



Satellite Survey for Crops: CM Chandrababu's Big Push

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu has directed officials to collect crop details through satellite survey as part of a comprehensive push to strengthen the agricultural sector. In a high-level review held at the Secretariat on Tuesday, the CM conducted an in-depth four-hour discussion on agriculture and allied sectors, issuing several key directives. He noted that the satellite survey results from Bhalabhadrapuram in East Godavari district were promising and suggested comparing this data with on-ground field information. He emphasized guiding farmers to cultivate consistent crop types in designated areas and ensuring sustained support through Rythu Seva Kendras. The CM also ordered that after the completion of the land survey, agricultural records must be updated along with revenue records. Highlighting the importance of irrigation, he instructed officials to ensure water release through all canals up to the last ayacut. He also stressed the need to provide irrigation water to the Guntur region via the Nagarjuna Sagar right canal. The CM plans to hold virtual meetings with irrigation associa-



tions for direct engagement. To improve agricultural support, the CM proposed the use of AI chat bots for crop planning, technical help, and value addition. Officials informed him that eKYC for 47.41 lakh farmers had been completed under the 'Annadatha Sukhibhava' scheme. He directed that eligible farmers be identified through e-Panta and receive timely financial assistance. Naidu expressed concern over declining soil fertility due to excessive use of chemical inputs and pushed for a shift toward natural farming and organic

fertilizers. He said that organic certification would boost exports to countries like Japan and Taiwan and noted that this process would be fast-tracked through a partnership with Tata. He also recommended integrated pest management and drone use to reduce pesticide reliance. For urban connectivity, the CM ordered the launch of mobile farmers' markets at apartment complexes and called for an action plan within 30 days.

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Support Price Announced for Totapuri Mango Farmers

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In a much-needed relief to Totapuri mango farmers, the Central Government on Tuesday announced a support price of ₹1,490 per quintal, with the cost shared equally by the Centre and the Andhra Pradesh State Government. The cash will be directly deposited into the bank accounts of eligible mango farmers, ensuring timely and transparent disbursement of support. This major decision follows sustained efforts by Andhra Pradesh Agriculture Minister Kinjarapu Atchannaidu, who had earlier toured the Chittoor district and met with farmers and pulp factory representatives to assess the crisis caused by a sharp fall in mango prices due to a bumper crop this year. With pulp factories offering lower rates, Minister Atchannaidu promptly brought the issue to the notice of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu. Responding quickly, CM Chandrababu Naidu directed that pulp factories should procure mangoes at ₹8 per kg, while the government would extend a ₹4 per kg subsidy to ensure farmers receive a remunerative ₹12 per kg price. This initiative was aimed at protecting farmers from distress sales and ensuring a fair price for their produce. A few days ago, Minister Atchannaidu took the issue to the national level during his visit to Delhi. He met with Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and appealed for central support. The announcement of the ₹1,490 support price per quintal is the result of that intervention, and both governments will now split the subsidy equally. The decision has brought cheer among Totapuri mango farmers, who expressed their gratitude to CM Chandrababu Naidu, Minister Atchannaidu, and the Central Government for standing by them during this challenging time. They appreciated the swift action and unified effort that ensured they would not face losses despite the surplus yield. Minister Atchannaidu welcomed the Centre's move and said that this is the first time such a ₹4 per kg subsidy has been provided, which is unparalleled in the country. He also pointed out that the support provided to farmers in Andhra Pradesh is superior to that offered in neighboring states like Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. He extended special thanks to CM Chandrababu Naidu and Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan for giving priority to the concerns of mango farmers and enabling this timely support.



Cabinet Panel Formed to Study Renaming of AP Districts, Mandals

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In a significant move, the Andhra Pradesh government has constituted a cabinet sub-committee to examine changes in the names and boundaries of districts, mandals, and villages across the state. This decision follows requests from local residents and public representatives seeking alignment with historical, cultural, and administrative considerations. The sub-committee comprises seven ministers—Anani Satya Prasad, Ponguru Narayana, Vangalapudi Anitha, BC Janardhan Reddy, Nim-mala Ramanaidu, Nadendla Manohar, and Satyakumar Yadav. The Special Chief Secretary of the Revenue Department will serve as the convener for the panel. According to the government's directive, the committee will assess several key aspects before finalizing recommendations. These include the geographical proximity of existing administrative boundaries, the socio-economic and cultural history of the regions, and the developmental needs based on population and terrain. Importantly, the sub-committee has been instructed to factor in feedback from the general public and elected representatives.

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Pawan Kalyan Slams YCP on Liquor Scam...

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Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister and Jana Sena Party chief Pawan Kalyan has made explosive remarks about the alleged liquor scam during the previous YSRCP regime, calling it a "scam of thousands of crores." Speaking in an exclusive interview to a Telugu news channel, he said the extent of the scam is vast and uncertain, stating, "I don't know how far this will go." Pawan alleged that the liquor scam is not a fabricated issue but one with serious consequences. "They spoke of prohibition but gave licenses to their favorite companies. Adulterated liquor was sold, leading to several deaths and neurological diseases. This is undeniable evidence of the scam," he said. On whether the arrest of former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy would require permission from the Centre, Pawan said it's too



early to comment. "I cannot say anything at this point," he added. Criticizing the YSRCP leadership further, he condemned the violent rhetoric being used by some party leaders. "They are still threatening people with statements like 'we will cut and kill.' If anyone talks like it's the Middle Ages, they will face consequences in today's law and order

system," he warned. However, when asked what he would do if Jagan came to power again, Pawan countered the question, indicating confidence in the current public mandate.

Pawan on Nagababu's Ministerial Role

In the same interview, Pawan Kalyan also addressed the ongoing speculation around his brother and Jana Sena MLC Nagababu being offered a ministerial post. He said the matter was under the purview of Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu. "There's been no discussion from my side on this. The CM has to make a decision. Sometimes, such complexities are natural in politics," he said. Previously, there was speculation that Nagababu was made MLC as a precursor to being inducted into the Cabinet. However, no such appointment has materialized so far, leaving the issue open-ended.

Anantha Babu Driver Murder Case Reopened

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In a major development, the SC and ST Special Court in Rajahmundry has granted permission for a further investigation into the high-profile murder case of YSRCP leader Anantha Babu's driver and Dalit youth, Subrahmanyam. The court directed the investigating authorities to file a supplementary charge sheet within 90 days. The Special Investigation Team (SIT), which has taken up the case under the new coalition government, recently submitted a formal request to the court seeking approval for a more comprehensive probe. Considering the merits, the court gave a green signal to reopen the investigation. The case dates back to May 19, 2022, when Subrahmanyam was brutally murdered in Kakinada. The incident sparked statewide outrage, especially after the driver's body was left at his doorstep. During a press briefing at the time, then-SP Ravindranath Babu disclosed that Anantha Babu had con-



fessed to the crime. Following the confession, Babu was remanded to Rajahmundry Central Jail but was later granted interim bail. The victim's family has consistently demanded justice, urging the government to hand over the case to the CBI and ensure strict action against Anantha Babu. After the NDA-led alliance took charge in Andhra Pradesh, the government responded by extending financial support to the bereaved family and appointing senior advocate Muppalla Subbarao as a special public prosecutor to strengthen the legal proceedings.

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Amaravati Phase 2 Land Pooling Decision After CSC Meet

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AP Municipal Administration Minister Ponguru Narayana stated that a decision regarding the second phase of land pooling in Amaravati will be taken after detailed discussions in the cabinet sub-committee. He informed that the matter will be brought up in the next cabinet meeting, and a final decision will be announced as per the instructions of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu. Minister Narayana made these remarks during his visit to the Amaravati capital region on Monday. He inspected the progress of various major constructions, including MLA and MLC quarters, residential complexes for All India Services officers, bungalows for ministers, judges, and principal secretaries, as well as the Secretariat Iconic Towers. Speaking to the media, he emphasized that around 10,000 acres are needed by the CRDA for developing key infrastructure like an international airport, sports city, and commercial hubs. He pointed out that if the required land is acquired, there could be potential losses



to those involved. He added that some farmers from the concerned villages have expressed their willingness for land pooling rather than land acquisition, urging the government to take up the second phase of consolidation. Narayana also revealed that during the previous cabinet meeting, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu had raised a question about whether this matter was being discussed by the cabinet sub-committee constituted for land allotment to various institutions in Amaravati. The Minister reiterated that once the sub-committee concludes its discussions, the government will take an appropriate call aligned with the Chief Minister's vision.



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He also urged the expansion of horticultural crops through micro-farming and micro-irrigation, especially in Rayalaseema. In the fisheries and livestock sectors, he suggested using an app to provide marine information to fishermen and promoting seaweed cultivation. Farmers producing quality aqua products as per international standards will receive subsidies. A 15% growth target has been set for the livestock sector. During the review, the Chief Minister appreciated the coconut-based products of the company 'Coco Munj' and congratulated its representative. The review was attended by Agriculture Minister Atchannaidu and senior officials from relevant departments.

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Suggestions and objections received from local stakeholders will play a central role in the decision-making process. The aim is to redefine the boundaries and names of administrative units to ensure they are practical, inclusive, and development-oriented. The Chief Secretary to the government, K. Vijayanand, has issued orders directing the Revenue Department and Chief Commissioner of Land Administration (CCLA) to initiate the necessary measures to facilitate this process.

Justice for Polavaram Victims After Lokayukta Intervention

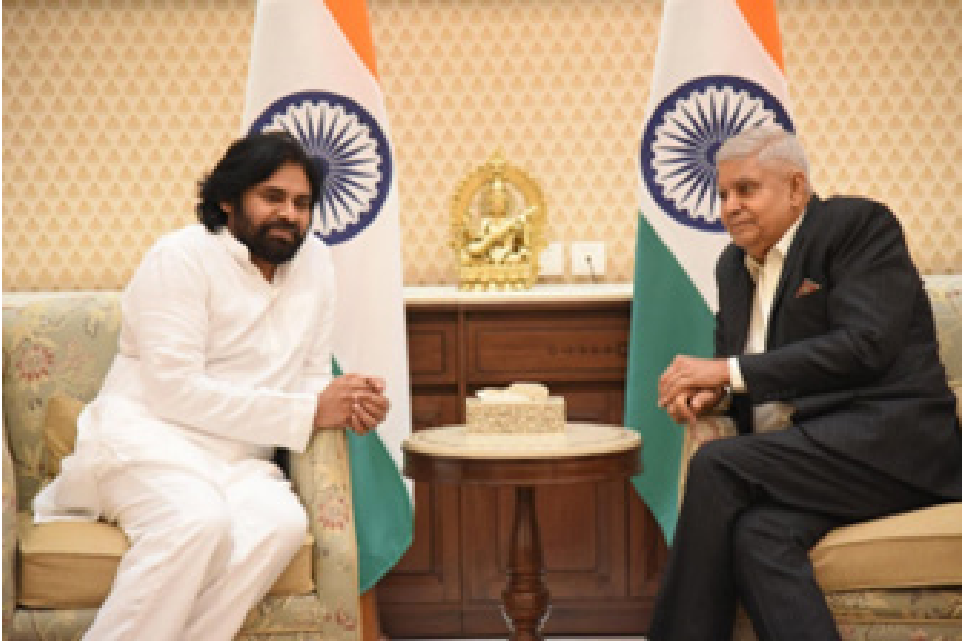
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In a significant relief to displaced families under the Polavaram Project, the Institution of Lokayukta and Upa-Lokayukta of Andhra Pradesh has ensured compensation and housing benefits to victims who were earlier left out of the Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R&R) package. Hon'ble Upa-Lokayukta Smt. P. Rajani passed a common order in Complaint Nos. 61/2019/B1 and 62/2019/B1, filed by Smt. Nallala Venkata Ramanamma and Sri Nallala Seshagiri. The complainants alleged they were denied R&R benefits despite residing in flood-affected areas under the Polavaram Project. Taking cognizance, the Upa-Lokayukta sought a response from the concerned authorities. Following intervention, the Project Administrator and Ex-officio Joint Collector of the Polavaram Irrigation Project, Dowlaiswaram, submitted an action taken report confirming the inclusion of the complainants in the supplementary draft R&R scheme. Each complainant received Rs. 6,36,000 and Rs. 25,000 respectively, along with the allotment of house site plots. Furthermore, the government sanctioned ₹9.50 crore to benefit all displaced families of Kummari Lova village in Tuni Mandal, formerly part of East Godavari district and now in Kakinada district. Several other eligible families have also since received R&R benefits as a result of this action. With the issue resolved, the Upa-Lokayukta officially closed the complaints, marking another instance of proactive judicial intervention benefiting vulnerable citizens. This case underscores the critical role played by the Andhra Pradesh Lokayukta and Sub-Lokayukta in protecting citizens' rights and ensuring transparency in the implementation of government rehabilitation schemes.

Dy CM Pawan Kalyan Lauds Jagdeep Dhankhar's Service

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Following the unexpected resignation of Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister and Jana Sena Party chief Pawan Kalyan took to social media platform 'X' to express his appreciation and respect for Dhankhar's contributions. Citing health reasons, Dhankhar tendered his resignation in a formal letter. Reacting to this development, Pawan Kalyan praised Dhankhar's commitment to constitutional values and impartial conduct during his tenure. In his post, he wrote: "Honorable Vice President of India Jagdeep Dhankhar Ji, thank you for your dedicated and valuable service to India. Throughout your tenure, you have upheld the dignity of the office of Vice President with unwavering commitment. You have upheld constitutional values. You have discharged your responsibilities with kindness, impartiality and integrity." He further noted that Dhankhar's



fearless and independent expression of views without political pressure had set a high standard in public life. Pawan concluded by wishing the former Vice President good health, happiness, and peace in the next phase of his life. Jagdeep Dhankhar assumed the Vice President's office on August 11, 2022,

and served as the Chairman of the Rajya Sabha. Prior to this, he was the Governor of West Bengal between 2019 and 2022. Even in his final session as Chairman during the recent monsoon session, Dhankhar urged all political parties to set aside differences and engage in healthy parliamentary debate.

Flood flow to Srisaillam... One gate lifted to release water



TPN Correspondent | Srisaillam

With heavy inflows continuing, the water level at the Srisaillam reser-

voir has reached close to its full level, prompting officials to open one gate to release water downstream. Currently, the inflow into Srisaillam

from Jurala and Sunkesula projects stands at 1,10,183 cusecs. In response, 27,570 cusecs of water is being released to the Nagarjuna Sagar project through a single spillway gate. The total outflow from Srisaillam has reached 1,14,916 cusecs. As part of this, 20,000 cusecs of water is being released via the Pothiredypadu head regulator, 35,315 cusecs from the left bank power station, and 32,031 cusecs from the right bank power station. The reservoir's full level is 885 feet, and it is currently just shy at 883.90 feet. The Srisaillam project's full storage capacity is 215.80 TMC, with the current storage standing at 209.15 TMC. Authorities are closely monitoring the inflows and managing releases accordingly to maintain safe water levels and ensure smooth operation of the reservoir system.

AP Busts Major Spurious Liquor Racket; 36 Arrested, 2,200 Litres Seized

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In one of the largest enforcement crackdowns in recent times, the Andhra Pradesh Prohibition and Excise Department has busted a sprawling spurious liquor network operating across Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. Acting on enhanced surveillance and data analytics, officials arrested 36 individuals and seized over 2,232 litres of illegally diverted spirit, along with hundreds of fake liquor bottles, packaging material, and counterfeit labels. The operation was launched following specific directives from Chief Minister Sri N. Chandrababu Naidu, who has emphasized the need for uncompromising action against illegal liquor to protect public health. Excise Minister Sri Kollu Ravindra and Principal Secretary Sri Mukesh Meena spearheaded the strategic response. Data-Driven Enforcement Between June 23 and July 22, raids were carried out in Konaseema, West Godavari, Anakapalli, Bapatla, and Nellore districts. Surveillance revealed spirit diversion from industrial use under the pretext of sanitizer production. The seized spirit had not undergone denaturation, making it dangerous for direct consumption. Investigations revealed interstate procurement of packaging materials from Mumbai and sourcing of spirit from Telangana-based M/s Krishna Pharma.

Notorious offenders Ruttala Srinivas alias Abdul Kalam and Charanjeet



Singh Sethi, both with previous records, operated across several districts using packaging to mimic branded liquor. Materials were procured from Mumbai, while the diverted ethanol originated from Krishna Pharma. In a related development, Telangana Excise authorities, based on inputs from Andhra officials, seized 800 litres of spirit in Suryapet on July 21, further confirming the interstate scale of the racket. Excise Commissioner Nishant Kumar and Director of Enforcement Rahul Dev Sharma personally supervised the intensive 30-day operation. Under their leadership, special teams were formed and assigned focused responsibilities, including tracking spirit supply chains, investigating financial transactions, monitoring suspected individuals, and mapping the sourcing of raw materials involved in the production of spurious liquor. The AP Excise Department has begun coordination with Telangana and other state departments to revoke licences, trace remaining offenders, and initiate



Krishna Pharma at Center of Racket

Krishna Pharma, which holds a valid RS-III licence for industrial spirit, was found to be the common supplier in multiple illegal operations. Proprietor G. Mallikarjuna Rao confessed to diverting spirit knowingly for spurious liquor production in Andhra Pradesh.

criminal prosecution. Authorities urge citizens to report suspicious liquor-related activities.

Major Decisions Taken at TTD Governing Council Meeting



TPN | Tirumal

The TTD (Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams) Governing Council meeting was held on Tuesday at Annamayya Bhavan in Tirumala. Following the meeting, TTD Chairman Bhumana Karunakar Reddy Naidu and Executive Officer Shyamala Rao addressed the media and shared key decisions taken by the Board aimed at improving infrastructure, amenities, and welfare measures for devotees and employees. A major highlight was the proposal to construct a new administrative building in Tirumala, aimed at bringing all TTD offices under one roof. Additionally, the board has decided to move forward with the construction of Vaikuntam Queue Complex-3, to accommodate the ever-increasing footfall of devotees. A special committee has been formed to assess the feasibility of this project. The Board also announced plans to enhance facilities for devotees arriving via the Alipiri and Srivari Mettu walking routes, with improved amenities expected soon. Another major development is the regularization of 142 contract drivers working under TTD. The file will be sent to the state government for final approval.

In a significant spiritual and welfare initiative:

- ₹4.35 crore has been sanctioned for Annaprasadam at the On-timitta Ramalayam in Kadapa district.
- 700 new Vedaparayanans will be employed to strengthen the temple's spiritual activities.
- Srivani Trust funds have been released for the construction of Bhajan Mandirs in SC, ST, and backward areas, categorized into three groups.
- 320 temples will receive free mic sets to support religious practices.

Additionally, 600 unemployed individuals will be given an allowance of ₹3,000 per month based on recommendations from the Endowment Department. To better manage the waiting times and comfort of devotees, a consultancy has been appointed to design suitable structures in Tirumala. Another consultancy has been appointed for the development of Shila Toranam and Chakra Tirtha, two significant spiritual landmarks.

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The court's latest order is being seen as a positive step toward re-examining the case in a fair and transparent manner. With the SIT now gearing up to dig deeper into the circumstances surrounding the murder, political and legal circles are watching closely for the next chapter in this long-pending pursuit of justice.

Balashouri Seeks India-UK FTA in Parliament

MP raises key questions on trade and US pact status



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Machilipatnam MP Valabhaneni Balashouri raised several important questions regarding India’s Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) during the Winter Session of Parliament on Monday. Address-

ing the Union Commerce Ministry, Balashouri sought details on the India-UK FTA, its contents, impact, and transparency. The questions posed included whether India has formally entered into an FTA with the UK, the key fea-

tures of the agreement, its implications on the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), the timeline for its enforcement, and how it differs from similar FTAs the UK has signed with Australia and New Zealand. He also asked about the status of the India-US Free Trade Agreement. Responding in a written reply, Union Minister of State for Commerce & Industry Shri Jitin Prasada clarified that the negotiations for the India-UK FTA were concluded successfully on May 6, 2025. He described the agreement as a “modern, comprehensive and landmark FTA” focused on trade liberalisation, tariff concessions, and deeper economic integration. The FTA ensures broad market access across all sectors, with special at-

tention to India’s key export areas. Prasada added that, as per standard international practice, the full FTA documents will be released publicly only after the agreement is signed. He stressed that all national sensitivities are carefully considered during such negotiations to protect India’s interests. Regarding enforcement, the FTA will come into effect once it is formally signed and ratified by both India and the UK. On the comparison with other agreements, the minister noted that each FTA is distinct, tailored to bilateral trade dynamics and aimed at maximizing mutual benefits. On the India-US front, the minister confirmed that a bilateral trade agreement is still under negotiation and has not yet been signed.

Mithun Reddy's Arrest Undemocratic: Arani Vidyanath Reddy

TPN | Tirupati
BN Kandriga Mandal Sarpanch President Arani Vidyanath Reddy has strongly condemned the arrest of Rajampet MP Peddireddy Venkata Mithun Reddy, calling it undemocratic and politically motivated. He alleged that the arrest was part of a larger conspiracy by the ruling coalition led by Chandrababu Naidu to target the Peddireddy family, which holds a significant place in Andhra Pradesh’s political landscape. He stated that Peddireddy Ramachandra Reddy’s family has a long-standing and respected history in state politics, and the younger generation of leaders from this family, like Mithun Reddy, have shown commitment to public service and earned widespread support. Arresting such a leader under the pretext of a fake liquor case is nothing but a misuse of power, Vidyanath Reddy said. He warned that democracy is being undermined by such illegal arrests and added that the YSRCP is not afraid of the coalition government’s “politics of vendetta.” “My brother Peddireddy Ramachandra Reddy is ready to face any situation with courage, and party leaders and activists are standing behind him like soldiers,” he declared. He said people across the state, who support the Pedda Reddy family, will not tolerate these conspiracies. “Public voice cannot be silenced with arrests and threats,” he concluded.



CPM Pays Tribute to VS Achuthanandan

TPN | Nidadavolu
Former Kerala Chief Minister and CPM Politburo member Comrade VS Achuthanandan passed away, marking the end of a remarkable life dedicated to the struggles of the working class and oppressed communities. He was 102. In Nidadavolu, CPM East Godavari District Secretary Juvvala Rambabu paid rich tributes and expressed deep condolences. A condolence meeting was organized by the CPM Urban Department under the chairmanship of Ganti Krishna, where party leaders and members remembered Achuthanandan’s extraordinary contribution to Indian politics and public service. Speaking at the gathering, Rambabu described Achuthanandan as a towering figure who devoted more than 85 years to the cause of the downtrodden. “He was a great

leader whose legacy is rooted in relentless struggles and policies for the welfare of the people. As Chief Minister, he transformed Kerala and played a vital role in shaping it into a modern and progressive state,” he said. Rambabu emphasized that Achuthanandan personally led several historic movements in Kerala and that continuing his mission for social justice and equality would be the highest tribute to him. “Let us all be partners in fulfilling his vision,” he added. CPM members including G. Daniel Yarra, Srinu Usman, Raghava Srimam and others participated in the meeting and paid floral tributes, reflecting on Achuthanandan’s unwavering commitment to the people’s movements and Left ideology.

Rayalaseema Deserves Justice, Not Just Promises: Chinta Mohan

TPN Correspondent | Kadapa
Senior Congress leader and former Union Minister Dr. Chinta Mohan strongly criticized the state and central governments, alleging continued injustice to Rayalaseema and negligence of marginalized communities. At a press conference in Kadapa on Tuesday, he said voices from backward regions are being systematically sidelined. He recalled how Kadapa’s Kotireddy once demanded the city be made the capital during separation from Madras State. “Leaders like Njiranga and Tarimela Nagireddy supported Tirupati. But Amaravati, built on forcibly taken fertile land, was declared the capital. They call it a city of gods—I only saw trees there,” he quipped. Chinta Mohan asserted that people from 20 districts, especially in Rayalaseema and Uttarandhra, do not connect with Amaravati. He called for placing the administrative capital in Rayalaseema and the High Court in Visakhapatnam to achieve regional balance. He slammed successive governments for failing to complete crucial irrigation projects—Telugu Ganga, Handri-Neeva, Galeru-Nagari, and



SLBC—and demanded ₹25,000 crore be allocated immediately to finish them. “Only then should anyone talk about Banakacharla,” he said. Highlighting social unrest, he claimed SC, ST, OBC, and minority groups feel betrayed. “STs in Araku are exploited, atrocities are rising, and SC advocates are being attacked inside courts,” he added. He also lamented that lakhs of students couldn’t attend school due to closures, and graduates are forced into menial jobs. On corruption, he accused the Centre of waiving ₹14.5 lakh crore in NPA loans, with no CBI or ED probe into alleged scams. “The judiciary must restore public trust,” he warned, hinting that discontent is rising dangerously across the state.

Expose Coalition Govt’s Failures Anantha

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YSRCP District President Anantha Venkataram Reddy called on party leaders and cadres to take the “coalition government’s anarchy” to the public and strengthen the party by exposing its excessive actions and political targeting. He made these remarks on Monday while congratulating Narpala Satyanarayana Reddy on his appointment as the State Secretary of YSRCP. Accompanied by a large number of supporters and party workers, Narpala met Anantha Venkataram Reddy to express his gratitude. On the occasion, Anantha stressed the importance of fulfilling the responsibilities given by the party with dedication and clarity of purpose. He said the current government had already curbed many people-centric policies within just

one year and had been targeting key YSRCP leaders through illegal arrests and fabricated cases. “The contrast between the governance of YS Jagan and Chandrababu Naidu should be clearly presented to the people,” he said, urging the cadre to make citizens aware of the government’s ongoing failures. Anantha further emphasized that those who work sincerely for the party will surely be recognized and rewarded. He called upon all leaders who have been given positions to work in unity and with a single-minded focus on bringing the YSR Congress Party back to power. He concluded by stating that exposing the misdeeds of the coalition government and communicating the difference in leadership would be key to reconnecting with the masses and regaining their trust.



Cancel Smart Meters: CPI

TPN |Kadapa
CPI State Secretary K. Ramakrishna launched a scathing attack on the coalition government for burdening people with record-high electricity charges and going back on promises regarding smart meters. Speaking at a press meet at the YSR Memorial Press Club in Kadapa on Monday, Ramakrishna said that within just six months of assuming office, the government had imposed a power burden of ₹15,480 crore. He said it was cruel that Chandrababu Naidu and Lokesh, who strongly opposed smart meters before elections, had now approved their installation. “Before polls, Lokesh told people to break the smart meters if installed. What answer does he have now?” he asked, questioning whether farmers, traders, or industrialists had ever demanded smart meters. Ramakrishna also criticized the SECI agreement made with Adani, claiming it would add ₹1.10 lakh crore burden on the public over 25 years. He demanded the immediate cancellation of increased electricity tariffs and the smart meter program. CPI will stage dharnas at all electricity offices across the state on August 5 and continue protests until the hike is rolled back.

He urged the government to fulfill its election promises and focus on completing irrigation projects in Rayalaseema. “Since 1995, CPI and other leaders like Mysura Reddy, YSR, and Eddula Eshwar Reddy have fought for water projects like Galeru-Nagari and Handri-Neeva, yet they remain incomplete,” he said, demanding urgent completion and water supply to Rayalaseema farmers. Ramakrishna also said development should not be restricted to Amaravati alone. “The capital must mean growth for all regions. Let the entire state be developed,” he said. He accused the Centre of interfering in the Polavaram project by attempting to reduce its height and criticized the government for handing irrigation projects over to private firms. On the liquor scam, he questioned the coalition’s inaction, pointing out that while the scam was said to be worth ₹3,500 crore, no significant recovery had been made. “The looted money must be brought back into the state treasury,” he demanded. CPI district secretary G. Chandra, leaders L. Naga Subbareddy, Subramaniam, N. Venkata Siva, and AISF leader Valaraju were also present.

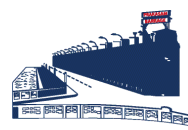
PVN Madhav to begin first district tour from Kadapa



TPN Correspondent | Kadapa
After being elected as the BJP State President, PVN Madhav will begin his first official tour of the districts from Kadapa on July 27. BJP State Vice President B. Vishnuvardhan Reddy and District President Jangiti Venkatasubba Reddy called on party cadres to make this visit a grand success. Addressing a press conference at

the local R&B Guest House, they said Madhav’s visit would cover all four Rayalaseema districts—Kadapa on July 27, Nandyal on the 28th, Kurnool on the 29th, Anantapur on the 30th, and Sathya Sai district on the 31st. They emphasized that as Madhav hails from the politically active Rayalaseema region, his presence would galvanize party ranks across these dis-

tricts. They highlighted that Madhav’s tour is intended to directly interact with ground-level party workers and discuss strategies for strengthening the BJP in the state. “With organizational changes, BJP will move forward with a new trend. PVN Madhav has designed the tour to engage with all sections of society,” said Vishnuvardhan Reddy. He stated that the BJP is witnessing rising support from the intelligentsia and people across Andhra Pradesh. “The success of the coalition double engine government is evident, and the public is turning to BJP for a new direction,” he added. The press meet was also attended by BJP State General Secretary Dayakar Reddy, State Secretary Nagothu Ramesh Naidu, and leaders Balakrishna Yadav, Beeram Subbareddy, Singareddy Ramachandra Reddy, Srinath Reddy, Yella Reddy, and Obulesu.



Ramachandrapuram NH Turns into a Nightmare



TPN Correspondent | NTR District

The National Highway stretch passing through Ramachandrapuram in A. Konduru mandal has become a death trap for motorists and a daily struggle for residents. Despite its label, this “highway” resembles more of a neglected, broken village road—especially during rains when sewage water floods the path, forming knee-deep ditches.

The situation worsens during rains, with water stagnating along the highway. Students are finding it hard to attend classes, and vehicles—both light and heavy—are routinely getting damaged, often needing repair after just a single trip. What’s more shocking is that the road condition has remained unchanged for years. Local people, including patients and pregnant women traveling to Vijayawada for medical needs, say the journey has become unbearable and dangerous. It reportedly takes at least 15 minutes to cross just one kilometer due to the road’s condition.

Despite this, toll plaza staff are still demanding full toll fees. Many motorists are voicing frustration, questioning how tolls can be justified when the highway is in such disrepair. “What’s the point of collecting tolls if you can’t even repair the road?” asked one agitated commuter.

Highway authorities claim that road construction work will begin soon. But locals remain unconvinced, pointing out that they’ve heard such promises before without seeing any results on the ground.

Rs. 11 Lakh Scam in Chilukur Srinidhi Groups Sparks Protest

TPN | V.V.S Madhu Babu

NTR District: A financial scandal involving ₹11.10 lakh has come to light in Chilukur village of Ibrahimpatnam mandal, where Srinidhi self-help group members have alleged that bookkeeper Kandru Suma misused funds from 13 different groups. The incident has triggered widespread protests in the village.

According to group members, Suma allegedly diverted funds belonging to the 13 Srinidhi groups. Following the exposure, she reportedly consumed sleeping tablets in what villagers allege was an act to avoid confrontation. The situation has since escalated, with group members demanding action and recovery of the misappropriated money.

In a twist to the controversy, a police complaint was filed by Suma against the village head, Katepalli Subbarao, accusing him of sexually harassing her for the past year. However, several group members have dismissed the allegations, claiming it is a calculated move to deflect attention from the financial scam.

Villagers allege that the complaint against Subbarao was deliberately filed after group members began pressuring Suma and the local leadership to return the missing funds. They claim it is an attempt to shield those responsible and stall any investigation into the financial irregularities.

The 13 Srinidhi group members have declared that they will continue their fight until justice is served and the misused funds are returned. They are also demanding a thorough police investigation to uncover the full extent of the financial mismanagement and any attempts to suppress it through false allegations.

As tensions remain high in Chilukur village, Ibrahimpatnam police are reportedly examining both the financial fraud complaints and the sexual harassment allegation to determine the facts and ensure due legal action.



50,000 jobs expected with IT, non-IT investments in Mangalagiri

TPN Correspondent | Mangalagiri

Education and IT Minister Nara Lokesh has announced that IT and other industries are showing keen interest in setting up operations in Mangalagiri, paving the way for potential employment opportunities for nearly 50,000 people. He said this during a comprehensive review meeting with district officials on various development works in the Mangalagiri constituency, held at his residence in Undavalli.

The minister said the government is actively working to create a business-friendly environment in Mangalagiri and asked officials to focus on building the necessary infrastructure to attract industries and investors. “The influx of IT and non-IT companies will not only boost employment but

also strengthen the local economy,” Lokesh noted.

During the meeting, officials presented a detailed Power-Point on the status of ongoing development works. One of the key highlights was the distribution of house pattas. Minister Lokesh directed officials to expedite the second phase of distribution by issuing 2,000 house pattas to long-term residents of government lands in Mangalagiri. He also urged speedy processing of remaining pattas.

In a major housing initiative, Lokesh announced the construction of 10,000 TIDCO houses across the constituency to meet residential needs. He instructed officials to accelerate land acquisition for this purpose and review availability across different locations. The minister also reviewed the progress of key infrastruc-



ture and civic projects including the Tadepalli retaining wall, development of Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Temple in Mangalagiri, underground drainage works, Gems and Jewelry Park, modern library, social welfare shelters, public parks, cemeteries, and community halls.

Several senior officials participated in the review meeting, including Guntur District Collector S. Nagalakshmi, Joint

Collector A. Bhargav Teja, Tenali Sub-Collector Sanjana Sinha, Endowments Commissioner K. Ramachandra Mohan, and Zilla Parishad CEO Jyoti Basu. The minister reiterated his commitment to transforming Mangalagiri into a model constituency in terms of employment, housing, and public infrastructure, urging all departments to work in coordination to meet these targets swiftly.

Surprise Check at Godowns by Minister Nadendla

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Vijayawada: Consumer Affairs, Food & Civil Supplies Minister Nadendla Manohar on Monday conducted surprise inspections at the Civil Supply Godown located at the Gollapudi Agriculture Market Committee premises in Vijayawada and the Gannavaram Civil Supply Godown.

The Minister reviewed the quality of rice, packing methods, weighing scales and cleanliness. He emphasized that under the mid-day meal scheme, rice is being supplied in 25 kg bags to 41,091 schools and 3,800 welfare hostels statewide. A QR code printed on each bag is enabling parents and children to track quality and authenticity, which is reportedly receiving positive feedback.

From Vijayawada’s MLS point, 378 fair price shops in Ibrahimpatnam, Vijayawada Urban and Vijayawada Rural are receiving rice. From the Gannavaram godown, supplies are being sent to 103 shops in Gannavaram, Bapulapadu and Ungutur mandals.

During the inspection, Nadendla scanned a QR code from one of the bags to verify its functionality. He also enquired with porters about any difficulties faced during packing and stock movement.

The Minister issued a stern warning to officials, stating that strict action would be taken if poor quality packing, unclean surroundings, or substandard rice were found. He inspected oil packets and weighing scales as well.

Upon examining stock registers of the past three months, discrepancies were identified in the records of four dealers collecting stock from the Vijayawada godown. He immediately visited a ration shop on Pothineni Vari Street, Eluru Road, where the dealer was absent, required stock was missing, and no mandatory display poster was found.

He directed officials to ensure all fair price shops have display posters with QR code scanners, stock status, officer contact details, and a complaint section. He also reiterated that ration rice must be distributed between the 1st and 15th of each month, and orders have been issued to deliver ration items at the doorsteps of disabled persons and senior citizens above 65 years from the 25th to the 30th of every month.

Recalling irregularities during the previous government’s tenure, Nadendla said the current coalition government is committed to strict monitoring and implementation of rules to ensure transparency.



Monsoon Response Team Set Up in Vijayawada

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada

To prevent water stagnation during heavy rains, Commissioner of Vijayawada Municipal Corporation Dhyananand H M has ordered the formation of a special Monsoon Response Team. On Tuesday evening, he personally inspected vulnerable areas such as Benz Circle, Nirmala Convent Road, Postal Colony Road, Panta Kaluva Road, APIIC Col-

ony, Ayush Hospital Road, Ramavarappadu Junction, Eluru Road, and Gunadala Center.

The Commissioner said around 80 sanitary and planning secretaries will be part of the Monsoon Response Team. Each stagnation-prone area in the city will be assigned a dedicated team, which will take quick measures to prevent rainwater from pooling on roads. Instructions were given to in-

crease the capacity of pumping units (motors) wherever necessary, ensuring that water does not stagnate beyond 10 minutes. He also emphasized clearing all encroachments that obstruct the natural water flow. In addition, the Commissioner directed that all identified rehabilitation centres across the city be kept in proper condition with basic facilities ready. Additional Commissioner (Projects) Dr. D.

Chandrashekhar, Zonal Commissioner K. Shammi, Chief Engineer R. Srinath Reddy, Chief Medical Health Officer Dr. K. Arjuna Rao, Chief City Planner Sanjay Ratnakumar, Supervision Engineers P. Satya Kumari and P. Satyanarayana, Executive Engineer G. Samrajyam, Assistant Medical Health Officer Dr. Gopalakrishna Nayak and other staff accompanied the Commissioner during the inspection.



Narayana's ‘first step in good governance’ in Pedana

TPN Correspondent | Krishna

Minister Narayana conducted a door-to-door campaign in Pedana town of Krishna district as part of the government’s “first step in good governance” initiative. Accompanied by District President Konakalla Narayana and local MLA Kagita Krishna Prasad, the minister personally interacted with residents and explained the welfare schemes being implemented by the government.

During the visit, the minister announced that ₹2 crore would be released for the construction of drains within Pedana Municipality, and ₹25 lakh would be sanctioned tomorrow for completing the pending works at the community hall in SC Colony.

Speaking to the people, Narayana said the public is satisfied with the governance over the past year, contrasting it with the previous administration, which he accused of fragmenting the state’s economy and leading it into a debt trap of ₹10 lakh crore due to lack of financial discipline. He praised Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu’s leadership, noting, “CM Chandrababu is putting the state in a rut with his experience, and all the promises made are being fulfilled one by one.”

Highlighting key upcoming initiatives, Narayana revealed that free bus facilities for women will begin from August 15. He also stated that ₹10,000 crore has been spent so far under the Thaliki Vandanam scheme.

The minister added that the state government plans to deposit Annadata Sukhibhava funds on the same day the Centre releases Kisan scheme funds, ensuring seamless benefit delivery to farmers.

He also pointed out that the state had previously secured funds from the AIIB and AMRUT between 2014 and 2019. However, the Centre’s contributions were halted after the state government at that time failed to release its matching share. “We are now working towards regaining that trust and ensuring development for all,” he said.

He further assured that safe drinking water would be provided to every household in the state. In Pedana alone, a ₹91.18 crore project has been undertaken to provide potable water to all residents within the next two years.

Case Filed Over Illegal Constructions on Bhimili Beach

TPN Correspondent | Visakhapatnam

A case has been registered against illegal constructions on Bhimili beach, following a complaint by the Andhra Pradesh Coastal Zone Management Authority. The complaint, citing violations under the Environment Protection Act of 1986, led to the registration of a case on the 10th of this month at the Bhimili court.

The case names Neha Reddy, daughter of former MP Vijayasai Reddy, and Rohit Reddy as the primary individuals responsible for the unauthorized constructions in the coastal regulation zone.

This legal action comes in the wake of a public interest litigation (PIL) filed earlier by Jana Sena Corporator Peethala Murthyayadav in the



Andhra Pradesh High Court, highlighting encroachments and environmental violations on the beachfront.

Authorities have confirmed that the Central Environment Committee is expected to conduct an inspection soon to assess the nature and extent of the violations. The outcome

of this probe could determine further legal or demolition actions.

The incident has stirred political and environmental concerns, with calls growing louder for strict enforcement of CRZ norms to protect the fragile coastal ecosystem of Bhimili.

‘No Drugs Bro’ Awareness Drive Held at Chaitanya Junior College

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Narasaraopet: As part of a statewide initiative to curb drug abuse among youth, a drug awareness program titled “No Drugs Bro” was conducted at Chaitanya Junior College, Ramireddypet, in Narasaraopet on the orders of Palnadu District SP Kanchi Srinivasa Rao. The event was held under the supervision of Narasaraopet DSP K. Nageswara Rao and witnessed active participation from local law enforcement officers.

Inspector M.V. Charan of Narasaraopet I Town Police Station addressed the students, urging them to value their student life and avoid falling into the trap of drug abuse. “The student phase is very valuable. Once drug use starts as entertainment, it can eventually destroy an entire life. If you want your future to be bright, say ‘no’



to drugs,” he warned.

Supporting the same message, Sub-Inspector Vamsi Krishna emphasized the dangers of addiction. “Many young lives are being destroyed due to drugs. When under pressure, choose the right path. Focus on positive outlets like sports, music, and studies. If you feel depressed or stressed, talk to elders or seek

help,” he advised.

The event saw enthusiastic participation from a large number of students and teachers, who appreciated the effort made by the police department. Officials stressed that drug prevention is a collective responsibility and urged the community to remain vigilant in protecting the future of the youth.

Resolve Petitions Within Deadline with Genuine Endorsements

TPN Correspondent | Tirupati

District Collector Dr. S. Venkateswar has instructed officials to resolve all petitions received through the Public Grievance Redressal System (PGRS) with quality and within the stipulated time frame. He emphasized that every petitioner must be clearly and genuinely endorsed, and no false endorsements should be given under any circumstances. At a review meeting held at the Collectorate on Tuesday evening, the Collector along with District Joint Collector Shubham Bansal and DRO Narasimhulu interacted with officials across mandals and divisions. He reiterated that petitions should be resolved without scope for reopening and warned that negligence will not be tolerated.

“The state government is giving top priority to the PGRS program. Petitions should be handled personally, with empathy and efficiency, ensuring that each citizen receives a clear solution. Officers must also organize PGRS meetings every Monday at all mandal and division levels, and inform petitioners in advance about the venue and time,” Dr. Venkateswar said.

He made it clear that every officer should interact directly with the complainants, listen to their issues attentively, and work towards a meaningful resolution. “Petitions should not cross the Service Level Agreement (SLA). Reopened cases must be taken up daily and solved with focus,” he directed. Regarding the P-4 survey initiative aimed at poverty eradication, the Collector called it a visionary effort by the state government. He said that golden families and economic pioneers have already been tagged, and now officials should ensure that the top 10% of financially stable individuals help uplift the bottom 20% to reduce inequality. He set a clear deadline—August 15—to achieve the district’s targets in the P-4 survey and urged officials to expedite the identification of golden families. Deputy Special Collector Rosamond, various district officers, and departmental heads participated in the meeting.

Theft in Locked House in Nidadavolu

TPN Correspondent | East Godavari

A theft occurred in a locked house in Sanjeevayya Nagar, Nidadavolu, East Godavari district on Monday night. The house owner, Garimella Nageswara Rao, lodged a complaint at the local police station on Tuesday morning after discovering the lock broken upon returning from Hyderabad. According to the complaint, the family had been away in Hyderabad visiting relatives for the past three days. Upon their return, they were shocked to find the main door lock broken and valuables missing. Garimella Nageswara Rao reported that the intruders had stolen ₹1 lakh in cash and three pieces of gold ornaments from the house. He immediately rushed to the police station to report the incident.

The Nidadavolu police registered a case and have begun an investigation. They are examining the scene of the crime and collecting clues to identify the culprits. Further details are awaited as the inquiry progresses.

Laborers Unconscious After Pesticide Exposure in Malakapalli

TPN Correspondent | East Godavari

In a concerning incident, four agricultural laborers fell unconscious while spraying pesticides in the fields of Malakapalli village, Tallapudi mandal, under Kovvur constituency in East Godavari district. The workers collapsed due to suspected pesticide

inhalation while applying fertilizers during fieldwork.

The unconscious workers were immediately rushed to the government hospital in Rajahmundry, where they are currently undergoing treatment. Their condition is reported to be stable, but medical teams are closely monitoring them.

Kovvur MLA Muppidi Venkateswara Rao, along with Tumen Committee member Jonnalagadda Subbaraya Chowdhury and Malakapalli Sarpanch Madipati Prakasam, visited the hospital to check on the condition of the affected laborers. They spoke with doctors and the families of the victims and assured them of

all necessary support.

The incident has sparked concerns over the safety protocols followed during the handling of agricultural chemicals. Locals have urged the authorities to ensure proper training and safety gear for laborers involved in such hazardous tasks to prevent similar incidents in the future.

Leaders From Nimmalakunta Join BJP Inspired by Minister's Work



TPN Correspondent | Dharmavaram

Prominent residents from Nimmalakunta village in Dharmavaram Rural mandal, including Srinivasulu, S. Mahesh, S. Gopal, P. Kullayappa, V. Vishwanath and others, joined the BJP on Monday. At a gathering held in the vil-

lage, they cited inspiration from the development efforts of Minister Satya Kumar Yadav. The event was organized under the supervision of BJP Rural President Gotlur Chandra and with the encouragement of Dharmavaram constituency in-charge Harish Babu.

Speaking at the meeting, Harish Babu stated that the NDA alliance has begun delivering on its “Super Six” promises and that the public is showing increasing confidence in Minister Satya Kumar Yadav’s leadership. He noted that citizens are voluntarily joining the BJP to be

a part of the ongoing development in the region.

Harish Babu stressed that alliance parties may go to the people with their own ideologies, but the unity of purpose in governance remains intact. He challenged former MLA Kethireddy Venkataramireddy to an open debate comparing his tenure with the current minister’s performance. He criticized Kethireddy, accusing him of land encroachments during the previous administration, and alleged that even seats in Kasturba schools were sold under his watch — a stark contrast to the current improvements led by the minister.

He lauded Satya Kumar’s initiatives such as the setup of dialysis centers in government hospitals, conducting job fairs, improving rural infrastructure with CC roads and RO plants, beautifying Dhar-

mavaram town, establishing an Ayurvedic medical college, and the development of a rock garden. He emphasized the minister’s proactive style of governance through direct public interaction in padayatras, and his gesture of bowing to Padma Shri awardee Dalavai Chalapathi was highlighted as a mark of humility and respect. Concluding his speech, Harish Babu targeted Kethireddy for his past remarks on prison construction, claiming it was ironic since he now faces legal trouble due to alleged land grabbing.

National Council Member Ambati Satish, BJP District Vice President Jinka Ramanjanyulu, Battalapalli Mandal President Bhaskar, BJP Minority leaders Nabi Rasool and Krishnapuram Jameer, and several other local BJP leaders and activists participated in the program.

APJAC Amaravati Condemns JC's Remarks on Anantapur DPO

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

The Andhra Pradesh Joint Action Committee (APJAC) Amaravati has strongly condemned the alleged derogatory comments made by Tadipatri Municipal Chairman J.C. Prabhakar Reddy on Anantapur District Panchayat Officer (DPO) T. Nagaraju Naidu. In a press statement issued on Tuesday, APJAC leaders demanded immediate intervention from Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and appropriate legal action against the municipal chairman.

APJAC State Chairman Bopparaju

Venkateswarlu and State Secretary General Palisetty Damodar Rao, along with Associate Chairman T.V. Phaniperraju and Treasurer Kanaparthi Sangeetha Rao, said the incident has deeply hurt the morale of employees and created a sense of fear among government officials. Reacting promptly to the issue, APJAC Amaravati’s Anantapur district unit, led by Chairman R.N. Diwakar and General Secretary P.S. Khan, met with DPO Nagaraju Naidu on Monday evening. Accompanied by leaders of various sectoral associations, they expressed solidarity and assured

the DPO of APJAC Amaravati’s full support.

The APJAC leadership questioned whether the public remarks made by Prabhakar Reddy could be justified under the guise of freedom of speech. “If elected representatives themselves fail to protect the dignity of government employees, whom should they turn to?” the statement read. The leaders further stated that if an official is found at fault, it is the responsibility of public representatives to address it through appropriate legal and administrative channels. “Using vulgar language in a public setting

against a district-level officer who is merely performing his duties is not just unreasonable—it is illegal and unacceptable,” they said.

APJAC Amaravati urged Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu to address the matter immediately and take necessary legal action to send a clear message that government staff will be protected from public humiliation and intimidation.

They concluded by affirming, “We will continue to stand by the side of our employees and officials, especially when they face such pressures and public attacks.”

Vemulawada Temple Development - Minister Konda Surekha Significant Role

In a significant step towards preserving Telangana's rich cultural and spiritual heritage, the Congress led state government has launched a grand redevelopment project for the historic Sri Raja Rajeshwara Swamy Temple in Vemulawada, located in Rajanna Sircilla district. This initiative reflects a deep commitment not only to religious traditions but also to modern infrastructure that enhances the experience of devotees.

The driving force behind this project is the collective leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, Telangana Forests, Environmental & Endowments Minister Konda Surekha, and local MLA and Chief Whip Adi Srinivas. Endowments Minister Konda Surekha played a key role in moving the proposal forward. She personally took the matter to the Chief Minister, explained the temple's condition and importance, and secured the necessary approval. This shows her dedication to the spiritual and cultural upliftment of the state.

The planning for the redevelopment has been done with great care. Experts in architecture and urban planning



have prepared a master plan, which has been submitted for administrative approval. Importantly, the process has been inclusive and respectful of traditions. The plan was developed with the blessings of the Peetadhipathi of Sringeri and inputs from temple priests, staff, the Executive Officer, and local stakeholders. This thoughtful approach ensures that the essence and

sanctity of the temple are maintained even as modern amenities are added.

Spanning across 33.35 acres, the project aims to blend devotion with development. The total cost is estimated at ₹693.25 crore, and the work will be carried out in four phases. It includes expansion of the temple complex, construction of a new Annadanam block,



Sagar Vanaparthi,
PRO to Telangana
Endowments Minister

improvement of roads, drainage systems, lighting, landscaping, beautification of temple tanks, and development of parking and cultural spaces. Work on the first phase has already begun, with construction of key facilities now underway. One of the most important aspects of the project is its alignment with Agama Shastra, Vaastu principles, and traditional tem-

ple architecture. At the same time, it also takes into account the needs of modern pilgrims, such as cleanliness, accessibility, safety, and sustainability. The coordination between departments like Endowments, Roads & Buildings, and district administration is ensuring smooth execution and timely progress.

The impact of this redevelopment will go beyond the temple premises. It is expected to increase the number of pilgrims, create new job opportunities, boost local tourism, and uplift the economy of Vemulawada and nearby areas. It will also enhance the spiritual experience for countless devotees who visit the temple with faith and devotion. This is not just a temple renovation - it is a spiritual and cultural revival. The Telangana government is setting an example of how tradition and progress can go hand in hand. With strong political will, administrative efficiency, and public involvement, the Vemulawada temple is on its way to becoming a shining example of how heritage sites can be preserved and upgraded with respect and vision.

New York's Zohran Mamdani Brings Back Indian-Style Socialism

Zohran Mamdani, a 33-year-old Muslim of Indian origin, is quickly becoming a defining name in American—and Indian—political conversations. As a front-runner in New York City's next mayoral race, Mamdani isn't just gaining attention for his youth, charisma, or left-leaning politics. He's also igniting debates across the Atlantic, in India, where his rise is met with both pride and unease.



A strong supporter of Palestinian rights, Mamdani has publicly criticized leaders like Narendra Modi and Benjamin Netanyahu, positions that have made many in India's political mainstream hesitant to celebrate him as another "Indian" global success story. His views sharply contrast with the celebratory reception Indian-origin leaders like Rishi Sunak or CEOs of tech giants receive. For many on the Indian Right, Mamdani represents "the wrong kind" of Indian—by religion, ideology, and foreign policy stance.

His political platform echoes classic Indian socialist policies—free bus rides, rent freezes, publicly funded childcare, state-built housing, and even government-run grocery stores. To many older Indians, these are throwbacks to a past riddled with inefficiency and shortages. Ration shops, fair price outlets, and concrete housing projects evoke memories of failed welfare models and economic stagnation.

Yet, Mamdani's brand of socialism seems to resonate with younger New Yorkers. In a capitalist powerhouse like New York,

these ideas now carry a certain novelty—even appeal. In the same city where Wall Street symbolizes global capitalism, Mamdani's proposals are gaining traction, especially among youth disillusioned by inequality and gentrification.

His rise also highlights a paradox: while India has moved toward market liberalization over the past three decades, many of its brightest have fled socialism, only to find echoes of it in their adopted countries. Meanwhile, even "right-wing" governments like Modi's have embraced extensive welfare schemes.

Mamdani didn't inherit these ideas from lived Indian experience; he likely absorbed them through progressive American politics. Still, the resemblance to India's old socialism is uncanny. The irony is striking—policies that once drove Indians to migrate are now being rebranded and cheered in the very cities they moved to. Whether Mamdani wins or not, his rise marks a cultural and ideological shift. It forces a re-evaluation of socialism—not as a relic of the past, but as a potentially revived model in places that once rejected it.

Minimum Trump, Maximum Modi: A Tale of Two Governance Styles

At a time when former U.S. President Donald Trump is aggressively dismantling America's career bureaucracy, India under Prime Minister Narendra Modi is moving in the exact opposite direction—turbocharging its government machinery. This stark contrast highlights two radically different approaches to governance, politics, and the role of the state.



Trump's tenure was marked by an insurgent attitude toward the civil service. Career bureaucrats, with their guaranteed lifelong jobs and non-partisan stance, represent to Trump an entrenched "Deep State" that thwarts his political agenda. Viewing them as obstacles rather than partners, he sought to "burn down" this unelected, permanent government apparatus. His rhetoric and policies aimed to cut government size and costs drastically, seeing career civil servants as part of a bloated system that needs to be dismantled or scattered.

In sharp contrast, Modi sees career civil servants as vital cogs in his governance machine. For him, bureaucracy symbolizes continuity, change, and political loyalty—provided officials align with his vision and leadership. Under Modi's rule, the Indian administrative machinery has not only expanded but also seen unprecedented empowerment of the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officers. The announcement of the 8th Pay Commission, which boosts salaries and benefits for government employees, underscores the government's commitment to strengthening the bureaucratic system ahead of the 2029 elections.

A walk through New Delhi's government districts tells a vivid story. Instead of dismantling, India is building vast new headquarters for key agencies: the National Investigation Agency (NIA) boasts a state-of-the-art complex near the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium; Delhi Police enjoys a luxurious new facility in Lutyens' Delhi; the Enforcement Directorate, National Human Rights Commission, National Green Tribunal, and many other bodies have similarly upgraded their offices. This "bhawanisation" reflects not only increased government spending but a political choice to deepen bureaucracy's presence. Moreover, contrary to the global trend of privatization and shrinking pub-

lic sector enterprises, Modi's government continues to invest heavily in Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs). With massive equity infusions planned, the government reinforces its role in business despite repeated losses—such as a staggering Rs 13 lakh crore loss in CPSE market valuation since their peak, an amount that could fund major infrastructure projects or defense upgrades multiple times over.

The Modi administration also relies heavily on former civil servants for top ministerial posts in External Affairs, Railways, Petroleum, Information Technology, and more. This trust in bureaucratic leadership starkly contrasts with Trump's distrust and drive to sideline unelected officials.

While the U.S. under Trump saw civil servants as impediments to political will, India under Modi views them as instruments of governance—flexible and loyal enough to implement his policies. Even when political appointees and specialists are brought in, the backbone remains the career bureaucrat.

This divergence reflects a broader philosophical difference. Trump's governance style was about slashing and "burning down" what he saw as wasteful government, while Modi's approach embraces government expansion, increased wage bills, and deeper administrative reach. The consequences are complex. In India, the expanded bureaucracy comes with questions about efficiency and cost, but also political stability and continuity. In the U.S., the disruptive anti-bureaucracy stance risks undermining institutional knowledge and governance capacity.

Jagdeep Dhankhar, a very political Vice President



Seventy-four-year-old Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar's unexpected resignation late on the first day of Parliament's Monsoon session has taken many by surprise. Less than a month ago, Dhankhar had indicated he would retire "at the right time, subject to divine interventions." While he cited health concerns as the reason for stepping down, speculation continues around the true cause of his sudden decision. Just hours before resigning, he met with Opposition leaders and appeared healthy while presiding over the

Rajya Sabha. Dhankhar's resignation is not without precedent. Past vice presidents like V V Giri, Bhairon Singh Shekhawat, R Venkataraman, Shankar Dayal Sharma, and K R Narayanan resigned after being elected President or taking on other roles. However, Dhankhar's departure underlines the unique challenges of the post today. A lawyer by profession, Dhankhar was appointed Vice President in 2022 by the Modi government after serving as West Bengal Governor. His tenure as governor was marked

by a tense relationship with Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, with Dhankhar blocking several state bills, a move that stirred controversy. Interestingly, the Trinamool Congress chose to abstain rather than oppose his Vice Presidential election, a gesture Dhankhar acknowledged. Though the Vice President's office is meant to remain above partisan politics, Dhankhar was often seen making statements supportive of the BJP government. His political interventions, including contro-

versial remarks on conversion and population control, raised eyebrows. Additionally, his active involvement during Rajasthan's assembly elections sparked debate about his political neutrality. As the ex-officio Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, Dhankhar was expected to act as a neutral presiding officer. Yet, opposition members accused him of bias towards the government. In an unprecedented move, the Opposition even proposed his removal, though the motion was dismissed.



Shashi Tharoor vs Congress: Rift Widens Over Loyalty

The tension between senior Congress leader Shashi Tharoor and the party's Kerala unit deepened Tuesday, after Tharoor sharply responded to criticism from within his own ranks. Speaking to reporters in Delhi, Tharoor dismissed vague accusations and demanded clarity. "Who are they? I want to know. Then we will see... I can only speak for my own behaviour," he said, visibly irritated.

Though he didn't name anyone, his remarks were clearly directed at K Muraleedharan, a senior Congress leader and former MP from Kerala. On Sunday, Muraleedharan publicly stated that Tharoor would not be invited to any Congress event in Thiruvananthapuram unless he retracted his recent remarks praising Prime Minister Modi's leadership following the Pahalgam terror attack and Operation Sindoor.

Muraleedharan also criticized a controversial survey showing Tharoor as the preferred replacement for Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, dismissing it as "cooked up." The Congress party quickly distanced itself from the survey, labeling it fake and lacking credibility.

The fallout follows Tharoor's comments praising development over political allegiances, and lauding Modi's response to terrorism, which many in the Congress saw as a betrayal. Tharoor, however, stood firm, saying he would not retract statements made "for the country's good." Tharoor's uneasy relationship with the Congress has been evident since 2021, when he joined the G-23 group that openly questioned the Gandhis' leadership after multiple electoral defeats. Despite meeting Rahul Gandhi recently, no resolution appears to have been reached.

Bhupesh Baghel's Son Sent To 14-Day Judicial Custody In Liquor Scam Case

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Chaitanya Baghel, son of senior Congress leader and former Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, was remanded to 14-day judicial custody on Tuesday in connection with an alleged ₹2,100 crore liquor scam. The Enforcement Directorate (ED) arrested Chaitanya on July 18 after conducting a search at his residence in Bhilai, which he shares with his father. Produced before the court of Additional District and Sessions Judge (VI) Damarudhar Chouhan after his ED custody ended, Chaitanya was sent to jail until August 4. The ED stated that his custodial interrogation had concluded and further questioning, if needed, would be done with court approval.

According to the ED, Chaitanya Baghel managed over ₹1,000 crore in alleged "proceeds of crime" and used ₹16.7 crore to fund a real estate project through his firms. The central agency claims he intermingled illicit funds with legitimate investments to conceal the source of the money. Bhupesh Baghel has accused central agencies of political vendetta, stating that the action against his son is an attempt to distract from environmental controversies, such as illegal tree felling for coal mining. Despite this, he expressed faith in the judiciary and pledged full cooperation. The Congress party responded with statewide road blockades ("chakka jam") in protest against what it calls targeted action by the Centre.

The liquor scam allegedly took place between 2019 and 2022 during the Congress-led government in Chhattisgarh. Several high-profile individuals, including former minister Kawasi Lakhma and ex-IAS officer Anil Tuteja, have also been arrested in the case. An FIR was initially filed by the EOW/ACB on January 17, 2024, shortly after the BJP came to power in the state.



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

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

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

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

The operation was launched soon after the terror strike in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, which had shocked the nation and the world. The Indian military's swift retaliation targeted terror infrastructure across the border with precise and powerful strikes, showcasing the country's advanced defense capabilities.

The Prime Minister's remarks aimed to set a collaborative and patriotic mood for the ongoing parliamentary session, encouraging lawmakers to come together to support



the government's efforts in safeguarding the nation and strengthening national security. Operation Sindoor has been widely hailed as a demonstration of India's military readiness and its commitment to tackling terrorism effectively. Modi's emphasis on the operation during the parliamentary session's

start reflects the government's focus on national security as a top priority.

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



Bihar Voter List Trimmed By 52 Lakh By Election Commission

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The Election Commission of India has removed over 52 lakh names from the Bihar electoral rolls as part of a Special Intensive Revision (SIR) ahead of the state's assembly elections. The Commission stated that these deletions include 18 lakh deceased voters, 26 lakh who have moved to other constituencies, and 7 lakh with duplicate registrations.

The move has sparked concerns among opposition parties, leading to a legal challenge. Critics allege that a significant number of eligible voters might be excluded, prompting the Commission to reassure the public that the process is transparent and allows time for corrections.

According to the poll body, the draft electoral rolls will be published on August 1. From then until September 1, 2025, citizens can file objections or request additions, deletions, or rectifications. The Commission emphasized that any voter who has submitted an enumeration form—regardless of supporting documents—will appear in the draft list.

Voters who missed submitting the enumeration form can still be added to the final roll by submitting a claim in the proper format. The final voter list is scheduled for release on September 30. Even after that, new voters can be registered up until the last day of nomination filing. To ensure a thorough process, nearly 1 lakh Booth Level Officers (BLOs), 4 lakh volunteers, and 1.5 lakh Booth Level Agents (BLAs) from 12 major political parties are participating in the verification drive. The Commission defended its actions in court, citing Article 324 of the Constitution, and maintained that the revision is being carried out in a fair and lawful manner, in line with its constitutional mandate.

Congress' ₹199 Crore Tax Appeal Rejected by IT Tribunal Over Late Filing



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The Income Tax Appellate Tribunal (ITAT) has dismissed the Congress party's appeal against a tax demand of ₹199 crore, citing late filing of income tax returns and violation of legal donation limits. This ruling comes as a major financial setback to the party, which has been fighting the case since 2019.

The case pertains to the financial year 2018-19, for which the Congress filed its income tax return on February 2, 2019—well beyond the stipulated deadline of December 31, 2018. The party declared nil income and sought an exemption of ₹199.15 crore, a claim the IT department rejected.

In its ruling, the ITAT stated that the delay in filing the return rendered the Congress ineligible for the claimed exemption. "The assessee's return filed on 2.02.2019 is not within the 'due' date to make it eligible for the impugned exemption," the tribunal noted. Further scrutiny by the Income Tax department in September 2019 revealed that the Congress had accepted ₹14.49 lakh in cash donations, with many of the individual contributions exceeding the legal limit of ₹2,000 per donor. Under Indian law, political donations above ₹2,000 must be made through traceable banking channels such as cheques or bank transfers.

Due to these violations, the entire amount claimed was deemed taxable. The Congress appealed the tax demand, but its claim was rejected in 2021 by the Income Tax department and again in 2023 by the Commissioner of Income Tax (Appeals).

Now, with the ITAT also dismissing the party's appeal, the Congress is liable to pay the full ₹199 crore, with no interim relief granted during the proceedings. The party has yet to announce its next legal move.

Indian Air Force to Retire MiG-21 Bison Jets in September After 62 Years of Service

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After serving the nation for more than six decades, the Indian Air Force (IAF) is set to retire its last fleet of MiG-21 Bison fighter jets this September. A formal ceremonial send-off will take place at the Chandigarh Air Base, marking the end of an era in Indian military aviation that began in 1963. A senior defence official confirmed the plan, highlighting the historical significance of the aircraft that once formed the backbone of India's air defence fleet. The MiG-21s, currently operated by the 23 Squadron — famously known as the "Pan-

thers" — will be decommissioned after decades of active service in critical combat missions. The IAF plans to replace the aging MiG-21s with the indigenously developed Tejas Mk1A fighter jets, aligning with India's focus on self-reliance in defence manufacturing under the 'Make in India' initiative. The Tejas Mk1A offers advanced avionics, better weapons systems, and enhanced combat capabilities compared to its predecessor.

The MiG-21s have had a storied legacy, playing vital roles in several of India's key military operations, including the 1965 and 1971 wars with Pakistan, the 1999 Kar-

gil conflict, and the 2019 Balakot airstrikes. It was during the Balakot operation that a MiG-21 Bison, piloted by then Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman, shot down a Pakistani F-16 before being shot down himself and captured — an event that drew global attention. More recently, MiG-21s were also deployed during Operation Sindoor, further underscoring their continued relevance despite aging technology. With their retirement, the IAF not only bids farewell to a historic aircraft but also takes a significant step toward modernizing its fleet with next-generation indigenous platforms.

U.S. to Exit UNESCO Again, Citing Continued Anti-Israel Bias

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The United States has announced it will withdraw from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) once again, citing the agency's continued "anti-Israel bias" and a lack of alignment with U.S. national interests. The move comes just two years after the U.S. rejoined UNESCO in 2023 under President Joe Biden, reversing an earlier withdrawal during Donald Trump's first term. State Department spokesperson Tammy Bruce stated that the decision reflects concerns over UNESCO's "divisive social and cultural agenda," and criticized the agency for admitting Palestine as a full member in 2011—a move she described as contributing to "anti-Israel rhetoric." The decision will formally take effect at the end of December 2026. It marks the third U.S. withdrawal from UNESCO—the first occurring under President Ronald Reagan in 1984 due to concerns about mismanagement and Soviet influence, and the second under Trump in 2018. UNESCO Director-General Audrey Azoulay expressed regret over the U.S. decision but noted that the organization was prepared for the possibility. She strongly reject-



ed claims of bias, pointing to UNESCO's active work in Holocaust education and combating antisemitism. "The reasons cited by the U.S. remain the same as years ago, even though the organization has evolved, tensions have eased, and multilateral cooperation has improved," Azoulay said. While the U.S. has historically been a major contributor

to UNESCO's budget, its share has dropped to about 8% in recent years as the agency diversified its funding sources. Azoulay assured that no layoffs are expected and that UNESCO will continue its mission. "We remain committed to our global work and welcome continued collaboration with U.S. institutions, regardless of political shifts," she added.

'We Had to Eat Like Animals': Reveals Inhumane Conditions in Florida Immigration Centers



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A shocking new report titled "You Feel Like Your Life is Over: Abusive Practices at Three Florida Immigration Detention Centres Since January 2025" has exposed widespread abuse and inhumane treatment at three overcrowded immigration facilities in south Florida. Published Monday, the report details disturbing practices under the Trump administration's immigration crackdown. The report highlights conditions at the

Krome North Service Processing Centre, Broward Transitional Centre, and the Federal Detention Centre in Miami. Inmates described being shackled with their hands tied behind their backs and forced to kneel and eat from styrofoam plates like "dogs." One detainee, Pedro, said, "We had to eat like animals," according to The Guardian. At Krome, overcrowding was so severe that detainees reportedly spent over 24 hours confined in parked buses with only a single toilet, which quick-

ly became unusable. "The bus smelled strongly of faeces," a detainee said. Women were allegedly forced to use toilets in view of male detainees and were denied proper hygiene, food, and medical care. Intake areas were described as freezing, with people sleeping on concrete floors without blankets or warm clothing for up to 12 days. Visitation rooms and other spaces were repurposed to hold detainees, often too cramped to allow sitting. At Broward, medical neglect was rampant. Detainees said that pleas for care were ignored, even when a man was seen coughing up blood. In one case, guards allegedly shut off surveillance cameras and sent in a "disturbance control team" to violently suppress a protest, resulting in injuries, including a broken finger. Immigration attorney Katie Blankenship condemned the escalating abuse, calling it a "human rights crisis." She added, "Florida thrives because of its immigrant communities. This cruelty is not just immoral — it will have lasting consequences for the entire country."

Bangladesh School Jet Crash Death Toll Rises to 27, Dozens in Critical Condition

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The death toll from the tragic military jet crash at Milestone School and College in Dhaka has risen to 27, with dozens still in critical condition, according to Bangladeshi authorities. The Chinese-made F-7 BGI training jet crashed into the two-story school building on Monday afternoon, igniting a massive fire and injuring at least 171 people, most of them students. The aircraft, operated by the Bangladesh Air Force, experienced a "technical malfunction" shortly after taking off at 1:06 p.m. from the A.K. Khandaker air force base. Officials say the pilot, Flight Lt. Mohammed Toukir Islam, tried to divert the plane away from populated areas, but it ultimately slammed into the densely packed Uttara neighborhood near a metro station. Among the dead is the pilot himself, though it remains unclear whether he was still inside the aircraft at impact or ejected beforehand. Twenty bodies have been identified and handed over to families, while some remains require DNA testing due to extensive burns. Witnesses reported feeling the ground shake and hearing a massive explosion before flames engulfed the school. "We had to run for our lives," said one student. Survivors described chaotic scenes of students and staff flee-



ing, while desperate parents searched through smoke and rubble for their children. Rescue operations continued late into the night, with cranes removing debris and helicopters evacuating the wounded. Dozens of students between ages 12 and 16 were transferred to a specialized burn hospital.

Bangladesh has declared a national day of mourning. Interim leader Muhammad Yunus called the crash "a moment of deep national grief." Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi also offered condolences, stating that India stands in solidarity with Bangladesh. An investigation into the crash is underway.



PM Modi's UK Visit Set to Elevate India-UK Strategic Ties with Landmark Trade Deal

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to embark on his fourth visit to the United Kingdom later this week, amid a new era of growing India-UK relations. This visit comes on the heels of the historic conclusion of the India-UK Free Trade Agreement (FTA), finalized on May 6, 2025 — a major milestone for both nations. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) confirmed that PM Modi will hold wide-ranging talks with his UK counterpart, Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer, covering the full spectrum of bilateral relations and major global and regional issues. India and the UK, with their shared historical ties, have transformed their relationship into a robust, comprehensive strategic partnership, officially designated in 2021. The two nations have witnessed a steady rise in high-level interactions, with PM Modi and PM Starmer meeting twice in the past year — during the G20 Summit in Brazil (November 2024) and the G7 Summit (June 2025) — along with several telephonic exchanges. The strength of this partnership is reflected in the five ministerial-level institutional mechanisms focused on key areas such as defence, energy, finance, trade, and science & technology. Recent engagements include the 17th Foreign Office Consultations and the inaugural Strategic Exports and Technology Cooperation Dialogue. Bilateral trade surged to a record \$55 billion in 2024, marking a 10% increase over 2023. The newly signed FTA is expected to further boost trade and investment, particularly for MSMEs, and enhance cooperation in technology and innovation. The Indian diaspora, comprising 2.7% of the UK population, continues to serve as a vital bridge between the two countries, enriching both societies culturally and economically. PM Modi's visit is expected to focus on reviewing progress under the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (CSP), especially in trade, defence, innovation, education, health, and climate cooperation.



"Will Crush Your Economy": US Senator's Big "Russia" Warning For India, China

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U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham has issued a stern warning to India, China, and Brazil, stating that former President Donald Trump's administration is planning steep tariffs—potentially up to 100%—on nations continuing to buy Russian oil. Graham, a key Republican figure and close ally of Trump, made the remarks during an interview with Fox News amid intensifying criticism of countries allegedly fueling Russia's war in Ukraine through energy trade. "If you keep buying cheap Russian oil to allow this war to continue, we're going to tear up the hell out of you, and we're going to crush your economy," Graham said, targeting the three nations that, he claims, account for nearly 80% of Russia's crude exports. He accused them of enabling President Vladimir Putin's military aggression, calling their purchases "blood money." Graham had earlier proposed a bill seeking tariffs as high as 500% on goods from countries that continue to engage in energy trade with Moscow. He emphasized that Putin is attempting to recreate the former Soviet Union by invading countries like Ukraine, breaking international agreements, including Ukraine's 1990s nuclear disarmament deal. The Trump administration has become increasingly frustrated with Russia's refusal to end the war. Despite Trump's campaign promise to end the conflict on "day one" of his second term, fighting has intensified, prompting Washington to approve additional weapons for Ukraine and announce potential "biting" secondary tariffs. Adding pressure, NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte also warned India, China, and Brazil of massive consequences if they do not push Putin toward peace. India responded firmly, with the Foreign Ministry stating that national energy security is a priority. "We are guided by market realities and global conditions. We caution against double standards," a spokesperson said, indirectly criticizing Western nations for inconsistent approaches to sanctions and global trade.

Volatile Session Ends Flat; Banking Drags, Global Cues Mixed

Indian stock markets witnessed sharp fluctuations on Tuesday. They fluctuated in a range throughout. Benchmark indices ended with moderate losses. Mixed signals from global markets and lack of clarity on the trade deal with the US added to the negative sentiment. Banking and finance shares, which had performed well in two consecutive sessions, also traded lower today. The direction of the indices will now depend on the first quarter results. Overall, the Nifty lost 29 points and the Sensex lost 13 points.



The BSE Sensex, which closed at 81,200 in the previous session, opened at 82,527 on Tuesday. It touched an intraday low of 82,110. It reached an intraday high of 82,538. It finally closed at 82,186, down 13 points. The NSE Nifty, which opened at 25,060, touched a low of 25,035 and a high of 25,182. It closed at 25,060, down 29 points. The Nifty Bank fell 196 points to settle at 56,756.

In the Nifty50, 18 companies gained and 32 lost. Eternal, HDFC Life, Titan, Hindalco, BEL were the top gainers. Shriram Finance, Eicher Motors, Adani Ports, Tata Motors, Jio Finance were the biggest losers. India Consumption and CPSE indices rose today. The Finance index ended flat. Media, PSU Bank, Realty, Pharma, Auto, Healthcare, Infra, Outlying, Oil, FMCG, Bank, Commodities, Energy indices were volatile.

Market breadth favored sellers on NSE today. Out of a total of 3032 stocks traded, 1275 gained and 1672 lost. 74 shares touched their 52-week high and 3 touched their 52-week low. 7 reached the upper circuit and 5 reached the lower circuit.

The rupee, which closed at 86.20 against the dollar on Monday, weakened slightly on Tuesday and settled at 86.36. Jefferies has given a buy rating to CanFim Homes shares with a target price of Rs. 950. 13 lakh shares changed hands in CG Power. CLSA has given an Outperform rating to Havells India with a target price of Rs 1915. 25 lakh shares changed hands in a block deal in NMDC. Shyam Metalics' Q1 net profit rose 4% to Rs 389 crore from Rs 374 crore. Jefferies has maintained a Buy rating on Bajaj Finance with a target price of Rs 1044. 22 lakh shares



changed hands in ITC. Monarch Surveyors' IPO received a 11-fold response. Kajaria Ceramics' net profit rose 21% to Rs 109 crore from Rs 90 crore. GPT Infra Project won an order worth Rs 351 crore. Zee Entertainment's net profit rose 22% to Rs 144 crore. CLSA has given Titan an Outperform rating with a target price of Rs. 4326.

Stock Recommendations

Exid Industries: Shares of this battery manufacturing company are undergoing a bullish reversal. A good base has been formed after the fall. These should be bought in the Rs. 190 range. Short and medium term momentum is gradually increasing.



Max Financial Services: The relative strength of these shares is better. Medium and long term momentum is good. Consolidation is currently ongoing. These should be bought in dips in the Rs. 1550 range. Target should be set from Rs. 1650 to Rs. 1730. On Tuesday, this counter closed at Rs. 1,562.



NLC India: After a long fall, a good base has been formed in this counter. A bullish trend is starting. The buy on dips method should be followed in the Rs. 220-230 range. On Tuesday, these shares closed at Rs. 241 with a gain of 4%.



Hindalco: Shares of this metal sector company are currently moving sideways. They are following the 20 and 50-day moving averages. Short and medium term momentum is improving. These shares, which closed at Rs. 690 on Tuesday, should be bought on dips in the Rs. 680 range.



Havells India: These shares, which have been falling for a few months, are undergoing a bullish reversal. Volatility is decreasing. These shares should be accumulated in the Rs. 1550 range.



Core Industries Index Rises 1.7% in June, Steel and Cement Lead Growth

India's Index of Eight Core Industries posted a growth of 1.7% in June 2025, marking a three-month high, according to data released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry on July 21. However, this growth remains significantly below the 5% expansion recorded in June 2024 and the 2024-25 average of 6.3%. The index tracks the performance of eight key sectors—coal, crude oil, natural gas, refinery products, fertilizers, steel, cement, and electricity—that collectively have a 40.27% weight in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP). In June 2025, five out of these eight sectors registered a contraction.



The steepest decline was recorded in the coal sector, which shrank by 6.8% in June. This is a sharp reversal from the 2.8% growth seen in May and a significant drop from the 14.8% growth logged in June 2024. Crude oil production also fell by 1.2%, continuing its downward trend after a 1.8% decline in May. The natural gas sector saw a 2.8% contraction, while electricity generation also dropped by 2.8%. Despite these weaknesses, the overall index was

buoyed by strong performances in the steel and cement sectors. Steel output rose by 9.3% in June, up from 7.4% in May and higher than the 6.3% recorded in June 2024. Cement production maintained robust momentum with a 9.2% increase, though slightly lower than the 9.6% growth in May. Refinery products also provided support to the index, growing by 3.4% in June. This marked a significant improvement from a 1.1% rise in May and a contraction of 1.5% a year earlier. The data underscores mixed signals from the core industries, highlighting pockets of strength in construction-related sectors amid broader industrial challenges.

Rupee Slips 5 Paise to 86.36 Against US Dollar Amid Trade Deal Uncertainty

The Indian rupee closed 5 paise lower at 86.36 against the US dollar amid growing uncertainty over the India-US trade deal ahead of the critical August 1 deadline. The currency had opened at 86.26 and moved in a narrow band, touching an intraday high of 86.22 and a low of 86.41 before settling at 86.36.

Despite some early gains supported by a softer dollar and declining crude oil prices, the rupee failed to hold its ground. Market sentiment was weighed down by foreign fund outflows and weakness in domestic equities. On Monday, the rupee had already declined by 15 paise, closing at 86.31 per US dollar. According to forex analysts, the ongoing trade negotiations between India and the US are being closely monitored. The outcome is crucial, as the suspension of Trump-era tariffs on Indian exports is set to expire on August 1. If no interim agreement is reached, Indian exporters may face renewed pressure, adding further downside risk to the rupee. Anuj Choudhary, a research analyst at Mi-



rae Asset Sharekhan, said, "We expect the rupee to trade with a slight negative bias on trade deal talks. However, the weakness in the American currency and easing crude oil prices may cushion losses at lower levels." Meanwhile, the dollar index slipped slightly by 0.03% to 97.82. Brent crude futures fell 0.94% to \$68.56 per barrel, providing some relief for India's import bill. On the equities front, the BSE Sensex declined 13.53 points to close at 82,186.81, while the NSE Nifty fell 29.80 points to settle at 25,060.90. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) sold equities worth ₹1,681.23 crore on a net basis, adding further pressure to the rupee.

Zomato Parent Eternal to Launch ‘Blinkit Foods’

Zomato’s parent company, Eternal, has announced the formation of a new wholly owned subsidiary called Blinkit Foods Private Limited, marking a strategic expansion in the food services space. In a stock exchange filing, Eternal revealed that Blinkit Foods will focus on food innovation, preparation, sourcing, sale, and delivery to customers, complementing the company’s growing interest in cloud kitchen models. With a proposed authorised share capital of ₹1 crore and a paid-up capital of ₹10 lakh, Blinkit Foods is expected to enhance Eternal’s capabilities in the quick-service food delivery market. Though further details are yet to be disclosed, it is widely anticipated that Blinkit Foods will work closely with Bistrot, Eternal’s existing cloud kitchen initiative. Bistrot, launched in late 2024, currently operates 38 kitchens in Bengaluru and Delhi-NCR. The model offers ready-to-eat meals, snacks, and beverages delivered within 10–15 minutes, targeting the rising demand for affordable and



high-quality meals on the go. According to Eternal’s co-founder and CEO, Deepinder Goyal, Bistrot is seeing robust customer engagement and is not cannibalizing Zomato’s traditional food delivery operations. Goyal acknowledged in a recent letter to shareholders that while early traction is promising, the company is still working toward profitability in the cloud kitchen segment. “We need to work and find answers to making money in this business,” he wrote. Eternal plans to continue making “calibrated investments” into Blinkit Foods and the Bistrot model to scale operations sustainably. This move is aligned with Eternal’s broader strategy to diversify its offerings and deepen its presence in the hyper-local, fast-food delivery space—one of the fastest-growing segments in India’s food-tech landscape.

Earth’s Spin Accelerates on July 22, Marking Second-Shortest Day in History

In a rare astronomical event, Earth will rotate 1.34 milliseconds faster than usual on July 22, 2025, making it the second-shortest day ever recorded. This surprising acceleration means the planet will complete a full spin slightly quicker than the standard 24-hour period. The only day recorded as shorter was July 10, 2025, when Earth spun 1.36 milliseconds faster than normal. Scientists have been closely monitoring this trend of increasingly shorter days since it began around 2020. Using high-precision atomic clocks and satellite tracking, researchers have observed that Earth’s rotation is not fixed but can fluctuate due to both natural and cosmic factors. The recent uptick in faster rotations is now under close scrutiny by global time-keeping authorities, who warn that a “negative leap second” — a subtraction of time — may be needed in the future to keep atomic time aligned with Earth’s spin. Why is Earth speeding up? One of the key contributors is the Moon. Around early July, the Moon reached its maximum declination — the farthest point in its orbit from Earth’s equator — temporarily increasing Earth’s spin. A similar lunar alignment is occurring on July 22, once again accelerating the rotation. Typically, lunar tides slow Earth’s



rotation over long timescales, but on shorter timescales, the Moon’s position can actually cause brief spin-ups. In addition to celestial forces, geophysical factors are also at play. Melting ice sheets, shifting ocean currents, earthquakes, and atmospheric pressure changes can all subtly alter Earth’s moment of inertia, causing tiny changes in day length. Although we won’t notice these changes in daily life, they signal larger, complex dynamics of Earth’s systems that scientists are still working to fully understand. Another brief day is predicted on August 5, expected to be 1.25 milliseconds shorter than average.

Instagram Adds Auto-Scroll to Reels for Easier Viewing

Instagram is adding a highly requested feature called Auto Scroll, designed to make scrolling through Reels and posts completely hands-free. With this new addition, users will be able to enjoy endless content without swiping — making the app more convenient for those who like to multitask or simply prefer a more passive viewing experience. Once the Auto Scroll feature is activated, Instagram will automatically move from one Reel to the next after each finishes playing. This allows users to sit back and enjoy a continuous stream of content without having to manually swipe up for the next vid-



eo. The feature also works in the main feed, offering a smooth, uninterrupted scroll through posts. Currently, Auto Scroll is in testing for iPhone users, with Instagram planning to extend it to Android devices in the coming weeks. While there’s no official launch date yet, early testers report that the feature can be toggled on and off easily from within the Reels interface or through settings. This feature is part of Instagram’s broader strategy to enhance user experience by making content more accessible and easier to consume. It follows a string of updates aimed at improving personalization, engage-

ment, and convenience — including features like improved AI-driven recommendations and more robust video editing tools. Auto Scroll could also increase watch time across the platform, benefiting creators and advertisers alike. As Instagram continues to compete with TikTok and YouTube Shorts, features like these may play a key role in keeping users engaged. Whether you’re cooking, commuting, or just too lazy to swipe, Instagram’s Auto Scroll is set to make your Reels binge even more effortless — one scroll at a time.

Indore’s 24-Carat Gold Mansion Goes Viral

A glittering mansion in Indore, Madhya Pradesh, has taken the internet by storm—thanks to its jaw-dropping 24-carat gold interiors and larger-than-life luxury. Owned by government contractor Anoop Agarwal, the mansion is making headlines for its sheer opulence, from gold-plated switchboards to a vintage car collection and even an on-site gaushala (cow shelter). A now-deleted Instagram video tour of the property offered a rare look into what many are calling India’s most extravagant private residence. Shared by a content creator, the video begins with a tour of the estate’s sprawling grounds. One of the first surprises is the presence of a fully functional gaushala within the mansion premises, showcasing Agarwal’s commitment to tradition alongside his taste for luxury. The car collection is equally impressive, featuring a 1936 Vintage Mercedes, Land Rover Defender, Volvo EV, BMW X7, and a Range Rover. Agarwal proudly remarks, “Whenever a new car launches in Indore, I try to be the first person to buy that.” Inside the mansion, the interiors are nothing short of



cinematic. From walls adorned in real gold to sparkling chandeliers and 24-carat gold-plated electrical sockets, every detail is crafted to impress. The content creator exclaims, “I see a lot of gold,” to which Agarwal casually confirms, “This is all original 24-carat gold.” But beyond the bling lies a story of ambition. Agarwal shares that his family once operated a single petrol pump for 25 people. “I realised survival will be tough, so I entered government contractorship,” he says. His work now spans roads, bridges, and even a 300-room hotel. While the mansion has sparked both awe and scrutiny online, it remains a striking example of how far hard work—and a bit of gold—can go.

Why You Wake Up Tired After a Full Night’s Sleep: New Study Reveals Brain Activation Clues

If you’ve ever woken up groggy despite getting a full night’s sleep, you’re not alone — and now, science may have an answer. A recent study published in Current Biology reveals that feeling tired after waking up may be less about how long you sleep and more about how your brain “reboots” when transitioning from sleep to wakefulness. Researchers at the Netherlands Institute for Neuroscience conducted a detailed investigation into brain activity patterns during wake-up moments. The team observed 20 participants, recording data from over 1,000 waking events, both natural and alarm-induced. Their goal: to understand how the brain’s reactivation process affects how refreshed a person feels upon waking. The findings suggest that the quality of sleep — particularly during REM and non-REM phases — and the timing of waking can significantly impact how alert or tired we feel. Specifically, the study found that waking during deep sleep or during certain REM cycles may disrupt the brain’s transition into wakefulness, leading to a feeling of fatigue even after adequate rest. Interestingly, the researchers noted that



the brain doesn’t “wake up” all at once. Instead, different regions re-engage at different speeds, and some areas responsible for alertness and mood may lag behind. This uneven reactivation could explain why some people wake up sluggish, disoriented, or irritable, despite having technically slept for seven to eight hours. The study holds promise for the future of sleep research and treatment. By identifying the neural mechanisms behind post-sleep fatigue, scientists hope to develop better strategies — possibly even personalized alarm systems — to help people wake at optimal times and feel truly rested. In short, it’s not just how much you sleep — it’s when and how you wake that counts.

Delhi Premier League Season 2 from Aug 2; Women’s League from Aug 17

The highly anticipated second season of the Delhi Premier League (DPL) is all set to kick off on August 2 with an opening ceremony followed by the first men’s match. The final showdown is scheduled for August 31 at the iconic Arun Jaitley Stadium, with September 1 reserved in case of rain or unforeseen delays. This season promises heightened competition and broader participation, featuring eight men’s teams and four women’s teams. The league continues its mission to promote emerging talent while enhancing fan engagement across the city. **The eight men’s teams are split into two groups:** Group A – Outer Delhi Warriors, Central Delhi Kings, New Delhi Tigers, and North Delhi Strikers.



Group B – West Delhi Lions, East Delhi Riders, South Delhi Superstarz, and Purani Dilli 6. Each men’s team will play ten match-

es—six within their group in a double round-robin format and four against teams from the opposite group in a single round-robin. A total of 40

matches will be played in the men’s league phase. The top four teams advance to the playoffs, featuring two qualifiers and

one eliminator. The top two teams meet in Qualifier 1 for a direct route to the final, while the third and fourth teams face off in the Eliminator. The winner of the Eliminator plays the loser of Qualifier 1 in Qualifier 2 to determine the second finalist. The women’s competition runs from August 17 to August 24, with four teams competing in a round-robin format across six matches. The top two will contest the final. Matches will award two points for a win. In case of a tie, a Super Over will decide the winner, while abandoned games will see teams split points. DDCA President Rohan Jaitley emphasized the league’s growing stature, calling DPL a vital platform for Delhi’s emerging cricket talent, especially women cricketers.

Injury-Hit India Prepares for Must-Win 4th Test vs England

India face a stern challenge ahead of the fourth Test at Old Trafford, as they look to bounce back from a 2-1 deficit in the series against a resurgent England side. The visitors are grappling with multiple injuries and may be forced to alter their winning combination when the match begins on Wednesday. India had found stability in their lineup with three all-rounders, including Nitish Reddy, but his knee injury has ruled him



out of the remainder of the series. His absence disrupts India’s balance, especially with the bat and ball, and could force a return to a more traditional setup with fewer all-round options. Shardul Thakur is the likely replacement, though he doesn’t offer the same consistency with the bat. The team might consider a batting-heavy lineup with Karun Nair and Sai Sudharsan filling the middle order, reducing the spin department to just Ravindra Jadeja. With pacer Akash Deep also recovering from a groin injury, uncapped seamer Anshul Kamboj and Prasidh Krishna are being considered for selection. Kamboj impressed in training and was part of India A’s recent tour to England. Jasprit

Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj remain the pace spearheads. Despite a rare batting collapse at Lord’s, Shubman Gill has amassed over 600 runs in the series. KL Rahul has shown excellent technique at the top, while Rishabh Pant is expected to return after recovering from a finger injury. Ravindra Jadeja, consistent with the bat, is under pressure to deliver with the ball. England remain unchanged except for Liam Dawson replacing injured spinner Shoaib Bashir. With damp conditions and light showers expected, seamers on both sides could play a pivotal role in what promises to be another thrilling chapter in a closely fought series.

IND Opt to Bat in ODI Series Decider

India Women’s captain Harmanpreet Kaur won the toss and elected to bat first against England in the third and final One Day International (ODI) on Tuesday at Chester-le-Street. With the series level at 1-1, the contest serves as a high-stakes decider between two well-matched sides. India claimed victory in the opening ODI in Southampton, chasing down a modest target to win by four wickets. England bounced back strongly in the rain-shortened second ODI at Lord’s, registering a dominant eight-wicket win to level the series.

Heading into the final match, India made one change to their playing XI, bringing in left-arm spinner Radha Yadav in place of Arundhati Reddy. England, on the other hand, made two changes, introducing Alice Davidson-Richards and pacer Lauren Filer for Em Arlott and Maia Bouchier. India will look to their top order, including Smriti Mandhana, Harleen Deol, and Jemimah Rodrigues, to set a strong foundation, while all-rounders Deepti Sharma and Sneha Rana add depth and balance. The team also banks on the experience of captain Harmanpreet and the young energy of wicketkeeper Richa Ghosh. England will rely on the in-form Tammy Beaumont and the experienced Nat Sciver-Brunt, who leads the side. Their bowling attack features spin stars like Sophie Ecclestone and Charlie Dean, along with a solid pace unit. **Playing XIs:** India: Pratika Rawal, Smriti Mandhana, Harleen Deol, Harmanpreet Kaur (c), Jemimah



Rodrigues, Deepti Sharma, Richa Ghosh (wk), Radha Yadav, Sneha Rana, Shree Charani, Kranti Goud. England: Tammy Beaumont, Amy Jones (wk), Emma Lamb, Nat Sciver-Brunt (c), Sophia Dunkley, Alice Davidson-Richards, Charlie Dean, Sophie Ecclestone, Linsey Smith, Lauren Filer, Lauren Bell. With the series on the line, both teams are expected to bring their best to the field.

Prannoy Stages Sensational Comeback to Enter China Open 2025 Pre-Quarters

Changzhou: Indian shuttler H S Prannoy pulled off one of the most thrilling victories of the China Open 2025 so far, stunning Japan’s Koki Watanabe to book his spot in the men’s singles pre-quarterfinals on Tuesday. The BWF Super 1000 tournament, held at the Olympic Sports Centre Gymnasium, witnessed an intense three-game battle that showcased Prannoy’s grit and resilience. Ranked World No. 35, Prannoy faced a tough challenge against the higher-ranked World No. 18 Watanabe. The match began on a rough note for the Indian, who was completely outplayed in the opening game, losing 8-21. However, Prannoy regrouped and found his form in the second game, controlling the rallies and leveling the match with a 21-16 win. The decider was a rollercoaster. At one stage, Prannoy trailed by nine points and looked on the verge of defeat. But the experienced Indi-



an showed remarkable composure and fighting spirit, saving five match points to force a dramatic turnaround. He eventually clinched the final game 23-21, sealing victory in just under an hour and sending shockwaves through the draw. With this win, Prannoy advances to the round-of-16, where he will face the sixth seed, Chou Tien Chen of Chinese Taipei — a seasoned campaigner on the world circuit. Meanwhile, it was a disappointing day for other Indian players. Lakshya Sen, Anupama Upadhyaya, and the mixed doubles duo of Rohan Kapoor and Ruthvika Gadde all exited the tournament despite pushing their respective matches into deciding sets. Prannoy’s incredible comeback, however, keeps India’s hopes alive in the prestigious China Open as the tournament progresses into the business end.

Seifert Shines as NZ Beat SA to Reach Tri-Series Final

Seifert Shines with Quickfire Fifty

Tim Seifert’s explosive half-century powered New Zealand to a dominant seven-wicket win over South Africa in the final group-stage match of the Zimbabwe Tri-Series on Tuesday. The victory ensured a perfect record for the Kiwis, who topped the table with three wins from three matches and booked their place in the final against the same opposition. Opting to bowl first after winning the toss, New Zealand’s bowlers kept the South African batters in check right from the start. South Africa struggled to gain momentum, losing key wickets early and slumping to 79/5 by the 15th over. Reeza Hendricks was the standout performer with the bat, scoring 41 off 37 balls, including four boundaries and a six. George Linde chipped in with an unbeaten 23 off 15 deliveries to help South Africa post a modest 134/8 in their allotted 20 overs. The Kiwi bowling attack was sharp and effective, with Adam Milne (2/21), Mitchell Santner (2/26), and Jacob Duffy (2/33) sharing the spoils and applying pressure throughout the innings. In response, New Zealand started brightly, with Tim Seifert and Devon Conway putting on a 51-run stand for the opening wicket. Though they lost a couple of wickets in quick succession, Seifert kept the momentum going with an unbeaten 66 off 48 balls, smashing six fours and two sixes. Daryl Mitchell provided excellent support, finishing on 20* off 15 balls as the pair stitched together a com-



posed half-century stand to finish the game with 25 balls to spare. Seifert was deservedly named ‘Player of the Match’ for his match-winning performance. The final, a rematch between New Zealand and South Africa, will be held in Harare on Saturday, July 26.



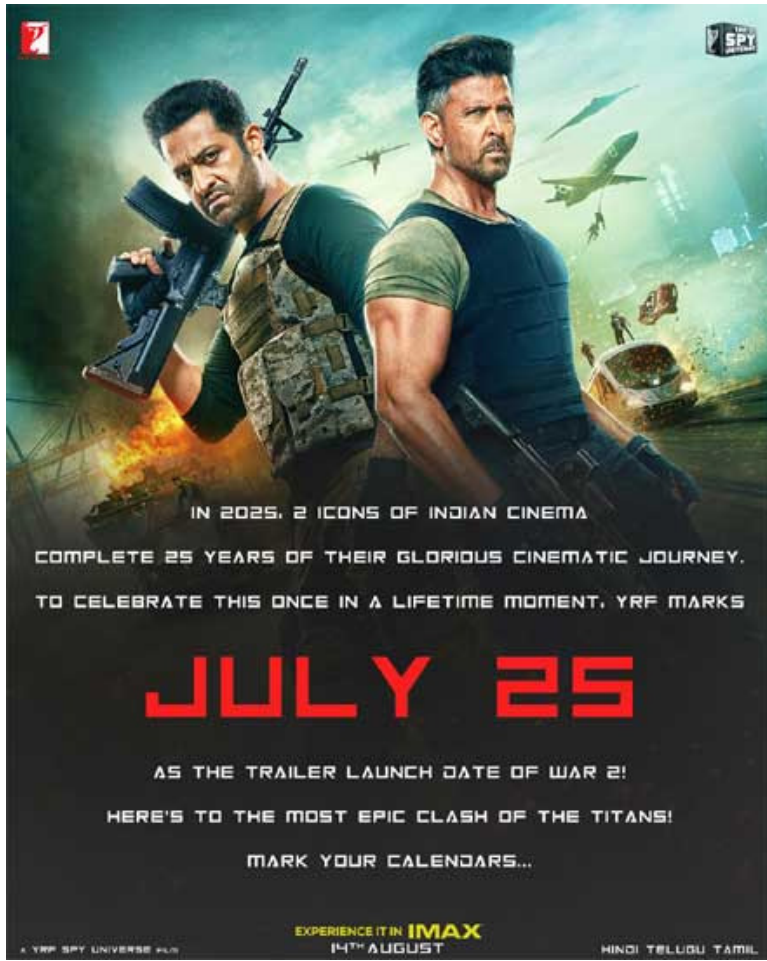
First Look: Raashi Khanna Shines as Shloka in Ustaad Bhagat Singh

The buzz around Pawan Kalyan's upcoming film Ustaad Bhagat Singh just got louder, with the official confirmation of Raashi Khanna joining the cast. Directed by Harish Shankar, the film has been under production in Hyderabad for several months, with schedules coordinated around Pawan Kalyan's busy political commitments. As fans eagerly await the release of Hari Hara Veera Mallu on July 24, the makers have given a sneak peek into this parallel big-budget project. After much speculation in recent days, the filmmakers finally announced Raashi Khanna's role on social media, unveiling her first look poster. In the image, Raashi appears smiling and holding a camera, exuding warmth and charm. Her character is named Shloka, and the look hints at a vibrant, creative personality—possibly an artist or a journalist. This marks Raashi's entry as the second female lead, alongside Sreeleela, who has been part of the film's earlier sched-

ules. According to the production team, Raashi is currently involved in the ongoing schedule, which is expected to wrap up soon. Her inclusion has been warmly received by fans, especially since this marks her reunion with Harish Shankar, with whom she shares a successful working history. Ustaad Bhagat Singh is also the much-awaited second collaboration between Pawan Kalyan and Harish Shankar after their blockbuster 2012 film Gabbar Singh. Produced by Mythri Movie Makers and featuring music by Devi Sri Prasad, the film is targeting a Summer 2026 release. With a power-packed cast and strong creative backing, the film continues to generate high expectations. Raashi Khanna's look as Shloka adds to the excitement, hinting at a character that may offer both emotional depth and narrative spark.

War 2 Trailer Release Date Announced – Hrithik and Jr NTR Set to Ignite the Screen

The wait is finally over for fans of action cinema as the trailer release date for War 2 has officially been announced. One of the most eagerly awaited films of the year, War 2 stars Hrithik Roshan, Jr NTR, and Kiara Advani in lead roles, and is being directed by Ayan Mukerji, known for his grand visual storytelling. The high-octane action thriller is slated for a theatrical release on August 14, 2025, just in time for India's Independence Day weekend. But before that, fans can gear up for an adrenaline-filled teaser of what's to come—because the trailer is set to drop on July 25, 2025, in Hindi, Telugu, and Tamil. Clocking in at 2 minutes and 39 seconds, the trailer promises to give audiences a thrilling glimpse of what War 2 has in store. With Jr NTR making his Bollywood debut in a full-fledged role and Hrithik Roshan reprising his action-hero avatar, expectations are sky-high. The addition of Kiara Advani brings further star power and intrigue to the ensemble.



Backed by Yash Raj Films, the movie is the latest chapter in the YRF Spy Universe, following the success of War (2019), Pathaan (2023), and Tiger 3 (2023). The film's music is composed by Pritam, adding to the hype with a potential blockbuster soundtrack. Fans across social media are already celebrating the trailer announcement, and the countdown has officially begun. With its big-budget action, massive star cast, and patriotic release date, War 2 is all set to be a cinematic event that will dominate box office headlines this August.

Ajay Devgn Unveils New Trailer 'Duja' from Son of Sardaar 2

Bollywood superstar Ajay Devgn is all set to return to the big screen with the much-awaited sequel Son of Sardaar 2. Directed by Vijay Kumar Arora, the film also stars Mrunal Thakur in the female lead role. Building on the legacy of the original, this new installment brings fresh energy while retaining the essence that made the first film a hit. The original Son of Sardaar, released in 2012, was a Hindi remake of the Telugu film Maryada Ramanna and was helmed by S.S. Rajamouli. Now, with Son of Sardaar 2, the makers aim to expand the story with new characters, action-packed sequences, and a blend of comedy and drama, all wrapped in high Punjabi spirit. The first trailer and look posters were released earlier this month, receiving positive feedback from fans and critics alike. Riding on the buzz, the makers have now dropped a second trailer titled 'Duja', offering deeper insight into the plot and giving fans a glimpse of the high-energy action and emotional stakes involved. Initially slated for release on July 25, 2025, the film has now been postponed to July 31 due to unforeseen production delays. Despite the shift in the release date, excitement



ment continues to build as the new trailer showcases Devgn in full form, with Mrunal Thakur bringing freshness and charm to the screen. With its mix of action, humor, and family values, Son of Sardaar 2 promises to be a complete entertainer. Fans can now mark July 31 on their calendars for this fun-filled Punjabi blockbuster led by Ajay Devgn.

Karuppu First Look: Suriya Channels Divine Fury in RJ Balaji's Fiery Folk Drama

The first look of Karuppu, starring Suriya and directed by RJ Balaji, is out—and it's nothing short of electrifying. Known for his humorous storytelling, Balaji takes a bold leap into intense action drama, and the result looks promising. Karuppu appears to be a cinematic blend of folklore, power, and deep-rooted cultural symbolism.

In the unveiled poster, Suriya makes a grand entrance through a vivid folk procession. He's clad

in a traditional black lungi and shirt, a cigarette casually resting on his lips. The scene pulses with energy—masked dancers, ritualistic drums, and fire in the background—giving off an aura that is both mystical and raw. It's a striking departure from the actor's previous urban roles, signaling a return to roots with an edge of divine rage.

The title Karuppu draws inspiration from the fierce South Indian folk deity Karuppusamy, known

for justice, protection, and punishing the wicked. This suggests Suriya's role may transcend the physical realm, perhaps channeling a guardian-like force rooted in folklore.

Adding to the buzz is the reunion of Suriya and Trisha Krishnan, reuniting on screen after nearly two decades. Their chemistry and shared screen legacy heighten the anticipation for fans.

Produced by Dream Warrior

Pictures, Karuppu is positioned as one of their most ambitious productions to date. The film also boasts an impressive technical crew—Sai Abhyankkar on music, GK Vishnu handling cinematography, and Kalaivanan as editor—promising a visually rich and immersive cinematic experience. With this first look, Karuppu sets the tone for an epic rooted in culture, vengeance, and divine justice. The countdown to Suriya's transformation begins.

