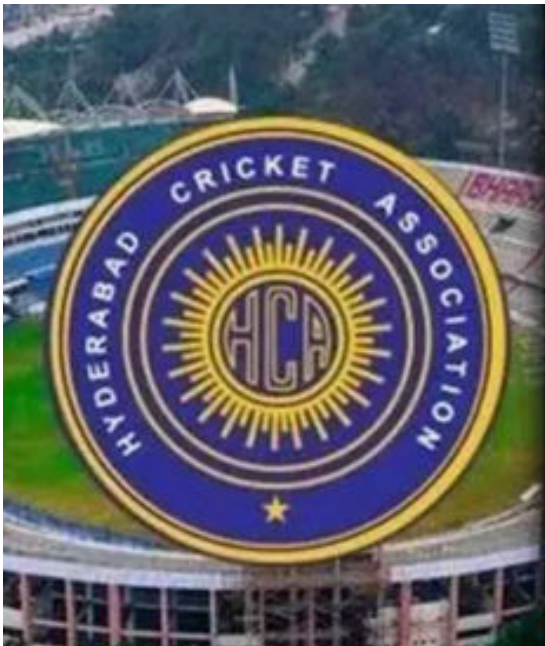


KTR, Kavitha Involved in HCA Irregularities ?



TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
Telangana Cricket Association (TCA) Secretary Guruva Reddy has made sensational allegations against former Minister K.T. Rama Rao and MLC Kalvakuntla Kavitha, accusing them of involvement in irregularities within the Hyderabad Cricket Association (HCA). Speaking at a press meet in Hyderabad, Reddy alleged that both leaders, along with former HCA election officer Sampath Kumar, were responsible for mismanagement and injustice to rural cricket talent.



Reddy said Telangana cricketers have been waiting in vain for fair opportunities, and that he would be submitting proof of the alleged irregularities to both the CID and the Enforcement Directorate (ED). He demanded that the current HCA executive committee be dissolved immediately. The TCA Secretary also raised serious concerns about the HCA elections. “How did Jagannathan Rao, who has no connection with cricket, become HCA president? It’s because of backing from KTR and Kavitha,” he claimed.

He also questioned how government officials like IAS and IPS officers could vote in the elections, citing IPS officer Sajjanar’s participation as an example. “Out of 155 cricket associations, most are inactive. How were elections conducted under such conditions? The state government should intervene, cancel the elections, and take steps to clean up the clubs,” Reddy added. The remarks have sparked political attention and are expected to intensify scrutiny on the HCA and its recent election process.

TCA Secretary Guruva Reddy Explosive Claims

“KTR and Kavitha should be probed immediately along with Sampath Kumar. Their interference in HCA’s functioning led to grave injustice. Summer camps, which were supposed to be conducted free of cost, were turned into paid affairs. We have evidence of the money collected — where did it go?”

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Rammohan Naidu Slams False Reports on Air India Crash

Minister accuses foreign media of spreading false propaganda



TPN Correspondent | New Delhi
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 Investigation 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 to assure the public that all facts will come out clearly in the final report,” he added.

Warangal MLAs Meet CM Without Minister...

TPN | Correspondent
Hyderabad: The factional war in the Congress party’s joint Warangal district unit continues to simmer, despite repeated appeals for unity from Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, TPCC President A. Revanth Reddy, and Disciplinary Committee Chairman Mallu Ravi. The latest flashpoint? A seemingly “courtesy” visit by Warangal MLAs to the CM—conspicuously missing was District Minister Konda Surekha. On Sunday, senior leader and MLA Kadiyam Srihari led a team of MLAs—Revu-



ri Prakash Reddy, Nayini Rajender Reddy, Mamidala Yashaswini Reddy, and KR Nagaraju—to meet CM Revanth Reddy in Hyderabad. The official explanation

was “development matters,” but the absence of the district minister from such a high-profile delegation has sent political shockwaves across Warangal. In typical Congress fashion, speculation is rife. Did the MLAs fail to inform Konda Surekha about the meeting? Or was she informed and chose not to attend? The mystery remains unsolved, but what’s certain is that Warangal politics just got a fresh dose of intrigue. Adding fuel to the fire is the presence of Palakurthi MLA Mamidala Yashaswini Reddy—long considered close to Konda Surekha—in the Kadiyam-led camp. This has sparked whispers about shifting loyalties and possible internal isolation of the

Konda faction. Traditionally, the Konda family has wielded significant influence in Warangal politics, with critics accusing them of sidelining other leaders. Supporters of the Konda camp are furious with Kadiyam, accusing him of engaging in backdoor politics and deliberately excluding the minister. On the other hand, the Kadiyam group defends the move, claiming it was a straightforward development-focused meeting and dismissing any political motives.

Double Fine for Traffic Violations Involving Minors

‘Merit-Demerit’ system proposed for drivers



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



GO 49 Put in Abeyance Amid Tribal Concerns: Govt

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
In the wake of growing concerns and objections from tribal communities, the Telangana government has decided to keep Government Order 49 (GO 49) in abeyance. State Forest, Environment and Endowments Minister Konda Surekha assured that the Congress-led people’s government will always stand by the forest-dwelling communities. Ministers Jupally Krishna Rao, Seethakka, and Konda Surekha together discussed the issue and submitted a detailed report to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. Following the CM’s directions, the Forest Department issued orders on Monday to keep the GO in abeyance.

CM to Present Caste Census Report in Delhi on July 24



TPN Correspondent | New Delhi
Telangana Congress MPs Convener and Nagarkurnool MP Dr. Mallu Ravi announced that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and Deputy Chief Minister Bhathi Vikramarka will visit Delhi on July 24. Addressing the media at Telangana Bhavan on Monday,

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Regardless of the intentions, the incident has once again highlighted the deep-rooted factionalism plaguing the Warangal Congress. Despite public calls for unity by the CM and TPCC leadership, ground-level infighting seems far from over. Party workers and grassroots

leaders are now expressing concern that this internal divide may harm the Congress's prospects in the upcoming local body elections. If unity isn't restored soon, they fear the party may lose crucial ground in one of its traditional strongholds.

CM to Present Caste Census Report in Delhi on July 24

Dr. Ravi said the expert committee's report on the caste census survey will be formally submitted to Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge. Later that evening, at 5 PM, CM Revanth Reddy will deliver a PowerPoint presentation at Indira Bhavan before all Congress MPs across the country, outlining the findings of the caste census and the state government's stance on BC reservations. Dr. Ravi stated that the Telangana Congress will also demand a discussion in Parliament for implementing 42 percent reservations for Backward Classes. Commenting on the ongoing controversy in Parliament, Dr. Ravi

said, "Whenever the Opposition demands a debate on Operation Sindoor, the House is deliberately adjourned. The government must reveal the truth to the people." He also questioned Prime Minister Narendra Modi's continued silence on the issue. On the matter of MLA Komati Reddy Rajagopal Reddy's remarks on CM Revanth Reddy, Dr. Ravi said the Congress High Command is reviewing the statements. He advised party leaders to raise concerns with the leadership rather than making public comments that could damage party unity. MPs Ramasahayam Raghuram Reddy, Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy, and Gaddam Vamsi Krishna also participated in the press conference.

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The decision comes after the Widespread protests from tribals across various districts, particularly those affected by the proposed conversion of 1.49 lakh hectares into the Kumuram Bheem Tiger Conservation Reserve. This reserve, earlier notified under GO 49 on June 30 by Forest Department Principal Secretary Ahmed Nadeem, included forest areas across Asifabad, Kerameri, Rebbena, Tiryani, Kagaznagar, Sirpur, Karjelli, Bejjur, and Penchikalpet ranges. After collecting inputs and seeking an additional report from the district collector, the government decided to put the GO in abeyance to avoid any distress to the 330 affected villages. Minister Konda Surekha reassured the tribal population, saying, "The people's government will never take any decision that goes against the interest of Adivasis. We stand by the children of the forest." Tribal Groups Protest Against GO 49... Earlier on Monday Widespread protests erupted across the joint Adilabad district on Saturday as

tribal groups staged a bandh demanding the immediate cancellation of Government Order (GO) No. 49, which was issued as part of the establishment of a new tiger reserve in the region. The protestors alleged that the move poses a serious threat to their lands, livelihoods, and long-standing habitation rights. Tribal protesters held a dharna in front of the Adilabad RTC depot, blocking buses and shouting slogans against the government's decision. Similar protests and shutdowns were observed in Asifabad, Sirpur Kagaznagar, Utnoor, Janaram, and Both Ichchoda, where many business establishments and schools voluntarily remained closed. In Utnoor, buses were confined to the depot as protestors blocked the gates. Mancherial's Dandepalli mandal also saw a complete shutdown, with private schools and commercial outlets joining the agitation. RTC services were disrupted across several towns due to road blockades and demonstrations.

Double Fine for Traffic Violations Involving Minors

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.

Rammohan Naidu Slams False Reports on Air India Crash

Naidu also stated that the government is taking proactive steps to prevent future aviation accidents, including advancements in safety protocols and expansion of airport infrastructure. The Air India crash last month in

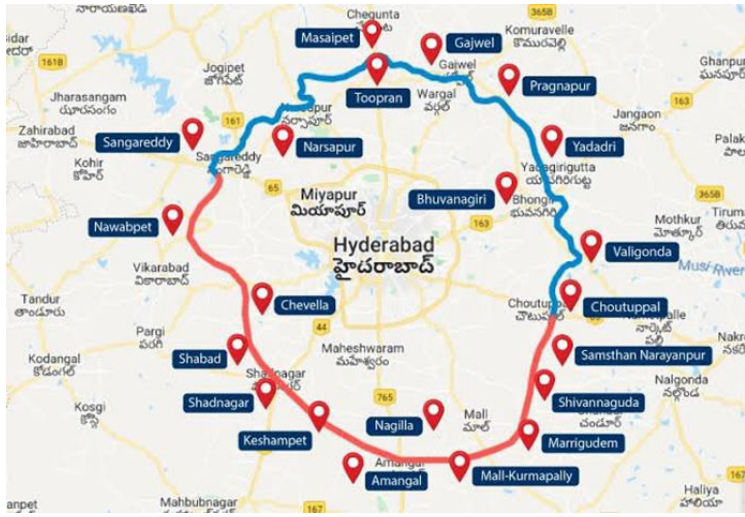
Ahmedabad raised several questions, prompting immediate investigation by aviation authorities. The final AAIB report is expected to provide comprehensive details on the cause and circumstances of the crash.

Outer Ring Train Finalized at 392 Km

Alignment via Aleru, Valigonda, Gullaguda, Masaipet and Gajwel; 26 new stations to come up

TPN | G. Avinash
Hyderabad: The final alignment of the much-awaited Outer Ring Train project—the first of its kind in the country—has been approved at a length of 392 km. This ambitious project, to be taken up by the South Central Railway, aims to connect eight districts and 14 mandals in Telangana, creating a circular railway route around Hyderabad.

The finalized route will pass through the districts of Medak, Sangareddy, Vikarabad, Ranga Reddy, Mahabubnagar, Nalgonda, Yadadri-Bhuvanagiri, and Siddipet. A total of 26 new railway stations will be constructed along this route. The estimated cost for the construction of this project is pegged at ₹12,070 crore. The final alignment has been confirmed via Aleru, Valigonda, Gullaguda, Masaipet, and Gajwel. Initially, when the Railway Department conducted a preliminary survey two years ago, the proposed route measured 508 kilometers. However, after final surveys and technical scrutiny, three proposals were



evaluated—508.45 km, 511.51 km, and 392.02 km. Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav and Union Minister Kishan Reddy suggested that the first two options were too distant from the proposed Regional Ring Road (RRR). The third alignment, though shorter, brings the rail closer to high-potential development zones and was thus approved by South Indian Railways. Compared to the earlier 508 km plan, this 392 km alignment brings the ring train within 3-5 km of the proposed 361 km Regional Ring Road encircling Hyderabad.

In two areas, the distance will be about 11 km. Notably, 'Rail over Rail' (ROR) bridges have been proposed at six key locations—Masaipet, Gullaguda, Burgula, Valigonda, Vangapalli, and Gajwel. These will involve construction of high-level flyovers above existing railway lines. Socio-economic benefits The Outer Ring Rail project is expected to be a major catalyst for regional development around Hyderabad. By aligning the route closer to the RRR, a new layer of transport-centric growth will emerge, blending rail and road connectivity.

This infrastructure will also enable integrated multimodal connectivity, linking buses and metro rail from the respective railway stations into urban areas. Such coordination will ensure smoother last-mile connectivity for passengers. Additionally, this project promotes environmentally friendly public transport, potentially reducing reliance on private vehicles. In turn, this can cut down on fuel consumption and harmful emissions, contributing to a greener urban ecosystem. The project is also anticipated to decentralize urban growth, extending the benefits of development to neighboring districts instead of concentrating everything in Hyderabad. Enhanced rail access will support the rise of new townships and balanced urbanization across the metropolitan region. With the final alignment confirmed, South Indian Railways is now preparing to send the Detailed Project Report (DPR) of the 392 km Outer Ring Train to the Railway Board for further approvals and funding clearance.

CM Reviews ATCs Progress, Orders Model Centre in Genome Valley

TPN Correspondent | Telangana

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has reviewed the progress of Advanced Technology Centers (ATCs) being developed across the state as part of the "Telangana Rising-2047" vision. During the review meeting with senior officials, the Chief Minister emphasized aligning courses and training in ATCs with the evolving needs of industries. The CM inquired about the current status of ATC development and instructed officials to ensure the completion of all phases within the stipulated timeline. He also warned that he would conduct surprise inspections to personally assess the progress at various locations. Officials informed the Chief Minister that 111 ATCs are being developed



across Telangana in three phases—25 in Phase-1, 40 in Phase-2, and 46 in Phase-3. So far, 49 ATCs have been made operational across the first two phases. To accelerate the remaining work, the CM directed the departments to consider partnering with skilled and reputed construction companies if necessary. Highlighting the importance of setting

an example, CM Revanth ordered the establishment of a model Advanced Technology Center at Genome Valley. He said the center should offer targeted courses to train youth in high-demand sectors such as pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, and life sciences. The Chief Minister asked officials to immediately begin preparations for this model ATC, including identification of required space and drafting of proposals for state-of-the-art infrastructure. This push for rapid and industry-oriented development of ATCs is expected to strengthen Telangana's skill ecosystem, making youth job-ready in emerging technologies while also supporting the broader goals of the Telangana Rising-2047 vision.

CM Revanth Congratulates Koneru Humpy on Historic Feat

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy extended his heartfelt wishes to Indian Grandmaster Koneru Humpy for creating history at the FIDE Women's Chess World Cup in Georgia. Humpy has become the first Indian woman to reach the semi-finals of the prestigious tournament, a feat that has brought immense pride to the Telugu-speaking community and the nation. In the quarter-finals held yesterday, Humpy secured a 1.5-0.5 victory over China's Yuxin Song, progressing confidently to the final four. Her strong performance has drawn applause from across the country, with prominent personalities from various fields lauding her success. Reacting to her achievement, CM Revanth Reddy said, "It is a matter of great pride that Koneru Humpy has reached the semi-finals of the World Cup. As the first Indian woman to achieve this, she has made all Telugu people proud. I wish her all the very best in the upcoming matches." Meanwhile, another nail-biting quarter-final between Dronavalli Harika and Divya Deshmukh ended in a draw across both classical games, pushing the match into a tiebreaker, which is scheduled for today. The FIDE Women's Chess World Cup continues to showcase the rising dominance of Indian women in global chess, with Telugu players making a particularly strong mark this year.



TGGENCO Strikes Banned for Six Months...

Govt prohibits strikes under Essential Services Act

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
The Telangana government has prohibited all forms of strike activity by employees of the Telangana Power Generation Corporation Limited (TGGENCO) for a period of six months. The ban, issued under the Telangana Essential Services Maintenance Act, 1971, will come into effect from July 27, according to a Government Order released on July 19.

"After careful consideration of the matter, the government is satisfied that it is necessary and expedient to prohibit strikes in public interest in TGGENCO," the Energy (HRAI) department stated in the order, signed by Special Principal Secretary Navin Mittal. The decision aims to ensure uninterrupted power generation services and maintain public interest amid operational challenges faced by the sector. **TGSPDCL Intensifies Action Against Bill Defaulters** Simultaneously, the Telangana State Southern Power Distribution Company Limited (TGSPDCL) has launched a large-scale recovery drive targeting pending dues, particularly from high tension (HT) consumers. The discom revealed that services to 728 non-functional HT connections across 15 districts, including Greater Hyderabad, were stopped due to non-payment. These defaulters collective-



ly owe around ₹600 crore. In addition, electricity supply to 9.19 lakh low tension (LT) connections has been disconnected, with total dues amounting to another ₹188 crore. The LT category primarily includes domestic and small commercial consumers. TGSPDCL Managing Director Md. Musharraf Faruqui stated that public notice boards will be placed outside the premises of defaulters, listing their names and outstanding dues. This move is intended to ensure transparency and increase pressure on consumers to clear arrears. TGSPDCL currently manages over 1.11 crore power connections across domestic, agricultural, commercial, industrial, and government sectors. The utility has urged consumers to settle their bills promptly to avoid disconnection and legal action.

Expert Panel Validates Telangana Caste Survey



TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
An expert committee led by former Supreme Court Judge B Sudarshan Reddy has submitted its review report on the Telangana caste survey to Chief

Minister A Revanth Reddy. The 300-page report was presented on July 19 at the Marri Chennareddy Human Resource Development Institute, calling the survey “scientific, credible, and a model for the entire

country.” The survey, officially titled the Social, Economic, Educational, Employment, Political and Caste Survey – 2024 (SEEEPCPS), was conducted to gather critical data aimed at advancing social justice and improving welfare schemes. The CM stated that the committee’s findings would help in addressing urban-rural disparities and tailoring state policies for the upliftment of backward communities.

CM Revanth vows to use data for social justice

“The survey results will be a strong foundation to empower the weaker sections and ensure social justice,” said Revanth Reddy. He also directed the committee to identify specific needs of the people and suggest policy directions. The report is set to be discussed in the upcoming cabinet meeting, and the government has committed to act upon the suggestions made. **Caste Survey 2024: Coverage and Findings**

The Telangana caste survey was conducted in two phases. The first phase ran from November 6 to December 25, 2024, covering 96.9% of families. The second phase, held between February 16 and 28, 2025, provided an opportunity for missed households to register through Mee Seva centers, GHMC, MPDO offices, and a dedicated website. As per the final figures, the state has a total of 1,15,71,457 households and a population

of 3,55,50,759. Out of these, 1,12,36,849 families (97.10%) successfully registered. The demographic composition recorded:
• SCs: 61,91,294 (17.42%)
• STs: 37,08,408 (10.43%)
• BCs: 2,00,37,668 (56.36%)
• Others: 56,13,389 (15.89%)
With this data, the Telangana government aims to not only enhance existing welfare schemes but also formulate new ones with greater precision and inclusivity.

Dalit Bandhu Funds Secure in Collector’s Account: Bhatti



TPN Correspondent | Khammam
Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu clarified that all Dalit Bandhu scheme funds are securely deposited in the District Collector’s account and should be used only for the intended purpose of starting professions and businesses by the selected beneficiaries. Speaking at a fund distribution program in Chintakani mandal of Madhira constituency on Monday, he emphasized that the scheme must not be misused through the sale or diversion of units. Addressing the gathering, Bhatti recalled that Chintakani mandal was chosen as a pilot project during his tenure as CLP leader, and that the process of fund distribution had resumed as promised after the elections. He stated that there are 3,465 beneficiaries in Chintakani mandal and that funds for all of them have been deposited in the collector’s account. However, he noted a troubling development: 1,387 Dalit Bandhu units have been reportedly sold or diverted. The Deputy CM made it clear that such sales are invalid and go against the core purpose of the scheme. “Dalit Bandhu units are not tradable assets. Beneficiaries cannot sell them, and others cannot buy them,” he said. District authorities are actively investigating these deviations. So far, an inquiry into 214 units has been completed, and the identified eligible beneficiaries are now being issued cheques as part of the second tranche. Bhatti urged those receiving the funds to responsibly operate their chosen professions and businesses, build financial stability, and become role models for others in the community. District Collector Anudeep Durisetty and other officials were present at the program, which marks a renewed effort to strengthen the implementation and accountability of the Dalit Bandhu scheme at the grassroots level.

70 Paise Missing in Congress Loan Waiver Math...

TPN Correspondent | Siddipet
BRS senior leader and Siddipet MLA Harish Rao came down heavily on the Congress government, alleging that it has only implemented a 30 paise loan waiver out of every rupee promised, evading the remaining 70 paise. Speaking at a key meeting of party workers in Pragayapur of Siddipet district, Harish Rao said the Bharat Rashtra Samiti, under KCR’s leadership, ensured water availability for cultivation even during summers—highlighting the lift scheme installed in Hal-



di Vagu to support villages like

Gaddar’s. He stated that revolutionary singer Gaddar himself appreciated the work done under KCR’s regime. In contrast, Harish Rao accused the current Congress government of failing to support farmers, especially during the Yasangi season, and claimed that small-scale cultivators were left without assistance. He also condemned what he called illegal cases being filed against BRS leaders and workers and urged party cadre to work with unity and ensure victory in

all mandals during the upcoming local body elections. Drawing comparisons between the past and present, Harish Rao said, “Chandrababu Naidu himself once said that if you sell an acre in Telangana, you can buy 10 acres in Andhra Pradesh after KCR became CM. But now the situation is reversed.” He remarked that under Revanth Reddy’s two-year rule, land prices have fallen drastically and warned, “If Revanth stays for two more years, you will have to sell 10 acres in Telangana to buy one acre in AP.”

My Own Party Leaders Involved in the Attack: MLA Sri Ganesh

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
In a sensational revelation, Cantonment Congress MLA Sri Ganesh has alleged that some members within his own party are conspiring to assassinate him. Speaking to the media, Sri Ganesh claimed that there have been attempts on his life from within the Congress party itself and shockingly alleged that the conspirators enjoy the backing of a minister. “My own party leaders tried to kill me. I am under serious threat,” Sri Ganesh stated. He revealed that he had filed an oral complaint with the DCP three days ago, alerting the police that his life is in danger. “They are threatening to kill me. I informed the police and submitted a formal complaint,” the MLA said, adding that despite his efforts to alert the authorities, the threats have not stopped. He further demanded protection and accountability for the



threats being made against him. OU Police Speed Up Probe... In a shocking development late Sunday night, an alleged attempt to attack Secunderabad MLA Sri Ganesh was reported near Tarnaka, Hyderabad. The Osmania University (OU) police have launched a swift investigation into the incident, which took place around 8:40 PM on Sunday. According to the complaint filed by the MLA, the incident oc-

curred while he was on his way to attend a Palaram Bandi procession in Manikeshwar Nagar. As his car approached the Tarnaka RTC Hospital area, a group of youths riding bikes reportedly followed and blocked his vehicle, creating panic and commotion. “They followed us from Tarnaka, and surrounded our car with bikes on both sides. Around three people on ten bikes hit the windows and tried to break in. It was clearly a pre-planned attack,”

MLA Sri Ganesh told the media. The MLA also alleged that the attackers attempted to snatch the weapon of his personal gunman, who was with him during the incident. He acted quickly and sought help from the OU police station, located just 200 meters away, and formally lodged a complaint. OU police teams immediately swung into action and began examining CCTV footage from nearby areas, including cameras near RTC Hospital, where the incident reportedly peaked. The attackers were last seen heading towards Adikmet on motorcycles. The allegations of MLA Ganesh have triggered a storm in political circles, with questions being raised about internal strife within the Congress party. So far, there has been no official response from the Congress leadership or the concerned minister reportedly involved.

Bowing to Liquor Mafia: Srinivas Goud Warns Revanth Govt

TPN Correspondent | Telangana
BRS leader and former minister Srinivas Goud has launched a scathing attack on the Revanth Reddy-led Congress government, accusing it of surrendering to the liquor mafia and attempting to destroy caste-based professions like toddy tapping. Addressing the media, Srinivas Goud alleged that the government is conspiring to eliminate traditional professions by projecting toddy as adulterated and promoting the interests of corporate liquor businesses. Goud warned that the government would face severe backlash if it attempts to shut down toddy shops. “We will not remain silent. If toddy outlets are closed in the name of adulteration, we will take strong action. We are preparing to launch a



movement to destabilize this anti-caste-profession government,” he said. He alleged that the Congress administration has made plans to first ban toddy shops within the Outer Ring Road limits and then extend the ban across Telangana. “If toddy is banned, lakhs of people who depend on this profession will end up on the streets. The government will not have peace,” he cautioned. Srinivas Goud further

claimed that all major liquor companies and distilleries are controlled by just one or two people and accused the government of yielding to their pressure. “This is a clear ploy driven by liquor commissions. They are deliberately trying to ban toddy by mixing harmful substances in it and then blaming the toddy tappers,” he said. He also alleged that the state government is turning a blind eye to the sale of banned beer brands from other states in Telangana. “The real problem is not adulterated toddy, but the unchecked activities of the liquor mafia, which the Congress government is protecting,” he added. The remarks have stirred political ripples, with expectations of intensified protests from communities dependent on caste-based occupations like toddy tapping.

VH Demands Clarity from BJP on BC Reservation

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
Senior Congress leader and former MP V. Hanumantha Rao has demanded that the BJP-led Centre take a clear stand on the issue of BC reservations, stating that the coming Parliament sessions will reveal whether the Modi government truly supports the backward classes or merely uses them for political mileage. Speaking at Gandhi Bhavan on the occasion of AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge’s birthday celebrations, Hanumantha Rao praised the Telangana Congress government for conducting a caste census, which he described as a significant step toward ensuring justice for backward communities. “Some said a caste census would never happen. But our government has done it,” he said, targeting critics and skeptics. “If they are truly committed to the



welfare of backward classes, they should act in Parliament,” he added. Taking a dig at the Prime Minister, he asked, “Will OBC Modi approve the BC Bill as Prime Minister or not?” and added that the upcoming sessions would make clear “who supports BCs and who opposes them.” Hanumantha Rao also criticized internal BJP dynam-

ics, noting, “When two BC leaders fight for the state president post, the party ends up giving it to an OC.” He urged BC communities to unite and be vigilant. Concluding his remarks, the Congress leader reaffirmed his party’s stand: “The Congress high command is fully supportive of increasing reservations for backward classes.”

Tollywood Celebs Summoned by ED



TPN Correspondent | V. Krishna kumar
The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has stepped up its crackdown on alleged money laundering activities linked to betting apps, creating significant waves in the Tollywood film industry. The agency has issued summons to multiple prominent film celebrities, ordering them to appear for investigations without fail. This move follows a case registered jointly by the Hyderabad and Cyberabad Commissionerate police, which uncovered widespread illegal financial transactions channeled through hawala networks. The ED's investigation points towards

large-scale money laundering involving not only film personalities but also celebrities from various fields, including YouTubers. Notices have been sent to well-known actors Rana, Prakash Raj, and Manchu Lakshmi, among others. These celebrities have been directed to present themselves for questioning on specified dates—Rana on July 23, Prakash Raj on July 30, and Manchu Lakshmi on August 13. The summons also demand that the celebrities bring comprehensive documents such as bank account statements, audit books, and details from their auditors to facilitate a thorough inquiry. In addition to targeting individuals, the ED has summoned major technology companies like Google and Meta to appear for investigation concerning their platforms' involvement with betting apps. Officials believe that these platforms may have been instrumental in facilitating the illegal transactions. The ED's firm stance highlights its resolve to uncover the root sources of these financial irregularities and ensure accountability. The recent notices and summons have sparked consider-



able apprehension within the Tollywood community, as the probe threatens to expose deeper connections between the entertainment industry and the betting app syndicates. As the investigation progresses, many are watching closely to see how the case unfolds and the extent to which it impacts the film fraternity.

Heavy Rains Lash Hyderabad as IMD Issues Orange Alert



TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
The India Meteorological Department (IMD) Hyderabad has issued a warning for very heavy monsoon rains across Hyderabad and several districts of Telangana on

July 21 and 22. In light of this, the department has declared an orange alert for Monday and Tuesday, signalling intense rainfall activity. Following these two days of intense showers, the IMD has forecast continued heavy

rains for another two days, although with slightly reduced intensity. Weather expert T. Balaji, known for his accurate forecasts, echoed the IMD's prediction. He said East, Central, and South Telangana will witness very heavy rainfall from evening through morning, with peak intensity overnight. For North and West Telangana, he predicted downpours primarily during late afternoon hours. In Hyderabad, Balaji forecast one or two heavy spells from late afternoon into the early hours of the next morning. The IMD has also forecast gusty winds to persist across the state, including

Hyderabad, until July 24. In response, a yellow alert has been issued for the city through July 23. Meanwhile, the maximum temperature across Telangana has seen a decline, with the lowest recorded at 29.4°C in Rajanna Sircilla. In Hyderabad, Maredpally recorded the city's lowest maximum temperature at 29.8°C. With continuous rains expected and weather conditions deteriorating, officials have advised the public to remain cautious and avoid unnecessary travel. The ongoing monsoon activity is likely to bring further drops in temperature across the region.



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Daytime Drunk Driving Checks Continue in Hyderabad

TPN | V. Krishna Kumar
Hyderabad: Daytime drunk driving checks carried out by the Sultan Bazaar Traffic Police Station are drawing attention across Hyderabad. Traffic DCP Srinivas himself participated in the ongoing drive at Kothi Rangamahall Circle, reinforcing the seriousness of the initiative. Speaking to the media, DCP Srinivas revealed that these checks are being conducted as part of a four-day surprise operation launched under the directions of Hyderabad Police Commissioner and Joint Commissioner of Traffic. The objective is clear: to curb accidents and enhance road safety, especially during the daytime. "It is extremely concerning that some of the individuals caught under the influence were found to be carrying school children as passengers," said Srinivas, highlighting the gravity of the violations being discovered. To avoid causing traffic disruption, the checks are being strategical-

ly carried out only when traffic signals are red, ensuring smooth



movement for the general public. In the checks conducted over the past two days, 12 individuals were caught on the first day and 6 on the second, indicating a notable problem. However, not a single person was caught in the checks held during the last half hour today, a sign that awareness is gradually improving among motorists. "These checks are not just a temporary measure. They will continue until we witness a complete behavioral change among the driving public," DCP Srinivas asserted.

Architecture Student Dies by Suicide at Woxsen University

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A second-year architecture student at Woxsen University in Sangareddy died by suicide in his hostel room on Monday. The deceased, identified as 19-year-old Rushikesh from Saroor Nagar in Hyderabad, was found hanging by the hostel staff, who immediately alerted the authorities.

According to Municipality police, the incident took place in the early hours of Monday. Rushikesh was reportedly alone in his room when he took the extreme step. His body was discovered after hostel staff grew suspicious when he failed to respond. Police have recovered his mobile phone from the room and are currently analyzing its contents to determine any clues about the motive



behind the suicide. As part of the investigation, they are also questioning his friends, hostel mates, and family members to understand his mental state in the days leading up to the incident. Officials said no suicide note was recovered from the scene. A case has been registered, and further investigation is ongoing to establish the exact reasons behind the tragic incident.

AIMIM Begins Milad-un-Nabi Preparations

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With just over a month remaining for the auspicious occasion of Milad-un-Nabi, the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimin (AIMIM) has begun its preparations to ensure smooth and grand celebrations across Hyderabad. Milad-un-Nabi, which marks the birth anniversary of Prophet Muhammad, is expected to be observed this year on September 5, depending on the sighting of the crescent moon. A review meeting was held at the AIMIM headquarters in Darussalam to chalk out the arrangements. The meeting was led by AIMIM General Secretary Syed Ahmed Pasha Quadri and attended by Yakutpura MLA Jaffar Hussain Meraj, Karwan MLA Kausar Mohiuddin, MLC Mirza Rahmat Baig Quadri, and other senior officials and party workers. During the meeting, party leaders discussed logistics, security, processions, and public facilities to be arranged for the two-day celebration, which is traditionally held on the 11th and 12th of Rabi-ul-Awwal—the third month in the Islamic calendar. Special focus was laid on maintaining communal harmony and managing public safety, especially in light of Ganesh Chaturthi falling on August 27 this year. There is a possibility that the Ganesh immersion processions could coincide with Milad-un-Nabi celebrations, raising the need for coordinated efforts with city authorities. Although the exact date of the festival will be confirmed only after the sighting of the moon, AIMIM has taken a proactive approach by beginning early preparations to facilitate devotees and ensure that the event is conducted peacefully and with religious fervor. The party is expected to hold further coordination meetings with government departments and community leaders in the coming weeks.



Neighbour Harassment Drives Disabled Girl to Suicide

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A tragic incident has unfolded in the Almasguda area under Meerpet police jurisdiction, where a young disabled girl took her own life following repeated harassment and an attempted rape by a local youth named Srikanth. The girl, whose family hails from Prakasam district, lived with her father, brother, and another disabled sister. According to police reports, the victim, who earned a living through tailoring at home, had befriended Srikanth, a neighbor. Approximately twenty days ago, Srikanth allegedly attempted to rape her when she was alone at home. The girl resisted, and Srikanth fled the scene. Deeply traumatized, she attempted suicide by cutting her throat with a blade. After receiving medical treatment and returning home, the harassment continued, with Srikanth allegedly subjecting her to ongoing sexual harassment. The situation escalated when Srikanth threatened to kill the girl's parents if she disclosed the incident to anyone. Overwhelmed by fear for her family's safety, the girl took her own life by hanging herself. Following a complaint from the victim's parents, who attributed their daughter's death to Srikanth's persistent harassment, the Meerpet police have registered a case and launched an investigation. Authorities are working to gather evidence and bring the accused to justice. This heartbreaking incident has sparked outrage in the community, raising concerns about the safety of vulnerable individuals and the need for stronger measures to prevent such tragedies. The victim's father narrated the incident to the media. He said that the police yet to register the case.



Charminar to Glow with New Lights

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The stretch from Nayapul to Charminar in the Old City is set to receive an architectural lighting makeover under the second phase of the Swachh Iconic Places programme. Approved for ₹8.19 crore, the project aims to illuminate key heritage landmarks including Laad Bazaar, the four Char Kaman arches (Charminar Kaman, Machli Kaman, Kali Kaman, Sher-e-Batil ki Kaman), and surrounding structures. The Quli Qutb Shah Urban Development Authority (QQSUDA) has issued tenders for specialized lighting installation. Approximately ₹5.8 crore has been allocated for electrical and lighting fixtures, which will include dynamic, color-shifting illumination designed to highlight intricate architectural details across these centu-

ries-old Islamic-era monuments. The initiative sponsored by NTPC under its CSR programme will be overseen by QQSUDA in coordination with the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC). This beautification is part of the integrated development plan for Charminar under the national Swachh Iconic Places scheme, enhancing the monument's evening appeal while preserving its cultural significance. Although tender delays pushed the launch from January, officials expect work to begin shortly after contracts are finalised. Once completed, this lighting project promises to transform the Old City's evening ambiance by blending the historic charm of its landmarks with sophisticated urban illumination.



Agri Market Will Be Ready by Sankranti: Thummala

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Minister Thummala Nageswara Rao has announced that the modernization works at the Khammam Agricultural Market will be completed by Sankranti. During his inspection of the ongoing works, the minister emphasized the importance of quality and directed officials not to compromise at any stage of execution. He revealed that the market upgrade is being carried out at a cost of ₹150 crore and aims to transform it into a model agricultural market in the state. He instructed authorities to construct six gates for better access and management around the market premises. “We are setting up all necessary facilities to ensure smooth functioning of the market,” said Minister Thummala. He assured that those who lost space during the market expansion will be allotted new places. He also stated that efforts are being made to maintain a pleasant and organized environment around the market area. The minister expressed confidence that the project would be a landmark for Khammam and serve as a reference point for other districts once completed.



681 Dialysis Patients Sanctioned Pension by Govt

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In a significant welfare move, the state government has sanctioned pensions for 681 new dialysis patients. Minister for Women and Child Welfare Seethakka signed the official file, marking another step forward in the government's commitment to support those with chronic health issues. Before the Praja government assumed office, 4,011 dialysis patients were receiving social pensions. Following the change in administration, that number slightly increased to 4,029 patients. Now, with the latest approval, an additional 681 patients will be included under the pension scheme. These beneficiaries were identified by the Arogyasri Health Care Trust, which recognized dialysis patients undergoing treatment across various hospitals. Post-verification by SERP (Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty), the sanction for pensions was granted. Of the 681 new beneficiaries, a significant majority—629 patients—are receiving treatment in Hyderabad. The remaining 52 patients are distributed across other districts in the state. Officials said the decision to extend pensions was taken after carefully assessing the patients' health and economic status, noting that most are unable to engage in full-time work due to the intensity of their treatment and condition. These newly added pensioners will begin receiving their monthly pension from next month, providing critical financial relief during their ongoing treatment.

Govt Teacher Dies by Suicide Over RS.7 Crore Debt

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A government school teacher in Telangana's Medak district died by suicide on July 19, reportedly due to mounting financial pressure from a ₹7 crore debt. The deceased, identified as K Ramesh, had taken large sums of money from several individuals, many of whom were clients in a chit fund he ran to support his real estate ventures. According to police, Ramesh had borrowed from various investors, promising returns from his property-related dealings. However, after incurring heavy losses, he struggled to repay the amounts. In an effort to manage the debt, he sold a few of his properties and repaid some clients. Despite his efforts, several cheques issued by Ramesh were dishonoured, prompting multiple investors to approach the court seeking redress. Facing mounting legal and personal pressure, Ramesh allegedly took the extreme step. The incident has sparked concern over growing financial risks taken by individuals involved in informal investment schemes. Police have registered a case and are investigating further.

Inform On Anti-Social Acts, Identity Will Be Kept Secret: DSP

TPN | Anvesh Reddy
Bhadradri Kothagudem: A community connect program was organized under the leadership of Il-landu DSP Chandrabhanu on Monday in 21 Pit Area Tilak Nagar and Vijayalakshmi Nagar, under the jurisdiction of the Il-landu Police Station. This initiative, held as per the instructions of Bhadradri Kothagudem District SP Rohit Raju IPS, aimed at strengthening local policing and curbing anti-social activities ahead of the upcoming elections. As part of the program, surprise inspections were carried out in the colony areas. During these checks, police seized 15 autos and 52 bikes that



were found without valid documents and imposed fines accordingly. In a focused effort to eliminate illegal narcotics, searches were also conducted with the help of sniffer dogs to detect banned substances like ganja. Following the inspections, a meeting with local residents was conducted where DSP Chandrabhanu made several appeals. He urged citizens to immediately report any information about individuals involved in illegal or anti-social activities such as matka, gambling, betting, and ganja transportation. He assured that the identity of informants will be kept

confidential. He emphasized that these programs are part of proactive policing strategies designed to maintain peace and prevent untoward incidents, especially in view of the upcoming elections. “We are here to support the public and will coordinate with relevant authorities to resolve any local issues,” DSP Chandrabhanu said. He also encouraged residents to enhance security by installing CCTV cameras in their respective areas and cooperate with law enforcement in building a safer community. The program witnessed the participation of around 80 police officers and staff.

Police Crack Down on Drug Use

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The Nalgonda district police have intensified efforts to curb marijuana and drug usage across the region. With regular vehicle checks, targeted patrols in isolated areas, and surprise inspections at public spaces like bus stands, railway stations, and lodges, the police are cracking down on both users and peddlers. To aid this operation, the state government has equipped all 37 police stations in the district with a total of 1,350 marijuana detection kits. These kits, which function similarly to breathalyzers, help detect drug usage through a color indicator—turning red if narcotics are present in the body. Drug traces can remain detectable for up to six months after consumption. In the past year, around 12,600 individuals were tested, and 450 were found to have used marijuana or other drugs. Police have taken legal action where necessary, and counseling was provided to all identified users. Six individuals were sent to a de-addiction center for rehabilitation. According to officials, trained narcotics vigilantes are conducting frequent checks. Special teams have been formed to monitor district borders and prevent the inflow of narcotics. Authorities are also holding awareness programs in educational institutions to inform youth about the dangers of drug abuse. “We are committed to eradicating drug usage in the district. Along with enforcement, we're focusing on counseling, rehabilitation, and awareness,” said a senior police officer. The drive is part of a broader state-wide initiative to combat drug abuse and ensure public safety.



Student Dies by Suicide at Telangana Welfare College

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A 19-year-old student, Gaddam Santhosh, died by suicide on Saturday morning, July 19, at a government residential welfare college in Velpur, Nizamabad district. His body was found hanging from a tree within the campus, shortly after a routine morning physical exercise session. Santhosh, reportedly last seen around 6:40 am when he went to bathe after the exercise session. By 7:40 am, he was discovered hanging from a tree, prompting immediate alerts to the police and his family. His body was shifted to a government hospital in Armoor for postmortem before being handed over to relatives. Coming from a financially disadvantaged background, Santhosh's father works in Dubai,

while his two brothers are employed in Hyderabad. According to college officials, Santhosh had returned to campus after the summer break on July 9 and was academically strong. However, the college's in-charge Regional Coordinator, G Punachandar Rao, noted that Santhosh had recently shifted from Telugu to English medium, suggesting it might have added pressure on him. Meanwhile, the family is not convinced by the explanation. Santhosh's brother, Sreenu, filed a formal complaint at the Armoor police station, alleging that the college principal and physical education trainer were responsible for his brother's death. Police have registered a case and launched an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the incident.

Nagarjunasagar 8th Turbine to Restart Soon

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The 8th unit turbine at the Nagarjunasagar hydroelectric project has been out of operation since April but is expected to be back online by early August. The turbine, designed by the indigenous 'Bel' company, is currently undergoing final maintenance and testing. Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka recently inspected the project and emphasized the state's focus on revitalizing hydro, wind, and solar power plants. Highlighting the increased electricity demand—from 15,000 MW two years ago to over 17,000 MW last year—he directed officials to ensure all hydro units are operational to meet growing needs. Work on the 8th turbine's 'overoiling' process is over 60% complete, with the remaining tasks to be

finished within a week. Officials expect the turbine to generate electricity following a successful



trial run. However, safety concerns have been raised as emergency contact boards at the plant still display outdated police numbers, pointing to lapses in updating safety protocols. Authorities have been urged to address these issues promptly while expediting turbine commissioning.

Man Jumps into Jurala Project...

TPN Correspondent | Jogulamba Gadwal
A tragic incident occurred on the Gadwal-Jurala project road on Sunday, when a youth identified as Mahesh from Bhullupadu village, Shantinagar mandal, jumped into the Jurala project fearing the consequences of a road accident. According to reports, Mahesh was driving a car while speaking on a cell phone and ended up colliding with a two-wheeler. The person riding the bike, Janakiramulu, sustained injuries in the accident. In a panic after the collision, Mahesh reportedly abandoned the vehicle and jumped into the nearby Jurala project canal near the 48th gate. Locals who witnessed the inci-



dent immediately informed the police and rescue teams. Search operations are underway at the 48th gate of the Jurala project to trace Mahesh. Meanwhile, Janakiramulu has been shifted to a hospital for treatment. Authorities are continuing their investigation into the case, and local officials have urged motorists to avoid using cell phones while driving, as such negligence can lead to life-threatening situations.

Major Theft at Suryapet Jewellery Shop

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A burglary took place at Sai Santoshi's jewellery shop in Suryapet, where thieves made away with approximately 18 kilograms of gold and Rs 22 lakh in cash. According to the shop owner, Kishore, the criminals broke into the shop by removing the shutter from the rear side using a gas cutter, indicating a well-planned and professional operation. The theft was discovered when the owner arrived at the shop and immediately reported the incident to the police. Superintendent of Police Narasimha inspected the crime scene

personally and stated that five investigation teams have been constituted to track down and apprehend the suspects. He revealed that the theft appears to have been premeditated, with the thieves carrying out detailed reconnaissance before executing the robbery. The police are currently collecting all relevant information regarding the stolen gold and cash, while probing the modus operandi and reviewing any available evidence. The investigation is ongoing, and officials assured that all efforts are being made to bring the perpetrators to justice.



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 Pahal-gam.

"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 Pahal-gam, 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 Bangla-

"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.



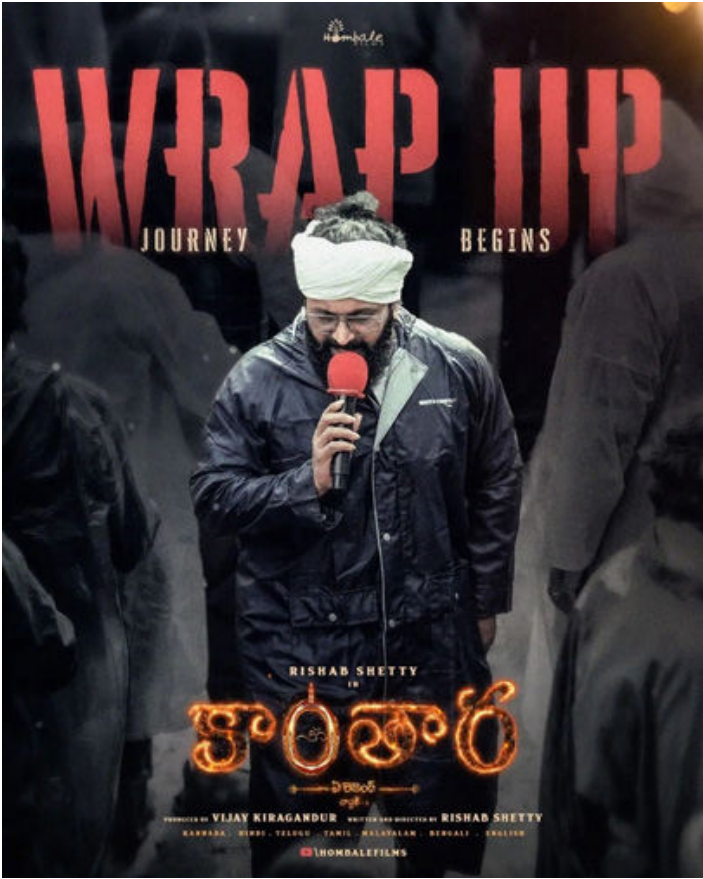
Kantara Chapter 1 Making Video Unveiled: A Glimpse Into the Magnum Opus

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.

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.



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