunite for Musical Magic in VT15

Mega Prince Varun Tej is all set to return to the big screen with his upcoming film VT15, directed by Merlapaka Gandhi. The film's shoot is nearing completion, with most of the talkie portions wrapped up. The team has also successfully filmed two visually captivating songs across various Indian and international locations, adding to the film's grandeur.

Currently, Varun Tej and renowned music composer S. Thaman are deeply involved in the music sittings for the film. This project marks their second collaboration after the massive success of Tholi Prema, which was not only a musical hit but also a box office winner. Fans are excited to see the duo recreate their musical magic with VT15.

VT15 promises to offer a unique cinematic experience, with a storyline that unfolds across both Indian and Korean landscapes. This cross-cultural narrative adds an exciting dimension to the film and sets it apart from typical commercial fare. With international backdrops and emotional depth, the film aims to connect with audiences globally.

The movie is being produced on a lavish scale by UV Creations in association with First Frame Entertainment. Three major shooting schedules have already been completed, including some key scenes shot abroad. The production is moving swiftly toward



the post-production phase, with all departments working in sync to deliver a top-quality product.

As anticipation builds, the combination of Varun Tej's screen presence, Thaman's music, and Merlapaka Gandhi's direction positions VT15 as one of the most awaited films on the horizon. With strong production values and a promising storyline, fans are eager to see what this team brings to the screen. More updates, including the title and teaser, are expected soon.



Ram Charan's Intense Transformation for Peddi Sends Fans Into a Frenzy

Ram Charan is leaving no stone unturned for this upcoming pan-India action drama Peddi, directed by Uppena fame Buchi Babu Sana. The actor, known for his dedication and commanding screen presence, has undergone a dramatic physical transformation to suit his rugged role in this rural sports-based drama.

On the morning of July 21, Charan took social media by storm after posting a powerful gym photo, showcasing his ripped physique. With muscular arms, defined shoulders, a thick beard, and his hair tied back in a bun, the Rangasthalam star looked fierce and intensely focused. He captioned the post, "Changeover for @PeddiMovieOffl begin!! Pure grit. True Joy," which has only added to the buzz surrounding the project.

This transformation comes at a crucial time in Ram Charan's career. Following the underwhelming reception of Gamechanger, fans and

critics alike are closely watching his next move. With Peddi, Charan appears fully committed to bouncing back stronger, and his efforts are clearly visible in his new avatar. His look from the first glimpse of the film had already generated massive hype, and this gym photo has taken the excitement to the next level.

The film features Janhvi Kapoor as the female lead, and also stars Kannada legend Shivarajkumar, Divyenndu, and Jagapathi Babu in pivotal roles. Peddi promises to blend intense action, raw emotion, and a powerful rural backdrop into a compelling cinematic experience. Slated for a global release on March 27, 2026, Peddi is shaping up to be one of the most anticipated films of the coming year. With Charan's fierce new look and Buchi Babu's unique storytelling style, expectations are sky-high for this rural action drama.

"A.M. Ratnam's Silence Made Me Speak" – Pawan Kalyan Gets Candid at HHVM Press Meet

In a rare and powerful appearance, Pawan Kalyan attended his first-ever press conference in Hyderabad to promote his upcoming historical action drama Hari Hara Veera Mallu. The press meet, held just days before the film's release, was a heartfelt gesture by the actor to show solidarity with the film's producer, A.M. Ratnam.

Speaking to the media, Pawan Kalyan candidly revealed the reason behind his decision to face the press for the first time in his film career. "Even though the film was delayed many times, Ratnam garu never said a word. He faced heavy trolling, but he maintained his silence with dignity.

His patience and commitment moved me. That's why I'm standing here today—to say, Ratnam garu, I am with you," said the actor.

The delays in Hari Hara Veera Mallu had sparked considerable speculation and online criticism. However, Pawan's statement highlighted the producer's quiet perseverance through the challenges, winning the respect of the actor and the team.

Pawan also noted that his appearance was not just about the film but also a gesture of support for the Telugu film industry as a whole. "The Telugu industry is going through a vibrant

phase. It is our collective responsibility to strengthen it further," he added.

Hari Hara Veera Mallu is set for a grand release on July 24, 2025. Directed jointly by Krish and Jyothi Krishna, the film promises to be a historical spectacle, with Pawan Kalyan playing a legendary warrior. The film has already generated huge anticipation among fans and film lovers.

Pawan's sincere words and rare public appearance have added emotional weight to the film's promotions, making Hari Hara Veera Mallu one of the most talked-about releases of the year.

