



# TSRTC Records 200 Crore Free Rides Under Mahalakshmi Scheme

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**Special Desk:** Under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, the public governance model in Telangana has achieved yet another milestone with the successful implementation of the Mahalakshmi Free Bus Travel Scheme for women. Launched on December 9, 2023, the scheme has now facilitated over 200 crore free journeys for women in Telangana RTC buses. The total value of these journeys stands at an impressive ₹6,700 crore, fully reimbursed by the government in a timely manner to the RTC. Transport Minister Ponnampalapati Prabhakar congratulated RTC drivers, conductors, workers, and officials for their relentless efforts to ensure the scheme's success. He

praised their commitment to expanding the RTC fleet and operating without any interruptions. He emphasized that the protection of the RTC organization, passenger safety, and employee welfare remain top priorities.

“The free bus travel initiative is paving the way for women empowerment, enabling even those from remote areas to travel to urban centers for employment, thereby contributing to the growth of RTC,” the Minister said. He noted that women are saving up to ₹4,000 to ₹5,000 per month through this free travel scheme, which significantly aids their household finances.

In recognition of this historic 200 crore journey milestone,

celebrations will be held across 97 RTC depots and 341 bus stations throughout the state. All depots and stations are instructed to display banners and conduct special programs on the occasion.

Meetings will be organized at all major bus stations and depots, with local MPs, Ministers, MLAs, Mayors, and VIPs invited to participate. Additionally, speeches by women passengers from various backgrounds—vegetable vendors, employees, teachers, students, businesswomen, patients traveling to hospitals, and pilgrims—will be arranged so they can share their travel experiences.

Special honors will be given to select women passengers with shawls and gifts at de-

pots and key bus stations. For students, essay writing, rangoli, and painting competitions will be conducted on the themes of the Mahalakshmi scheme and women empowerment. Five winners from each category will receive books, water bottles, pen sets, and other gifts.

To recognize outstanding service, five best drivers, five best conductors, and traffic/security staff from each depot who contributed significantly to the scheme's success will also be felicitated.

This celebration marks not just a statistical achievement but a broader social transformation being driven through accessible and inclusive public transportation in Telangana.



## Govt on High Alert..

**CM Orders Monsoon Disease Control**

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Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has initiated a comprehensive strategy to address the challenges posed by the monsoon season, focusing on public health, water resource management, and agricultural support.

In a recent state-level review meeting, CM Revanth Reddy emphasized the urgency of preventing seasonal diseases such as dengue, chikungunya, and viral fevers. He instructed district collectors to conduct daily surprise inspections of primary health centers and government hospitals to ensure readiness and prompt response. Special attention was directed towards safeguarding the health of tribal communities during the monsoon period. Chief Secretary A. Ramakrishna Rao was tasked with closely monitoring and reporting the daily activities of all district collectors to the government to ensure effective implementation of health measures.

The Chief Minister also highlighted the importance of efficient water resource management during the rainy season. Officials were instructed to focus on maintaining irrigation projects, ponds, water bodies, and dams to prevent breaches caused by heavy inflows. Authorities provided updates on water releases from several projects in the Krishna basin and the Nagarjuna Sagar reservoir.

Addressing concerns about fertilizer supply, CM Revanth Reddy urged officials to prevent artificial shortages of urea. He announced arrangements to supply adequate urea during the farming season and assured farmers that the August quota would be delivered promptly. Dealers were instructed to display their urea stock details publicly and upload the information online. To safeguard farmers' interests, two officers along with two policemen will be deployed at fertilizer dealers and shops statewide to prevent any disruption in urea sales. Strict action will be taken against those who divert urea for other purposes, with cases filed accordingly. Additionally, the Telangana government announced plans to set up a helpline to register complaints regarding fertilizer shortages across the state.

These measures reflect the government's proactive approach to mitigating the challenges posed by the monsoon season and ensuring the well-being of the state's residents.

## Telangana Caste Survey Gains National Attention

**Bhatti says Rahul Gandhi's vision behind Telangana Model**

**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**  
Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka on Tuesday said the Telangana government's Socio-Economic Caste Survey, conducted with scientific and transparent methods, is now being seen as a national model for inclusive governance. Addressing a press conference at the State Secretariat, he said the initiative has sparked serious interest across the country and could influence future national-level census planning.

Bhatti Vikramarka credited Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for the original idea behind the survey. “Rahul Gandhi envisioned this kind of data-driven approach to social justice, and Telangana has now become a pioneer in its implementation,” he said. He asserted that the successful rollout of the survey has placed Telangana at the forefront of progressive and inclusive policymaking.

The Deputy CM announced that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy will lead a high-level delegation to New Delhi on Thursday. The delegation will include Bhatti Vikramarka and other key ministers who will present the state's



methodology and findings to the Congress central leadership. Further, he said the team will engage with Members of Parliament from all parties to build consensus for a new legislation allowing caste-related data to be included in the upcoming national census. “We are committed to ensuring that policymaking in India is backed by comprehensive socio-economic data,” he said.

Bhatti Vikramarka emphasized that the Telangana model is not just a regional experiment but a potential blueprint for national implementation. He said the Congress government is determined to drive informed policy reforms focused on social equity and welfare.

## Flight Mode CM, Silent on BC Rights: Kavitha

**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**  
BRS MLC and Jagruti president Kalvakuntla Kavitha launched a scathing attack on Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, calling him a “flight mode CM” and accusing him of failing to push for BC reservations despite frequent visits to the national capital. Speaking to the media in Hyderabad, Kavitha sarcastically remarked that Revanth Reddy has already achieved a “half-century” in Delhi trips but has done little to raise the issue with Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

She stated, “Revanth Reddy is going to Delhi again today, but he hasn't made any sincere effort to get BC reservations approved. If he is serious, he should take his entire party to Delhi and agitate for it.” Kavitha further criticized the Congress government in Telangana, stating that while the Chief Minister talks about party-based reservations, the backward class-



es are demanding legal and constitutional guarantees. She warned that if local body elections are conducted without BC reservations, the youth from BC communities will not tolerate it.

She also came down heavily on the national parties, accusing both the BJP and Congress of betraying BC communities.

Kavitha said the BJP state president Ramachandra Rao and Union ministers have made “painful and misleading” statements on the issue.

Highlighting that the Telangana Assembly had already passed the BC Reservation Bill, she questioned why it was still pending with the Centre and not forwarded to the President. She alleged that the BJP is deliberately delaying it due to “religious bias” and double standards.

“The BJP talks about court constraints in the South but is implementing over 50% reservations in Northern states. Everyone knows what happened in Gujarat. Why this discrimination against Telangana?” Kavitha asked.

She concluded by accusing the BJP of actively trying to deny opportunities to BC youth, alleging a conspiracy to keep them away from constitutional benefits.

## Congress Deceiving BCs on Every Front: KTR

**TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad**  
BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao has accused the Congress party of deceiving the Backward Classes (BCs) at every stage—from the 42% reservation in local bodies to the recent BC declaration. In a meeting with BC leaders at former minister Talasani Srinivas Yadav's residence on the occasion of Bonalu, KTR criticized the Congress government's handling of BC-related promises and policies. The leaders alleged that the Congress, despite knowing the legal hurdles, intention-



ally pushed for flawed legislation on BC reservations only to stage a political drama. They condemned the current government's decision to bring in an ordinance, calling it a tactic to mislead BCs while avoiding accountability.

Leaders present at the meet-

ing also pointed out that the Congress-led enumeration and caste census were being projected nationally despite glaring errors and ill intentions. They stated that the process lacked credibility and transparency, and accused the party of using it as a tool for propaganda rather than

genuine upliftment of the BC community.

They further stated that not a single promise made in the BC declaration had been fulfilled. Instead, many welfare schemes launched by the previous BRS government for the weaker sections have been cancelled, and no new initiatives have been introduced in their place.

Calling the Congress government's efforts as deceitful and insincere, the BRS leaders warned that the BC community is aware of these betrayals and will respond accordingly.



# Telangana Focuses on Housing, Student Welfare

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A high-level review meeting was held from the State Secretariat to evaluate the progress of key welfare and development initiatives across Telangana. The meeting was chaired by Chief Secretary A. Ramakrishna Rao and attended by Ministers Ponnamp Prabhakar, Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, Adhuri Laxman Kumar, along with all district collectors who participated via video conference.

The review focused primarily on the implementation of the Indiramma housing scheme, aimed at providing housing to the poor and underprivileged. Officials examined the current status of construction across all districts and discussed hurdles such as land acquisition delays, pending administrative approvals, and supply chain issues related to building materials. District collectors were instructed to resolve these challenges urgently to ensure that housing beneficiaries receive their homes without further delay.

Land-related complications, particularly those arising from ownership disputes and lack of clear land records, were also discussed. The Chief Secretary emphasized that coordination between the revenue, housing, and municipal departments is essential to streamline land allocation for housing projects.

The condition of food and accommodation in government residential schools and hostels across the state was another key agenda. Reports of substandard food and inadequate facilities were brought up, prompting the ministers to urge district officials to conduct regular inspections. Officials were told to take immediate corrective measures to improve hygiene and nutrition standards, ensuring a safe and supportive environment for students. Preparations for the upcoming Vana Mahotsavam, the state's annual plantation drive, were reviewed



in detail. Targets for plantation, sapling availability, and logistics were discussed, with a strong emphasis on community participation. District administrations were advised to mobilize volunteers, school students, and local organizations to increase the reach and impact of the plantation program.

Other matters relating to development works, welfare scheme implementation, and district-level monitoring mechanisms were also taken up. The Chief Secretary concluded the meeting by instructing collectors to send regular progress updates and maintain active coordination with all departments to ensure efficient and transparent governance.

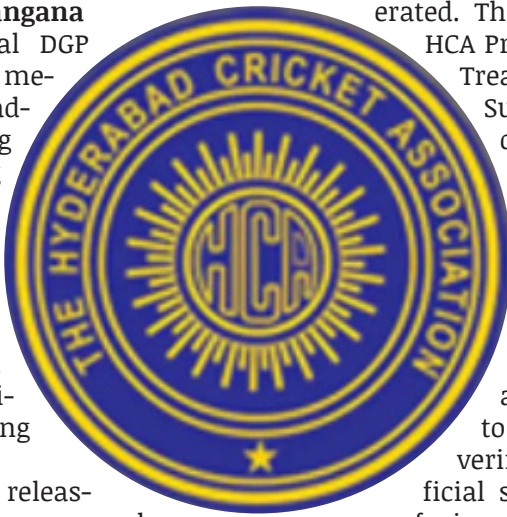
# CID Warns Media on HCA Case Misinformation

Additional DGP Charusinha denies IAS, IPS involvement in voting

**TPN Correspondent | Telangana**

Telangana CID Additional DGP Charusinha has urged the media to refrain from spreading false or misleading information regarding the ongoing investigation into the Hyderabad Cricket Association (HCA) case. In a statement, she clarified that no IAS or IPS officers were involved in the alleged irregularities during the HCA voting process.

She said the CID will be releasing official updates on the case and warned that misinformation will not be tol-



erated. The CID has identified that HCA President Jaganmohan Rao, Treasurer Srinivasa Rao, CEO Sunil, Officer Rajender Yadav, and MLC Kavitha were involved in casting 23 institutional votes illegally. However, Charusinha firmly dismissed the reports that IAS or IPS officers participated in the vote, terming such claims as baseless. She appealed to media outlets to wait for verified information from official sources and not to create confusion by publishing unverified allegations.

# Ration Cards After 10 Years: Ponnamp

**TPN Correspondent |Hyderabad**

Telangana Minister and Hyderabad district in-charge Ponnamp Prabhakar held a high-level review meeting at the Hyderabad District Collectorate on the distribution of new ration cards and measures to prevent seasonal diseases. District Collector Dasari Harichandana and officials from various departments participated in the meeting.

Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar stated that for the first time in 10 years, ration cards are being issued across the state, and the process will continue irrespective of political considerations. He emphasized that the government is committed to ensuring that all eligible beneficiaries receive ration cards, including the addition of missing names. Highlighting the progress, the minister said that 43,000 ration cards are ready for distribution in Hyderabad, and around 2.31 lakh units are in the pipeline.



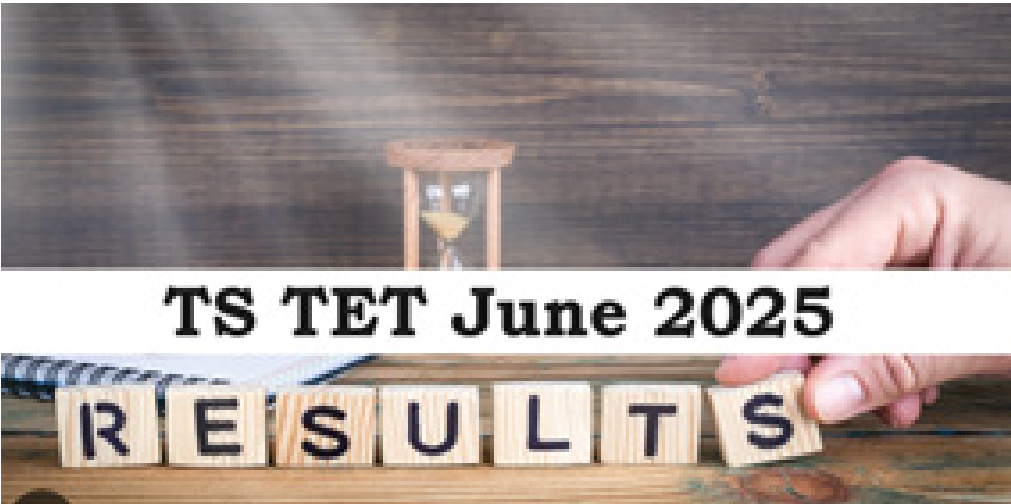
However, he expressed concern over delays in the verification process and mentioned that nearly one lakh applications remain pending in Hyderabad, causing slower progress compared to other districts.

He called for improved coordination between Civil Supplies, Revenue, and GHMC departments to expedite verification and ensure timely issuance. The minister reiterated the government's aim to issue ration cards, add missing names, and distribute fine rice in a transparent and efficient manner. He urged officials to maintain the state's positive momentum and ensure the benefits reach the eligible without delay.

# Telangana TET June 2025 Results Announced

**TPN Correspondent |Hyderabad**

The Telangana Teacher Eligibility Test (TET) results for June 2025 were officially declared by Education Secretary Yogita Rana during a ceremony held at the Secretariat. The School Education Department revealed that a total of 90,205 candidates appeared for the exams, which were conducted over 16 sessions from June 18 to 30 in seven different languages to accommodate the diverse applicant pool across the state. Out of these, 30,649 candidates successfully qualified, reflecting a state-wide pass percentage of approximately 34 percent.



13,075 candidates were successful. These figures underscore the rigorous standards maintained by the education authorities in certifying competent teaching professionals. The results can be accessed and downloaded from the official website of the Telangana School Education Department. The announcement event was attended by senior officials including School Education Director Naveen Nicholas, who emphasized the importance of the TET in maintaining high teaching standards across government schools in Telangana. The department urged all successful candidates to proceed with the next steps for teacher recruitment as per the state's educational policies.

Breaking down the results, for Paper-1, which is generally for primary school teachers, 29,043 candidates out of 47,224 (61.5 percent) secured qualification. For Paper-2, covering the Mathematics-Science stream, 17,574 candidates cleared the exam, while in the Social Science stream,

emphasized the importance of the TET in maintaining high teaching standards across government schools in Telangana. The department urged all successful candidates to proceed with the next steps for teacher recruitment as per the state's educational policies.

# Rachakonda Cops Bust Gutka Network

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Acting on a tip-off, police conducted surprise inspections in the Shaheen Nagar area under the Balapur police station limits of the Rachakonda Commissionerate, targeting illegal sale of banned tobacco products. The checks were focused on pawn shops, which were suspected of selling prohibited substances such as gutka, electronic cigarettes, and rolling papers.

During the raids, police teams searched several shops and questioned individuals found near the establishments. Authorities discovered that many pawn shop owners were discreetly selling banned gutka, e-cigarettes, and other tobacco-related products in violation of public health regulations and legal restrictions. Officials emphasized that consumption of these banned substances is not only harmful to health but also a punishable offense under the law. Cases have been registered against several shopkeepers involved in the illegal sale of these products. Police warned that strict action will



continue against anyone found violating the tobacco ban in the area. The inspections were part of a broader effort to curb the growing sale and distribution of harmful tobacco products, espe-

cially among the youth. Police appealed to the public to remain vigilant and report such illegal activities to ensure community health and safety.

# New Era for Telangana Tourism



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Tourism Minister Jupally Krishna Rao conducted a detailed review of ongoing tourism projects at the Tourism Development Corporation office in Himayat Nagar. Joined by senior officials including TGTDG Chairman Patel Ramesh Reddy and Special Chief Secretary Jayesh Ranjan, the minister emphasized accelerating progress and achieving self-sufficiency in the tourism sector.

Highlighting Telangana's world-class tourist destinations, Minister Jupally directed officials to prioritize the development of 27 special tourist areas under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model, to be implemented in phases. He stressed the importance of generating revenue from dormant government assets and increasing income in line with private hotels and travel agencies.

The minister proposed organizing an international carnival modeled on the Rio Carnival to boost Telangana's global tour-

ism appeal. He also instructed officials to improve wayside amenities on national highways, including the installation of glamping tents and mobile toilets for travelers.

To enhance visibility and visitor experience, Jupally urged better branding, signage, and the use of social media for promotion. He encouraged the organization of cultural programs during major festivals like Bonalu, Bathukamma, Sammakka-Saralamma Jatara, and Nagoba Jatara to attract tourists and provide employment opportunities for artists.

During the review, officials updated the minister on the status of current projects, budget hotels, and pending works. Jupally stressed a results-oriented approach, insisting that all projects be completed within deadlines and that both pending and new files be computerized for transparency.

He said, "With focused efforts and private sector participation, Telangana's tourism sector can drive economic growth, create jobs, and promote cultural exchange."



# Telangana Targets 1 Crore Women Entrepreneurs

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Telangana IT and Industries Minister Sri Duddilla Sridhar Babu participated as the chief guest at the Indira Mahila Shakti Samburalu celebrations held at Red Rose Palace Function Hall in Shadnagar, Ranga Reddy district. MLA Veerappalli Shankar, District Collector Narayana Reddy, and other dignitaries also attended the event. Speaking on the occasion, Minister Sridhar Babu said that the Telangana government under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy is commit-

ted to ensuring women's dignity, empowerment, and equal participation in economic, social, and political spheres. He said several flagship schemes are being implemented with a clear goal of making one crore women financially independent over the next five years. He revealed that under the Indira Mahila Shakti policy, 17 key sectors have been identified where women will receive targeted financial and skill development support to emerge as successful entrepreneurs and industrial leaders. In the first year, ₹21,000 crore has already been sanctioned un-



der interest-free loan schemes to women's self-help groups (SHGs), aiming for ₹1 lakh crore over five years. Highlighting various schemes, the Minister said the govern-

ment has sanctioned 4.5 lakh Indiramma houses with ownership in the name of women to uphold their dignity. He assured that eligible families who have not received hous-

ing benefits yet will be covered without fail. Minister Sridhar Babu pointed out that 14 lakh women are currently benefitting from free TSRTC travel, with 200 crore trips recorded so far. The government is also promoting women as bus owners, with 150 buses already leased through SHGs and plans to scale it up to 1,000. Further, 1,000 solar micro plants will be set up in the first phase, operated by women federations. Women SHGs will also run petrol bunks in all 31 districts, starting with the first unit in Narayanpet. Indi-

ra Mahila Shakti Bhavans are being constructed in 22 district headquarters with a ₹110 crore budget. The Minister also mentioned that new ration cards and updates to existing ones are actively underway to include all eligible households, correcting the neglect of the previous government. Calling the BRS and BJP criticism baseless, he urged people not to fall for misinformation campaigns. "This is your government—working for you and with you. Your trust and blessings are our greatest strength," he concluded.

## Ponnam Slams BJP on BC Quota

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Telangana Transport Minister Ponnam Prabhakar came down heavily on BJP state president G. Ramachandra Rao, accusing him of opposing the 42 percent reservation for Backward Classes (BCs) and misleading the public on constitutional provisions. Responding to Rao's recent comments that 42 percent reservation for BCs is "impossible" and cannot be included in the Ninth Schedule, the Minister cited Tamil Nadu's precedent, where a similar reservation structure has been successfully implemented. He said, "It has already happened in the neighbouring state of Tamil Nadu. Why not in Telangana?" Ponnam Prabhakar challenged the BJP MPs from Telangana to resign and prove their commitment to BC reservations. "Let us see if it is achievable or not," he said, accusing the BJP leadership of betraying BC communities. Quoting the Supreme Court's judgment in the Indira Sawhney case, he clarified that if states have empirical data and authentic studies, they are within their rights to recommend enhanced reservations. He added that the Telangana government has conducted a comprehensive survey, secured cabinet, legislature, and governor approv-



als, and submitted the proposal to the central government for action. "The ball is now in the Centre's court," the Minister said, reaffirming the state government's commitment to providing 42 percent reservation for BCs and implementing it officially. Launching a scathing attack on the BJP, Ponnam said, "The same party that opposed the Mandal Commission is now pretending to speak for BCs. You opposed social justice back then, and you oppose it now." He accused the BJP of playing double standards — denying leadership positions to BCs in the party while making superficial statements. "When the Congress talks about a BC Chief Minister, the BJP pretends to care. But in practice, they have never given key roles to BCs, not even the post of party president," he said.



The Minister reminded that in the Janhit Abhiyan case related to the EWS quota, the Supreme Court allowed exceeding the 50 percent reservation cap. He emphasized that the data submitted by the Telangana government meets constitutional requirements and deserves central support. Calling Congress the true champion of social justice, he said, "Our Chief Minister is from an OBC community, our Deputy Chief Minister is from the Scheduled Castes, and our PCC President is a BC leader. This is what real representation looks like." Ponnam Prabhakar concluded with a stern warning: "We will not remain silent if injustice is done to our communities. All BC caste associations in Telangana are closely watching and demanding the BJP come clean on its stance."

## Rana Seeks Postponement of ED Hearing

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad

Actor Daggubati Rana is set to appear before the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in connection with the ongoing investigation into the betting apps case. However, Rana has reportedly requested the ED for a postponement, stating that he is unable to attend the hearing due to prior commitments related to his film shooting schedule. The ED is yet to respond to his request. This case has attracted the involve-

ment of several prominent actors, with other hearings scheduled in the coming weeks. Actor Prakash Raj is slated to appear before the ED on July 30, followed by Vijay Deverakonda on August 6, and Manchu Lakshmi on August 13. The ED continues to investigate the alleged illegal betting and money laundering activities connected to the apps, questioning various celebrities and individuals linked to the case.



## Pink Flag Must Fly: Harish Rao

TPN Correspondent | Chevella

Former Minister and Siddipet MLA T. Harish Rao has called on Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) workers to hoist the party's pink flag in the upcoming local body elections by working unitedly and showcasing their strength at the grassroots level. A delegation of BRS leaders and workers from Mudimiyala village in Chevella mandal met Harish Rao under the leadership of BRSV State General Secretary Konapuram Sasipal and former Chevella Market Committee director Gone Karunakar Reddy. During the interaction, Harish Rao urged party members to stay committed and intensify their efforts to ensure a sweeping victory for the BRS in the local polls. He said that the local elections would be a key test for the party's organisation-

al strength and unity and called on workers to ensure BRS's dominance in every village and mandal. He assured the workers that the party leadership would support them through all challenges and encouraged them not to be disheartened by any obstacles. He also emphasised the need to maintain constant contact with the public and work on resolving local issues to win people's confidence. Senior leaders including Sheri Raju, Mohammed Arif, Gone Madhava Reddy, Begari Sivakumar, Sai Kiran Reddy (Chintu), Jukanti Suresh, Begari Nandu, Kumari Srikanth, Uradi Rajinikanth, Begari Srikanth (Pandu), and Kalyan participated in the meeting, expressing solidarity and commitment to strengthening the party's base in the region.



## BC Welfare Body Slams BJP

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The Telangana BC Welfare Association, under the leadership of its national president Jajula Srinivas Goud, came down heavily on BJP state president D. Ramachandra Rao for his recent remarks in Delhi, opposing the inclusion of the BC reservation bill in the 9th Schedule of the Constitution. Addressing a press conference at the Association's office in Ashok Nagar, Srinivas Goud termed the BJP leader's statement as a direct insult to over two crore Backward Class (BC) citizens in Telangana. He pointed out that when the Telangana government introduced the BC reservation bill in the State Assembly, eight BJP MLAs extended their support. "What has changed now that the state president of the same party

is opposing the bill?" questioned Goud. He alleged that the BJP's true colors have been exposed with this stance and accused the party of being fundamentally anti-BC in its approach. Highlighting the party's leadership choices, Goud criticized the BJP for appointing Ramachandra Rao—who he said has a track record of opposing reservations—as the state president. He further claimed that the BJP continues to ignore BC leaders within its own ranks, pointing out that senior MLA Raja Singh was overlooked for the top post in favor of Eleti Maheshwar Reddy, a leader who defected from the Congress. "Even the party's BC vice president was recently removed from his position," Goud noted, suggesting a broader pattern of sidelining BC leaders within the



party. He warned that such actions are alienating the BC community and accused the BJP of engaging in a "conspiracy" that could extend to even targeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who himself belongs to the BC category. "The BJP leadership must clarify its stand on BC reservations immediately," Goud said, issuing a 48-hour ultimatum for the party to respond. If

no clarification is provided, he threatened that the Association would organize a massive protest and gherao the BJP state office with thousands of BC members. Goud concluded by demanding that the BJP stop playing with the aspirations of the backward classes and urged all BC leaders and supporters across the state to unite in protest against what he called "an assault on social justice."



## BRS Demands CBI Probe on Phone Tapping

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Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) leader RS Praveen Kumar has voiced strong concerns over the ongoing Special Investigation Team (SIT) probe into the alleged phone tapping scandal, expressing a lack of faith in its transparency and impartiality. Addressing the media at Telangana Bhavan, Praveen Kumar demanded that the case be handed over to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to ensure a fair and unbiased investigation. He further revealed plans to appeal to the Gov-

ernor and escalate the matter to the High Court for intervention. Praveen Kumar alleged that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy is not only behind the illegal phone tapping but continues such activities even as the investigation is ongoing. He claimed that the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is backing the Chief Minister in these actions, resulting in a widespread violation of privacy rights across Telangana. According to him, the phone conversations of key leaders from the Bharat Rashtra Samithi and

several state ministers have been tapped, creating a climate of fear and insecurity among the people. The BRS leader warned that police officers involved in violating constitutional rights under orders from the Chief Minister will not be spared and must be held accountable for their actions. He also stressed that the focus should not be only on senior BRS leaders like KCR and KTR, but on Revanth Reddy himself, who, according to him, is the primary culprit undermining citizens' freedoms and should face

legal consequences. Praveen Kumar criticized the SIT's investigation approach, highlighting that repeatedly summoning the same officer for questioning is unjust and ineffective. He urged the SIT to summon other officers involved in the matter to ensure a thorough probe. His statements underscore the BRS's demand for a transparent and comprehensive investigation into the phone tapping allegations, reflecting deep political tensions in the state.



# TSCPCR Chairperson Meets Governor

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The Chairperson of the Telangana State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (TSCPCR), Kothakota Seetha Dayakar Reddy, along with Members B. Vachan Kumar, Premalatha Agarwal, Saritha Gogula, Vandana Goud, Marepally Chandana, and Aparna Naidu, met the Governor of Telangana at Raj Bhavan. During the meeting, the TSCPCR delegation briefed the Hon'ble Governor on the Commission's progress and impactful interventions aimed at protecting

and promoting child rights across the state. The Chairperson presented a comprehensive overview of various initiatives undertaken by the Commission in collaboration with key stakeholders, including the Department of Women and Child Welfare and the Women Safety Wing. Among the initiatives discussed were community outreach programmes, child safety audits in schools, rehabilitation measures for children in need of care and protection, and campaigns against child marriage, child labour, and trafficking.

The Commission emphasized its mission to ensure that the rights of every child, especially those from marginalized and vulnerable communities, are protected and upheld. Smt. Seetha Dayakar Reddy underlined the Commission's approach of adopting field-based, impact-oriented strategies that directly address the challenges faced by children in real-world scenarios. She reiterated TSCPCR's commitment to strengthening grassroots mechanisms for child welfare, promoting child participation, and ensuring that government schemes

reach the intended beneficiaries without barriers. The Honourable Governor appreciated the Commission's dedicated efforts in safeguarding child rights and acknowledged the importance of collaborative governance in this domain. She assured the delegation of her full support and encouraged continued synergy between state institutions and civil society organisations working in the field of child protection. The Governor also expressed confidence that the ongoing initiatives by TSCPCR would



contribute significantly to building a safer and more inclusive environment for children in Telangana. She stressed the need for sustained public awareness, inter-departmental coordination, and stronger implementation of child welfare

policies. The meeting concluded with a mutual understanding to enhance cooperation and regularly review the status of child rights in the state, with the shared goal of ensuring that no child is left behind.

# Hydra Intensifies Flood Prevention Measures

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As the monsoon season intensifies, Hydra authorities have ramped up efforts to prevent flooding and ensure the smooth flow of water across Hyderabad. With memories of the last few years' rain-related disruptions still fresh, the city's flood control teams are leaving no stone unturned to minimize waterlogging and related hazards. A key focus of these efforts has been on maintaining and inspecting critical infrastructure such as Railway Under Bridges (RUBs) and city bridges, which are often prone to water stagnation during heavy rains. Officials have meticulously cleared drainage holes and water outlets on major structures, including the Kothaguda Bridge and Afiezpet Bridge in Kondapur, ensuring that water can flow freely without obstruction. In addition to these, all other bridges across the city have been examined and cleared to prevent any potential blockages. Hydra has also launched extensive cleaning drives around vulnerable areas like Madina Guda to remove debris and



silt that could obstruct water drainage. New drains have been constructed at several RUBs, and automatic water supply systems have been installed to improve water management and prevent flooding in low-lying areas. Officials noted that some of these systems were previously non-functional but have now been repaired or upgraded. During recent rains in localities such as Mehidipatnam and Madhapur, emergency response teams including Hydra's Disaster Response Force (DRF) were deployed on the ground to actively manage waterlogging and provide swift interventions wherever needed. Alongside these operational measures, senior officials including Hydra Additional Di-

rector Varla Papayya, Regional Forest Officer Jayaprakash, and Deputy Forest Officer Yagnanarayana conducted thorough field inspections. Their focus was particularly on sensitive points such as the Chintal and LB Nagar RUBs and the Katedan Underpass, which have been hotspots for water accumulation in past monsoons. The teams studied the drainage patterns and planned further preventive measures to tackle the challenges of floodwater exceeding the existing capacity. These proactive steps reflect Hydra's commitment to safeguarding the city and its residents from the recurring monsoon-related flooding issues, ensuring better preparedness and quicker response during heavy rains.

# One Dead, Seven Hospitalised After Festival Meal

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A Bonalu celebration turned tragic in Vanasthalipuram after eight members of a family suffered severe food poisoning, leading to the death of one person and the hospitalisation of seven others. The incident took place in the RTC Colony area, where the family consumed meat and chicken that had been stored in the refrigerator and prepared for the festival. Shortly

after eating the food, all eight members experienced vomiting and diarrhoea. They were immediately rushed to Himalaya Hospital in Chintalakunta, where one of the victims, identified as Srinivas, died during treatment in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU). The other seven — Rajita (38), Jaswitha (15), Gouramma (65), Lahari (17), Santosh Kumar (39), Radhika (38), and a child named Kritanga (7) — are undergoing treatment, with

doctors monitoring their condition closely. Preliminary reports suggest that the food may have been contaminated due to improper storage. Authorities are investigating the incident, and health officials have urged the public to follow food safety precautions, particularly during the ongoing festival season. The tragedy has cast a pall over Bonalu celebrations in the locality, with locals expressing shock and grief over the sudden loss.

# STF Uncovers Fake Liquor Operation

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The Excise State Task Force (STF), led by Anji Reddy, has busted a major liquor manufacturing racket operating out of a rice mill near Mylavaram, Ramapuram. During the operation, a large quantity of adulterated liquor and manufacturing equipment was seized, and two persons were arrested. The racket involved the illegal production of fake whiskey using spirit sourced from a spirit company named Krishna Padma in Hyderabad. The adulterated liquor was reportedly being manufactured at the rice mill by a group led by Thota Sivakumar, an employee at Shiva Parvathi Wine Shop, along with others. Based on intelligence about the supply of adulterated liquor in the Amalapuram, Revalli, and Markapuram areas, the STF conducted detailed investiga-



tions. They traced the liquor back to the rice mill, which led to the raid. The STF seized 38 cases of whiskey, 20 bundles of labels, 178 different whiskey brands, nine cans of spirit, and nearly 11,000 bottles of adulterated liquor, locally called 'Kali,' worth approximately Rs 15 lakh. Two persons, including Thota Sivakumar and Mallikarjun, were arrested in connection with the case. Additional-

ly, a case has been registered against Krishna Prem Charan Singh and R. Srinivas alias Abdul Kalam for their alleged involvement. Excise Enforcement Director Shanvas Qasim praised the STF team for their prompt action in dismantling the counterfeit liquor operation, emphasizing the government's commitment to cracking down on illegal liquor manufacturing and protecting public health.

# Drunk Man Sets Vehicles Ablaze



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Panic gripped residents of Markandeya Nagar in Jeedimetla after a drunk man allegedly set multiple parked vehicles on fire. The accused, identified as Anjan Goud, 42, was reportedly under the influence of alcohol and dealing with financial distress at the time of the incident. According to Jeedimetla Cir-

cple Inspector Mallesh, Goud heavily intoxicated, poured petrol on several parked vehicles and set them ablaze. The fire damaged two cars, an auto-rickshaw, and three motorcycles. Eyewitnesses said that Goud was not only setting vehicles on fire but also threatening neighbours who tried to stop him. Startled by the sudden commotion, residents

immediately alerted the police. A team from Jeedimetla Police Station reached the location and took Goud into custody. A case has been filed against him under Section 326 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), which pertains to mischief involving fire or explosive substances that result in damage or injury. Police are conducting further investigation into the motive and the background of the accused. Preliminary inquiries revealed that Goud is addicted to alcohol and has been struggling with mounting debts. This may have contributed to his unstable behaviour. His actions caused

property damage and triggered fear among local residents. Videos of the incident circulated on social media showed the charred remains of the vehicles. The visuals sparked concern among citizens and calls for stronger enforcement during night hours. Residents of Markandeya Nagar have expressed anger over increasing incidents involving drunk individuals in their locality, especially at night. They have urged authorities to increase police patrolling and take preventive action against such offenders. The accused remains in police custody as investigations continue.

# Grand Ambari Procession Marks Bonalu Finale

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The Old City of Hyderabad came alive with colour, devotion, and cultural splendour as the annual Ambari procession, a key highlight of the Bonalu festivities, was held with grandeur. The historic Sri Akkanna Madanna Mahankali Temple at Hari Bowli led the majestic event, which drew thousands of devotees from across the city. The sacred Ghatam (earthen pot symbolising the goddess) of Sri Mahankali was carried atop a richly decorated elephant, marking one of the few remaining temples where the



traditional Ambari procession continues to be observed. The Ghatam procession made its way through prominent city landmarks such as Lal Darwaza crossroads, Shalibanda, Charkaman, Gulzar Houz and Madina, culminating at Delhi Darwaza near Nayapul amid tight security and crowd control arrangements. Temple committee president Devarshetti Prabhakar and organising secretary Kranti Kumar stated that this year's Bonalu celebrations at the temple were held from July 11 to 22. The Ambari procession, held on the penultimate night, is known for its unique ritual of carrying

the Ammavari Ghatam on an elephant—an age-old tradition that continues to captivate and inspire. Treasurer Satish Kumar noted that this year's floral decorations were more elaborate than ever, with floral artists and craftsmen brought in from West Bengal, Karnataka, and Andhra Pradesh to adorn the temple premises. Intricate flower arrangements, illuminated arches, and traditional designs added to the festive atmosphere. Cultural programmes, folk performances, drum processions, and Potharaju dances added to the spirit of the occasion.

The temple premises echoed with devotional chants, folk songs, and cheers as devotees thronged the streets to seek blessings of Goddess Mahankali. The Hyderabad City Police made extensive arrangements to ensure the smooth conduct of the procession, deploying hundreds of personnel to manage traffic, crowd flow, and security. With the successful completion of the Ambari procession, the Bonalu festivities concluded on a spiritually uplifting note, once again showcasing Hyderabad's rich religious and cultural traditions.



## HMC Declares Red Alert In TS



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The Hyderabad Meteorological Center has warned of heavy to very heavy rains in Telangana over the next three days due to surface-level circulations. Dr. Nagaratna, Director of the Meteorological Department, announced that a red alert has been issued for multiple districts facing the highest risk. According to the Met Department, Komurambheem Asifabad, Mancherial, Nirmal, and Peddapalli districts are expected to witness very heavy rains, prompting a red alert. These areas are advised to stay on high alert and take precautionary measures.

Meanwhile, an orange alert has been issued for Adilabad, Nizamabad, Jagtial, Jayashankar Bhupalpally, Mulugu, and Bhadradri Kothagudem districts, where heavy rains are likely. Dr. Nagaratna urged people in affected areas to stay updated with local weather advisories and avoid unnecessary travel during this period. Hyderabad city is also expected to receive significant rainfall, and residents are advised to stay cautious.

## BRSW Rallies On Water Rights



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In an effort to raise awareness about Telangana's water resources and the ongoing inter-state water disputes, the BRS Student Wing conducted an outreach program in various private colleges across Karimnagar on Monday. Pamphlets explaining Telangana's water assets and the policies of Andhra Pradesh regarding river water usage were distributed to students.

The awareness drive highlighted the alleged injustice being done to Telangana through the Banakacharla project. Students were informed about the ongoing diversion of water and the need to resist such actions in the interest of Telangana's future. The campaign was held under the directives of former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR), who has long championed the protection of Telangana's water rights.

Leaders of the BRSV criticized the Revanth Reddy-led state government for failing to stand firmly against Andhra Pradesh's policies. They also

accused TDP leader Chandrababu Naidu of influencing Telangana's water issues from across the border. Former District Library Chairman Ponnampati Anil Kumar Goud and Satavahana University BRSV in-charge Chukka Srinivas addressed the gathering, urging students to stay vigilant and prepare for a larger movement if the situation does not improve. They called for unity among Telangana's youth to fight for their rightful share of water.

"The future of our state depends on how strongly we protect our resources today. If this water theft is not stopped, we will be forced to launch another people's movement under the leadership of KCR," they said. Students responded enthusiastically, raising slogans and expressing readiness to support the cause. BRSV city president Bonkuri Mohan, SRR College president Baddam Praveen Reddy, and others including Boda Anjaneyulu, Vadlakonda Parasuramulu, Shiva, and Harish participated in the program.

TPN Correspondent | Anvesh reddy

Speaking at the Indira Mahila Shakti celebrations held at Kothagudem Club, MLA Kunamneni Sambasiva Rao emphasized the state government's commitment to the economic development of women.

As the chief guest, he inaugurated the event by lighting the ceremonial lamp and toured stalls set up by women's self-help groups (SHGs), praising their entrepreneurial spirit and the food products on display. Additional Collector Vidya Chandana presented a detailed report on various women-cen-

tric welfare schemes implemented in the Kothagudem constituency.

MLA Sambasiva Rao highlighted key government initiatives, including interest-free loans for women, management of RTC buses by women's associations, and the Mahalaxmi scheme that offers free travel on RTC buses. He also mentioned the unprecedented pace of the Indiramma housing sanction program and the recent large-scale distribution and update of ration cards in the region. "The government aims to empower women economically to enhance their fi-

## Tensions flare at Ration Cards Distribution

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At the ration card distribution program held at the Siddipet Collectorate, a protocol tussle erupted, causing tension between political party supporters. Telangana Minister Vivek was present at the event when leaders and activists from the Bharata Rashtra Samithi (BRS) protested against the absence of the photo of Dubbaka MLA Kotha Prabhakar Reddy on the flex banner displayed at the



venue.

The omission sparked slogans and vocal protests from BRS ranks. In response, Congress

workers also raised slogans in support of their party, escalating the situation and filling the Collectorate meeting hall

with noisy exchanges between the two groups. The heated atmosphere was diffused after Minister Vivek, Collector Haimavati, and the police intervened to restore order.

Meanwhile, former minister and Siddipet MLA Harish Rao expressed strong dissatisfaction with the event's management. He pointed out that authorities failed to arrange snacks and meals for the beneficiaries who arrived early

in the morning to receive their ration cards. Furthermore, he criticized the organizers for not providing a chair on stage for State SC and ST Commission Chairman Bakki Venkataiah, who was an important guest at the program. Harish Rao's remarks highlighted lapses in basic hospitality and protocol at the event, drawing attention to the need for better planning and respect for dignitaries and attendees alike.

## MLA Ensures Timely Indiramma Payments



TPN Correspondent | Warangal

MLA Kadiyam Srihari conducted an on-site inspection of the ongoing construction of Indiramma houses in Thanetharpalli village, emphasizing the importance of timely payments to beneficiaries to avoid any hindrance in the housing projects. The MLA stressed that authorities should closely monitor

the construction process and ensure that all bills are received and processed immediately without any delays.

During the inspection, Srihari along with government officials visited multiple homes where Indiramma houses are under construction. They went door to door, interacting directly with the beneficiaries to assess the

progress of construction and to confirm whether they had received the payments due to them. While many beneficiaries confirmed that they had been receiving their bills and payments promptly, a few reported delays. Upon inquiry, officials explained that the payment delays were caused by banking issues. However, they assured that these problems were being addressed and that the outstanding payments would be credited in the coming days.

The inspection was attended by local public representatives, government officials, community leaders, activists, and villagers, all of whom participated actively in the discussions to resolve any issues related to the housing scheme. In a related event, MLA Kadiyam Srihari also

distributed new ration cards to eligible beneficiaries, marking a significant step towards fulfilling the needs of the poor under the Congress-led Indiramma Rajya government. Srihari highlighted that the issuance of new ration cards had been neglected during the previous government's decade-long rule. He urged those who have not yet received their ration cards to apply without delay at Mee Seva centers or the Tehsildar's office. The officials will verify their records and process the applications efficiently. Srihari's visit reaffirmed the government's commitment to accelerating housing projects and improving welfare schemes, ensuring that the benefits reach the intended recipients promptly and transparently.

## BJP Leader Distributes Bicycles to Students

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As part of a special initiative to support government school students, BJP District President Gangadi Krishna Reddy distributed bicycles to 10th-grade students in Veenavanka mandal of Huzurabad constituency. The event was part of a larger initiative led by Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar, who gifted the bicycles to the students on the occasion of his birthday. This program is also a part of the commitment by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government to facilitate better access to education. During the distribution ceremony, Krishna Reddy was accompanied by Mandal Education Officer Shobharani and BJP Mandal President Bathini Naresh Goud. Together, they hand-

ed over the bicycles, which will help students overcome travel and transportation difficulties, especially those residing in remote or rural areas.

Addressing the gathering, Gangadi Krishna Reddy expressed his appreciation for Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar's efforts, highlighting that this initiative covers all 20,000 government school students in the Karimnagar Parliamentary area. He emphasized that providing bicycles would ease the daily commute for students, encouraging better attendance and academic performance.

Krishna Reddy also criticized the state government for neglecting the transport issues faced by government school students. He pointed out that despite these challenges, the state govern-



ment has not taken sufficient steps to address this problem. He urged authorities to focus more on improving transportation facilities to ensure that students do not face hardships in reaching schools.

The event witnessed the participation of several key leaders and community members, including District Chief Secretary Mada Venkat Reddy, Dis-

trict Secretary Narasimha Raju, District Executive Committee members such as Gottumukkal Sampath Rao, former Mandal President Rajireddy Godugu Vinod Lingareddy, along with local activists and parents of the beneficiaries. The collective support from these leaders underscored the importance of the initiative in promoting education and welfare in the region.

## MLA Lays Foundation Stone for 50-Bed Hospital

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Manakondur MLA Dr. Kavampalli Satyanarayana laid the foundation stone for a new 50-bed hospital at Illantakunta mandal center, a project valued at Rs. 12 crore aimed at improving medical facilities for local residents. Addressing the gathering, the MLA emphasized the Congress government's commitment to providing accessible government medical care, contrasting it with the previous

BRS administration, which he said made no efforts to establish such a facility. After raising the issue with State Medical and Health Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha, funds were approved, and construction is expected to be completed by July next year. In addition to the hospital project, Dr. Kavampalli inaugurated a newly constructed bridge connecting Jawaharipet and Narsakkapet villages, which he said will significantly improve travel

and communication between the two areas. The MLA also distributed 887 new ration cards to beneficiaries across Illantakunta mandal, with 235 cards handed out in the first phase and 652 in the second. He criticized the previous government for failing to issue new ration cards for ten years and assured that the current administration is committed to continuing the distribution process.

Furthermore, as part of the

midday meal scheme, cooking gas cylinders were distributed at the Zilla Parishad High School in Illantakunta. The event saw the participation of several officials and local leaders, including RDO Venkateshwarlu, DRDO Seshadri, and Mandal Congress President Komatireddy Bhaskar Reddy. The MLA thanked the Health Minister and senior officials for their cooperation in advancing development projects in the constituency.

## Govt committed to women's empowerment, says MLA





# 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,



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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

**Exide 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.

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## 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.





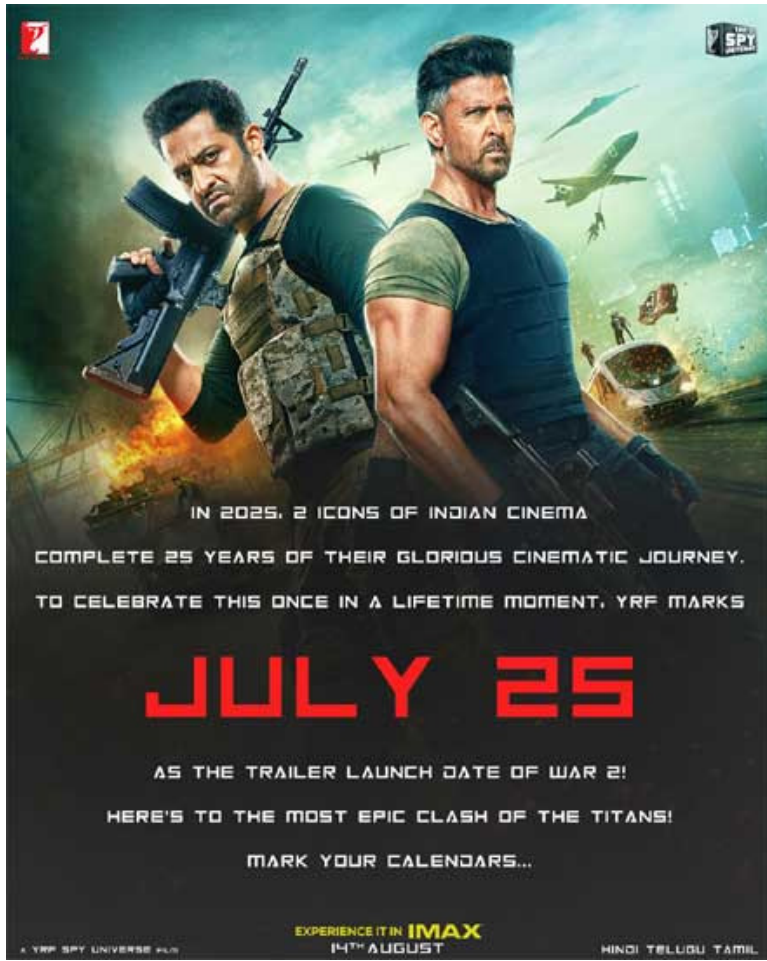
## First Look: Raashi Khanna Shines as Shloka in Ustaad Bhagat Singh

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 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.



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## 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.

