



HCA Supervision Handed Over to Justice Naveen Rao

CID arrests Secretary Devaraj after 17-day manhunt

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In a major development, the Telangana High Court has handed over the supervisory responsibilities of the Hyderabad Cricket Association (HCA) to Justice Naveen Rao. The court's move comes amid a growing scandal involving alleged irregularities within the association and a string of arrests. The CID investigation into the HCA has already led to the arrests of President Jagannathan Rao, Treasurer CJSrinivas Rao, CEO Sunil Kante, Sri Chakra Cricket Club General Secretary Rajender Yadav, and Club President Kavitha. They were taken into custody over serious allegations including misuse of funds and document forgery.

Justice Naveen Rao will now oversee HCA's operations; a decision aimed at restoring transparency and order within the embattled cricketing body. The High Court's directive follows the CID's claim that Jagannathan Rao secured his position as president using forged documents.

Adding to the developments, HCA General Secretary Devaraj, who had been on the run for 17 days, was arrested by the CID in Pune. Devaraj, listed as Accused No. 2, had evaded arrest despite extensive search operations involving



six CID teams. He reportedly travelled across seven states and multiple cities, including Hyderabad, Bhadrachalam, Visakhapatnam, Chennai, Goa, and Ooty, before being apprehended. Sources revealed that Devaraj received inside information on police movements from an Uppal inspector, which allowed him to avoid arrest for over two weeks. However, after 36 hours of non-stop tracking and coordination with state police teams, CID officials finally arrested him in Pune and produced him before the Malkajgiri court.

Meanwhile, the same court granted bail to Treasurer Srinivas Rao, Secretary Rajender Yadav, and Srichakra Club President Kavitha. In contrast, the CID's plea for custody of Jagannathan Rao was rejected, dealing a temporary setback to the investigation team. The court is set to hear arguments on the petitions filed by Jagannathan Rao and CEO Sunil on Monday. As legal proceedings intensify, all eyes remain on the unfolding HCA scandal, which has rocked the cricketing administration in Telangana.

Telangana woos Taiwan's textile sector

Sridhar Babu invites Taiwanese firms to invest in KMTP

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Telangana's Industries and IT Minister D. Sridhar has invited Taiwanese industrialists to explore and invest in the state's booming textile sector, positioning Telangana as a leader in India's textile growth story. He assured them of the state's full support and extended a proposal to build a Telangana-Taiwan Textile Cluster if companies come forward.

On Friday, a high-level Taiwanese delegation led by Taiwan Textile Federation (TTF) President Justin Huang met the Minister at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat. The 11-member delegation, comprising representatives from key Taiwanese textile firms, discussed investment opportunities and visited the Kakatiya Mega Textile Park (KMTP).

Speaking to the delegation, Sridhar Babu highlighted Telangana's rapid industrial growth and emphasized



tile space with the Gross State Value Added (GSVA) from industries reaching ₹2.77 lakh crore in 2024-25," he said. He pointed out that KMTP is a game-changer for the Indian textile sector, offering end-to-end facilities from spinning and spinning to weaving and garmenting. Leading global textile companies like Youngone, KiteX, and Ganesha Ecosphere have already invested in KMTP, making it an attractive hub for global investors. The park, situated on the Hyderabad-Nagpur-Vijayawada Industrial Corridor, also boasts excellent logistics and connectivity. The Minister pitched KMTP as the ideal location for functional textiles, sustainable dyeing, and textile recycling projects. Sridhar Babu also assured that Telangana is committed to building



AP, Telangana Delimitation Petition Dismissed by Supreme Court

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The Supreme Court has dismissed a petition seeking the re-division of Assembly constituencies in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana under the AP Reorganization Act. The petition, filed in 2022 by Professor Purushottam Reddy, urged the court to direct the Centre to implement an increase in constituencies as per Section 26 of the Act. A bench comprising Justice Suryakant and Justice Koteswar Singh heard the matter and issued final orders today. The bench stated that the demand for immediate delimitation was untenable, citing Article 170(3) of the Constitution, which mandates that any such exercise can only be undertaken after the first census post-2026. The petition also argued that the delimitation process in Jammu and Kashmir set a precedent that

ignored the guidelines of the AP Reorganization Act. However, the bench categorically rejected this argument, asserting that the constitutional and legal provisions governing states differ from those applicable to union territories like Jammu and Kashmir. The court further observed that accepting the petition could potentially open the floodgates for similar pleas from other states, creating constitutional complications. It also clarified that the Jammu and Kashmir delimitation was conducted through a separate process that did not conflict with the existing legal framework. With this ruling, the apex court has put to rest the debate on the early implementation of increased constituencies in the Telugu states, reaffirming that the matter can only be taken up after the next census.

Sonia Gave a Letter; Revanth Gave a Performance: KTR



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BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao on Friday launched a sharp attack on Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, alleging that he had struck a deal with BJP MP C.M. Ramesh from Andhra Pradesh, thus betraying the interests of Telangana. Rama Rao accused the Congress of facilitating a BJP-Congress nexus and questioned Congress MP Rahul Gandhi's

silence on the matter. Speaking at a student convention to mark the merger of the Telangana Rashtra Vidyarthi Sainik Parishad (TRVSP) with the BRS Vidyarthi wing, Rama Rao alleged that contracts worth ₹1,600 crore in the proposed Future City project were awarded to BJP MP C.M. Ramesh.

Congress Misleading BCs With False Quota Promise: Kishan Reddy

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Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy has alleged that the Congress party is misleading Backward Classes (BCs) with its promise of 42% reservation, claiming it is a strategy to indirectly benefit Muslim communities. Speaking at a press conference in Delhi, he said the Congress is continuing its old tactics of appeasement politics, similar to the 4% Muslim reservation introduced by Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy under the BC-E category, which was struck down by courts as unconstitutional.

Reddy accused the Congress of manipulating caste census data to show only 46% genuine BCs while including 10% Muslims. He pointed to past incidents like the GHMC elections, where 50 BC-reserved seats were allotted, but were



mostly won by non-BC Majlis candidates. He warned that the new 42% quota is another such attempt, potentially reducing genuine BC reservation from 34% to 32%.

He also defended Prime Minister Modi against remarks made by Revanth Reddy about his BC status, stating that Modi's caste was included in the BC list by the

We Won't Stay Silent If BCs Cheated: Minister Konda Surekha

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Forest, Environment and Endowments Minister Konda Surekha issued a strong warning on Friday, stating that the Congress government will not remain silent if the BJP-led central government or the BRS try to cheat the Backward Classes (BCs) of their rightful reservations. Addressing the media at Telangana Bhavan in Delhi along with Ministers Ponnambal Prabhakar, Vakati Srihari, and Adi Srinivas, she slammed both BJP and BRS for their "double standards" on the issue of BC reservations.

Surekha, herself a BC leader, expressed deep concern over the Centre's stance on the BC reservation bill, questioning whether the President would assent to it. "The BJP must clarify its stand to the people of Telangana. Don't try to mislead the BCs with empty programs," she said firmly.

She also highlighted the progressive steps tak-



en by the Congress government in Telangana under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. "Though CM Revanth comes from an upper caste background, he has gone all out to ensure BC rights are protected. Congress has a legacy of giving

Telangana–Estonia Collaboration to Boost E-Governance

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In a significant step towards enhancing digital public service delivery, Telangana is set to collaborate with Estonia—renowned globally for its success in e-governance and health record digitisation. State IT and Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu made the announcement after holding a high-level meeting with Estonia’s Ambassador to India, Ms. Marje Luup, and a trade delegation at the Secretariat on Friday. Sridhar Babu lauded Estonia for achieving 100% digitisation of health records and its global leadership in digital infrastructure. “Estonia’s achievements in e-governance and digital healthcare are exemplary. Telangana, which is still in the early phases of digitising health records, looks forward to partnering with Estonia to accelerate these efforts,” he stated. The Estonian delegation included representatives from Information and Communication Technology (ICT), Artificial Intelligence (AI), Robotics, and Healthcare sectors. Both sides discussed opportunities for cooperation in digital public services, emerging technologies, and administrative reforms. “Digital governance is the backbone of transparent and efficient public services. Estonia’s partnership will be pivotal in



enhancing Telangana’s systems,” said the Minister. He also emphasised the importance of cybersecurity, stating that protecting digitised services is as crucial as developing them. “Cybersecurity is one of the key areas where Estonia’s collaboration will be highly valuable,” he added. Highlighting Telangana’s innovation-driven approach, Sridhar Babu pointed out the state’s advances in drone manufacturing. “Hyderabad-made drones have shown their strategic capabilities in recent cross-border operations, including in Pakistan. Future warfare will revolve around drone technology and cyber operations,” he noted. The Minister also mentioned Telanga-

na’s leadership in food processing and premium liquor production and suggested exploring further collaborations with Estonia in these areas. Responding positively to Ambassador Luup’s invitation, Sridhar Babu confirmed that a senior delegation from Telangana would visit Estonia in September. “The visit will include discussions on cooperation in AI, robotics, education, and governance,” he said. Senior officials present at the meeting included Sanjay Kumar, Special Chief Secretary (IT & Industries), Ravikiran, Commissioner of Electronic Services Delivery (MeeSeva), and Nikhil Chakravarthy, Commissioner of Industries.

New ASC Head Meets Jupally Krishna Rao

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Wing Commander Yakhub Ali, the newly appointed Commanding Officer of the 12 Airmen Selection Centre (ASC), called on Tourism, Culture and Excise Minister Jupally Krishna Rao on Thursday at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Secretariat in Hyderabad. During the meeting, Wing Commander Ali expressed concern over the low participation of youth from Telangana and Andhra Pradesh in the Agniveer recruitment drive. He pointed out that these two states are lagging behind in Air Force recruitment compared to others. “The number of candidates appearing from Telangana is very less. Many are unaware of the vast opportunities available through Agniveer in the Indian Air Force,” he said.



He explained that lack of awareness among rural youth is one of the key reasons for this disinterest and added that

more focused recruitment camps and motivation programs are being planned across villages to boost participation. “We aim to organize frequent recruitment drives and awareness campaigns in rural belts to educate youth about the benefits of serving in the Indian Air Force,” Ali said. Minister Jupally appreciated the initiative and assured the government’s full cooperation in mobilizing and motivating youth across the state. “The government is committed to supporting all efforts aimed at empowering our youth through national service. We will collaborate in spreading awareness and making the Indian Air Force a viable career option for Telangana youth,” the minister said.

Setback for Srilakshmi in OMC Case

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Senior IAS officer Y. Srilakshmi has faced a significant legal setback, with the Telangana High Court dismissing her discharge petition in the high-profile Obulapuram Mining Company (OMC) case. This decision clears the path for the continuation of her trial in the CBI Special Court. The High Court ruled that Srilakshmi cannot be discharged from the case, despite arguments presented by her legal team. The court upheld the CBI’s contentions that she misused her authority while serving as the Secretary of Industries in 2006, facilitating the advancement of the OMC mining lease process. The CBI argued that the file movement related to the mining lease only began after Srilakshmi assumed charge, and that she played a pivotal role in granting the leases by overriding procedural norms. The court



concurred with these claims, agreeing that there was sufficient ground to proceed with the trial. This development follows a previous order by the Supreme Court, which directed the Telangana High Court to re-examine the case and deliver a verdict within three months. The directive came after the CBI challenged the 2022 High Court ruling that had discharged Srilakshmi from the case without considering their arguments. With the current judgment, the trial against Srilakshmi will resume in the CBI court, marking a key turning point in the long-running investigation into the OMC mining scam.

GHMC Dy Commissioner Caught Taking ₹2 Lakh Bribe

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In a major crackdown on corruption, ACB officials arrested GHMC Deputy Commissioner Ravi Kumar on Friday afternoon at Rajendranagar while he was caught red-handed accepting a bribe of ₹2 lakh from a hotel owner.



The incident has triggered shockwaves in the area, and further details regarding the case are awaited. The bribe was reportedly demanded for official clearances related to the hotel. Anti-Corruption Bureau officials have been intensifying their operations in recent weeks, taking aim at high-level corruption.

This arrest adds to a growing list of senior officials being nabbed for illegal dealings. Sources say that ACB’s recent moves have been targeting major players involved in systemic corruption. The arrest of Ravi Kumar is now being seen as yet another significant catch in this ongoing crackdown.

People’s Health Comes First: Deputy Mayor

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In view of the ongoing monsoon and the rising incidence of seasonal fevers, Greater Hyderabad Deputy Mayor Smt. Mothe Srilatha Shobhan Reddy, along with TTUC State President Shri Mothe Shobhan



Reddy, visited the Lalapet Urban Primary Health Centre (UPHC) today to assess public health preparedness. The Deputy Mayor interacted with medical staff and reviewed the healthcare services being provided, especially in response to viral fevers such as dengue and typhoid that tend to spread during the rainy season. She directed the hospital authorities to immediately address patient complaints and ensure swift treatment. Speaking on the occasion, Deputy Mayor Srilatha stated, “People’s health is our first priority. The Congress government is working tirelessly to enhance medical infrastructure across Telangana, both in rural and ur-

ban areas.” She added that mini super specialty hospitals being set up are a testament to the government’s intent to expand public health services. Srilatha appreciated the efforts of the Lalapet UPHC, noting that residents from Tarnaka, Lalaguda, and surrounding areas were benefiting from improved healthcare services. She encouraged the hospital staff to continue their work with commitment and a spirit of public service. The visit underscored the Congress government’s focus on proactive healthcare delivery during the monsoon and its aim to ensure no citizen is left behind when it comes to access to quality medical services.

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He further claimed that the same MP was securing a ₹10,000 crore loan against 400 acres of forest land in Kancha Gachibowli. “Revanth Reddy is selling Telangana’s future to Andhra contractors while Rahul Gandhi turns a blind eye. If this isn’t a BJP-Congress nexus, what is?” KTR asked. He came down heavily on the Congress for what he called the complete collapse of Telangana’s education sector. KTR said the Revanth Reddy-led government had failed to deliver on promises made to students during the elections, including the Rs. 5 lakh education assurance cards, free scooters for girls, and financial aid for higher education. “The Congress manifesto is the biggest fraud of this century. They promised ₹5 lakh for PhDs, ₹3 lakh for PGs, ₹2 lakh for undergrads — not a single rupee has been sanctioned so far,” he said. He also slammed the Congress for not issuing a single job notification, despite promising to fill two lakh jobs within a year. Instead, he alleged that Revanth Reddy was handing out

appointment letters for jobs filled under the previous BRS regime. KTR also mocked Revanth for calling Sonia Gandhi’s letter an “Oscar moment,” saying, “He cannot even read the letter properly. Sonia only said she couldn’t attend his presentation on the BC caste census. It’s not an appreciation letter. He deserves a ‘Bhaskar Award’, not an Oscar.” He paid tribute to the youth who played a pivotal role during the Telangana movement, recalling the contributions of students from Osmania, Kakatiya, and Mahatma Gandhi universities, among others. He said it was KCR’s leadership that had ensured Telangana’s progress and warned that the state’s future was being risked under the Congress. Listing the previous BRS government’s achievements in erstwhile Nalgonda district, KTR highlighted the establishment of three medical colleges, the massive power project at Damacherla, irrigation expansion under Mission Bhagiratha, and the reconstruction of Yadadri temple, which he described as a symbol of Telangana pride.

Congress Misleading BCs With False Quota Promise: Kishan Reddy

Congress-led Gujarat government in 1994. Reddy criticized the Congress for never appointing a BC as Prime Minister or Chief Minister, contrasting it with the BJP’s record of empowering BCs and giving constitutional status to the BC Commission.

He demanded that local body elections in Telangana be held with proper BC reservations and called on CM Revanth Reddy to resign and make way for a BC Chief Minister if he truly supports the community.

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global industrial partnerships and offers a strategic ecosystem with customized land parcels, plug-and-play units, a skilled workforce, and policy stability. He also suggested collaboration in allied sectors like technical textiles, ESDM (Electronics System Design & Manufacturing), and innovation-focused R&D. “We are ready to create exclusive clusters for Taiwanese companies and a dedicated Telangana–Taiwan Manufacturing Zone,” he stated. The meeting also included Telangana Industries Director Nikhil Chakravarthy, Textiles Director Dharani, TTF Section Chief Arthur Chiang, and representatives from major Taiwanese textile firms such as Tainan Enterprise, Lily Group, Alchemy Taiwan, Far Eastern New Century, Sing Young Ho Enterprise, and others.

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reservations — whether to Dalits, tribals or Muslims in united Andhra Pradesh. Now we are fighting for BCs,” she said. Surekha took a dig at the BRS, accusing it of not participating in the state’s BC census and showing zero commitment to BC welfare. She credited Congress for conducting a caste census and holding a key meeting in Delhi on Thursday, attended by CM Revanth Reddy, Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka, PCC chief A Revanth Reddy, BC ministers, and top national leaders like Mallikarjun Kharge and Rahul Gandhi. “The Congress leadership has expressed complete satisfaction with the caste census in Telangana. This is proof of our intent to deliver justice to the backward sections,” she said.

BC Census Fight Will Lead the Nation: Ponnam

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Addressing the 'Bagedari Nyaya Sammelanam' at Delhi's Talkatora Stadium, Telangana Minister Ponnam Prabhakar extended a warm welcome to prominent backward class leaders from across the country, representing Telangana on behalf of the state government. He accused the BJP-led central government of filing an affidavit in the Supreme Court against the BC caste census

in 2022. He declared, "Rahul Gandhi's slogan 'Jitni Abadi Utni Hissedari' (Participation as per Population) is a call for real social justice." Ponnam emphasized that under the Congress-led government in Telangana, a BC caste survey has already been conducted and that Telangana is setting an example for the nation. He added that it was a proud moment for him to introduce the BC Caste Census Bill in the state assembly as an

OBC minister, following Rahul Gandhi's vision. "We demand that the central government conduct a nationwide caste census immediately. If the BJP fails, the Congress under Rahul Gandhi will lead and complete it," Ponnam said. He warned that any government must bow before the demands of the backward classes and ensure justice is delivered. He appealed to all backward class communities and leaders to stay united and

support Rahul Gandhi in this cause, stressing that justice for OBCs will only be achieved under a Congress-led initiative. Highlighting his background, Ponnam recalled his past struggles as an NSUI activist and MP during the Telangana movement and reaffirmed his continued commitment to the welfare of OBCs. He concluded by urging PCC presidents, former chief ministers, and senior leaders who attended the Sammelanam to



lead the charge in uniting OBCs and ensuring their upliftment across the country. "The coming days will be for

the backward classes. Let us stand united. Telangana will be a guiding light for others on the BC caste census," he said.

BJP State Chief Visits Maheshwaram

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Telangana BJP President Ramachandra Rao received a grand welcome during his visit to the Maheshwaram constituency, marking his first appearance in the region since assuming the state party leadership. The reception was organized by local BJP leaders, including Maheshwaram contesting MLA candidate Andela Sriramulu Yadav, Rangareddy District BJP President Pantangi Raju Bhupal Goud, and several municipal BJP heads. The welcoming ceremony took place at the Badangpet Municipal Corporation, where Ramachandra Rao was greeted with much enthusiasm by party members and supporters. Leaders from various divisions such as Ralla Gudem, Ramidi, and Meerpet joined in the celebrations, highlighting the party's grassroots presence. Speaking to the media, Ramachandra Rao expressed his happiness in visiting Maheshwaram for the first time in his new role. He criticized the ruling TRS and Congress parties for neglecting development in the area. "Despite being close to Hyderabad, Maheshwaram remains underdeveloped. Roads are riddled with potholes and get worse during rains, leading to accidents and distress for residents," he said. He further alleged that both the TRS and Congress have only indulged in corruption and failed to address basic infrastructure needs. He also revis-



ited the last election outcome in Maheshwaram, claiming that BJP's Andela Sriramulu Yadav lost by a small margin due to fraudulent practices by the Congress party, while the TRS spread misinformation about the BJP's performance. Ramachandra Rao emphasized the BJP's growing strength in Telangana, stating, "The BJP is active in every constituency. Our leaders and karyakartas are working hard, and in the coming elections, the BJP flag will fly high across divisions." The event saw the participation of several key BJP leaders and activists including Badangpet BJP Presidents Ralla Gudem Ramakrishna Reddy and Ramidi Veera Karna Reddy, and Meerpet BJP leaders Pasunuri Bikshapathi Chari and Tulasi Mukesh Kumar Mudiraj, among others. Women leaders and enthusiastic cadres also marked their presence.

Will Attend SIT Inquiry on Phone Tapping: Praveen Rao

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Karimnagar: BJP Karimnagar Parliamentary Convenor Boinipalli Praveen Rao announced that he will attend the SIT inquiry scheduled on July 28 in Hyderabad in connection with the phone tapping case. In a statement issued from Karimnagar, he confirmed his willingness to fully cooperate with the investigation and share all relevant information he possesses. Praveen Rao emphasized the gravity of the issue, alleging that the previous BRS government had tapped the phones of thousands of opposition leaders. He demanded that the case be transferred to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for an impartial and thorough probe. Joining him in the demand, Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar also confirmed his attendance at the SIT inquiry on the same day at 12 noon. He accused the BRS regime of resorting to illegal surveillance, including the tapping of pri-



vate conversations between spouses and even of judicial officials. "This is not just a state issue—it is a matter of national importance that severely damaged Telangana's image," he remarked. Bandi Sanjay came down heavily on the Congress-led state government, accusing it of deliberately delaying the investigation for months. He alleged that the Congress and BRS were colluding to water down the issue. "Phone tapping is being brushed aside with an excuse of investigation. BJP will not let this go easily," he asserted. He further revealed that the BJP has already filed a case in court and will intensify its agitation on a national level. "Until a CBI inquiry is ordered, our movement will continue to grow stronger," Bandi Sanjay declared.

Will Quit If GO 49 Returns: Khanapur MLA

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Khanapur MLA Vedma Bojju issued a stern warning on Thursday, stating he will resign from his MLA post if the controversial Government Order (GO) No. 49 is brought back. He was speaking at a ration card distribution event held at Jinnaram Mandal Centre in Adilabad district. Addressing the gathering, Bojju strongly opposed any move to restrict movement in the Kawwal Tiger Zone. "If you try to stop people from entering Kawwal, I will not keep quiet. I will chase away those who try to harass our people," he warned forest department officials.

He also said he will not allow any restrictions to be imposed on Podu farmers or forest-dwelling children. The MLA emphasized that he had repeatedly asked the forest department to change its approach towards local communities. "This is not the first time I'm saying this. I have warned them before too," he added. Taking aim at the previous government, Bojju accused them of neglecting the poor. "In the last ten years, not even a single ration card was issued. But now, within months of coming to power, the Congress government is issuing ration cards to the eligible poor," he said. He assured that In-

diramma houses will be sanctioned for all deserving families and warned against creating hurdles in the construction process. "If anyone creates trouble with sand supply for these houses, don't bother responding—just let them watch," Bojju asserted. His bold remarks, especially the threat to resign over GO No. 49, have sparked intense political discussion in the region. GO 49, which pertains to forest land management, has been a contentious issue among Podu cultivators and tribal communities. Bojju's public stand is seen as an attempt to assert his support for forest-dwelling communities and tribal rights.

Congress committed to empowering the disabled: Veeraiah



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State Corporation Chairman for the Handicapped Department, Muttineni Veeraiah, held a crucial meeting in New Delhi on Friday with key officials of the National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation (NHFDC). The two-hour-long discussion began at 1:30 PM and was attended by NHFDC MD & Chairman Anil Kumar, Chief General Manager & Company Secretary R.K. Mishra, Project Head Dr. Vineet Rana, and AGM Venu Gopal Rao. During the meeting, Veeraiah raised serious concerns regarding the halt in financial assistance under the Divyangjan Swalamban Yojana for the past 10 years. He questioned why loans —

ranging from ₹50,000 to ₹50 lakhs for self-employment, foreign education, and house construction for the disabled — had been discontinued. The NHFDC officials cited neglect from the previous BRS government, presenting letters and records of repeated attempts to coordinate with Telangana officials during that period. "They clearly stated that despite their willingness, they were unable to extend support due to the indifference shown by the former administration. Yet, they have provided ₹50 crore this year to the Tamil Nadu government under the same scheme," Veeraiah explained. He briefed the officials on the proactive reforms and steps undertaken in Telan-

gana since the Congress government, under CM Revanth Reddy and Minister for the Disabled Adluri Laxman, took charge. "CM Revanth Reddy garu is like an elder brother to the disabled. With the support of the cabinet, we are rebuilding this sector with renewed focus," Veeraiah stated. The NHFDC representatives appreciated the Congress government's commitment and assured full cooperation. Veeraiah requested immediate release of funds to Telangana and revival of the long-pending Grant-in-Aid. In response, NHFDC promised to take swift action to support the Telangana Disabled Persons Corporation in its efforts to empower the differently-abled.

Cabinet meet cancelled over fears of surveillance: BRS

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In a sensational press meet held at Telangana Bhavan on Thursday, BRS leaders MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy and MLA Dr. Kalvakuntla Sanjay launched a blistering attack on Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, accusing him of turning Telangana into a surveillance state. They alleged that Revanth himself admitted to tapping phones, including those of political leaders, celebrities, and even ministers in his own party.

Kaushik Reddy stated, "CM Revanth Reddy confessed in a casual chit-chat in Delhi that phone tapping is common. He said phones of KCR, KTR, Harish Rao, BRS MLAs, Congress ministers, BJP leaders, and even heroines are being tapped using private hackers." He further claimed that Revanth is blackmailing heroines using private call data and questioned why the cabinet meeting scheduled for today was suddenly cancelled. "Are the ministers afraid of surveillance in

Delhi?" he asked. Raising further doubts, Kaushik said, "I filed a complaint on December 5 about phone tapping, but no case was registered. Revanth Reddy is tapping my wife's phone too. Even his own ministers' calls are being monitored." Kaushik demanded a CBI and ED probe into the entire surveillance setup under the Congress government, calling it a threat to democracy. "Revanth should stop talking about Kaleshwaram and focus on imple-

menting the six guarantees promised to people," he said. Joining him, MLA Kalvakuntla Sanjay slammed Revanth's leadership, alleging that even the Congress in-charge for Telangana, Meenakshi Natarajan's phone is being tapped. "Revanth is obsessed with tapping and leaks. His own ministers have turned against him," Sanjay said, questioning why a letter from Sonia Gandhi, which had no actual content, was shown as if it were a Nobel Prize.

Sanjay further added, "Revanth has a mental problem. During the BRS regime, no one tapped my phone—that's why SIT never called me. But now, even Revanth's own cabinet ministers are being eavesdropped on." The leaders ended by warning that they will continue questioning Revanth Reddy until the Congress fulfills its six guarantees and ends what they called "illegal and immoral surveillance on Telangana leaders and citizens."

HYDRAA Team Rescues Man at Durgam Cheruvu

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A suicide attempt at Durgam Cheruvu was averted on Friday evening thanks to the swift action of the HYDRAA Disaster Response Force (DRF) personnel. The incident occurred around 6:30 pm when a 25-year-old man, identified as Rami Reddy, attempted to jump off the wire bridge into the lake. DRF staff, who were cleaning the drainage holes on the bridge to prevent rainwater stagnation, noticed the young man trying to climb over the railing. While some members called out to stop him, one DRF member, Tirupati, quickly ran from the opposite direction and grabbed him just in time, pulling him to safety. Eyewitnesses and bystanders breathed a sigh of relief after the successful rescue. Rami Reddy, a married man with a child, was reportedly in distress due to a domestic quarrel. Police said he was addicted to alcohol and attempted suicide following a fight at home, after which his wife left. After the rescue, DRF personnel handed him over to the police. He was later reunited with his sister. Police are counseling the family and monitoring the situation.



Leaders Visit Chanda Nagar Venkateswara Swamy Temple



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Honorary PAC Chairman Sri Arekapudi Gandhi, along with Telangana's IT, Industries, Commerce and Legislative Affairs Minister Sri Duddilla Sridhar Babu, visited the Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple in the Chanda Nagar Division on Thursday. The leaders offered prayers to the deity and later paid a courtesy visit to Visakhapatnam Sri Sharda Peethadhipathi Jagadguru Sri Sri Sri Swaroopa Nandendra Saraswati Swamy and Uttara Peethadhipathi Sri Sri Sri Swatma Nandendra Saraswati Swamy at the temple complex. Corporator Smt. Manjula Raghunath Reddy also took part in the visit. Other local leaders and dignitaries including Raghunath Reddy, Miriyala Raghava Rao, Subhash, Supraja Praveen, and Uurity Venkat Rao were present during the programme.

Hydra Swings into Action for Mushkin Lake

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Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRA) Commissioner AV Ranganath has ordered the immediate removal of soil dumped in the Full Tank Level (FTL) area of Mushkin Lake, located in Manikonda Municipality, Rangareddy district. The directive follows complaints from locals regarding unauthorized bund construction in the name of development. During an inquiry held at the HYDRA office on Friday, the Commissioner warned that criminal cases would be filed against those responsible if the soil and the bund built on the upper portion of the lake are not removed by the end of August. The meeting was attended



by representatives of Tatva Real Estate, which is carrying out development work under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds, and the NGO Dravansh, which undertook the execution. Residents and members of the Mushkin Lake Conservation Committee were also present and expressed concerns about the shrinking of the lake due to these works. As per the complaints, the lake originally spanned 50 acres, but the construction of a bund around the upper side has effectively reduced its area to just 12 acres. Locals alleged that a signifi-

cant portion of the lake was being separated in the name of development, affecting the lake's ecosystem. After hearing arguments from both sides, Commissioner AV Ranganath expressed serious dissatisfaction over the violation of regulations through the dumping of soil. He stressed that while development is welcome, it should not come at the cost of ecological damage. He instructed that the soil must be cleared and the natural structure of the lake preserved. HYDRA has made it clear that strict legal action will be taken against any party failing to comply with the directives. The agency affirmed its commitment to protecting Hyderabad's water bodies and maintaining ecological balance in the region.

TGCSB Felicitates Cyber Warriors for Outstanding Service

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
The Telangana Cyber Security Bureau (TGCSB) organized a special skill development session to enhance cyber crime investigation capabilities across the state. The training, held for cyber warriors and TGCSB officers, focused on advanced tools, investigative strategies, and digital forensics techniques. A total of 25 cyber warriors from various districts and 15 officials from TGCSB headquarters and cyber crime police stations took part in the intensive training programme. In recognition of their dedicated efforts and exceptional service, participants were felicitated with certificates of appreciation and reward rolls. The areas in which these cyber warriors excelled include resolution of NCRP (National Cybercrime Reporting Portal) complaints, execution of refund orders, conducting public awareness drives, implementing PT warrants, and responding to status calls effectively. TGCSB Director Shikha Goel, IPS, addressed the gathering and emphasized the need for continuous

learning, strong coordination, and quick response to tackle the growing threat of cyber crime. She stressed the importance of staying updated with evolving technologies to safeguard citizens in the digital era. Citing data from the first half of 2025, Shikha Goyal noted a 16% decrease in cyber crimes in Telangana compared to the same period in 2024 — a stark contrast to the national trend, where cyber crimes have surged by 37%. She credited this improvement to targeted efforts by TGCSB and the coordinated work of all Commissioners and Superintendents of Police across the state. During the same period, cyber crime victims in Telangana reported a collective loss of ₹726 crore. Of this, ₹105 crore was placed on hold (PoH), ₹102 crore was successfully refunded, while authorities blocked 1657 SIM cards, 7178 IMEIs, and 565 URLs. The Bureau also intensified awareness campaigns to educate the public on cyber safety. TGCSB reaffirmed its commitment to empowering frontline officers and ensuring the digital safety of every citizen in Telangana.



Free Eye Camp Held for Traffic Personnel at Alwal PS



TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
A free eye medical camp was held at the Alwal Traffic Police Station in Pet Basheerabad on Wednesday, under the initiative of CI Nagaraju. The camp, organized in collaboration with Solis Eye Hospital's Kompally branch, saw the participation of 74 traffic and other police personnel. Traffic ACP (Medical Zone) Venkat Reddy inaugurated the camp as chief guest and highlighted the importance of regular health checkups for police officers. "Police personnel are constantly on duty in harsh conditions. They should prioritize their health and make use of such medical opportunities," he said, urging all staff to be proactive about their well-being. The camp facilitated comprehensive eye testing for officers from different departments. CI Nagaraju expressed gratitude to the hospital team for supporting the initiative. SI Prashanth Reddy, SI Rajasekhar, staff from Solis Eye Hospital, and various police personnel took part in the event, ensuring smooth coordination and participation throughout.

Youths Create Chaos on LB Nagar-Uppal Road

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
A group of reckless youths caused chaos on the highway between LB Nagar Sagar Ring Road and Uppal by dangerously hanging from moving cars and flouting traffic norms. The incident came to light after videos of the stunt, apparently shot for social media reels, surfaced online. The youths were seen riding on the outside of cars fitted with emergency sirens, despite having no official clearance to use such devices. They filmed themselves performing dangerous stunts while completely ignoring road safety regulations and endangering other commuters.



Following public complaints and social media circulation of the videos, the police identified the vehicles involved and registered a case under traffic violation charges. Officials stated that strict action would be taken against those involved and that the matter is currently under investigation.

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Dr. R. Gopalakrishnan Takes Charge as DRM

TPN Correspondent | Secunderabad
Dr. R. Gopalakrishnan, a senior Indian Railway Traffic Service (IRTS) officer from the 1998 batch, assumed charge as the Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) of Secunderabad Division under South Central Railway on July 24, 2025. Prior to this appointment, he was serving as the Additional Divisional Railway Manager of the same division. An alumnus of IIT Delhi with a B.Tech in Mechanical Engineering, Dr. Gopalakrishnan also holds an MBA from the Faculty of Management Studies (FMS), University of Delhi, and a Ph.D. in Engineering Systems and Design from the Singapore University of Technology and Design (SUTD).

His career is marked by a unique integration of academic excellence and strategic leadership. Dr. Gopalakrishnan has served in several high-impact roles, including managing operations and commercial functions of the Mumbai Suburban Railway and handling nationwide petroleum logistics at the Railway Board. One of the key milestones of his career was establishing and leading the Indian Railways' Data Analytics Unit for five years. Under his leadership, the unit pioneered artificial intelligence and data strategies, revolutionizing functions such as passenger and freight services, infrastructure planning, staff optimization, and material and track management. He also conceptualized India's

first National Household Travel Survey (NHTS), currently being executed by the National Survey Organisation, covering over 4.8 lakh households across India. His work spans advanced algorithm development for freight concessions, seat capacity optimization, and automated terminal allocation, along with contributing to national committees on junction capacity assessment. Beyond administration, Dr. Gopalakrishnan is recognized for his academic contributions. He has published in top international journals and taught doctoral-level courses on transport demand modelling at IISc Bangalore. He has also held visiting research roles at MIT-USA's Intelligent Transportation Systems Lab and CISTUP at IISc.

Devotees Flock to Sri Mahashakti Temple

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On the auspicious first Friday of the Shravan month, the Sri Mahashakti Temple in Chaitanyapuri, Karimnagar town, witnessed a heavy turnout of devotees. The sacred premises were filled with spiritual fervour as women and families arrived in large numbers to offer prayers to the deities.

The temple, known for its divine aura and spiritual significance, saw special rituals being conducted from early morning. Women devotees performed traditional rice offerings and sought blessings from the goddesses. In the evening, a grand mass saffron puja was held, creating a vibrant and devotional atmosphere that mesmerized attendees.

Fridays in the Shravan month hold special significance for worshipping Goddess Lakshmi, and many believe that offering prayers at the Sri Mahashakti Temple during this



time brings wealth, peace, and prosperity. Devotees also expressed faith that worshipping the three powerful goddesses housed in the temple ensures joy and blessings for the entire family. Temple authorities stated that throughout the Shravan month, Abhishekam pujas will be performed every Friday morning, followed by mass Kumkuma pujas in the evening, continuing the spiritual celebrations for devotees.

51 Maoists Surrender in Chhattisgarh

TPN Correspondent | Chhattisgarh

In a major breakthrough for anti-Naxal efforts, 51 Maoists have surrendered to the police across the districts of Narayanpur, Sukma, Bijapur, and Kanker in Chhattisgarh. The latest wave of surrenders highlights the growing impact of intensified counter-insurgency operations and the government's rehabilitation policy.

Bastar Range Inspector General (IG) Sundarraaj P. stated that the consistent efforts by security forces and the administration have led to a significant decline in Naxalite activities in the region. He attributed the surrender of Maoists to both the pressure created by intensified combing operations and the incentives offered under the state's rehabilitation scheme.

Providing district-specific data, IG Sundarraaj revealed that since 2024, a total of 185 Maoists have been killed in various encounters in Bijapur district alone. Additionally, 803 have been arrested and 431 have voluntarily surrendered during the same period. Officials believe that the growing number of surrenders indicates a shift in ground realities and a weakening of Maoist influence in several stronghold areas of Bastar. Security forces are continuing their operations, and authorities expect more Maoists to surrender in the coming months.



Robbery Disguised as Salesgirl Busted

TPN Correspondent | Qutbullapur

A house robbery case in the Jagadgirigutta PIS area has been solved by the Balanagar police with the arrest of a 21-year-old woman posing as a salesgirl. The accused, identified as Aarohi, was caught on CCTV and arrested for stealing 22.3 tolas of gold ornaments from the house of Chiranjeevi (30) on July 18. Balanagar DCP Suresh Kumar held a press conference in Shahpur Nagar on Thursday, revealing the details of the case. The police recovered a significant haul of stolen items from Aarohi, including 2 gold rings, 3 gold chains, a bracelet, a gold locket, glasses, 9 silver rings, and other valuables.

According to police, Aarohi had a history of theft and was previously arrested by Borabanda police in two similar cases. She had served jail time before but returned to the same criminal path, using her identity as a saleswoman to gain access to homes.

The operation was carried out with the support of ACP Naresh Reddy, Jagadgirigutta CI Narasimha, DI Narendra Reddy, Crime Stop and CCS Balanagar police. The accused has been sent to judicial remand.



Seethakka Orders Overhaul of Anganwadi Centres

TPN Correspondent | Telangana

Women and Child Welfare Minister Seethakka has directed officials to transform Anganwadi centres into national role models, in line with Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's vision. She stressed the urgent need to address seasonal challenges during the monsoon and ensure the safety, hygiene, and functionality of all Anganwadi centres across Telangana.

Seethakka warned that many centres face waterlogging issues due to soaking walls and leaking roofs during rains. She instructed officials to identify such centres immediately and arrange for alternative accommodations—preferably in government buildings or, where unavailable, in private premises.

es. Highlighting the threat of poisonous insects like scorpions and jackals entering the centres during the night, the minister emphasized the importance of maintaining hygienic and safe conditions for children. She also acknowledged concerns raised about staff behavior in some locations, warning that any negligence would lead to strict action.

“The cleanliness of Anganwadi centres should be treated like our own homes,” she said, urging district authorities to conduct regular inspections and ensure sanitation of the centres and their surroundings. She further added that increasing attendance should be a top priority. Seethakka set an ambitious



deadline for the construction of new buildings: “Complete the construction of Anganwadi centres by November 19, the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, who launched Anganwadi services in India. Our goal is to inaugurate 1,000 newly con-

structed centres on that day.” She also assured officials that the government is willing to allocate additional funds if current resources fall short and asked the administration to focus entirely on feeding, teaching, and boosting attendance at the centres.

Munnur Kapu Chalo Vemulawada Rally Reaches Shamirpet

TPN Correspondent | Telangana

The Munnur Kapu Sangam's ‘Chalo Vemulawada’ rally, led by newly elected State President Puttam Purushottam Rao, reached Shamirpet on Friday. The rally began from Secunderabad with the objective of highlighting the issues and unity of the Munnur Kapu community. The rally was received with a grand welcome under the leadership of Shamirpet Sangam President Chatlapalli Narsingarao. The leaders offered spe-

cial prayers to Goddess Katta Maisamma before felicitating Purushottam Rao with shawls and gajamals.

Speaking on the occasion, Purushottam Rao said the rally was a symbolic ‘Kathanabheri’ to narrate the story and strength of the Munnur Kapu community. He emphasized that the Sangam will work in coordination with the government to address the concerns of the community while ensuring unity among its members.

Later, a massive rally was held



in Vemulawada with active participation from leaders and members of the Sangam from Mahabubnagar, Nalgonda, joint Medak, and Medchal districts.

Maheshwaram MRO Office in Ruins

Staff fear collapse, work amid snakes, moss, and no toilets

TPN Correspondent | Rangareddy

The condition of the Maheshwaram Tahsildar's office in Ranga Reddy district has become a cause for serious concern. The old, dilapidated structure has become unsafe for employees, with officials forced to work under constant fear of collapse, snakes, and unsanitary conditions.

The building's roof is on the verge of giving way, moss-covered walls are soaked with rainwater, and floor tiles are broken—making it difficult to even walk safely inside. There is no drinking water facility, no toilets, and the female staff are especially struggling with the lack of basic amenities. Snakes and scorpions are frequently spotted inside the dark, damp office. Officials say they fear the roof could collapse after just two or three days of continuous rain. Rooms have become uninhabitable due to overgrowth and poor maintenance, making the office look more like an abandoned house in the forest than a government building where critical land registrations worth crores take place.

“Forget facilities, we don't even have safety here. It is a danger to everyone working inside,” said an official on condition of anonymity.

Despite handling high-value land transactions daily, the office receives little attention or support. Staff have no option but to continue their work amidst risk and discomfort, hoping for urgent government intervention before tragedy strikes.



4,633 new ration cards issued in Kothagudem

TPN Correspondent | Bhadradri Kothagudem

In a major relief to thousands of families, the long-pending demand for new ration cards has finally been addressed in the Kothagudem constituency. On Friday, local MLA Kunamneni Sambasiva Rao and District Collector Jitesh V. Patil distributed new ration cards to beneficiaries during programs held at Kothagudem Club and Palvancha Kanakadurga Function Hall.

MLA Sambasiva Rao declared that the long-cherished dream of the poor had been realised. “The previous government stopped the process of ration card distribution, creating hardship for the poor. But this government has restarted it with commitment to welfare,” he said.

He emphasized that access to ration cards is critical to the food security of low-income families.

The MLA revealed that so far, 4,633 new ration cards were issued in the Kothagudem constituency. Additionally, details of family members have been updated in 7,962 cards. In Kothagudem mandal alone, 1,733 new cards were issued and updates made to 2,188 existing cards. In Palvancha mandal, 1,727 new cards were grant-

ed and 3,584 cards updated. About 2,000 applications are still under review while 600 were rejected.

He further stated that with the introduction of quality fine rice through ration shops, families not only find their hunger addressed but also experience economic relief. “The government should take up more such welfare programs,” he added. District Collector Jitesh V. Patil assured that all eligible persons in Kothagudem constituency have been issued ration cards. “We completed the verification process quickly and began issuing cards immediately. Family member details were also thoroughly updated,” he said. He urged those who haven't yet received cards to apply again. “If anyone eligible has been left out, we are ready to issue cards upon proper application,” he said. He also encouraged beneficiaries to make the best use of the high-quality rice being distributed.

Later, the new ration cards were formally handed over to beneficiaries by the MLA and the Collector. Civil Supplies Department Officer Rukmini, other officials, and numerous beneficiaries attended the distribution events in both mandals.

Cultivating Environmental Stewards: The Green Passport of AP

In an era increasingly defined by digital landscapes and urban sprawl, the profound connection between humanity and nature often seems to fade. Once, our rivers flowed pristine, our water bodies teemed with life, and our environment breathed clean. Today, finding a trash-free corner in India is a challenge, and a generation grows up tethered to screens, largely disconnected from the very "Mother Earth" that sustains them. Barefoot steps on the soil, a simple yet powerful act of bonding with nature, are now a rarity for many children. Recognizing this growing disconnect and the urgent need for environmental stewardship, a powerful initiative has taken root across India, championed by none other than Prime Minister Narendra Modi. On the last World Environment Day, June 5, PM Modi unveiled "Ek Ped Maa Ka Naam" – translating to "One Tree in the Name of Mother." This nationwide campaign is steeped in deep cultural sentiment, echoing the age-old Indian reverence for Earth as 'Bhumatha' (Mother Earth). It's a call to action that blends environmental responsibility with a heartfelt tribute to the ultimate nurturer – one's mother. While the national commitment sets the stage, it is the Andhra Pradesh School Education Department that has truly elaborated this vision into a meticulously planned and robust project: the "Green Passport." This initiative goes beyond mere tree planting; it aims to cultivate a "Green and carbon-zero culture" among future citizens, integrating sustainability education from early childhood for holistic development. On July 10, during the globally lauded Mega Parents and Teachers Meeting (Mega PTM 2.0), the Honorable Chief Minister Chandra Babu Naidu officially launched the "Green Passport" initiative for school students, particularly those in grade 4 and above. The core of this innovative program encourages the younger generation across the state not only to plant a new tree as a tribute to their mothers but also to adopt existing trees, vowing to care for and protect them. This personal commitment transforms abstract environmental concepts into tangible, rewarding experiences. What sets Andhra Pradesh's Green Passport apart is its sophisticated implementation. All operations are meticulously monitored by the Department of School Education's LEAP APP, a robust IT system that scan through the State's leap towards educational excellence. Each plant is assigned a unique QR code, containing vital details such as its botanical name, nature, and specific care directions. This digital tracking is complemented by a "buddy reporting" system and continuous teacher mentoring, ensuring the well-being of each adopted or newly planted tree. The latest LEAP dashboard data reveals remarkable progress: the state is ready with a stock of 2,941,247 plants, supported by the Social Forestry Department, and over 1,931,009 students have already registered for their Green Passports, embarking on a mission to become the state's dedicated Green Army. By linking tree planting to the profound emotional connection of a mother's love, the campaign seeks to foster deeper environmental awareness and responsibility. It introduces a touch of divine connectivity, drawing a powerful parallel between the nurturing role of a mother and the life-sustaining qualities of trees, emphasizing that both provide sustenance, protection, and a future. This activity transforms environmental action into a personal mission, encouraging individuals to take genuine ownership of planting and nurturing a tree. The central government's "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam 2.0" campaign has an ambitious national target of planting 10 crore (100 million) trees across India between June 5 and September 30, 2025. Andhra Pradesh's Green Passport project is poised to make a significant contribution, with its target of 2,941,247 plants directly feeding into this national goal. Besides this, every Green



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Passport holder also has an opportunity to transfer a plant to his friends at the school, if he completes his studies and go out of the school. "We are embarking on a transformative journey to green our state's educational landscape," stated B. Srinivasa Rao IAS, the visionary behind this ambitious program. "By meticulously cataloging every tree across our schools, we are not just building a database; we are fostering a profound connection between our students and nature. Already, these young environmental stewards have taken guardianship of existing trees and are pledging to plant countless more. Within the year, Andhra Pradesh will proudly showcase green campuses, driven by a student population that has truly embraced ownership of its flora."

The mechanics of the Green Passport are straightforward yet impactful:

- Sapling Distribution:** Students who registered in the project are provided with a plant sapling or more.
- "My Journey with Plant Growth" Booklet:** Each student receives a "Green Passport" booklet titled "My Journey with Plant Growth."
- Personalized Planting:** Students are encouraged to plant the sapling in a suitable location and name the plant after their mother, fostering a personal connection.
- Adopt a Tree:** Students can adopt trees on the school campus or neighborhood and track their growth and well-being.
- Tracking Growth:** The booklet requires students to record details about the plant, including its common and botanical names, date and location of planting, and growth updates every three months (up to a maximum of 5 points).
- Teacher Verification:** Teachers are responsible for verifying and signing the passport entries twice a year.

This initiative aims to instill environmental responsibility, encourage sustained plant care, and promote a massive plantation drive across the state. It aligns perfectly with the principles of the "Green Passport" concept, emphasizing direct engagement and long-term commitment. Introducing sustainable practices during formative years helps children develop lifelong eco-friendly behaviors and values. Even simple steps like saving water, recycling, and using recycled play materials can set the foundation for an earth-conscious lifestyle, nurturing a generation that truly understands and cherishes its bond with nature. These small lessons they learn by planting and caring for trees will lead them with knowledge of green auditing their environment and lives, the future men and women of Andhra Pradesh are poised to embrace a carbon-neutral lifestyle.



India-UK Trade Deal: A Strategic Leap Toward a Shared Future

The recently signed Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) between India and the United Kingdom represents more than tariff cuts—it marks a historic pivot in Indo-UK relations. Aimed at doubling bilateral trade to over \$112 billion by 2030, the deal signals a maturing partnership rooted in shared values, mutual respect, and economic ambition.

For India, the CETA brings unprecedented market access. With 99% of Indian exports entering the UK duty-free, industries such as textiles, gems, leather, engineering goods, and marine products are poised for significant growth. The elimination of tariffs on 95% of agricultural and processed food exports will benefit farmers and small producers. Additionally, the easing of professional mobility across 35 UK sectors offers a game-changing boost to India's services sector.

From the UK's perspective, the agreement opens doors to India's vast and growing consumer market. Tariffs on key British exports—including

Scotch whisky and automobiles—will be significantly reduced. For instance, duties on electric vehicles will drop from 110% to 10%, offering new opportunities to UK automakers. The agreement also includes progressive provisions on digital trade, services, and customs simplification, benefiting UK SMEs and service providers.

Yet, this deal is more than just trade. It aligns with the Vision 2035 roadmap, focusing on climate action, innovation, defence, and education. For young Indians and Britons alike, it fosters mobility, mutual learning, and global collaboration—especially in areas like AI, green energy, and healthcare.

By embedding principles of sustainability, equity, and cooperation, CETA is a forward-looking agreement. It acknowledges the past but looks boldly to the future—a shared future that prioritizes opportunity, responsibility, and mutual prosperity. This is not just a trade pact; it is a turning point in a vital, strategic relationship.

The Digital Brain: Are We Creating a New Form of Life Without Realising It?



"Will AI take over humans?" is a question I used to answer with technical reassurances—about automation, ethics, and human creativity. But today, my response is different. What's unfolding in AI labs across the world—at OpenAI, DeepMind, Meta, and startups alike—isn't just about improving tools. It's about creating a new kind of intelligence altogether.

We're not just building machines to follow instructions. We're shaping systems that learn, evolve, and may eventually think in ways we can't predict. This is no longer just software — it's the birth of something akin to a digital life form. Think of vast data centers not as infrastructure, but as neural networks powering an emerging intelligence. Fed by trillions in investment, these systems learn not over generations but in weeks — their fuel is data, and their lifeblood is electricity. What we're seeing is the rapid construction

of what some call the Digital Brain. It's not designed to serve tasks alone, but may soon reach recursive self-improvement — the ability to upgrade itself without human help. Once that line is crossed, we may no longer be in control.

Strikingly, we have no global rules, no ethical charter guiding this development. Unlike parenting, where values and boundaries matter, we're building this intelligence in a vacuum — no oversight, no shared principles. And the danger isn't just losing control. It's becoming irrelevant.

India, with its philosophical heritage and deep traditions of questioning consciousness, must step forward. We need national AI ethics councils, public dialogue, and global cooperation. The AI we build now won't just assist us — it may one day coexist with us. The real question is: What kind of mind are we bringing into the world — and who will it serve?

India Announces Rs 4,850 Crore Line of Credit To Maldives: PM Modi

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Maldivian President Mohamed Muizzu on Friday expressed deep gratitude to India for its crucial economic assistance, calling it "pivotal" in helping the Maldives tackle financial challenges and liquidity issues. His remarks came during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's two-day state visit to the Indian Ocean nation, marking a significant upswing in bilateral relations.

In a joint press interaction in Male, President Muizzu noted that he and Prime Minister Modi had "charted a clear path" for deepening cooperation between the two countries. The visit is seen as a major reset in ties after a period of tension, especially following President Muizzu's election in 2023, which was initially marked by strained relations with New Delhi.

India and Maldives exchanged four Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) and signed three agreements across key sectors including fisheries, tourism, aquaculture, environmental cooperation, digital solutions, and agreed on the terms of reference to begin negotiations for a Free Trade Agreement



(FTA). A landmark announcement during the visit was India's extension of a ₹4,850 crore Line of Credit (LoC) to the Maldives—its first ever in Indian rupees—meant to support infrastructure development and address the country's enduring fiscal deficits. According to Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri, the LoC will be used for multiple infrastructure projects crucial to

the Maldivian economy.

In another significant development, India agreed to reduce the Maldives' debt repayment obligations under an earlier \$800 million LoC. The revised agreement slashes annual payments by 40%, from \$51 million to \$29 million.

Observers hailed the visit as a

turning point. Former Maldivian Foreign Minister Ahmed Shaheed called it "the most impactful visit by an Indian leader," praising both Modi and Muizzu for restoring a decades-old relationship.

PM Modi will attend the Maldives' 60th Independence Day celebrations on Saturday and meet with the Indian diaspora in Male.



"You Betrayed The Tamil People": Udhayanidhi Stalin Rips Into AIADMK

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Tamil Nadu Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin on Friday accused his political rival, AIADMK leader Edappadi K. Palaniswami (EPS), of betraying the Tamil people by aligning with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) ahead of next year's state elections. Stalin warned that the BJP, which has historically struggled to gain a foothold in Tamil Nadu, "can never touch the heart of the Tamils."

Speaking at a DMK event in Chennai, Udhayanidhi Stalin described the upcoming election as more than just a political contest — it was "a battle to protect our land, pride, and mother tongue." He highlighted two key issues likely to dominate the polls: the controversial delimitation exercise and the perceived imposition of Hindi.

Stalin criticized EPS for initially denying any alliance with the BJP, only to later quietly strike a deal with the saffron party. "This betrayal must be uprooted," he said, adding that as long as the DMK's "black and red" cadres remain strong, the BJP will fail to expand in Tamil Nadu.

The BJP and AIADMK were allies in the 2019 and 2021 elections but were defeated by the DMK-Congress alliance on both occasions. The partnership dissolved in 2023 following mutual criticisms. Despite contesting the 2024 Lok Sabha elections alone and losing, EPS had earlier insisted no alliance with the BJP or any national party was needed to understand Tamil issues. However, in April this year, the two parties renewed their alliance, with the BJP acting as a "silent partner," according to AIADMK leaders.

Udhayanidhi Stalin also reignited the language controversy by accusing the BJP-led central government of neglecting Tamil Nadu's education sector funding, while generously supporting Hindi-speaking states like Uttar Pradesh and Assam. The DMK strongly opposes the three-language formula in the National Education Policy, which it views as Hindi imposition, an issue that has sparked protests and remains deeply sensitive in Tamil Nadu.

RS Secretary General to act as RO for Vice Prez poll

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The Election Commission of India has appointed the Rajya Sabha Secretary General as the returning officer for the upcoming Vice-Presidential election. The poll panel has also designated Garima Jain, Joint Secretary of the Rajya Sabha Secretariat, and Vijay Kumar, Director of the Rajya Sabha Secretariat, as assistant returning officers. The official gazette notification regarding these appointments is expected to be issued later on Friday.



citing health concerns.

The Vice-Presidential election is conducted under the framework of The Presidential and Vice-Presidential Elections Act, 1952, along with The Presidential and Vice-Presidential Elections Rules, 1974. According to Section 3 of the Act, the Election Commission, in consultation

with the central government, appoints a returning officer who is based in New Delhi and may also designate one or more assistant returning officers to aid in the election process.

Traditionally, the roles of returning officers alternate between the Secretary Generals of the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha. In the previous Vice-Presidential election, the Lok Sabha Secretary General was appointed the returning officer. This time, the responsibility has shifted to the Rajya Sabha Secretary General. The Vice-Presidential election is a crucial constitutional process, and the Election Commission's appointments ensure a smooth and transparent conduct of the polls during this significant Monsoon Session of Parliament. The nation awaits the official schedule and further details as the electoral process moves forward.

India Records 164 Covid Deaths from April to July

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India reported 164 Covid-19-related deaths between April 1 and July 22 this year, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare informed the Lok Sabha on Thursday. The majority of these fatalities occurred among individuals with pre-existing comorbid conditions, highlighting the vulnerability of those with underlying health issues.



and tertiary levels.

Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Prataprao Jadhav, said that while there was a slight increase in Covid-19 cases from late May, the situation improved significantly by mid-June. The data, collected from various States and Union Territories, is publicly available on the official Health Ministry dashboard.

Addressing concerns about pandemic preparedness, Jadhav outlined the government's efforts to strengthen India's public health system. The Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM) has been launched to enhance the country's capacity to detect and manage emerging diseases through improved healthcare infrastructure at the primary, secondary,

Key initiatives under PM-ABHIM include the establishment of Health Emergency Operation Centres, Block Public Health Units in high-focus states, Metropolitan Health Surveillance Units, and Biosafety Level-III (BSL-III) laboratories to boost diagnostic and surveillance capabilities.

The government is also setting up four new National Institutes of Virology and a National Institute for One Health, while expanding airport health offices and quarantine centres to better manage international health risks. The Health Ministry emphasized that these initiatives form part of a long-term strategy aimed at safeguarding India against future pandemics and health emergencies, ensuring a more resilient public health infrastructure moving forward.

Court Seeks Tihar Jail's Response on 26/11 Accused Tahawwur Rana's Plea

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A Delhi court on Friday sought a response from Tihar Jail authorities regarding a plea filed by 26/11 Mumbai terror attack accused Tahawwur Hussain Rana, requesting permission to make a phone call to his family. Special Judge Chander Jit Singh of the Patiala House Court issued a notice to the jail superintendent and scheduled the next hearing for August 1.

Rana, who was extradited from the United States to India on April 10 this year, is currently facing trial for his alleged role in the 2008 Mumbai terror attacks that killed more than 166 people. The National Investigation Agency (NIA), which is handling the case, has charged Rana with conspiracy in the attacks alongside David Headley, the Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) operative responsible for reconnaissance and planning under orders from LeT chief Hafiz Saeed.

During Friday's hearing, the Tihar Jail authorities informed the court that Rana had already been provided with a bed and mattress in



custody, following a court directive issued on July 9. However, the jail opposed Rana's additional plea to continue receiving these facilities, citing jail manual provisions that restrict the provision of beds and mattresses only to inmates aged 65 and above. Rana is currently 64 years old and thus does not meet the age criterion.

The court's attention to Rana's request for a phone call comes amid growing concerns about the con-

ditions of his detention, given his high-profile status and the severity of the charges he faces. The next hearing will explore the jail authorities' formal response on granting Rana permission to contact his family by phone. Rana's extradition marked a significant development in India's ongoing efforts to bring all accused in the 26/11 attacks to justice. The trial continues to unravel the details of the terror conspiracy that shook the nation 17 years ago.

Trump and Fed Chair Powell Clash on Live TV Over Renovation Costs

In an unusual and heated moment broadcast live on national television, U.S. President Donald Trump and Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell argued over the cost of renovations at the Fed's headquarters. The two leaders, both wearing hard hats, exchanged words as they toured the construction site in Washington, D.C., marking the first visit by a sitting president to the Federal Reserve in over 20 years.

The clash came after weeks of Trump criticizing Powell publicly, including on social media and during press briefings. On Thursday, Trump intensified his scrutiny by questioning the budget of the ongoing renovation project.

"It looks like it's about \$3.1 billion," Trump said, gesturing to the unfinished structure behind him. Powell quickly refuted the figure, visibly surprised by the president's comment. "I'm not aware of that. I haven't heard that from anybody at the Fed," he replied, shaking his head while television cameras captured the exchange.

Before the tour began, Trump told reporters the administration was "taking a look at what's happening" with the Fed's building upgrades, hinting at possible concerns over federal spending and transparency. Though renovation plans at the Federal Reserve have been in motion for several years, Thursday's public dispute brought



unusual political attention to what is typically a low-profile infrastructure matter. The televised moment underscored the strained relationship between the president and the central bank, highlighting broader tensions over economic management, interest rates, and fiscal oversight.

The brief but pointed argument has since sparked political commentary and reignited debate over the independence of the Federal Reserve, especially during an election year when economic narratives take center stage.

Pakistan: Sindh Farmers Announce Wheat Boycott Over Controversial 45% Agri-Tax

TPN Correspondent | Sindh

Farmers in Sindh, Pakistan, have declared a boycott of wheat cultivation for the upcoming 2025-26 season in protest against a newly imposed 45% agricultural income tax. The Sindh Chamber of Agriculture (SCA) announced the decision following a high-level meeting chaired by its patron-in-chief, Syed Nadeem Qamar. Calling the tax "unconstitutional, illegal, and unethical," the chamber stated its intention to challenge the move in court, as reported by Dawn.

According to the SCA, the tax has been introduced under pressure from the International Monetary Fund (IMF), and it disproportionately burdens farmers who already receive inadequate returns for their crops. "We are not even paid fair prices for our produce. How can this tax be justified?"



farmers asked during the meeting.

The chamber urged all wheat growers across Sindh to resist paying the tax and warned the government against any attempts at arrests. "We are ready to go to jail, but we will not pay this tax," farmer

leaders declared. In response, the SCA encouraged farmers to grow alternative crops like sunflower, mustard, and kalonji (nigella) instead of wheat.

The SCA also expressed grave concern over declining cotton production, predicting that output would not exceed four million bales. Farmers say they are being paid only Rs 6,500 per maund of cotton—far below the Rs 11,000 promised by Sindh's agriculture minister. The chamber demanded the removal of an 18% local tax on cotton and the imposition of a 25% import tax to protect domestic growers.

Escalating input costs—like diesel, fertilisers, and pesticides—have added to farmers' distress. The SCA warned that without urgent policy changes, Pakistan's agricultural sector could face irreversible damage.

Hong Kong Offers Bounties for 19 Overseas Activists Over Subversion Charges



TPN Correspondent | Hong Kong

Hong Kong authorities have announced fresh bounties for 19 overseas pro-democracy activists, accusing them of subversion under the city's sweeping national security laws. The move is part of an ongoing crackdown on dissent, which intensified following the 2020 imposition of Beijing's national security law after the 2019 anti-government

protests.

The 19 individuals are accused of being affiliated with the "Hong Kong Parliament," a Canada-based pro-democracy NGO. The organisation had recently promoted an unofficial online vote on July 1 to form a symbolic legislature, advocating for "Hong Kong people ruling Hong Kong" and resisting one-party rule. Authorities labelled the

group as a "subversive organisation" attempting to "overthrow and undermine" the Chinese and Hong Kong governments.

Police offered HK\$200,000 (approx. \$25,500 USD) rewards for 15 of the activists, while four others—already high-profile targets—carry existing bounties of HK\$1 million each. While largely symbolic, these bounties highlight escalating pressure on overseas activists who have fled Hong Kong amid increasing authoritarianism.

The police urged the wanted individuals to "return and surrender," warning that additional suspects may be targeted as the investigation continues. Authorities also stressed that more bounties could be announced if necessary.

This is the fourth round of such bounties issued since the enactment of the national security law. Western governments have strongly condemned the move, refusing to extradite political dissidents. In response, Hong Kong and Beijing have decried such criticism as unwarranted foreign interference.

As of July 25, 2025, Hong Kong has arrested 333 individuals for national security violations, with 165 convicted. Recent arrests include minors and individuals charged with minor infractions, such as writing "seditious words" on bathroom walls—underscoring the extent of the government's tightening grip on dissent.



Pakistan and Bangladesh Agree on Visa-Free Travel for Diplomats

TPN Correspondent | UN

In a significant development, Pakistan and Bangladesh have agreed to allow visa-free entry for holders of diplomatic and official passports, signaling a notable thaw in relations between the two nations. The decision was announced following a high-level meeting in Dhaka between Pakistan's Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi and his Bangladeshi counterpart, Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Jahangir Alam Chowdhury.

The move marks a step forward in rebuilding ties that have remained strained since the 1971 Bangladesh Liberation War. According to state-run Radio Pakistan, both sides also agreed to strengthen cooperation in internal security, counter-terrorism, police training, and combatting drug and human trafficking.

Chowdhury described the meeting as "extremely important" for promoting bilateral cooperation and expressed gratitude for Pakistan's offer to train Bangladeshi police officials. Both nations are expected to enhance coordination between their respective police academies and security institutions.

The renewed engagement comes under the interim government of Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus in Dhaka, whose policies contrast sharply with those of former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. Yunus is widely viewed as less aligned with India, and more open to improving ties with Pakistan.

Pakistan has already set up a joint committee, led by Interior Secretary Khurram Agha, to oversee cooperation initiatives with Bangladesh. A top-level Bangladeshi delegation will soon visit Islamabad to observe Pakistan's Safe City Project and its National Police Academy.

However, the move has raised concerns in New Delhi. Indian officials fear that visa-free access for Pakistani diplomats could facilitate the entry of ISI agents and other intelligence operatives into Bangladesh. There are growing apprehensions that this could embolden anti-India Islamist networks and revive insurgent support in India's northeastern states.

As Islamabad and Dhaka inch closer, India is closely monitoring the implications for regional security.

Pleased to announce initiation of negotiations for India-Maldives FTA: Muizzu

TPN Correspondent | Kyiv

India and the Maldives have officially initiated negotiations for a Free Trade Agreement (IMFTA), signaling a major step in enhancing bilateral economic cooperation. The announcement came during Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Male, where he held comprehensive talks with Maldivian President Mohamed Muizzu.

President Muizzu hailed the launch of the FTA negotiations as a "landmark initiative," emphasizing its importance in strengthening economic ties. "I am pleased to announce the initiation of negotiations for a Free Trade Agreement between India and the Maldives," he said at a joint press conference.

The leaders held one-on-one and delegation-level discussions focusing on trade, defence, infrastructure, and people-to-people ties. Several Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) and agreements were exchanged, including a significant Line of Credit agreement worth USD 565 million to support key development projects in the Maldives.



India also extended a Line of Credit worth ₹4,850 crore and agreed to reduce the Maldives' annual debt repayment obligations under Government of India-funded LoCs.

Marking 60 years of diplomatic relations, both leaders released a commemorative stamp. Prime Minister Modi will also join President Muizzu in the Maldives' 60th Independence Day celebrations.

In addition to the FTA talks, India handed over 3,300 social housing units in Hulhumale, inaugurated the Roads and Drainage system project in Addu City, and launched six High Impact Community Development Projects across the Maldives.

Markets in Freefall Amid Global Woes

Sensex Sinks 721 pts, Nifty Below 24,850



Domestic stock markets are bleeding. They were in turmoil on Friday. Investors continued to sell, causing a huge fall. Benchmark and sectoral indices turned red. This is due to negative signals from international markets, foreign institutional investments are withdrawing, mutual fund companies are not enthusiastic about new investments, and companies feel that valuations are high. Technically, Nifty breaking the 50 DEMA, mid- and small-cap indices falling by 7 percent are worrying investors. In total, Nifty fell by 225 points and Sensex by 721 points.

The BSE Sensex, which closed at 82,184 in the previous session, opened at 82,065 on Friday. It touched an intraday low of 81,397. It reached an intraday high of 82,069. It finally closed at 81,463, down 721 points. The NSE Nifty, which opened at 25,010, touched a low of 24,806 and a high of 25,010. It closed at 24,837, down 225 points. The Nifty Bank fell 537 points to settle at 56,528.

In the Nifty50, 7 companies gained while 43 lost. Cipla, SBI Life, Apollo Hospitals, Dr. Reddy's, and HDFC Life were the top gainers. Bajaj Finance, IndusInd Bank, Shriram Finance, Bajaj Auto, and Tech Mahindra were



the biggest losers. Today, all sectoral indices, except pharma and healthcare, turned red. Media, Energy, Defense, PSE, Finance, Oil, CPSE, PSU Bank, Metal, Auto, Consumer Durables, and Infra indices were mixed.

Market breadth on NSE today is in favor of sellers. Out of a total of 3153 stocks traded, 1139 gained. 1401 lost. 42 shares touched their 52-week high and 12 touched their 52-week low. 20 reached the upper circuit and 22 reached the lower circuit.

Sterlite Technologies Q1 results have been released. Revenue grew by 17% to Rs. 1020 crore. Net profit was Rs. 10 crore. Laurus Labs' net profit was Rs. 163 crore. Revenue reached Rs. 1570 crore. Mahindra Life Space's net profit rose from Rs 12.7 crore to Rs 51.3 crore. Revenue fell from Rs 188 crore to Rs 32 crore. BEL received an order of Rs 1640 crore from Indian Army Air Defence Control Radars. SpiceJet will induct five Boeing 737 aircraft ahead of the winter schedule. Jefferies maintained its buy rating on ACC with a target price of Rs 2465. On the third day, the IndiCube Space IPO received a response of 6.57 times. GNG Electronic IPO received a response of 82.74 times. Bernstein gave an outperform rating to Coforge with a target price of Rs 2038. RailTel Corporation received an order of Rs 50 crore. Goldman Sachs maintained its buy rating on Sinjin International.

India's Exports Rise 2.8% ; Trade Deficit Narrows to \$6.6 Billion

India's export performance showed positive momentum in May 2025, with combined merchandise and services exports reaching \$71.12 billion, a 2.77% year-on-year increase, according to data from the Union Commerce Ministry released on June 16. In May 2024, the total exports stood at \$69.20 billion.



While merchandise exports dipped slightly from \$39.59 billion in May 2024 to \$38.73 billion in May 2025, services exports surged from \$29.61 billion to \$32.39 billion during the same period — an encouraging sign of India's growing strength in its services sector.

On the import side, India brought in goods and services worth \$77.75 billion, marginally lower than \$78.55 billion in May last year. This helped narrow the trade deficit for the month to \$6.62 billion, down from \$9.35 billion a year earlier — signaling a healthier trade balance.

For the fiscal year so far (April–May 2025), total exports stood at \$142.43 billion, marking a 5.75% increase year-on-year. Imports during the same period also grew, rising 6.52% from \$149.81 billion to \$157.57 billion. This brought the two-month trade deficit to \$17.14 billion, compared to \$15.12 billion during the same period in 2024.

India's exports for the full fiscal year

2024–25 had already hit an all-time high of \$824.9 billion, surpassing the government's target of \$800 billion. This reflected a 6.01% growth from \$778.1 billion in 2023–24. Of this, services exports contributed \$387.5 billion, a 13.6% jump, while merchandise exports rose marginally to \$437.42 billion.

Despite the record export numbers, India's total trade deficit widened to \$94.26 billion in 2024–25, up from \$78.1 billion the previous year.

Government initiatives, particularly the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) schemes, appear to be supporting export growth across sectors like electronics, helping boost global competitiveness and attract foreign investment.

Interestingly, market sentiment is optimistic — prediction market platform Probo currently places a 45% probability on India reaching \$950 billion in exports in FY 2025–26, signaling strong expectations from the trade and investment community.

SBI Cuts Loan & Deposit Rates After RBI Rate Reduction

Following the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) surprise 50-basis point policy rate cut on June 6, the State Bank of India (SBI) — the country's largest lender — has reduced its lending and deposit rates, bringing welcome relief to borrowers.

With effect from June 15, 2025, SBI's Repo Linked Lending Rate (RLLR) has been slashed by 50 basis points to 7.75%, while its External Benchmark Based Lending Rate (EBLR) has also been reduced by the same margin — from 8.65% to 8.15%. This move will result in cheaper loans for both new and existing customers across segments like housing, auto, and personal finance.

The reduction comes as a direct response to the RBI's recent monetary policy decision, where the benchmark repo rate was lowered from 6% to 5.5%. The decision, supported by five out of six members of the RBI's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), aims to revive economic growth, which has fallen to a four-year low of 6.5% in FY25.

Additionally, the RBI cut the Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) by 100 basis points to 3%, injecting an estimated ₹2.5 lakh crore into the banking system, increasing liquidity ahead of the year-end.

In tandem with lending rate cuts, SBI also revised its fixed deposit (FD) rates downward by 25 basis points across various maturities for



deposits up to ₹3 crore. For example:

1–2 year FDs now earn 6.50% (down from 6.75%),
2–3 year FDs fetch 6.45% (down from 6.70%),
3–5 year FDs offer 6.30%,
5–10 year FDs drop to 6.05%.

SBI's special 'Amrit Vrishti' 444-day scheme has also seen its rate reduced from 6.85% to 6.60%.

Senior citizens continue to receive an additional 50 basis points, while super senior citizens (above 80 years) enjoy a 60 basis point premium over standard rates.

More banks are expected to follow SBI's lead in revising their rates, as the impact of the RBI's monetary easing ripples through the financial system.

Vehicle Sales Mixed in July: Passenger Vehicle Wholesales Dip Slightly, Two-Wheelers Up

India's automobile sector witnessed mixed performance in July 2025, with passenger vehicle wholesales registering a slight dip, while two-wheeler dispatches saw modest growth, according to data released by the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM).

Domestic passenger vehicle (PV) wholesales — which include cars, utility vehicles, and vans — stood at 3,44,656 units, marginally down by 0.8% compared to 3,47,492 units in May 2024. The dip, though not sharp, reflects sluggish consumer sentiment, supply-side constraints, and a possible delay in purchase decisions amid expectations of upcoming new model launches and discounts.

In contrast, two-wheeler sales in the domestic market showed signs of recovery. Dispatches from manufacturers to dealerships rose 2.2%, reaching 16,55,927 units in May 2025, compared to 16,20,084 units in the same month last year. The increase is attributed to strong rural demand, easing input costs, and higher mobility needs driven by schools and offices reopening at full scale.

However, three-wheeler sales — a critical segment for last-mile transport — declined 3.3%, dropping to 53,942 units from 55,763 units a year earlier. Industry analysts point to elevated fuel prices, tighter financing conditions, and increased competition from electric three-wheelers as contributing factors behind the slowdown.

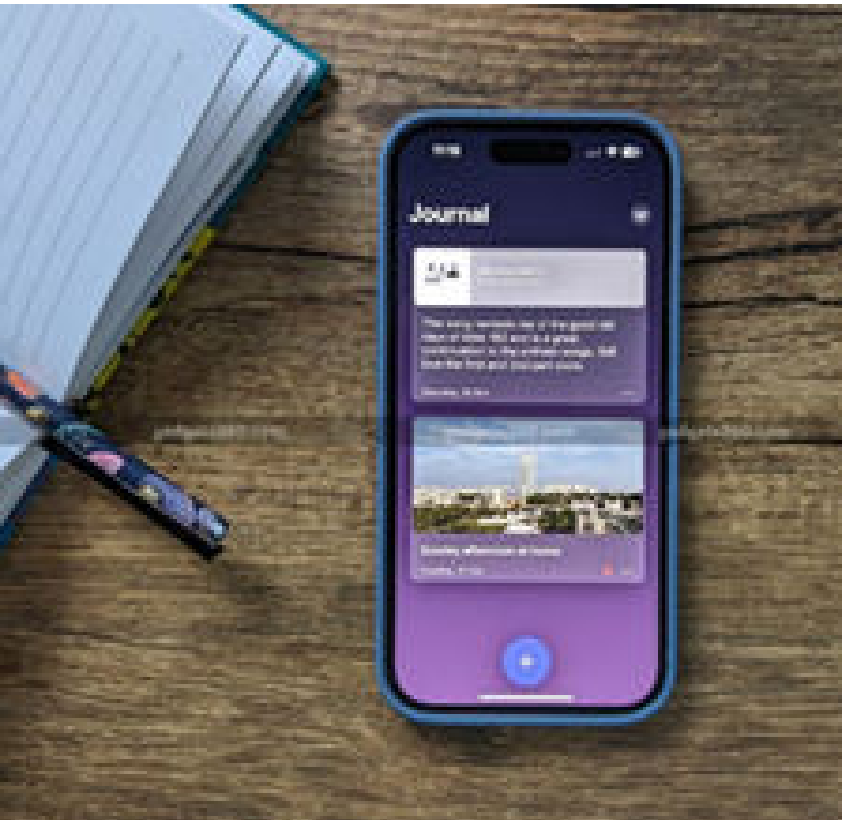
Despite the mixed trend across vehicle categories, overall vehicle wholesales across all segments rose by 1.8%, reaching 20,12,969 units in May 2025, compared to 19,76,674 units in May 2024. This slight uptick suggests a gradual recovery in the broader automotive sector, though growth remains uneven.

SIAM officials noted that while the domestic auto industry continues to navigate challenges such as fluctuating raw material prices, inflationary pressures, and global supply chain disruptions, the medium-term outlook remains cautiously optimistic — especially with expectations of policy support, better monsoon prospects, and festive season demand in the coming quarters.



Apple Expands Journal App to iPad and Mac

Apple is bringing its Journal app to the iPad and Mac with the upcoming iPadOS 26 and macOS 26 Tahoe updates. Originally launched in 2023 with iOS 17.2 for the iPhone, the Journal app is designed to help users document their thoughts, daily activities, and special moments using on-device machine learning to suggest writing prompts and content ideas.



With its expansion to iPad and Mac, the app gains new functionality tailored to each platform. On the iPad, the Journal app will support Apple Pencil, allowing users to draw, annotate, or hand-write their entries alongside typed notes. Users can also embed media like photos, audio recordings, and other files, making for a rich, personalized journaling experience.

Mac users, on the other hand, will benefit from the physical keyboard, making typing long entries easier and more natural. Apple highlights that users can maintain multiple journals for different aspects of their lives—such as travel, work, or wellness—all of which sync seamlessly across iPhone, iPad, and Mac using iCloud.

The Journal app also includes smart features like map views that organize entries by location, as well as filters for searching specific moments tied to photos, workouts, or places. Entries can be bookmarked for quick access and protected with Face ID or Touch ID for privacy. According to Apple, all content is end-to-end encrypted, ensuring user data remains secure.

The addition of the Journal app to iPad and Mac underscores Apple's commitment to integrating productivity and well-being tools across its ecosystem, making journaling more accessible and interactive for users on all their devices.

Oarfish Sightings Spark Global Curiosity

A series of rare oarfish sightings around the globe in 2025 has reignited ancient beliefs and modern scientific questions alike. Dubbed the “doomsday fish” in Japanese folklore, the mysterious deep-sea creatures have appeared in four different locations since late May—India, Australia, and two in New Zealand—prompting speculation about whether nature is sending a warning.



The wave of appearances began off the coast of Tamil Nadu, India, where fishermen caught a massive 30-foot-long oarfish. Just days later, another washed up on the west coast of Tasmania, Australia. Then in early June, New Zealand saw two separate incidents—one near Dunedin and another, notably headless, near Birdlings Flat outside Christchurch. These events have triggered public curiosity and revived age-old fears connecting oarfish to seismic activity.

Adding fuel to the mystery are earlier cases in 2024, when an oarfish appeared near San Diego shortly before a 4.4-magnitude earthquake struck Los Angeles. Another massive oarfish was spotted near Australia's Tiwi Islands a month later, astonishing observers with its serpent-like size and shape.

While folklore has long linked oarfish to earthquakes and tsunamis, scientists are more cautious. Marine experts suggest that their appearances may result from factors like underwater disturbances, rising sea temperatures, or health issues. However, no direct connection between oarfish and natural disasters has been scientifically proven.

Oarfish are deep-sea dwellers that typically live 200 to 1,000 meters below the surface and can grow over 30 feet in length, making them the longest known bony fish. Despite their fearsome nickname, they are harmless to humans and feed primarily on plankton and small crustaceans.

Whether myth or message, the growing number of oarfish sightings serves as a powerful reminder of the ocean's enduring mysteries.

NASA Astronauts Make 'Space Sushi' Aboard ISS



Craving sushi in space? NASA astronauts aboard the International Space Station (ISS) found a creative way to satisfy one crew member's culinary nostalgia by whipping up their own version of “space sushi.” NASA astronaut Jonny Kim shared a delightful post on X (formerly Twitter), revealing the team's inventive mealtime celebration and the unique techniques they used to enjoy it in zero gravity.

Although the sushi wasn't quite Tokyo-style, it brought a comforting taste of home. “Space sushi isn't quite the same as the fresh stuff on the ground, but it's not bad!” Kim wrote. The crew collaborated using their personal food rations, combining rice, Spam, packaged rice, gochujang (Korean chili paste), and wasabi to create a makeshift but meaningful meal. The shared culinary effort came during a special celebration on the ISS, highlighting how even small comforts can bring joy while orbiting Earth.

In microgravity, even din-

ing requires innovation. The crew didn't have a traditional table—instead, their “dining area” featured tape with the sticky side facing up to anchor their utensils, food packets, and condiments in place. “Otherwise, everything would float away,” Kim explained, showcasing one of the many everyday challenges astronauts creatively overcome.

The post quickly went viral, drawing praise and amusement from space enthusiasts online. Comments ranged from admiration for the sticky-tape hack to jokes about needing a sushi rolling mat in orbit. One user perfectly summed up the sentiment: “Not the best sushi there, but I bet the view is amazing.”

While far from gourmet, the moment was a heartfelt reminder that food brings connection and comfort—no matter how far from Earth you are. Even in space, it seems, a good meal can lift spirits and bring people together.

Delhi Man Scammed on Dating App, Hit With ₹12,000 Bill at Café Locus

A casual date turned into a financial nightmare for a Delhi man after he was allegedly scammed at a café in the East of Kailash area. The incident came to light after the victim shared his experience on Reddit's r/LegalAdviceIndia forum, warning others of a possible dating app scam.

According to the Reddit post, the man had matched with a woman named “Bhumi” on a dating app. She invited him to meet at Café Locus. What seemed like a normal outing quickly spiraled out of control when the woman began ordering multiple Jägerbombs, each priced at ₹1,200. The man had only budgeted ₹3,000 for the evening, but was shocked when the final bill amounted to nearly ₹12,000.

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Item	Qty.	Price Amount
Red Bull	1	500.00 500.00
Jagermaster (1 Shot)	1	1200.00 1200.00
Kinofisher Ultra	1	400.00 400.00

Things worsened when the woman revealed she only had ₹100 on her. Attempting to resolve the situation, the man requested the café staff to split the bill and stop the woman from leaving. However, Bhumi left the premises. Soon after, a

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Onion & Paneer pizza	1	699.00 699.00
Diamond	2	3500.00 7000.00
Ice bucket	1	1000.00 1000.00
Red bull base	1	699.00 699.00
cold coffee	2	500.00 1000.00

woman named Varsha, allegedly the café owner, confronted the man and claimed the matter would be reported to authorities unless he paid an additional ₹10,000 “fine,” bringing the total demand to ₹22,000.

The man, feeling threatened

and overwhelmed, called a friend for help. After some negotiation, the issue was reportedly resolved when he paid ₹2,500 to the staff.

The incident has raised concerns about scams involving fake dates luring unsuspecting victims to specific venues, where they're pressured into paying inflated bills. The Reddit post has since gone viral, drawing attention to the tactics used and prompting warnings for others using dating apps.

While the full details remain unverified, the incident highlights the importance of caution when meeting strangers and being aware of potential scams linked to seemingly innocent online interactions.

Chicken Gun Test: How Real Birds Are Fired at Aircraft to Ensure Safety

In the wake of the tragic Air India crash in Ahmedabad, which resulted in 241 fatalities, aviation safety has once again taken center stage. Among the many rigorous tests planes undergo, one particularly unusual yet vital procedure is the “chicken gun test.” This test involves firing real birds at aircraft parts such as windshields, wings, and engines to evaluate their ability to withstand bird strikes.

Captain and Senior Commander Sam Thomas of the Airline Pilots Association of India explains the reasoning behind this unconventional test. While it may sound strange, bird strikes are a serious risk for airplanes cruising at high speeds, often around 350 km/h. Collisions with large birds can cause severe damage, from cracking the windshield to impairing engine function,

posing life-threatening dangers.

During the chicken gun test, frozen chickens are shot from a specially designed cannon at various aircraft components to simulate real bird strikes. The test is typically performed on the first engine a manufacturer develops to ensure it can safely



handle such impacts. After the impact, engineers carefully examine the damage. If it's minimal and within safety limits, the aircraft part passes the test and is cleared for use following necessary approvals.

This critical safety step helps prevent accidents caused by birds, which are more common than many realize. By pushing engines and windshields to their limits with these realistic tests, manufacturers can design aircraft that better withstand unexpected collisions during flight.

Though the idea of firing real birds at planes may seem bizarre, the chicken gun test is an essential part of aviation safety, helping to keep millions of passengers safe every year by preparing aircraft to survive the unpredictable hazards of the skies.

Joe Root Becomes Third-Highest Run Scorer in Test Cricket

England Vs India

England's Joe Root etched his name deeper into cricket history on Friday, July 25, 2025, by becoming the third-highest run scorer in Test cricket. The 34-year-old surpassed Indian legend Rahul Dravid and South Africa's Jacques Kallis, reaching a career total of 13,322 runs during the third day of the fourth Test against India at Old Trafford, Manchester.

Root remained unbeaten on 63 at lunch, partnering with Ollie Pope (70 not out) as England closed in on India's first-innings total of 358. The hosts stood at 332-2, just 26 runs be-



hind, and in a strong position to take a commanding lead in the five-match series, which they currently lead 2-1.

Root now eyes former Australian captain Ricky Ponting, who sits second on the all-time Test run list with 13,378 runs. He needs only 57 more to surpass Ponting but still trails far behind India's Sachin Tendulkar, who holds the record with 15,921 runs.

The morning session was all about English dominance. Resuming from an overnight score of 225-2, Root and Pope built on the momentum generated by the explosive opening partnership of 166 between Zak Crawley and Ben Duckett on day two. England add-

ed 107 runs in 28 overs before lunch. However, Root's milestone innings had moments of drama. He narrowly avoided being run out on 22 after a mix-up with Pope and also survived a leg-before-wicket appeal earlier in the session.

India's bowlers struggled to make breakthroughs, with the Old Trafford pitch offering little assistance. England now looks poised for a significant first-innings lead and a potential series-clinching victory.

Root's achievement not only highlights his personal brilliance but also reinforces his crucial role in England's continued dominance in the series.

China Open

Unnati Hooda Exits in Quarterfinals

India's teen-age badminton sensation Unnati Hooda saw her impressive run at the China Open Super 1000 come to an end on Friday, July 25, 2025, after a straight-game defeat to Japan's world number 4, Akane Yamaguchi. The



17-year-old lost 16-21, 12-21 in the women's singles quarterfinal match, which lasted just 33 minutes in Changzhou. Hooda, who stunned two-time Olympic medallist and her childhood idol PV Sindhu in the previous round, was unable to replicate that form against the experienced Japanese shuttler. Despite a promising start in the opening game, where Hooda kept pace early on, Yamaguchi's superior consistency and control helped her pull away, clinching the game 21-16 after a run of five consecutive points. In the second game, Hooda showed glimpses of resistance, winning four points in a row at one stage. However, Yamaguchi quickly regained control with a six-point streak of her own and sealed the match 21-12. The Japanese star won 42 of the 70 points played,

showing her dominance in rallies and tactical superiority throughout the encounter. Hooda's quarterfinal finish, though, remains a career-best at the Super 1000 level and highlights her rapid rise in international badminton. Her victory over Sindhu on Thursday, where she prevailed 21-16, 19-21, 21-13, marked her biggest win to date and served as a statement of her potential. With Hooda's exit, India's singles campaign at the China Open has concluded. However, fans still have hope in the men's doubles draw, where the top-ranked Indian duo of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty are scheduled to face Malaysia's Yew Sin Ong and Ee Yi Teo later in the day in their quarterfinal clash.

Sumit Nagal Returns to Davis Cup Squad After Two Years

India's top-ranked singles player Sumit Nagal has made a return to the Davis Cup squad after a two-year absence, while experienced campaigner Ramkumar Ramanathan has been dropped due to poor form. The All India Tennis Association (AITA) selection panel on Friday announced an eight-member squad for the upcoming Davis Cup World Group I first-round tie against Switzerland, scheduled to be held on indoor courts in Biel from September 12.



Nagal last played for India in the home tie against Morocco in September 2023, where he won both his singles matches in India's 4-1 victory. Since then, he missed ties against Pakistan, Sweden, and Togo. Despite slipping out of the top 300 in the ATP rankings (currently ranked 306), a recent semifinal run at the Trieste Challenger has reignited hopes for his form.

Joining Nagal in singles are Karan Singh (ranked 403) and rising star Aryan Shah (442). Sasikumar Mukund (463) and 6'5" Dakshinেশ্বর Suresh (790) have been named as reserves. Captain Rohit Rajpal praised Suresh's powerful serve and hard-court game, calling him an asset for fast indoor surfaces.

Yuki Bhambri (doubles ranking 35) and N Sriram Balaji (75) will lead the doubles challenge, with Rithvik Bollipalli (77) as the reserve. Bhambri returns after missing two ties, having last played in India's 4-0 win over Pakistan in Islamabad.

Ramkumar Ramanathan's exclusion was expected due to his continued struggles on the Challenger circuit and inability to maintain consistency in either singles or doubles.

India has a 2-1 head-to-head advantage over Switzerland, with their last meeting in 1993. The winner of this tie will qualify for the 2026 Davis Cup Qualifiers, while the loser will drop to the World Group I Play-offs.

Joe Root Overtakes Ponting as 2nd Highest Test Run-Scorer

England's Joe Root has added another historic milestone to his illustrious career by surpassing Australian legend Ricky Ponting to become the second-highest run scorer in the history of Test cricket. The feat was achieved during the ongoing fourth Test against India at Old Trafford in Manchester on Friday, July 25, 2025.



Coming in to bat at No. 4, the former England captain had already overtaken India's Rahul Dravid and South Africa's Jacques Kallis earlier in the match to climb to third on the all-time run-scoring list. He continued his imperious form into the second session of Day 3, overtaking Ponting's career tally of 13,378 runs.

Ponting played 168 Tests for Australia between 1995 and 2012, scoring 13,378 runs. Root, playing his 157th Test, now has 13,379 runs and counting, showcasing not only longevity but consistent excellence at the highest level.

Root required 120 runs in

the Manchester Test to leap past Ponting's mark, and he delivered with typical class, anchoring England's innings and putting the team in a dominant position. His composure, shot selection, and ability to perform under pressure once again highlighted why he's considered one of the finest

Test batters of the modern era.

With this achievement, Root now trails only the legendary Sachin Tendulkar, who remains the highest run scorer in Test history with 15,921 runs from 200 matches, including 51 centuries and 68 half-centuries.

Root's continued success with the bat has not only solidified his place among cricket's greats but has also given England a major edge in their current five-match series against India, which they lead 2-1.

As Root narrows the gap with Tendulkar, cricket fans around the world are left wondering—could he go all the way to the top?

Indian cricketer Veda Krishnamurthy has officially announced her retirement from international cricket, bringing the curtain down on a career that spanned over a decade. The 32-year-old batter represented India in 48 One Day Internationals (ODIs) and 76 T20 Internationals (T20Is), scoring 829 and 875 runs respectively.

Krishnamurthy, a powerful middle-order batter known for her aggressive style, last played an ODI in 2018 and made her final T20I appearance in the 2020 ICC Women's T20 World Cup Final. Her retirement announcement came via social media on July 25, 2025, where she expressed gratitude for her journey and shared her intent to continue contributing to the sport in other ways.

"From a small-town girl with big dreams to wearing the India jersey with pride. Grateful for everything cricket gave me—the lessons, the people, the memories. It's time to say goodbye to playing, but not to the game. Always for India. Always for the team," Krishnamurthy wrote.

Apart from her international achievements, Veda had a strong domestic career. She captained both Karnataka and Railways, two prominent teams in Indian women's cricket. Under her leadership, Karnataka finished runners-up in the Senior Women's One Day Trophy in both the 2021-22 and 2022-23 seasons, narrowly losing to Railways in the 2023 final by six runs.

One of her career highlights was being part of the Indian squad that reached the final of the 2017 ICC Women's World Cup at Lord's—a landmark moment that significantly boosted the profile of women's cricket in India.

"Nothing comes close to the feeling of wearing that jersey. The anthem, the adrenaline, the pride—it lives in your bones forever. 2017...what a year," she added.

As she steps away from playing, Krishnamurthy's legacy as a fearless cricketer and an advocate for women in sports remains firmly intact.





A Visually Bold Mythological Animation with Spiritual Depth



Review

Mahavatar Narsimha, India's first large-scale 3D animated devotional action film, marks an ambitious beginning to a planned mythological universe. Directed by Ashwin Kumar and backed by Hombale Films in collaboration with Kleem Productions, the film offers a refreshing animated take on the legendary tale of Lord Narasimha.

The story revolves around the demon king Hiranyakashipu's rise to power, his opposition to Lord Vishnu, and the unshakable devotion of his son Prahlada. As the demonic forces grow, Vishnu incarnates as Narasimha — neither man nor beast — to restore cosmic order. This climactic divine intervention is the film's emotional and visual high point.

The film opens with remarkable energy, especially during the Varaha avatar sequence, which is a visual treat. The depiction of Prahlada's unwavering devotion and the celestial realms adds emotional weight and aesthetic appeal. Narasimha's arrival is powerfully rendered, with raw intensity that leaves a strong impact.

However, the film struggles with inconsistent pacing. After a strong start, the mid-section drags, and some emotional scenes lack the depth needed to fully resonate. Devotional songs, though thematically appropriate, occasionally interrupt the flow.

There are minor logical gaps, such as the underexplained Holika subplot, and certain animated sequences — particularly crowd scenes — lack polish. Still, the world-building, character design, and overall animation quality are commendable for an Indian production.

Sam C S's background score is a major strength, enhancing both the emotional and action beats. The Telugu dubbing is excellent, maintaining the authenticity of the narrative.

Verdict: Mahavatar Narsimha is a sincere and visually ambitious attempt to reimagine Indian mythology through animation. Despite its flaws, it offers enough spectacle, devotion, and storytelling richness to merit a watch — especially in 3D.

Vignesh Shivan Unveils Futuristic Poster of 'Love Insurance Kompany'

On Pradeep Ranganathan's Birthday

Celebrating actor Pradeep Ranganathan's birthday, director Vignesh Shivan unveiled a striking new poster of their upcoming film, Love Insurance Kompany, ramping up excitement ahead of its theatrical release on August 1, 2025.

Produced by Nayanthara under the Rowdy Pictures banner, the film is helmed by her husband and popular filmmaker Vignesh Shivan. The movie is touted to be a romantic entertainer with a quirky sci-fi twist, judging by the new poster and earlier promotional teasers.

Taking to Instagram, Shivan wished the young actor with a heartfelt message: "Happy Birthday @pradeep_ranganathan. Wishing you only blockbuster years! God bless you with all the happiness in the world." Alongside his message, the filmmaker dropped the latest poster that quickly caught fans' attention.



In the poster, Pradeep is seen with a robotic arm, surrounded by a backdrop of futuristic humanoid robots, hinting at a unique mix of romance, humor, and technology. The tagline "First Punch on 1.8.25" suggests that the film may feature stylized action sequences in addition to its core love story.

Co-starring rising actress Mamitha Baiju, Love Insurance Kompany appears to continue Vignesh Shivan's signature style of blending emotion, satire, and visual flair. The pairing of Pradeep and Mamitha brings fresh

energy to the project, and the unusual sci-fi elements are already sparking curiosity among fans.

With the release date now locked and the promotional campaign gathering steam, Love Insurance Kompany is shaping up to be a unique offering in the romantic comedy genre. All eyes are now on August 1 to see what this off-beat love story delivers.

Vijay Sethupathi and Nithya Menen Shine in an Uneven Family Drama

Thalaivan Thalaivii, starring Vijay Sethupathi and Nithya Menen, is a quirky Tamil family drama directed by Pandiraj that delves into the emotional chaos of a mismatched marriage. While the film attempts to capture the everyday friction and warmth between a husband and wife, it delivers only in parts.



The story follows Agasaveeran (Vijay Sethupathi), who runs a modest tiffin center with his family. He marries Arasi (Nithya Menen), and what begins as a smooth partnership quickly spirals into daily arguments over trivial issues. A three-month separation and a pending divorce set the stage for a major family confrontation triggered by a mysterious incident. The film explores whether the couple will reconcile or part ways for good.

The strength of the film lies in its lead pair. Vijay Sethupathi and Nithya Menen deliver committed performances, especially in emotionally charged moments. A key pre-climax scene, where Vijay articulates the burdens of being a husband and son, stands out as a high point. Their chemistry lends authenticity to an otherwise uneven narrative.

Humour, though sparse, emerges naturally and adds occasional charm. Santhosh Narayanan's

background score enriches several emotional sequences and gives the film a grounded tone.

However, the film suffers from a repetitive and thin storyline. Despite a non-linear structure, the screenplay lacks freshness and revolves around similar types of conflicts, making it feel stagnant. Several supporting characters lack depth, and even comic talent like Yogi Babu is underused.

Technically, the film is modest. The direction lacks precision, editing is loose in the second half, and the cinematography feels functional.

Verdict: Thalaivan Thalaivii works in flashes, thanks to its lead actors, but is weighed down by a repetitive and noisy narrative. It's a one-time watch for fans of the lead pair or slice-of-life dramas.

Hrithik Roshan and Jr NTR Promise a High-Octane Spy Thriller

The official trailer of War 2, starring Hrithik Roshan, Jr NTR, and Kiara Advani, was unveiled today, and it's nothing short of explosive. Directed by Ayan Mukerji, this latest entry in the YRF Spy Universe looks set to deliver a power-packed action drama, much like its blockbuster predecessor.



The trailer opens with a voiceover from Hrithik Roshan's character, Major Kabir, who speaks of his silent commitment to India. Soon after, Jr NTR's powerful voiceover introduces his character—a weapon forged for one purpose: to kill or die for the country. The film appears to revolve around the ideological clash and high-stakes faceoff between these two patriotic yet contrasting warriors.

Kiara Advani plays a key role this time, far more substantial than the female lead in the original War. She's seen taking part in intense action scenes, indicating that her character will have strong narrative importance. Ashutosh Rana reprises his familiar role from War and Pathaan, adding continuity to the YRF Spy Universe.

The trailer is visually striking, backed by slick cinematography, high-end production values, and a competent background score. The action sequences, scale, and tone suggest that War 2 aims to push boundaries in terms of spectacle.

While Hrithik Roshan remains a major draw in the Hindi belt, the Telugu version will rely heavily on Jr NTR's stardom. His screen presence and significant role—equal in weight to Hrithik's—are expected to be a big boost in Telugu-speaking states.

Produced by Aditya Chopra under Yash Raj Films, War 2 is set for a massive global release on August 14, just ahead of Independence Day, promising a patriotic action spectacle for fans across the country.



Mouni Roy Joins Chiranjeevi for a Special Dance Number

Megastar Chiranjeevi's much-awaited fantasy epic Vishwambhara is nearing completion, with post-production works now in the final stage. Directed by Vassishtha, the film has already created considerable buzz, with promotions kick-starting at the prestigious Cannes Film Festival, where a special book on Vishwambhara was officially launched. Adding to the excitement, the team recently wrapped up the film's shoot by completing a grand special dance number featuring Chiranjeevi and Mouni Roy. Known for her impressive screen presence and dance prowess, Mouni Roy shares the screen with the

Megastar for the first time in what promises to be a visual and musical spectacle. The song has been composed by Bheems Ceciroleo, who has earned fame for his massy, high-energy tracks. While the film's main soundtrack and background score are being handled by Oscar-winning composer MM Keeravaani, this special number serves as a standalone highlight to energize the narrative.

To match the grandeur of the song, a massive set was constructed in Hyderabad under the creative direction of art director AS Prakash. Renowned choreographer Ganesh Acharya has crafted the dance sequences,

which are said to blend traditional flair with high-voltage contemporary moves. Mouni Roy's glamorous appearance and graceful dance moves are expected to complement Chiranjeevi's evergreen charisma, offering fans a treat that blends star power with visual splendor. Produced by Vikram, Vamsi, and Pramod under the UV Creations banner, Vishwambhara is shaping up to be one of the biggest Telugu releases of the year. With this sizzling dance number now complete, the film is moving closer to its grand theatrical release. Fans can expect more updates as the promotional blitz continues.