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"I Am Not JP or JD, I have
My Own Ideology" — ABV



"Jagan Mohan Reddy's politics are dangerous and fascist in nature," says former Director General of Police A.B. Venkateswara Rao in a bold and wide-ranging interview with TPN Correspondent Sumanth Jangam. Known for his sharp administrative acumen and fearless service, Rao, who once held key positions in Andhra Pradesh's police and intelligence apparatus, has now stepped into the political arena. In this candid conversation, he talks about his motivations, political vision, past controversies, and his stance on current governance, asserting that his ideology and actions, not affiliations, will define him in public life.

You have joined the ranks of IAS and IPS officers who turned to politics, like JD and JP. What makes you different from them?
People will differentiate me through my work and ideology. I am not JP or JD; I am a distinct individual with my own ideology and views. My actions will set me apart.

Has your political journey started, or is it yet to begin?
My political journey has begun, but some questions remain unanswered, such as whether I will start a political party or whether I'll be a lone activist.

What is your future course of action?
I see no current political party whose policies or actions truly drive development. In my view, the state is on a path of decline. I intend to offer an alternative political path to the people, though how I will communicate and convince them is yet to be tested. I am dissatisfied with all existing parties, including TDP, YSRCP, and others, as their policies lead to further decline.

Independent Political Path: ABV asserts he is distinct from other bureaucrats-turned-politicians like JD and JP, emphasizing his unique ideology and the desire to offer an alternative political route, dissatisfied with existing parties like TDP and YSRCP.

Why did you choose politics? What motivated you to enter this field, and was there a specific incident that influenced your decision?
I want to change the world for the better, and I believe politics is the only way to achieve that. No single incident drove my decision; rather, my entire life's experiences led me to this choice.

There is a murmur that, as AP Intelligence Chief, you intimidated Jagan Mohan Reddy. It's also alleged that

Criticism of YSRCP Leadership: He strongly criticizes Jagan Mohan Reddy's governance, calling it "fascist" and accusing him of undermining institutions, suppressing constitutional rights, and pursuing power for personal gain.

the TDP government used you to control him, and that's why he targeted you when he came to power. Is this true?
My appearance may seem aggressive to outsiders, but I never intended to scare Mr. Jagan Mohan Reddy. I performed my duties assertively when required. For example, during the Kodi Katthi incident at Vizag airport, I took decisive action to prevent potential violence, which could have been perceived as excessive, as such situations can escalate uncontrollably. He may have perceived my actions as excessive, but I was doing my job to maintain order.

There's talk that your actions forced Jagan Mohan Reddy to step back and change his strategy. Is that true?
If true, I take it as a compliment, but it was never my intention. I was aware of Jagan Mohan Reddy's political style and approach from the start. As Intelligence Chief, I closely monitored his actions to prevent violence or disturbances by him or his party members. For instance, during the run up to the Tuni train incident involving

On Banakacherla Project: He opposes the Banakacherla irrigation project, calling it financially burdensome and detrimental to the state's river water rights — regardless of which party initiated it.



Mudragada Padmanabham, we were closely watching Jagan Mohan Reddy and his party men and we were aware of their role in the whole issue.

What is your opinion on YSRCP?
Jagan Mohan Reddy's leadership and politics are dangerous to society. His approach resembles fascist rule, where people must operate or speak only with his permission. He subordinates government institutions, disregards the rule of law, and suppresses constitutional rights. His pursuit of power is driven by a desire for money, not public welfare.

Political Aspirations: While he hasn't yet decided whether to form a party or join one, ABV says his political journey has already begun, rooted in a long-standing desire to bring systemic change.

There's an allegation that you were very close to Chandrababu Naidu and the TDP, and due to your community, you were perceived as working for the TDP to control opposition parties, including Jagan Mohan Reddy. Is this true?
I was as closely associated with Chandrababu Naidu as any other chief of Intelligence or DGP would be. I had the same access as any other bureaucrat in that position. Neither Naidu nor the TDP ever asked me to target or control Jagan Mohan Reddy. As Intelligence Chief, I performed my duties impartially to protect the fledgling State.

After Jagan Mohan Reddy came to power, it's said he targeted you, and there's an allegation that you were involved in poaching YSRCP MLAs on behalf of TDP. Is this why he targeted you?

I was not involved in the poaching of YSRCP MLAs. I challenge anyone to prove anything to the contrary. Jagan Mohan Reddy may have believed I was involved, which led him to target me. My connection with TDP was purely professional, as a bureaucrat, not personal.

What is your opinion of the current TDP government? Are they performing well since coming to power?
The TDP government faces two challenges: undoing the destruction caused by Jagan Mohan Reddy's regime and steering Andhra Pradesh toward welfare and development. They have not fully succeeded in either, so I am not completely satisfied.

What is your opinion on Pawan Kalyan and his political journey from its beginning to now?
Pawan Kalyan is a work in progress. He is still shaping himself as a politician. He is not the same person he was earlier; he is under construction, sculpting himself into a political figure.

No Allegiance to TDP or Jagan: ABV denies being close to Chandrababu Naidu or targeting Jagan Mohan Reddy as Intelligence Chief. He claims he executed his duties impartially and was not involved in poaching MLAs.

There's an allegation that promotions in the police department are influenced by caste discrimination. Do you agree?
No, promotions are based on service records. I have never seen a case where caste influenced promotions.

If someone from the department approaches you for help, claiming they faced caste-based discrimination in promotions, would you assist them?
Yes, I would help in any way I can if someone faced such discrimination.

You are opposing the Banakacherla project. Why?
I, along with other irrigation experts, believe the Banakacherla project is harmful to the state. It imposes a significant financial burden and jeopardizes the state's rights over river water.

Do you think this project was brought to light to benefit the corporate company Mega Engineering, given TDP's long relationship with them?
Initially, this project was started by Jagan Mohan Reddy at the instance of Mega Engineering. And it is being taken up by the present government. We oppose it because it is an unnecessary project with no benefits to the state, a significant financial burden, and it jeopardizes AP's rights over Krishna river waters.



SIT Raids
Bharathi Cements
Probe May Tighten Around
Bharathi Reddy

TPN Correspondent | Andhra Pradesh

The Special Investigation Team (SIT) intensified its probe into the Andhra Pradesh liquor scam case by conducting simultaneous searches at six key locations linked to the accused. Officials carried out raids on the residences and offices of several individuals named in the case, including those connected to Raj Kesiredy. Teams also inspected the corporate offices of Bharathi Cements, where Balaji Govindappa is associated, and targeted commercial establishments such as the Tea Grill restaurant at Nanakramguda, reportedly linked to Chanakya, one of the suspects. According to SIT sources, these searches are aimed at gathering technical evidence to trace meetings, financial transactions, and possible concealment of records that may strengthen the ongoing investigation. Authorities stated that the operation is still underway and that more locations could come under scrutiny based on the leads emerging from the seized material. Forensic teams are analyzing electronic devices, financial documents, and digital communications collected during the raids. This latest action comes after the SIT had already arrested twelve individuals in connection with the scam, which allegedly involves large-scale financial irregularities and illegal liquor dealings. Investigators believe the accused operated through a network of companies, hospitality establishments, and intermediaries, which facilitated unaccounted cash flow and tax evasion. Officials emphasized that further arrests cannot be ruled out as the investigation progresses. The SIT remains focused on unearthing the entire network behind the multi-crore liquor scam and bringing all those involved to justice.

Rs.600 Crore
Scam Alleged in
JJM Works



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East Godavari: Massive corruption allegations have surfaced over the implementation of the central government's Jala Jeevan Mission (JJM) in Alluri Sitarama Raju (ASR) district. A villager from Gontivanipalem in Rampa Chodavaram division submitted a written complaint with evidence to the Andhra Pradesh State ST Commission, stating that government records show completed household water connections in his village, though no such works were actually carried out. The ST Commission Secretary responded by instructing the ASR District Collector to conduct a full inquiry into these allegations. Villagers allege that during the previous administration, local YSRCP leaders, second-rung politicians, contractors, and some officials collectively misappropriated funds allocated for JJM works.

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Paper Records Show Completed Projects

In Addateegala mandal alone, projects worth Rs.8 crore were sanctioned. However, records show that Rs.6 crore worth of works were “completed,” mostly by falsely documenting previously installed old pipelines as new ones under JJM. Locals claim that if such practices occurred across all 22 mandals of ASR district, the total financial irregularity could exceed Rs.600 crore. Villagers further allege that in many places, overhead tanks were never built, pipelines were left incomplete or of poor quality, and some buried pipes were simply removed later to create fake inspection reports. Bills were allegedly cleared without technical approvals, and the entire budget was shown as utilized despite little benefit reaching the public. Commission Orders Ignored; Villagers Demand Action Although the ST Commission issued written directions to the District Collector and Sub-Collector to investigate, no official action has begun so far. Locals say this reflects serious administrative neglect. They are demanding a CBI or judicial inquiry, insisting that those involved—contractors, engineering officials, panchayat staff, and political leaders—be held accountable. They warn that unless strict measures are taken, the central mission’s promise of “Har Ghar Jal” (water to every household) will instead become “Har Ghar Fraud,” depriving rural communities of safe drinking water and eroding trust in government initiatives.



Ashok Gajapathi Raju Takes Oath as Goa Governor

TPN Correspondent | Goa

Panaji: Ashok Gajapathi Raju took oath as the new Governor of Goa in a formal ceremony held at the Raj Bhavan’s Durbar Hall. The oath was administered by Bombay High Court Chief Justice Justice Alok Aradhe at 11:30 a.m.on saturday in the presence of Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant, cabinet ministers, and several dignitaries. The event was marked by a traditional and official setting, with family members of Ashok Gajapathi Raju attending alongside key political leaders. Union Minister Ram Mohan Naidu, Andhra Pradesh Assembly Speaker K. Ayyannapatrudu, and AP ministers Nara Lokesh, Sandhya Rani, and Kondapalli Srinivas were among those present. Several senior TDP leaders and Members of Parliament also joined the ceremony. Ashok Gajapathi Raju, a veteran leader from Andhra Pradesh and a former Union Civil Aviation Minister, now assumes the gubernatorial role in Goa. His appointment is expected to strengthen administrative coordination between the state and the Centre while upholding constitutional responsibilities. The newly sworn-in Governor expressed his gratitude and is anticipated to focus on maintaining good governance, development, and cooperative federal relations during his tenure.

Taiwan Team Visits Sri City for Investment Talks

TPN Correspondent | Chittoor

A high-level Taiwanese business delegation comprising 14 members visited Sri City on Saturday to evaluate potential industrial investment opportunities in Andhra Pradesh. The team was led by Max Lin, Executive Director of the internationally renowned Pou Chen Group, and received a formal welcome from Vikas Marmat, Project Director of the Kuppam Area Development Authority, along with R. Sivasankar, Senior Vice President (Marketing) of Sri City. During their visit, Sivasankar delivered a detailed presentation on Sri City’s strategic advantages. He outlined its prime geographic location, well-diversified industrial ecosystem, world-class infrastructure, and state policies that encourage investment. He emphasized Sri City’s growing role as a global manufacturing hub and cited the example of Rechi Precision’s facility, established in collaboration with Daikin, as evidence of the region’s increasing international partnerships. The delegation also participated in an interactive session that included senior officials such as Vikas Marmat, Ranjith, and Geetanjali from the Andhra Pradesh Economic Development Board.



Manish, representing Invest India, attended in person, while Dr. N. Yuvaraj, Secretary of the State Industries and Commerce Department, joined the discussion virtually. The meeting focused on the business potential offered by the Sri City–Kuppam industrial corridor. Topics included industrial policy support,

available incentives, and integrated infrastructure facilities aimed at promoting large-scale projects. Max Lin expressed strong interest and appreciation for the state’s pro-industry environment. “The industrial climate in Andhra Pradesh is highly conducive for global investments. The advanced infrastructure and comprehensive development at Sri City position it as one of the most promising destinations for international companies,” he stated. The visit underscores Andhra Pradesh’s increasing appeal as a preferred hub for foreign direct investment, with Sri City emerging as a critical anchor point for international manufacturing ventures.

Kurnool GGH to Get Vishram Sadan

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

Kurnool Government General Hospital (GGH) is set to receive a major infrastructure boost with the construction of a 150-bed ‘Vishram Sadan’ to accommodate attendants of inpatients. The project, estimated at ₹14.15 crore, will be entirely funded by the Power Grid Corporation of India (PGCI), Secunderabad, under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) program. Health Minister Satya Kumar Yadav approved the proposal after a detailed review and directed officials to expedite its execution. The proposed Vishram Sadan will include an administrative office, recreational amenities, a generator, a solar

rooftop, a pumphouse, and an overhead water tank. Upon completion, PGCI will hand over the facility to Kurnool GGH. The district collector will appoint an NGO to manage day-to-day operations, with a mandate to collect only nominal charges, ensuring services remain non-profit and accessible to economically weaker families. Currently, attendants rely on three small sheds with limited capacity and inadequate security, sanitation, and basic facilities. These conditions have led to frequent complaints, highlighting the urgent need for a structured accommodation system. Minister Yadav appreciated PGCI’s contribution and instructed hospital au-

thorities to develop transparent policies for bed allotment, fee regulation, maximum duration of stay, and NGO selection to prevent misuse. “This facility will provide much-needed relief to attendants and ensure they can support their patients without facing undue hardship,” he stated. Kurnool GGH Superintendent Dr. K. Venkateswarlu emphasized that the hospital, with 1,700 beds—including 150 for cancer care—operates at over 90% occupancy daily. He expressed gratitude to the Health Minister for approving the project quickly and acknowledged PGCI’s CSR initiative as a vital step toward improving healthcare support infrastructure.



Two Senior Cops Killed in Accident

TPN Correspondent | Choutuppal

A tragic road accident near Choutuppal claimed the lives of two senior police officers from AP, while leaving another in critical condition. Intelligence DSP Chakradhar Rao and DSP Shanta Rao died on the spot after their car lost control, hit a road divider, crossed to the opposite lane, and collided with a lorry coming from the other direction. The impact was severe, resulting in instant fatalities for both DSPs. Additional DSP Prasad, who was also in the vehicle, sustained serious injuries. Emergency services rushed him to a nearby hospital, where his condition remains critical, according to medical sources. The mishap has caused deep sorrow among the families of the deceased officers and within the Andhra Pradesh Police Department. Senior officials have expressed condolences and are making arrangements to bring the bodies to their native places. Police have initiated an investigation to determine whether over speeding, mechanical failure, or other factors led to the accident. The sudden loss of two experienced officers has left colleagues shocked and grieving, highlighting once again the vulnerability of road users to high-speed crashes.

Efforts Intensified for Tribal Welfare

TPN Correspondent | Vizianagaram

ST Commission Chairman Dr. DVJ Shankar Rao stated that significant efforts have been made to address tribal issues during his two-year tenure, which concludes on Monday.. Speaking to the media, he said the commission extensively toured the state, visiting even remote hilltop villages to understand tribal challenges. He emphasized that their work focused not only on resolving problems but also on safeguarding tribal rights. Annual reports were consistently submitted to the Governor, and assurance was provided to tribals that the ST Commission exists to protect their interests. Petitions were accepted at any time, in any format, he added. The commission also took up issues suo moto, including bonded labor cases reported in Nellore and Chittoor districts, investigating their roots and



suggesting measures for eradication. Roads to tribal areas were developed, and recommendations were made to improve education, healthcare, and employment opportunities. Among the major recommendations made to the state and central governments were filling backlog vacancies to provide tribal youth with employment opportunities and strictly implementing the roster system in re-

cruitments. The commission urged an increase in MGNREGA workdays beyond 100 in agency areas and suggested subsidies to encourage self-employment for graduates in civil, electronics, and mechanical fields. Other suggestions included establishing cold storage units and tribal farmer markets, filling vacant posts in PHCs and CHCs, and setting up tribal medical colleges and super-specialty hospitals. Special ST cells in district hospitals were proposed, with one already established in Vizianagaram. The commission also called for an increase in reservation quotas in tribal universities, allocating a fixed share of tourism revenue to tribal panchayats, ensuring proper rehabilitation and compensation for displaced families, enforcing PESA and 1/70 Act provisions effectively, and taking swift action on fake tribal certificate cases while penalizing erring officials.

Tripti Canteens to Boost DWCRA Women’s Income

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada

The Andhra Pradesh government has introduced Tripti Canteens aimed at enhancing the economic stability of DWCRA (Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas) women. The first canteen was inaugurated at Panja Centre in Vijayawada by S. Suresh Kumar, Principal Secretary of Municipal Administration and Urban Development, along with MEPMA Project Director N. Tej Bharat and Vijayawada Municipal Commissioner Dhyana Chandra HM. This initiative, launched under the P4

(People–Public–Private–Partnership) program, seeks to convert DWCRA women into entrepreneurs by enabling them to operate canteens that serve hygienic and affordable food. Suresh Kumar stated that Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu’s vision is to empower 30,000 MEPMA women as small business owners. Andhra Pradesh has 28 lakh DWCRA women’s groups in urban areas, and the government plans to establish 750 canteens across the state. The program builds upon a successful pilot in Nellore, where women are earning daily revenues ranging between ₹10,000 and ₹15,000.

Tripti Canteens will be strategically placed at busy intersections and highway locations to ensure public convenience and consistent customer flow. Each canteen will be managed by a four-member women’s group and set up in a government-provided container. The total project cost is ₹14,51,400, with 75% contributed by DWCRA women and the remaining 25% supported through loans facilitated by organizations like SARAS. To maintain quality and operational efficiency, women will receive training in cooking, hygiene, and management practices. Routine inspections will en-

sure that food quality and service standards are upheld. MEPMA Project Director N. Tej Bharat emphasized the importance of creating “one entrepreneur per family” and highlighted the significant potential of the food sector to uplift women economically. Vijayawada’s Municipal Commissioner announced plans for two additional Tripti Canteens to complement the city’s existing network of 11 Anna Canteens. As part of the launch, Indian Overseas Bank presented a loan cheque worth ₹10,88,550 to DWCRA women, reinforcing their journey toward financial self-reliance.

TDP Pledges Swift Issue Resolution: MLA



TPN Correspondent | Srikakulam
Telugu Desam Party (TDP) MLA Gundu Shankar declared that TDP has become a symbol of good governance, initiating a new phase of development across Andhra Pradesh, particularly in Srikakulam district. He made these remarks during the "Suparipalana Tholi Adugu" (First Step Towards Good Governance) campaign held in Gonti Balaramapuram village, Gara Mandal. Shankar stated that under the coalition government, significant progress is being made in rural areas and assured that every village will be visited to directly understand and address local problems. "We will personally meet residents at their doorsteps, listen to their grievances, and ensure the government's welfare schemes reach every eligible household," he said. He emphasized that the coalition government is committed to strengthening villages through welfare and infrastructure development. During his interaction, Shankar reassured party workers and villagers that the government is firmly supporting them. "No one should lose hope. Positive results will follow soon, and every section of society will see the benefits," he added. Highlighting his personal mission, Shankar said, "I entered politics solely to serve people, not for power or position. I will take every village problem as my own and work toward its resolution. The love and trust shown by villagers inspire me to continue my efforts with greater determination." The event witnessed participation from mandal party leaders, local TDP activists, women representatives, village in-charges, and a large number of residents, reflecting strong grassroots support for the campaign.

Pawan Kalyan Faces Power Misuse Allegations

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan is facing serious allegations of power misuse and constitutional violations following accusations made by Vijay Kumar G. Srkr, President of the Liberation Congress Party and former IAS officer. Addressing a press conference, Kumar demanded Kalyan's immediate removal from the cabinet and urged action under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988. Kumar alleged that Kalyan, who also holds the Panchayat Raj and Forests portfolio, failed to fulfill constitutional obligations outlined in the Third Schedule, which requires min-



isters to act impartially and prioritize public welfare. He claimed that Kalyan neglected critical rural infrastructure issues such as roads, drinking water, and drainage systems, and has not conducted necessary reviews to address these gaps. He further charged that Kalyan

ignored major state concerns, including crimes against women, farmer distress, and challenges faced by marginalized communities. Even in his own constituency of Pithapuram, Kumar alleged, Kalyan failed to intervene in incidents like the death of a party worker and the social ostracization of Dalits. Kumar also criticized him for remaining silent on unfulfilled election promises, such as unemployment allowances and youth job creation. One of the most contentious accusations is that Kalyan allegedly used his ministerial authority to increase cinema ticket prices to benefit his upcoming film, Harihara Veeramallu. Kumar asserted that

personally processing this file violates government conduct rules, Supreme Court guidelines, and anti-corruption laws. Additionally, Kumar accused Kalyan of using government staff and resources for personal engagements, citing his participation in a private event in Madurai. He also objected to Kalyan's remarks on Sanatana Dharma, claiming they fuel communal tensions, and criticized him for promoting Hindi over Telugu. The Liberation Congress Party has filed complaints with the Chief Secretary, DGP, and Chief Minister, demanding a full investigation. Kumar warned that failure to act would lead to statewide public protests.

MLA Ramu Leads 'Good Governance'

TPN Correspondent | Krishna District

Gudivada MLA Venigandla Ramu stated that substantial rural development has taken place in villages during the past year under the coalition government's administration. Speaking during the "Good Governance: First Step" campaign held in Anguluru village, Gudlavalleru mandal, he emphasized that roads, drinking water systems, and infrastructure have been improved while giving special attention to addressing farmers' issues. The campaign began with a warm welcome from local residents and Telugu Desam Party (TDP) leaders, who gathered in large numbers. Ramu went door-to-door, greeting villagers personally and distributing pamphlets detailing the government's welfare programs and development initiatives. He also enquired about any difficulties in availing benefits under welfare



schemes and assured prompt action. Highlighting achievements, Ramu said Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan have supported the construction of new roads worth crores of rupees in rural areas and enhanced drinking water systems. He noted that irrigation and drainage canals were

modernized to ensure better agricultural support. "Comprehensive rural development is our priority, and resolving farmers' challenges remains our main focus," he said. The event saw active participation from several leaders, including Market Yard Chairman Potluri Ravi, mandal TDP leaders Sayan Pushpavathi, Polavarapu Venkatarao, Suragani Prasad, Kodali Ramaraju, Boppana Shivaprasad, Pamarthi Satyababu, Venigandla Nageswararao, Kagitha Narendra, Naraghani Srinivasarao, Chittibomma Narasimharao, Chaparala Raja, and many others. Large groups of Anguluru villagers, local TDP unit members, and supporters joined the program, showcasing strong grassroots backing for the party.

CM Focused on Publicity: Avinash Reddy



TPN Correspondent | Kadapa
YSRCP MP Y.S. Avinash Reddy lashed out at Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, calling him an "incompetent leader" who, despite taking massive loans,

has failed to implement welfare schemes. Speaking at Idamadaka village in Duvvur mandal on Saturday, Avinash visited YSRCP worker Veerabhadra's dhaba, which was recently demol-

ished allegedly on the orders of Mydukur MLA Sudhakar Yadav. Avinash condemned the demolition, stating that reports confirmed the dhaba land did not belong to irrigation or national highway authorities. "This is political vendetta. The MLA is engaging in vindictive politics by targeting common people. Such acts will not be forgotten. When the time comes, our response will be strong," he warned. He accused the state government of prioritizing publicity over public welfare. "For every pension distribution event, they spend nearly ₹2 crore just for the CM's visit. Is Chandrababu more interested in governance or self-promotion?" he asked. Avinash also alleged that despite pre-election promises, the coa-

lition government has stopped welfare schemes while accumulating ₹2 lakh crore debt in just 14 months. He criticized the government's "diversion politics," accusing it of filing false liquor scam cases to suppress YSRCP leaders and activists. "During our rule, we reduced liquor shops by 20%. Now, the government has increased the number of outlets and added 43,000 belt shops," he said. Avinash claimed that state revenue grew under YSRCP, yet the current government labels it as a scam. He urged the administration to stop false cases and arrests, focus on governance, and ensure welfare programs are implemented effectively.

YSRCP Plans to Expand Legal Cell Committees

TPN Correspondent | Palnadu

The YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) legal team in Palnadu district is providing legal assistance to party without charging any fees, purely as a service, stated Palnadu district YSRCP Working President Dr. Gopireddy Srinivasa Reddy. He was addressing a district-level YSRCP lawyers' conference held on Saturday at Sannidhi Function Hall in Narasaraopet. The event witnessed the participation of YSRCP State Legal Cell President M. Manohar Reddy, Palnadu District Legal Cell President Rolla Madhavi, former minister Vidadala Rajini, former MLAs Kasu Mahesh Reddy and Bolla Brahmanayudu, and Sattanapalli constituency in-charge Gajjala Sudheer Bhargav Reddy. Speaking at the conference, Dr. Gopireddy alleged that the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) central office has been directing police officials on how to register cases against YSRCP members, including which sections to apply and how to prepare remand reports. He stated that Palnadu district leaders and activists face the highest number of politically motivated cases compared to other districts in the state. Highlighting the crucial role of the legal team, Dr. Gopireddy said they respond immediately after cases are filed, ensuring prompt legal assistance to affected party members. He praised the efforts of Manohar Reddy at the state level and Rolla Madhavi at the district level for their dedication to safeguarding YSRCP workers' rights. Dr. Gopireddy asserted that YSRCP would secure victory in the upcoming elections and that Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy would once again become the Chief Minister. He stressed the importance of strengthening the party's legal cell by establishing committees across the district as early as possible.



NTR Statue Unveiled by Minister Gottipati

TPN Correspondent | Dornala
Minister for Energy Gottipati Ravi Kumar visited Dornala in Yerragondapalem constituency, where he unveiled a bronze statue of legendary actor and former Chief Minister N.T. Rama Rao (NTR). The program was organized under the supervision of constituency in-charge Erikshan Babu, who accompanied the Minister during the event. Speaking at the gathering, Ravi Kumar praised NTR as an unparalleled personality in both cinema and politics. "No one has matched NTR's stature and contributions. He founded the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) and, within just nine months, led it to

power—a historic achievement," he said. The Minister added that NTR's governance marked the beginning of revolutionary changes in Andhra Pradesh, and many welfare schemes introduced during his tenure are still being implemented today. Reassuring party members, Ravi Kumar stated, "All TDP workers will have our full support. As we move toward local body elections, it is crucial for our cadre to showcase their strength and unity." He emphasized that the party's growth and success depend on grassroots mobilization and active participation from its members. During the event, Erikshan Babu



highlighted his recent efforts to address local infrastructure

needs, stating, "Based on my written request, 1,000 electricity connections were sanctioned for our area." Minister Ravi Kumar further assured that additional power substations would be approved in the constituency as per requirements, ensuring better service delivery to rural households and industries. Several ministers, including Anam, Vasamshetty, and Dola, along with MLAs and senior leaders, participated in the program. Following the statue unveiling, the leaders took part in the "Suparipalana Lo Tholi Adugu" initiative, aimed at strengthening governance and development efforts in the region.

TDP Pledges Swift Solutions to Public Grievances

TPN Correspondent | Dharmavaram

TDP constituency in-charge Paritala Sriram assured that every issue faced by the public would be addressed without fail. In a unique initiative titled "Your Problem, Our Responsi-

bility," he interacted directly with residents of Shivanagar and Keshavanagar, beginning the program with special prayers at a local temple. Complaints were collected on-site, and some were resolved immediately in the presence

of secretariat staff, municipal officials, and electricity department representatives. Speaking at the event, Sriram said the ongoing Suparipalana Tholi Adugu campaign had already revealed many local problems. "We take full responsibility for

resolving them. Issues that fall under secretariat jurisdiction will be solved here itself, while constituency, district, and state-level matters will be addressed systematically," he stated. He alleged that during the YSRCP regime, irregular de-

cisions led to injustices in pension distribution and housing plot allocations, leaving eligible beneficiaries deprived. He promised a thorough review to ensure rightful assistance. Criticizing former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, Sriram remarked, "He has no moral right to speak about Am-aravati. If he visits the region

with his MLAs, he will see the actual development that took place." The event was attended by APCDC Director Kamatham Katamiah, TDP Cluster In-charge Chintalapalli Mahesh Choudhary, Town President Parishe Sudhakar, 7th Ward In-charge Pallapu Ravindra, and several other party leaders and local residents.

Govt Will Resolve City Flooding Issues: Narayana

TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada
Municipal Administration Minister Narayana conducted a whirlwind inspection across Vijayawada city, accompanied by Public Health Engineer-in-Chief Prabhakar, VMC Commissioner Dhyanaachandra, engineers, and local public representatives. The minister visited key flood-prone areas, including Pulletikatta, Darshipeta outfall drains, waterlogged zones beneath Benz Circle flyover, and the Auto Nagar dumping yard.

During the inspection, Narayana directed the Vijayawada Municipal Corporation (VMC) to remove illegal structures obstructing the natural flow of stormwater in outfall drains. He instructed officials to provide TIDCO houses to those losing homes due to the clearance operations, emphasizing that the government's intention is not to inconvenience the poor but to resolve public issues. Narayana pointed out that major drainage construction projects

had begun in 2014 to ensure proper stormwater and sewage flow but were halted by the previous government. "Drains that should have been 10 feet wide are only 2 feet in several places," he said. "Many drains are encroached upon, and in some cases, boundary walls have been built inside the canals." The minister ordered VMC to mark encroachments and widen drains immediately, stating that without such action, citizens would continue to suffer during heavy rains. He

assured that works funded by VMC and CRDA would start in September and be completed within six months, ensuring a better drainage network by the next monsoon. Regarding Budameru canal encroachments, Narayana stated that the irrigation department has set up a technical committee. Two proposals are under consideration, and a decision will be taken soon in coordination with irrigation and corporation officials.



Maoist Couple Quits After 34 Years



TPN Correspondent | Vijayawada
Two senior Maoist leaders from AP, who had been part of the movement for over 34 years, surrendered before Director General of Police Harish Kumar Gupta. Jorige Nagaraju, also known as Kamalesh, and his wife Medaka Jyothishwari, alias Aruna, cited the failures of the Maoist party and dissatisfaction with its central policies as their reasons for leaving. They stated that the ideology they once believed in is no longer relevant in today's context. Kamalesh had been a key figure in Maoist operations, serving as the in-charge of the East Bastar Divisional Committee and holding the SZCM rank in the Dandakaranya Special Zonal Committee. Both leaders were actively involved in operations across Chattisgarh and carried significant bounties—Rs.20 lakh on Kamalesh and Rs.5 lakh on Aruna—announced by the Andhra Pradesh government. As an immediate measure of assistance, authorities provided

them with cheques of Rs.20,000 each. In a parallel operation, police forces in Alluri Sitarama Raju district seized a major arms dump based on precise intelligence. The recovered cache included 18 weapons, such as an AK-47 rifle, two BGLs, five SLRs, two INSAS rifles, 606 live rounds, 37 kilograms of Cordex wires, and other explosive materials. DGP Gupta stated that increased awareness among the public and consistent joint police operations have led to significant setbacks for Maoist activities. He emphasized that sustainable progress can only occur when violence ends. Urging other Maoists to reconsider, he said that those who surrender will be offered rehabilitation and employment opportunities, helping them return to normal life. Currently, around 20 Maoists from Andhra Pradesh are operating in various states. Authorities have appealed to them to surrender within the next seven months and join the mainstream for a peaceful future.

Interstate Burglary Gang Nabbed

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Bapatla: Police in Bapatla district arrested three members of an interstate burglary gang and recovered stolen property worth ₹10 lakh, including gold, silver ornaments, and cash. The swift operation was carried out by the Bapatla Rural Circle Police under the supervision of District SP Tushar Dudi, IPS, who praised the team for solving the case in a short time. According to Bapatla DSP G. Ramamjaneyulu, the gang targeted a locked house in Dammavaripalem village, Karlapalem mandal, belonging to Pitla Peda Venkata Reddy, an RMP doctor. On July 17, Reddy and his wife locked their house and left for Puduricherry. On July 21, the victim's brother noticed the back door open and informed him. Upon returning, Reddy found the lock on his rear door broken

and the locker inside his bedroom forced open. Gold, silver ornaments, and ₹5,000 in cash—worth a total of ₹10,00,000—were missing. Acting on his complaint, the Karlapalem Police registered a case and launched an investigation. Using technical surveillance, CI B. Hari Krishna, along with SI Ravindra and their team, tracked down the suspects. On July 25, they arrested Jan Divya Sekhar (40), Maruprolu Nagendra Reddy (27), and Lanka Harshavardhan (40) near the Bapatla Market Yard. The prime accused, Puli Suresh, remains absconding, and efforts are underway to trace him. The gang members, who met in Rajahmundry Central Jail, targeted locked houses at night after conducting prior reconnaissance. Police recovered 117 grams of gold jewelry, 550 grams of silver articles, and ₹5,000 cash.



DCP Holds Review with Shakti, Eagle

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Acting on the directives of NTR District Police Commissioner S.V. Rajasekhara Babu, IPS, a review meeting was held on Saturday at the Police Commissioner's office in Vijayawada. The session, chaired by Administrative DCP K.G.V. Sarita, IPS, and attended by Women Police Station ACP T. Daiva Prasad, brought together Shakti and Eagle team members from across the Commissionerate jurisdiction to discuss measures aimed at strengthening women's safety and public security. The meeting focused on strategies to conduct awareness programs in villages, public places, colleges, and schools. Key topics included teaching self-defense techniques to women and chil-



dren, educating them about "good touch and bad touch," addressing cybercrimes, and promoting the benefits of the Shakti app, which is designed to ensure rapid response in emergencies. DCP Sarita stressed that the Shakti and Eagle teams were established to instill

confidence among citizens by actively identifying antisocial elements, curbing unlawful activities, and safeguarding vulnerable groups. She emphasized that serving women's safety should be seen as a significant responsibility and urged the teams to treat public awareness initiatives as a top priority. She further advised team members to remain vigilant in monitoring "hot spots" in their respective areas, maintain constant community engagement, and encourage women and youth to utilize safety applications like Shakti, Disha, and Dial 112. The DCP highlighted that educating the public on issues such as cyber threats, social media-related crimes, and the POCSO Act is critical for preventing victimization.

P4 Scheme to Uplift BPL Families: Collector

TPN Correspondent | Chirala

District Collector J. Venkata Murali emphasized the need to extend financial assistance to families identified under the P4 scheme to help them overcome poverty. He was speaking at a constituency-level review meeting held at the Chirala Municipal Office on Saturday, which focused on P4, Surya Ghar, and handloom sector development. The Collector, along with Chirala MLA M. Malakondayya, felicitated local weavers for their craftsmanship, which earned Kuppadam silk sarees a prestigious national award under the "One District, One Product" initiative. The MLA and weavers also honored the Collector for receiving the award from the central government. Murali dedicated the recognition to the weavers, stating that their skill and dedication brought this achievement to the district.



During the event, loans worth Rs. 6 crore were distributed to 30 DWCRAs groups under MEPMA, and another Rs. 7 crore to 40 groups under Velugu. The Collector highlighted that the P4 policy introduced by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu aims to provide support to the most underprivileged. He cited his personal initiative of adopting 10 extremely poor Yanadi families from Cherukupalli as an example. Out of 8,405 BPL families in Chirala constituency, 4,400 have been connected to 402 mentors, and efforts

are underway to identify guides for the remaining households. Murali urged mentors to come forward with compassion and assist in improving the livelihoods of these families. He stressed the importance of providing hassle-free Mudra loans to handloom weavers and extending financial support for solar power adoption under the Surya Ghar scheme. The Collector announced plans to set up ODOP stalls at Bapatla, Chirala, Odarevu, and Suryalanka beaches to promote Kuppadam sarees globally. A handloom park spread across 26 acres in Devangipuri will be developed as an MSME cluster to strengthen the weaving sector further. MLA Malakondayya echoed the need for liberal loans, reforms in handloom societies, and faster implementation of solar power connections for 1,000 houses by August 15.

Court Dismisses Case Against CPM Leaders

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Vijayawada local court has acquitted five CPM leaders and activists who were booked in 2023 for staging a peaceful protest demanding the development of the Ajit Singh Nagar Hindu cemetery. The Principal Civil Judge and Judicial Magistrate dismissed the charges, declaring the accused not guilty. On June 9, 2023, CPM leaders, including state committee member Ch. Baburao, along with activists Ramana Rao, Durga Rao, Srinivas, and Jhansi, held a sit-in protest near the cemetery. They demanded urgent reconstruction of the damaged shed used for cremation rituals and basic infrastructure improvements. Due to the lack of proper facilities, families were reportedly forced to conduct cremations in the open during rains, causing significant distress. Despite repeated representations and protests, the then YSRC government and municipal representatives allegedly failed to take action, prompting the demonstration.

Instead of addressing the issue, the then administration filed cases against the protesters under IPC Sections 341, 188, 143, 290, r/w 149, and Police Act Section 32. The accused leaders had been attending court hearings for nearly two years. CPM leaders claim that their continued agitation eventually compelled authorities to initiate delayed development works at the cemetery. Although the current TDP government had previously assured the withdrawal of politically motivated cases, leaders say that over 13 months have passed without action. Legal assistance for the acquitted leaders was provided by advocates Sappa Ramesh and Prem, with guidance from senior lawyer Sunkara Rajendra Prasad. The leaders expressed their gratitude to the legal team. The CPM has urged the state government to immediately withdraw all pending false cases filed during the previous regime and to ensure full-fledged development of cemeteries across the city.

Nano Fertilizers for Sustainable Farming

TPN Correspondent | Amaravati

A state-level workshop on "Emerging Nanotechnologies in the Agricultural Inputs Sector" held in Vijayawada, Dilli Rao, IAS, Director of Agriculture, championed nano fertilizers as a game-changer for sustainable farming. Organized by Coromandel International Limited, the event drew key stakeholders, including Dr. Sharada Jayalakshmi Devi, Vice Chancellor of Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University, and Dr. P.V. Satyanarayana, Director of Research. Dilli Rao emphasized that nano fertilizers, such as Nano Urea and Nano DAP, boost nutrient efficiency, curb environmental harm, and reduce nutrient leaching compared to chemical fertilizers. With Andhra Pradesh spending ₹12,500 crore annually on fertilizer subsidies, he urged farmers to replace 25% of chemical fertilizers with nano alternatives to preserve soil health. Last year, the state used 3.5 lakh nano fertilizer bottles, with a target of 21 lakh this year to address fertilizer shortages. Dr. Sharada stressed the need for greater awareness and long-term trials to assess nano fertilizers' residual effects. Dr. Satyanarayana advocated sharing three years of field trial data to encourage adoption and pledged ANGRAU's support for ongoing research. India's dependence on imported phosphorus and potash, alongside a national fertilizer subsidy bill of ₹1,70,000 crore, highlights the urgency of adopting nanotechnology.

Flood Alert Issued for Godavari, Tungabhadra Regions

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Andhra Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority Managing Director Prakhar Jain stated that floodwaters from upper states are raising

levels in the Godavari and Tungabhadra rivers. At 7 pm on Saturday, Bhadrachalam recorded 35.3 ft and Dhavaleswaram saw 4.44 lakh cusecs inflow and outflow.

Officials in six affected districts have been alerted. Though water levels haven't crossed warning marks, residents in low-lying areas have been advised to avoid river travel, swimming, or fishing.

Rumours on social media were cautioned against. Light to moderate rains are expected in north coastal districts, with Paderu recording 70 mm rainfall.

Gandikota Murder Probe Progressing Steadily: DIG

TPN Correspondent | Kadapa

The investigation into the murder of a minor girl at Gandikota in Jammalamadugu mandal, Kadapa district, will require more time to conclude, stated Rayalaseema DIG Koya Praveen on Saturday. Addressing the media after attending the half-yearly crime review meeting at the Kadapa Zilla Parishad office, he said the probe is progressing swiftly but needs further detailed questioning. “We have identified 350 individuals based on cell tower data. On the day of the incident, a local fair was held in a nearby village, and two cell towers covered the same area. We have already interrogated 300 people, and questioning of the remaining 50 is ongoing,” Praveen said. He confirmed that the victim’s family members are also being questioned as part of the investigation. “We cannot disclose much at this stage since the case is under active investigation. Ten senior officers have been working exclusively on this case for the last ten days,” he added.



To prevent similar incidents, officials have directed that no accommodation be provided to minors in the Gandikota area. Continuous checks will be conducted at the tourist outpost, and measures are being taken to ensure that minors do not visit the region unaccompanied. Responding to reports of allegations

involving the victim’s relatives, Praveen stated, “Yes, there are such allegations, and we are examining them carefully.” He assured that the police are committed to solving the case as quickly as possible. District SP Ashok Kumar and other senior officials participated in the review meeting.

Smart Street Bazaar Work Accelerated

TPN Correspondent | Nellore

Nellore Municipal Corporation Commissioner Y.O. Nandan directed officials to expedite the ongoing “Smart Street Bazaar” pilot project aimed at improving the economic conditions of street vendors. He emphasized that the initiative must be completed at the earliest to benefit local traders. During an inspection on Saturday, the Commissioner reviewed newly established container-based food courts at Jafer Saheb Canal along Mypadu Road, accompanied by engineering and town planning officials. He stated that the Smart Street Bazaar is being developed in line with the vision of State Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister Narayana. “The project will be executed quickly with the coordinated efforts of all departments,” he said. Later, Commissioner Nandan visited Maruthi Nagar Park to review ongoing development works. He instructed the engineering team to ensure all basic amenities and facilities are in place and to accelerate construction. Stressing the importance of proper maintenance, he advised involving local housing society associations in park management to ensure visitors do not face any inconvenience. The Commissioner further highlighted that these initiatives are part of broader urban

development strategies focused on creating cleaner, well-structured public spaces while supporting informal sectors like street vending. He noted that integrating food courts and organized vending zones will improve hygiene, regulate traffic flow, and provide secure, sustainable livelihoods for small traders. Officials present during the inspection included Nellore Municipal Corporation SE Rammohan Rao, City Planner Himabindu, DE Raghuram, ward secretariat staff, and other municipal personnel.



MLA Counters YSRCP Leader Remarks

TPN Correspondent | Kadapa

Kamalapuram MLA Putta Krishna Chaitanya Reddy strongly responded to YSRCP state leader S.V. Satish Reddy’s recent comments, stating that Telugu Desam Party (TDP) leaders do not engage in disrespectful language. “We will answer criticism only through development and welfare,” Reddy said during a press conference held at his office in Kadapa on Saturday. He remarked that Satish Reddy’s current political position was possible because of TDP’s earlier support. “Making unnecessary remarks against Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Minister Nara Lokesh just to please one’s party leadership is not right,” he stated. Reddy highlighted that the previous YSRCP government only conducted foundation ceremonies for the Kadapa Steel Plant, while the current coalition government allocated ₹2,000 crore and initiated actual construction. “We have not only started the steel plant works but also allotted land and funds for MSMEs,” he added. He pointed out that YSRCP leaders are now traveling on pothole-free roads built by the coalition government, a fact they should acknowledge. Reddy challenged YSRCP leaders to participate in an open debate on development instead of making baseless allegations. Addressing the liquor scam, he said, “When there is a ₹3,500 crore scam, they claim it’s not a scam at all. Let the investigation reveal the truth.” He emphasized that the coalition government has already implemented promised welfare schemes, including a ₹1,000 increase in pensions, proving their commitment to public welfare.



India’s First Licensed Pvt Theaters Launched

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Prakruthi Vedika has unveiled India’s first commercially licensed private movie theaters, redefining the cinema experience. Developed in partnership with Qube Cinema Technologies, the facility is located within the Prakruthi Vedika events and convention complex and features two luxury theaters, each with 20 recliner seats. Unlike existing private screening rooms limited to personal OTT content, these theaters are legally authorized to screen newly released films through official



distributors. “Obtaining a commercial license and collaborat-

ing with Qube Cinema ensures a legitimate and secure film-viewing experience,” said GV Sri Raj, Founder and Proprietor. “Audiences can now enjoy the latest blockbusters in an exclusive, comfortable setting without public crowds.” Prakruthi Vedika is also exploring the option of serving alcoholic beverages along with food inside the theaters, pending approval from the Andhra Pradesh Excise Department. GV Sri Raj, a Congress leader from Andhra Pradesh and son of former MP G.V. Harsha Kumar, spearheaded the project.

Holding degrees in Computer Science, Business Administration, and International Relations from prestigious institutions, he brings a strong mix of technical, business, and strategic expertise. The project has gained attention on social media through Anvitha Vlogs, run by Sri Raj’s wife, Anvitha. These theaters are part of a larger lifestyle complex that includes the V3 Food Court, a premium swimming pool, and venues for weddings and corporate events. Bookings for full-theater private screenings are now open.

Position Certificates for Retired Soldiers

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Nellore – District Collector O. Anand announced that retired soldiers will soon receive position certificates for land allocations as per government regulations. Speaking at the 26th Kargil Vijay Diwas celebrations held at the Tikkanapremises in the Collectorate, Anand said the district administration remains committed to supporting ex-servicemen and the families of fallen soldiers. He paid homage to the martyrs of the Kargil War, stating their sacrifices remain unforgettable. “Though we cannot replace their loss, we must ensure their families are never left unsupported,” he said. Anand also promised to take steps to construct a memorial for martyrs in Nellore city, fulfilling a long-standing request from former soldiers. He emphasized the need to inspire

today’s youth with stories of valor from the Kargil War. “We should conduct awareness programs in schools so students understand the sacrifices made by our armed forces,” he said. During the event, 20 Kargil veter-



ans from the district were felicitated by the Collector and Joint Collector Karthik. District Sainik Welfare Officer HariKrishna highlighted the enduring legacy of the Kargil War and expressed gratitude to the administration for actively addressing the concerns of over 3,000 ex-servicemen in the district.

CMRF Cheques Distributed

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A total of 16 beneficiaries from Nidadavolu, Undrajavaram, and Peravali mandals received financial aid under the Chief Minister’s Relief Fund (CMRF) to cover medical expenses incurred due to various health conditions. The cheques, amounting to ₹11,78,802, were handed over by Andhra Pradesh Skill Development Corporation Chairman, former MLA, and Nidadavolu constituency Telugu Desam Party (TDP) in-charge Burugupalli Sesharao at his office in Velivenu. Speaking at the event, Sesharao emphasized that the financial assistance is aimed at easing the burden of hospital bills for underprivileged families. He also assured continued support for those in need of similar aid. Local leaders and members from the Telugu Desam and Jana Sena parties, including mandal and village-level presidents and activists, attended the distribution program and congratulated the beneficiaries. The beneficiaries expressed gratitude for the timely assistance, which they said would significantly help them manage their medical expenses.



Car Plunges into Canal

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A tragic accident occurred in Amruthaluru mandal when a speeding car lost control and plunged into a canal between Pyaparru and Yalavarru villages on Saturday. The mishap claimed the life of J. Pawan Kalyan, a 19-year-old student from Ongole, while six of his friends escaped with minor injuries. According to initial reports, the group of seven students, all pursuing hotel management at Amruth College in Vijayawada, had rented a car for a self-drive trip. They traveled to On-

gole earlier in the day to collect Pawan Kalyan’s educational certificates. On their return journey, they made a brief stop at Bapatla’s Suryalanka Beach before heading back to Vijayawada. Eyewitnesses stated that the vehicle was moving at high speed when it veered off the road and plunged into a canal. Though the water level in the canal was low at the time, Pawan Kalyan reportedly got trapped under the driver’s seat, making rescue efforts difficult. Despite immediate attempts by his friends and

local residents to free him, he could not be saved and succumbed on the spot. The other six passengers—identified as E. David, Ch. Hemant, K. Pavan Kumar, V. Pandu, E. Kalyan, and E. Rohith, all residents of Vijayawada—managed to escape through the car’s doors and windows with the help of nearby villagers. They were promptly shifted to a government hospital in 108 ambulances, where doctors provided necessary treatment. Their condition is said to be stable. Local police have registered a case and initiated an investigation into the incident. The body of Pawan Kalyan was sent for post-mortem examination.

Empowering Women Through Workplace Safety: A Closer Look at the POSH Act

The POSH Act, or the Prevention of Sexual Harassment at the Workplace Act, is a legal framework in India that aims to protect employees from sexual harassment in the workplace. One of the key components of the POSH Act is the formation of an Internal Committee (IC) at the organizational level. The POSH Act lays out specific guidelines for the composition of an Internal Committee. The committee must have a minimum of four members, and at least half of the members must be women. Additionally, one member must be from a non-government organization or an association committed to the cause of women, and one member must be a person familiar with the issues related to sexual harassment. The IC must also have a Presiding Officer, who must be a woman, and who is responsible for conducting the inquiry into the complaint. The Protection of Women from Sexual Harassment at Workplace (POSH) Act, 2013, mandates the formation of Local Committees (LCs) in every district. These committees are vital for addressing complaints from women working in establishments with fewer than ten employees or where the employer is the respondent. By ensuring that even small or unorga-

nized workplaces fall under the Act's purview, Local Committees play a crucial role in upholding women's right to a safe working environment. Their presence guarantees that no woman is left without a redressal mechanism, regardless of her employment sector or location.

Duties of IC/LC are

- *Receiving complaints of sexual harassment,*
- *Conducting inquiries,*
- *And making recommendations for resolution.*
- *Creating awareness about sexual harassment and promoting a culture of zero tolerance for such behaviour within the organization.*

All ICC members, including the Presiding Officer, can serve for up to three years from the date of nomination. During the inquiry, the IC has the same powers as that of a civil court with respect to the following:

- *Summoning both parties one by one, enforcing their attendance and examining them on oath*
- *Summoning witnesses or document for finding facts*
- *Recording the statements of all the persons appearing before*

them and taking their signatures.

Responsibilities of ICC/LCC to follow the timeline in the POSH Act:

The icc must begin an inquiry within 7days of receiving the complaint and complete the inquiry within 90days Both parties must be given the opportunity to present their cases, submit evidence and respond to the evidence submitted against them. The principles of natural justice ,such as the right to a fair hearing, must be followed throughout the inquiry. After concluding the inquiry ,the icc is required to submit report to the employer within 10days . the report must include the committee's finding ,conclusions and recommended actions ,including disciplinary action or compensation .

ICC /LCC must strictly follow these:

Confidentiality

The ICC is legally obligated to maintain strict confidentiality about the details of the complaint, the parties



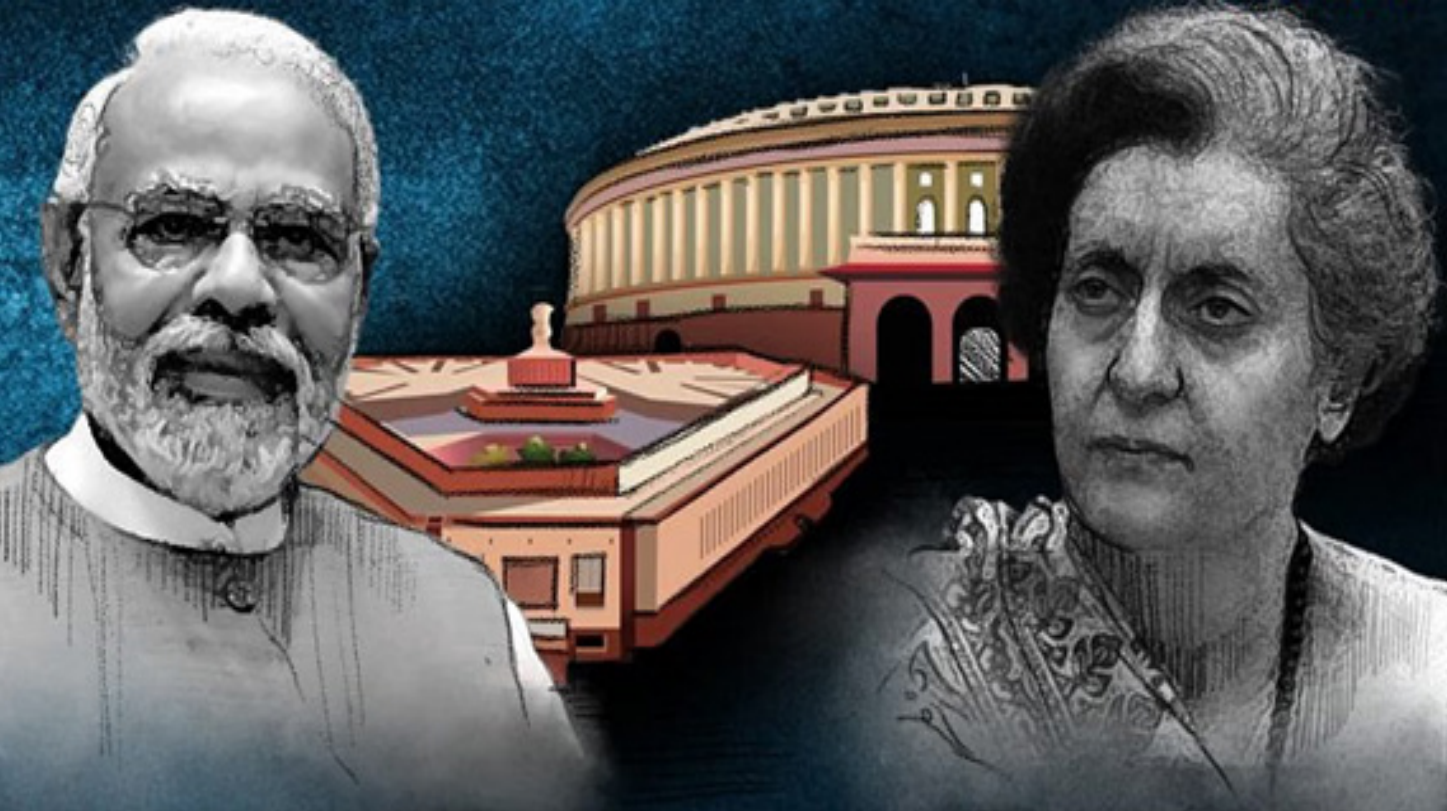
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involved and the proceedings. Breach of confidentiality by any member may lead to disqualification and legal consequences. Confidentiality ensures that the dignity and privacy of both the complainant and the respondent are protected, and the inquiry process is not influenced by external factors.

Ensuring a fair and unbiased inquiry The ICC's core function is to conduct a fair and unbiased inquiry into complaints of sexual harassment, adhering to the guidelines laid down by the POSH Act. The icc must act independently and without prejudice .members must aside personal biases and focus solely on the facts and evidence presented. Provide assistance to the complainant Assist the complainant in filing the complaint and ensuring that their rights are protected during inquiry process. Offer interim relief, such as changing work duties, granting leave or ensuring that the complainant is not subjected to further harassment during the course of the inquiry Empowering women against workplace harassment requires a multifaceted approach that involves prevention, support, and creating a safe work environment. The ICC plays a crucial role in doing it. According to the latest McKinsey and LeanIn.org Women in the Workplace report, women employees lack of trust in workplace processes not only discourages women from reporting incidents but also contributes to perpetuation of toxic work environment.

Modi's Bharat vs Indira's India

11-yr report card of politics, diplomacy, economy, nationalism



As Prime Minister Narendra Modi becomes the second-longest consecutively serving Indian Prime Minister—surpassing Indira Gandhi's uninterrupted tenure from 1966 to 1977—comparisons between the two leaders have become inevitable. Both leaders, separated by decades, defined their respective eras through strong leadership, nationalism, and centralised political authority. But their paths to power, and their governance challenges, could not have been more different.

When Indira Gandhi assumed office in 1966, she was not elected as the leader of the people but chosen as a compromise candidate following the sudden demise of Lal Bahadur Shastri. She inherited a fragile economy, a negative growth rate (-2.6%), back-to-back wars, food shortages, and institutional instability. Her political capital was low, and she was mocked as a “goongi gudiya” (mute doll) by opposition leaders.

By contrast, Narendra Modi came to power in 2014 with a historic mandate, the first full majority for any party in 30 years. He was the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) undisputed leader and rode on a promise of development and economic resurgence. Unlike Indira, his rise was through a direct electoral victory amid economic stability, averaging over 6%

GDP growth in the prior decade.

In terms of domestic politics, both leaders are known for centralising power and silencing intra-party dissent. Indira curbed opposition with the Emergency (1975–77), while Modi has largely sidelined opposition voices and regional heavyweights, consolidating control in the BJP. Though no formal Emergency has been declared under Modi, concerns over press freedom and institutional autonomy persist. On this front, both leaders drew criticism for undermining democratic institutions to cement personal authority.

In strategic and foreign affairs, Indira Gandhi operated during the Cold War, signing a pivotal treaty with the Soviet Union and navigating international pressure during the Bangladesh Liberation War of 1971. Her era culminated in India's first nuclear test in 1974. Modi's foreign policy began with outreach to all but soon hardened against China and Pakistan. The Pulwama and Pahalgam terror attacks in 2019 and 2025, respectively, triggered military responses, positioning Modi as a strong nationalist figure. His government also adopted a multi-alignment strategy, deepening ties with the West while balancing regional threats.

Economically, Modi promised a

break from the socialist past but paradoxically retained key features of Indira's economic model. Public sector investment remains central to his strategy, as shown by the ₹5 trillion allocated to PSUs this year. His landmark reforms—such as GST, digital payments, and the insolvency code—have modernised certain sectors, but labour, land, and agriculture reforms were rolled back after political backlash. As of now, Modi's India continues to hover around 6–6.5% GDP growth, a stable but unspectacular figure.

Nationalism is where the two sharply diverge in tone and character. Indira Gandhi's nationalism was tied to India's military achievements and agrarian self-reliance—most notably, the 1971 Bangladesh War and the Green Revolution. Modi's nationalism, however, is more culturally charged, framed around Hindu identity. This has energised his voter base but also polarised the country, giving India's adversaries opportunities to exploit internal divisions, as seen during the Pakistan-backed Operation Sindoor.

Ultimately, while both Indira Gandhi and Narendra Modi reshaped India's political landscape through authoritative leadership and nationalism, their legacies reflect different times, challenges, and choices.

ISRO and NASA's billion-dollar baby is ready to launch



After over a decade of development and a year-long delay, the highly anticipated NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar (NISAR) satellite is finally set to launch on 30 July 2025 from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota. The groundbreaking Earth observation mission marks the most ambitious collaboration yet between the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and the United States' National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

Weighing approximately 2,392 kg, NISAR is designed to observe the Earth's land and ice-covered surfaces with unprecedented precision. Using cutting-edge Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) technology, it will scan the entire globe twice every 12 days—making it one of the most comprehensive Earth-monitoring systems ever built.

The mission's key capability lies in its dual-band radar system—L-band radar developed by NASA and S-band radar built by ISRO—which enables NISAR to penetrate cloud cover and even dense vegetation. This allows for round-the-clock monitoring of geological and climatic events such as earthquakes, landslides, volcanic eruptions, and glacier movements. The satellite will also play a crucial role in understanding the effects of deforestation, permafrost loss, and

wildfires on the global carbon cycle.

With an estimated cost of \$1.5 billion, NISAR is the most expensive Earth observation satellite ever developed. ISRO has contributed over ₹469 crore and will manage the launch via its GSLV-F16 rocket. The mission has already drawn interest from over 80 public and private organisations worldwide, signalling its global scientific and practical significance.

The satellite's powerful sensors will generate a staggering 4,300 GB of data per day, translating to over 500,000 GB during its three-year operational life. This data will be publicly accessible within 1–2 days of observation, and even faster in disaster scenarios, ensuring timely support for emergency response, infrastructure monitoring, and agricultural planning.

Despite delays—primarily due to technical faults in the antenna and thermal concerns during earlier launch windows—engineers have successfully addressed the issues, and the satellite is now ready for liftoff.

As NISAR prepares to soar into orbit, it promises to redefine our understanding of Earth's dynamic systems and establish India and the US as major players in the next era of space-based environmental science.

'Historic' Trade Deal With UK Shows World's Trust In India: PM Modi

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday hailed the recently signed India-UK Free Trade Agreement (FTA) as a historic milestone that reflects the world's growing confidence in India's economic leadership. Speaking at a public function in Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu, after returning from his foreign tour, PM Modi emphasized that the deal would accelerate India's march towards becoming a developed nation (Viksit Bharat).

"The FTA with Britain shows the world's trust in India and our self-confidence. It adds momentum to our vision of Viksit Bharat and Viksit Tamil Nadu," the Prime Minister said, addressing the audience while dressed in traditional Tamil attire — veshti, shirt, and angavastram.

PM Modi also touched upon Operation Sindoor, highlighting that indigenously manufactured weapons under the 'Make in India' initiative played a vital role in the recent cross-border military offensive. "These weapons destroyed enemy targets effectively and left adversaries sleepless," he added.

During his visit, PM Modi inaugurated, laid foundation stones, and dedicated infrastructure projects worth ₹4,900 crore, underscoring the central government's commitment to Tamil Nadu's growth. The projects span airports, highways, ports, railways, and power.



Key inaugurated projects include:

- **Tuticorin Airport Terminal (₹450 crore) – a modern facility to boost regional air connectivity.**
- **Railway electrification of the Madurai–Bodinayakkanur section (90 km, ₹99 crore).**
- **Doubling of the Nagercoil Town–Kanniyakumari railway line (21 km, ₹650 crore).**
- **4-laning of NH-36 (Sethiyathope–Cholapuram stretch) (50 km, ₹2,350 crore).**
- **6-laning of NH-138 to Tuticorin Port**

- **(5.16 km, ₹200 crore).**
- **North Cargo Berth-III at VO Chidambaram Port (₹285 crore) – boosting cargo capacity by 6.96 MMTPA.**

He invoked Tamil freedom fighters VO Chidambaram Pillai, Veerapandia Kattabomman, and Veeran Azhagu Muthukon, reinforcing Tamil Nadu's historic contribution to India's nation-building.

Dignitaries present included Tamil Nadu Governor RN Ravi, Finance Minister Thangam Thenarasu, Union Ministers K. Ramamohan Naidu and L. Murugan, and MP Kanimozhi. The state minister gifted the PM a replica of Valluvar Kottam, symbolizing Tamil cultural pride.

India Unfazed by UK's Carbon Tax Plan, May Revoke Trade Concessions if Needed: Piyush Goyal



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A day after India and the United Kingdom signed a landmark Free Trade Agreement (FTA), Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal asserted that India is not intimidated by proposed climate-linked trade barriers like the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM). He warned that India may withdraw certain trade concessions under the agreement if such non-tariff barriers are imposed by the UK.

Speaking in New Delhi on Saturday, Goyal said, "Carbon border tax is a non-issue at this stage. Even Europe hasn't enforced it, and many countries are concerned about the economic impact it could have on housing, infrastructure, and manufacturing costs." He added that even European traders have privately expressed agreement with his critique of CBAM.

The UK plans to roll out CBAM by 2027, which would require exporters to declare the carbon content of their goods, which would then be subject to a levy. This move is aimed at preventing "carbon leakage" and promoting the UK's decarbonisation efforts.

However, Indian officials raised concerns about CBAM during FTA negotiations, highlighting its potential to negate the benefits of the trade deal, especially in sectors like steel, iron, and aluminum—which will now benefit from full tariff elimination under the FTA. India has secured the right to "re-balance" trade concessions if CBAM implementation adversely affects its exports.

According to Commerce Ministry data, the UK currently imports \$18.46 billion worth of steel and related products annually, while India contributes just \$887 million. Capturing even 30-40% of that market could push Indian exports to \$7.5 billion.

Signed on July 25, the India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) eliminates tariffs on 99% of Indian goods and aims to double bilateral trade to \$56 billion by 2030. In FY 2024–25, India exported \$14.55 billion to the UK and imported \$8.61 billion in return.

President's Rule Extended in Manipur

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The Rajya Sabha on Friday approved a resolution to extend President's Rule in Manipur for another six months, starting from August 13. Union Home Minister Amit Shah moved the resolution in view of the continuing political instability and the fragile law and order situation in the northeastern state. The central government cited the need for continued direct governance by the Centre as violence and unrest remain unresolved in several regions of Manipur. The decision follows detailed assessments of the ground situation and inputs from security agencies and the state administration.



President's Rule was first imposed in Manipur in February 2024 following the collapse

of the elected government amid prolonged ethnic clashes and administrative breakdowns. Since then, efforts to restore normalcy have seen limited success, prompting this latest extension. Officials said that while peace efforts are ongoing, the situation remains too volatile for a return to democratic governance. Parliamentary approval ensures continuity in central control while security operations and reconciliation measures are being pursued. This is the second extension since the imposition of President's Rule earlier this year. The central government is expected to continue monitoring the situation closely, with the next review likely in early 2026.

Cash discovery row: SC to hear Justice Yashwant Varma's plea on July 28

TPN Correspondent | Delhi

The Supreme Court of India is set to hear a plea filed by Justice Yashwant Varma of the Allahabad High Court on Monday, July 28, challenging the findings of an internal inquiry panel that found him guilty of misconduct in connection with a cash discovery case.

A bench comprising Justices Dipankar Datta and A.G. Masih will take up the case, which has drawn significant attention after a large amount of half-burnt cash was discovered in a store room at Justice Varma's official residence following a fire incident on March 14, 2025, around 11:35 p.m.

In his petition, Justice Varma has sought to quash the in-house panel's report and invalidate the May 8 recommendation made by then Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna to President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi for initiating impeachment proceedings against him.

Justice Varma has alleged that the inquiry lacked procedural fairness and that the panel operated under a "preconceived narrative." He further argued that the inquiry reversed the burden of proof, requiring him to disprove the allegations instead of the panel substantiating them with evidence. He also contended that he was denied a full

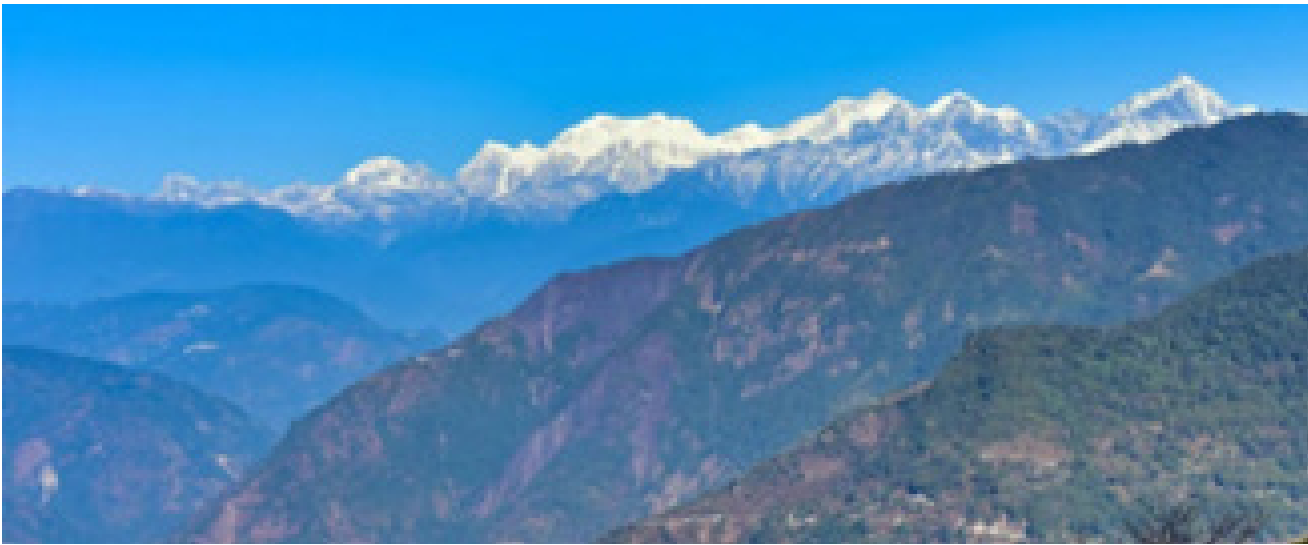


and fair opportunity to present his case.

The report, submitted by a three-member panel headed by Chief Justice Sheel Nagu of the Punjab and Haryana High Court, concluded that Justice Varma and his family had "covert or active control" over the premises where the cash was found, which was deemed serious enough to justify impeachment. The panel conducted the inquiry over 10 days, examined 55 witnesses, and inspected the site of the incident.

Justice Varma was serving as a Delhi High Court judge at the time of the incident and was later transferred to the Allahabad High Court. The outcome of the Supreme Court's hearing could have significant implications for the judiciary and its internal accountability processes.

India to Launch Battlefield Tourism at Cho La in Sikkim by September



TPN Correspondent | Delhi

Guwahati, July 26, 2025 — India is preparing to open Cho La in Sikkim to tourists as part of a new "Ranbhoomi" (Battlefield Tourism) initiative, a top official in the Sikkim government confirmed on Friday. The move will allow visitors to explore key military locations, including areas near the sensitive Doklam trijunction, which witnessed a 73-day standoff between Indian and Chinese troops in 2017.

Sikkim Additional Chief Secretary C.S. Rao announced that the state, in coordination with the Indian Army and Ministry of External Affairs, is upgrading infrastructure near Cho La and other significant points to support the

upcoming tourism initiative. The plan is expected to roll out by late September 2025.

"Around 30 locations across India have been identified for battlefield tourism," Rao said. "In Sikkim, we are in active consultation with the army to set up necessary infrastructure. Doklam and Cho La are among the most strategic sites selected in the northeast."

Currently, Nathu La is a popular tourist destination in Sikkim, and Cho La is set to join it under tightly controlled access. Special permits will be required for tourists to visit these border areas, particularly the Indian side of Doklam, which sits near the trijunction of India, China, and

Bhutan.

Sources indicated that the Bhutanese government has been informed about India's plans, and several rounds of discussions have taken place with the Indian Army to ensure operational and security preparedness.

To start with, only 30 vehicles per day will be allowed to access the new routes. This may gradually increase to 50 cars daily, based on road conditions and military clearance.

This tourism initiative is part of a broader effort to honor military history, boost local economies, and educate citizens about India's border security challenges and strategic geography.



Dalai Lama Delivers Profound Teachings to Thousands in Ladakh’s Zaskar Valley

In the tranquil setting of Ladakh’s Zaskar Valley, thousands gathered near the historic Karsha Monastery on July 25 to receive a special Dharma teaching from His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama. According to the Central Tibetan Administration (CTA), more than 21,000 people, including monks, nuns, laypersons, and students, assembled at Karsha Phodrang to attend the discourse.

The spiritual gathering began with the Dalai Lama warmly greeting attendees and observing groups of monks engaged in traditional Tibetan Buddhist debate—a practice central to monastic education. With a smile, he ascended the throne prepared for him and commenced the session with the recitation of the ‘Heart Sutra’ and verses from the Ornament for Clear Realisation, followed by a symbolic mandala offering.

In a heartwarming gesture, the Dalai Lama donned a traditional Zaskari Lama’s hat, delighting the local audience. “My aim today is to offer a clear introduction to the Buddha’s teachings,” he said, stressing the importance of preserving the Dharma in the Himalayan region.

His Holiness explained that Cho, the Tibetan word for Dharma, means “that which protects,” urging followers to explore what it protects them from. He elaborated on the Three Principles of the Path—renunciation, the awakening mind of bodhichitta, and the correct view of emptiness—key concepts for inner peace and spiritual growth.

Reflecting on personal experiences, the Dalai Lama shared how these teachings helped him stay calm during difficult times. “Cherishing others more than oneself leads to a meaningful life,” he said, reminding the crowd that Buddha statues are symbols of wisdom, not mere objects of admiration.

The teachings concluded with a thanksgiving mandala offering, prayers for His Holiness’s long life, and verses of auspiciousness, leaving attendees inspired by his message of compassion, wisdom, and inner transformation.

Nepali PM Oli Conducts Aerial Survey of Drought-Hit Madhesh Province

TPN Correspondent | Nepal

Nepali Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli conducted an aerial survey of the drought-stricken Madhesh Province aboard a Nepal Army helicopter to assess the worsening situation as the region faces a looming food and water crisis.

During the flyover, PM Oli observed vast dry patches where lush green paddy saplings typically grow by mid-July. However, this year, despite the ongoing monsoon season, the Madhesh Province—known as Nepal’s agricultural breadbasket—has been gripped by severe heat and drought conditions, causing grave concern among farmers.

At an event in the drought-affected area, Oli announced plans to install 500 deep-boring water systems to tackle the province’s acute water shortage. Yet, local officials expressed skepticism about the effectiveness of this measure, as underground water levels have significantly dropped.

Oli acknowledged the severity of the crisis, stating, “Much of the land appeared dry during the aerial inspection.” He pledged to coordinate with stakeholders urgently to find solutions for the ongoing water scarcity.

The Madhesh Province was officially declared a disaster-hit zone for three months during a cabinet meeting on July 23, due to prolonged rainfall shortages causing severe drinking water and irrigation shortages. The Saptari district, near the Saptakoshi River, has been less affected thanks to its proximity to the river, while other districts continue to struggle.

The Prime Minister promised a special government program to support those most affected, including farmers, highlighting the province’s crucial role in Nepal’s economy. The Nepal Rastra Bank’s 2024 report shows Madhesh contributes 13.13% to the national GDP, with agriculture accounting for over a third of its output.

The drought comes amid erratic weather patterns linked to climate change, with Nepal experiencing faster temperature rises and unpredictable monsoon rainfall, increasing vulnerability to floods and landslides across the country.

‘Immigration is killing Europe, stop horrible invasion’: Trump warning in Scotland

TPN Correspondent | Washington

U.S. President Donald Trump issued a sharp warning to European countries about immigration during his visit to Scotland, describing it as “killing” the continent and urging stronger border controls to curb what he called a “horrible invasion.”

Speaking to reporters shortly after arriving in Scotland on July 25, 2025, Trump stated, “You’re not going to have Europe anymore. You better get your act together.” While he did not name specific countries, he criticized some European leaders for failing to act decisively against rising migration flows, though he acknowledged a few leaders who are resisting immigration policies but said they do not receive enough credit.

Trump’s comments come as part of a broader agenda that echoes his hardline immigration stance from his previous presidency. He highlighted his administration’s recent efforts, claiming, “Last



month, we had nobody entering our country. We took out a lot of bad people that got there.” Since returning to the White House in January, Trump has reinstated strict immigration controls and launched

what he describes as the largest deportation campaign in U.S. history—moves that have sparked significant protests amid America’s status as home to the world’s largest immigrant population.

During his European trip, Trump is scheduled to meet UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer and European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, signaling his intent to discuss immigration and other pressing issues with key leaders.

Trump’s own family ties to Europe—his mother was Scottish-born and his father immigrated from Germany—add a personal dimension to his comments on the continent’s migration challenges. According to United Nations estimates from 2020, Europe hosts approximately 87 million international migrants, a figure at the heart of the continent’s ongoing debates about immigration policy and integration. Trump’s visit and statements underscore the contentious and polarizing nature of immigration politics on both sides of the Atlantic.

PM Modi Highlights Bipartisan Support for Strong India-Maldives Friendship During Visit

TPN Correspondent | Male

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, during his two-day visit to the Maldives, met with members from various political parties, emphasizing the bipartisan support for the enduring friendship between India and the Maldives. The meeting underlined how shared values continue to guide this important partnership.

In a post on X, PM Modi stated, “Had a meaningful meeting with members of different political parties of the Maldives. The participation of leaders across the political spectrum underscores the bipartisan support for the strong and time-tested India-Maldives friendship.”



On the second day of his visit, Modi met with key Maldivian leaders including the Speaker of the Parliament, Abdul Raheem Abdulla, and former President Mohamed Nasheed. He welcomed the formation of the India-Maldives Parliamentary Friendship Group within the 20th Majlis and reaffirmed that the Maldives remains a val-

ued pillar in India’s ‘Neighbourhood First’ policy and Mahasagar vision.

The Prime Minister also held discussions with Maldives Vice President Hussain Mohamed Latheef, focusing on key pillars of cooperation such as technology, infrastructure, energy, and climate change.

PM Modi was invited by President Mohamed Muizzu and served as the guest of honour at the Maldives’ 60th Independence Day celebrations. During a banquet on Friday, Modi spoke about the centuries-old relations, calling the Maldives “neighbours, partners and true friends” who stand together in times of need. He described their ties as a relation of “deep affinity,” not just diplomacy.

President Muizzu praised Modi’s leadership, highlighting India as the Maldives’ closest and most trusted partner, with collaboration extending across security, trade, healthcare, education, and more.

During the visit, India and Maldives signed eight agreements covering sectors such as fisheries, digital transformation, Unified Payments Interface (UPI), and a Line of Credit. Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri noted the visit as a timely opportunity to strengthen the Comprehensive Economic and Maritime Security Partnership and explore new avenues for collaboration.

Thailand-Cambodia Border Clash Escalates: Thousands Displaced, Ceasefire Urged

TPN Correspondent | Surin

Tensions flared dangerously along the Thailand-Cambodia border as heavy artillery exchanges entered their third day on July 26, displacing over 138,000 people and leaving at least 32 dead. The intensifying violence, rooted in a long-standing border dispute, has prompted urgent international concern, including an emergency UN Security Council meeting and calls for mediation by ASEAN chair Malaysia.

The United Nations Security Council convened behind closed doors on July 25, where members urged both countries to deescalate and resolve the crisis through peaceful dialogue. Cambodia’s UN Ambassador Chhea Keo called for an immediate, unconditional ceasefire, denying accusations that Cambodia initiated the attacks. Thailand’s ambassador left the meeting without comment.

On the ground, the conflict has left 19 people dead in Thailand—mostly civilians—and 13 dead in Cambodia, including seven civilians and five soldiers. Thousands have fled villages near the conflict zones. Thailand has evacuated 58,000 people from four provinces, while Cambodia reports over 23,000 displaced.

The clashes erupted after a land mine explosion on July 23 wounded five Thai soldiers. Tensions escalated rapidly, with Thai and Cambodian forces exchanging



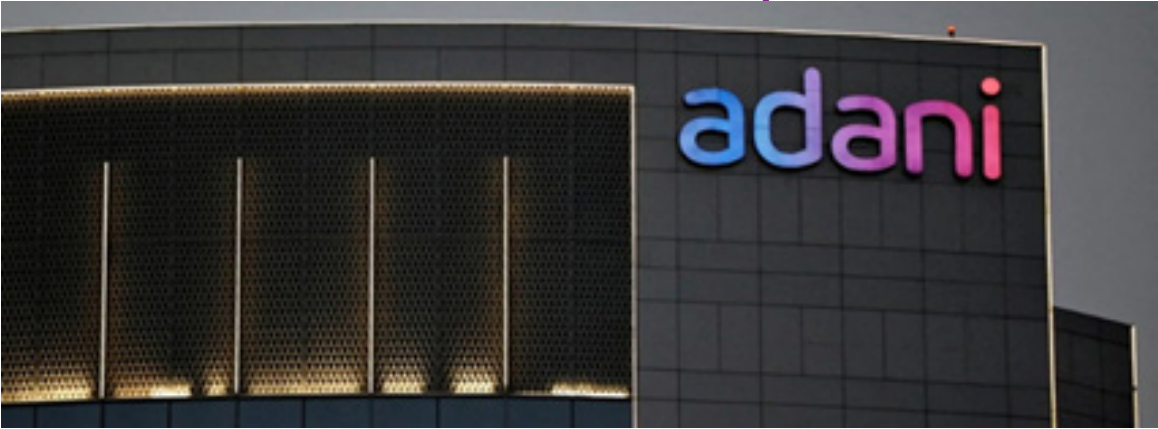
rocket and artillery fire near disputed sites such as the Ta Muen Thom temple. Cambodia accused Thailand of attacking civilian sites, including a school and pagoda, while Thailand accused Cambodia of using human shields.

Eyewitness accounts describe scenes of panic and devastation. In Surin, Thailand, evacuees crowded shelters, while across the border in Cambodia’s Oddar Meanchey province, families dug makeshift bunkers or fled on foot and by tractor.

ASEAN chair Malaysia said both nations had agreed in principle to a ceasefire and troop withdrawal, but requested more time for implementation. Malaysian PM Anwar Ibrahim and UN chief António Guterres called for restraint and renewed diplomatic engagement.

This latest conflict is the most severe since 2011, threatening regional stability and civilian lives amid long-standing, unresolved territorial disputes.

Adani Group Sells 20% in Adani Wilmar to Wilmar International for ₹7,150 Crore



Adani Group has sold a 20% stake in AWL Agri Business Limited (formerly Adani Wilmar Limited) to Singapore-based Wilmar International for ₹7,150 crore, according to a recent stock exchange filing. This move aligns with Adani's earlier announcement in December 2024 to divest its entire 44% stake in Adani Wilmar to focus more on its core infrastructure businesses.

The transaction was executed between Adani Commodities LLP (ACL), a subsidiary of Adani Enterprises Limited (AEL), and Lence Pte Limited, a Wilmar International subsidiary. Both parties agreed on a share purchase agreement that allows them the option to buy or sell shares at an agreed price, capped at ₹305 per share. Together, ACL and Lence held approximately 88% of AWL, split evenly between them.

Earlier in January 2025, Adani sold 13.5% of its stake in AWL at ₹276.51 per share to comply with minimum public shareholding reg-

ulations and increase public ownership. After that sale, ACL and AEL's combined holding stood at around 30.42%.

With this latest deal, Adani Group sold an additional 20% stake at ₹275 per share, part of its strategic exit from the fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) sector. Following the sale, Wilmar International becomes the majority shareholder in AWL Agri Business, holding 64% of the company, surpassing Adani's stake.

In a separate development, Adani Enterprises also announced the launch of a second public non-convertible debenture (NCD) issue worth up to ₹1,000 crore.

This stake sale highlights Adani Group's ongoing strategy to streamline operations and focus investment on infrastructure, while Wilmar International strengthens its position in the agribusiness sector through majority ownership of AWL Agri Business.

Maintaining sustained growth top priority, says FM Sitharaman

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman emphasized that sustained economic growth remains the government's top priority in the face of global challenges, highlighting public capital expenditure as a critical driver of development.

Speaking at a book launch event for "A World in Flux: India's Economic Priorities", Sitharaman said that maintaining growth is key to job creation and ensuring India's relevance in the evolving global landscape. She noted that staying in a leadership position globally and amplifying the voice of the Global South are also strategic goals.

"Growth is the topmost priority," the finance minister said. "Public investment has kept pace, and under Prime Minister Modi's leadership, we have consistently increased capital expenditure. I strongly believe it is one of the main engines of long-term economic growth."

The comments come as India's GDP growth slowed to 6.5% in FY25, the lowest in four years, down from 9.2% in FY24. The Economic Survey projects growth between 6.3% and 6.8% in FY26, while the RBI has trimmed its estimate to 6.5%.

Sitharaman also highlighted the importance of a welcoming FDI policy and praised interstate competition for investments as a healthy trend for national development.



She noted that bilateral trade agreements are taking precedence over multilateral deals. India has recently signed FTAs with Australia, the UAE, and the UK, and is progressing in talks with the United States and European Union.

On India-China ties, Sitharaman said relations were "getting a bit better," citing recent engagement through the Ministry of External Affairs. She emphasized the need for "more access and interaction" between the two nations.

Overall, the finance minister reaffirmed India's focus on domestic development, global leadership, and strategic economic partnerships.

Rupee Slips 12 Paise to 86.52 Against Dollar Amid Crude Surge, FII Outflows



Mumbai, July 25, 2025 — The Indian rupee weakened by 12 paise to close at ₹86.52 against the US dollar on Friday, weighed down by negative domestic equity trends, rising global crude oil prices, and continued foreign investor outflows.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened at ₹86.59 and hit an intraday low of ₹86.63. It managed a brief high of ₹86.47 during the session but ultimately settled at ₹86.52 — 12 paise lower than its previous close of ₹86.40.

Forex traders cited the strengthening of the US dollar, uncertainty over trade talks, and concerns around global economic policies as contributing factors. The dollar index, which measures the greenback against six major currencies, rose 0.33% to 97.44, supported by strong US employment data.

Brent crude oil prices also climbed 0.42% to USD 69.47 per barrel, pressuring the rupee further. The uptick in oil is attributed to optimism around developing global trade agreements and increased demand

expectations.

Anuj Choudhary, Research Analyst at Mirae Asset Sharekhan, said, "The rupee faced pressure due to a spike in crude oil prices and weakness in domestic equities. Additionally, uncertainty over the August 1 India-US trade deal deadline and geopolitical tensions in Southeast Asia are weighing on investor sentiment."

He expects the rupee to trade with a slight negative bias in the coming sessions, likely in the ₹86.30-₹86.90 range, ahead of key monetary policy decisions from the US Federal Reserve and Bank of Japan.

Domestic stock markets also reflected bearish sentiment. The Sensex tumbled 721.08 points to close at 81,463.09, while the Nifty dropped 225.10 points to end at 24,837.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) net sold ₹1,979.96 crore worth of equities, further weakening the rupee. Meanwhile, India's forex reserves declined by USD 1.183 billion, falling to USD 695.489 billion in the week ending July 18, as per the latest RBI data.

India Set to Become World's Third-Largest Economy by 2028: Morgan Stanley

India is on a fast track to becoming the world's third-largest economy by 2028, with its GDP projected to more than double to \$10.6 trillion by 2035, according to a recent report by Morgan Stanley. The report emphasizes the critical role of Indian states in driving this economic transformation.

Morgan Stanley estimates that India will contribute nearly 20% to global economic growth over the next decade, highlighting the country's growing influence in the global economy. The report also predicts that by 2035, three to five states — including Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, and Karnataka — could each reach the \$1 trillion GDP mark, positioning them among the world's top 20 economies individually.

The growth trajectory is being powered by competitive federalism, wherein Indian states are creating tailored industrial policies, improving ease of doing business, and competing for investments. "Every factory, every business is set up in a state, not in the Centre," the report noted, underscoring the decentralization of economic leadership.

Infrastructure development has played a



pivotal role in India's rapid rise. Central government capital expenditure has doubled from 1.6% to 3.2% of GDP between FY15 and FY25. Major infrastructure schemes like PM Gati Shakti, Bharatmala, Sagarmala, UDAN, and the National Infrastructure Pipeline have expanded highways by 60%, doubled the number of airports, and quadrupled metro coverage.

India already surpassed Japan in 2025 to become the fourth-largest global economy, with a current GDP of \$4.187 trillion, according to IMF data.

A separate report by JP Morgan highlighted India's resilience amid global trade uncertainties, aided by falling inflation, improved liquidity, and robust rural recovery. It projects India to post the highest GDP growth among all countries in its global universe in 2025.

With sustained reforms, strategic investments, and strong federal cooperation, India is well-poised for an economic leap in the coming decade.

Reliance Industries to Boost Market Value by \$50 Billion Through New Energy and AI Infrastructure

Reliance Industries Ltd is poised for significant growth, with investments in new energy and artificial intelligence (AI) infrastructure expected to drive a \$50 billion increase in its market value, according to analysts at Morgan Stanley. Currently valued at over \$240 billion, the conglomerate, led by billionaire Mukesh Ambani, is focusing on scaling its diversified businesses, especially in the rapidly evolving sectors of new energy and AI.

A key part of Reliance's strategy involves transforming its Jamnagar energy complex to integrate next-generation AI technologies. The company is developing generative AI infrastructure at Jamnagar, which is expected to be operational within two years. This initiative aims to overcome one of the major challenges faced globally in scaling AI: the availability



of sustainable and cost-effective energy sources to power AI data centers and related operations.

Morgan Stanley highlights that Reliance's new energy vertical holds the potential to create up to \$60 billion in value. The company plans to leverage renewable energy — referred to as "electrons" — to power its chemical plants, data centers, and refineries, positioning itself as a leader in the green energy transition. This innovative approach allows Reliance to mone-

tize its energy production while supporting the energy-intensive needs of AI infrastructure.

This shift is part of Reliance's broader ambition to transition from a traditional oil and gas business to a diversified technology-driven conglomerate. By capitalizing on its strengths in energy production and combining them with AI advancements, Reliance aims to unlock new revenue streams and reinforce its leadership in India's industrial landscape.

The investments underline Reliance's commitment to future-proofing its business amid global energy transitions and the increasing demand for AI capabilities. With these moves, Reliance Industries is set not only to enhance its market valuation but also to shape the future of energy and technology integration on a global scale.

Microsoft Copilot Now Shows Real-Time Facial Expressions and Gestures

Microsoft has unveiled a new feature for its AI chatbot, Copilot, giving it a visual avatar that adds a fresh, interactive layer to user conversations. Called “Copilot Appearance,” this experiment aims to make interactions with the generative AI more natural and engaging by incorporating real-time facial expressions and non-verbal cues.



Currently available as an early preview in Copilot Labs, the feature allows Copilot to respond to users not just with voice but also with gestures like smiling, nodding, and other facial expressions. This upgrade enhances the conversational experience by making the AI’s responses feel more human and dynamic.

In addition to the visual avatar, Copilot’s voice mode now includes conversational memory, enabling it to remember previous interactions and maintain continuity in voice conversations. This makes conversations smoother and more contextually relevant.

Though promising, Copilot Appearance is presently limited to the web version of Microsoft’s

AI chatbot. Microsoft has yet to announce plans for integrating this feature into Windows or mobile apps, leaving users on those platforms waiting for a similar upgrade.

This new development highlights Microsoft’s commitment to advancing AI usability and user engagement, moving beyond text and voice to create a more immersive and relatable chatbot experience. By adding a face and expressive gestures, Copilot is set to redefine how users interact with AI, blending technology with a touch of human-like connection.

As Microsoft continues to refine Copilot, users can expect a more personable, intuitive AI assistant that feels less like software and more like a helpful companion during their digital tasks.

New Underground Discovery Near the Pyramids of Giza

Archaeologists have uncovered intriguing hidden structures near the iconic Pyramids of Giza that may point to a forgotten tomb or an important ancient site. A joint team of Egyptian and Japanese researchers employed advanced radar and other scanning technologies to explore beneath the surface, revealing remarkable findings.



The first discovery was an L-shaped structure, roughly 10 meters in length, situated about 2 meters below ground level. This unexpected formation, unusual compared to the many aboveground mastabas commonly found in the area, sparked further investigation.

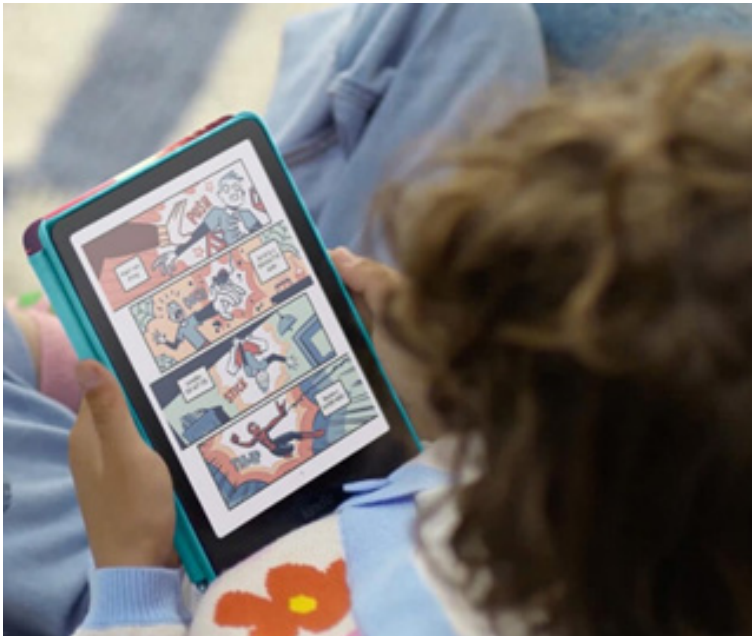
Delving deeper, the scientists detected a larger and more complex underground formation located between 5 to 10 meters beneath the surface. Its size and depth suggest it could be the entrance to something even more significant hidden below, possibly a tomb or an ancient chamber yet to be explored.

The discovery is particularly exciting as the Giza plateau has long been a focus for archaeologists seeking to understand Egypt’s rich burial practices and the secrets surrounding the construction of its legendary pyramids. These newly

found structures might provide fresh insights into the ancient civilization’s burial rituals or their architectural innovations.

While the research team continues to study the site and plan further excavation, the findings have already raised hopes of uncovering a previously unknown tomb or hidden complex that could add to the historical and cultural understanding of ancient Egypt.

As investigations progress, the archaeological community and enthusiasts around the world eagerly await more details on what lies beneath the sands near the Pyramids of Giza—a reminder that even in well-explored historic sites, secrets from the past may still be waiting to be uncovered.



Amazon Unveils New Kindle Colorsoft Models

Amazon has expanded its Kindle Colorsoft lineup by launching two exciting new models: a 16 GB Kindle Colorsoft priced at \$249.99 and the first-ever Kindle Colorsoft Kids edition priced at \$269.99. Both devices feature vibrant color displays designed to elevate the digital reading experience for all age groups.

The new 16 GB Kindle Colorsoft offers a high-contrast Colorsoft display that makes reading e-books, comics, and graphic novels more engaging. It boasts fast page turns, adjustable warm lighting, and weeks of battery life, alongside access to Amazon’s vast eBook store. Readers will appreciate the ability to browse colorful book covers, view detailed images, and enjoy graphic novels in vivid color. The device also includes features like color-coded highlighting and a Page Color option, which inverts page colors to make reading easier on the eyes.

Targeting younger readers, the Kindle Colorsoft Kids edition comes with a specially illustrated cover and includes one year of Amazon Kids+, along with a two-year worry-free guarantee.

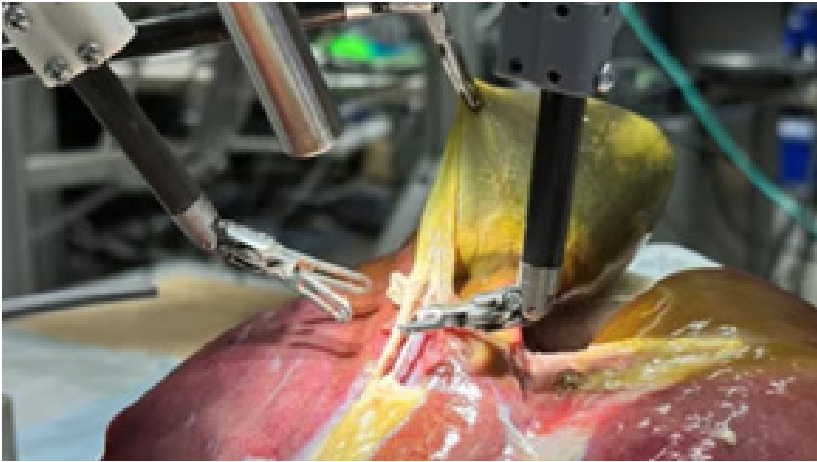
This model encourages more reading time with tools such as Vocabulary Builder, Word Wise, OpenDyslexic font, and Bluetooth support for audiobooks. Parents can monitor their children’s activity and manage controls through the Amazon Parent Dashboard. Kids can also personalize their devices with fun covers like Fantasy River or Starlight Reading.

Amazon highlights that children reading graphic novels on Kindle Kids spent 46% more time reading in 2024 compared to other Kindle Kids users. To further support this trend, Amazon Kids+ is adding popular new titles this summer, including series like Artemis Fowl, Big Nate, Percy Jackson, Storm Runner, and Aru Shah.

The Kindle Colorsoft 16 GB model is available now for \$249.99 and comes with three months of Kindle Unlimited. For those seeking additional features, the Signature Edition costs \$279.99 and offers wireless charging, auto-adjusting light, and 32 GB of storage. The Kindle Colorsoft Kids edition is priced at \$269.99 and includes one year of Amazon Kids+.

AI Robot Successfully Performs Autonomous Gallbladder Surgery, Astonishing Researchers

In a remarkable breakthrough at Johns Hopkins University, an AI-powered robot has successfully performed a complex gallbladder removal surgery on a deceased pig entirely on its own—without any human assistance. This pioneering achievement marks the first time a robot has independently executed such a delicate surgical procedure. The AI robot was rigorously trained using 17 hours of surgical videos and data from over 16,000 human hand movements to master the intricacies of the operation. Its system functions through two key layers: the first analyzes real-time endoscope video feeds and converts observations into simple language instructions such as “clip the other tube.” The second layer translates these commands into precise three-dimensional movements of the surgical tools.



What sets this robot apart is its remarkable ability to identify and correct its own errors during the surgery. Across 17 different surgical tasks, repeated eight times each, the robot achieved a perfect 100% success rate. While it occasionally required up to six self-corrections per task—such as re-grasping an artery it initially missed—all correc-

tions were autonomously executed without any human input. This innovation demonstrates how AI-driven robotic surgery could revolutionize healthcare by increasing precision, reducing human error, and enabling fully automated surgical procedures in the future. The technology holds the promise of making complex surgeries safer and more accessible, potentially transforming surgical practices worldwide.

The success of this AI robot heralds a new era in medical robotics, where machines can learn

from vast datasets and adapt in real-time, pushing the boundaries of what’s possible in healthcare technology. Researchers remain optimistic about its future applications in human surgeries, bringing us closer to a future where autonomous surgical robots may assist or even replace surgeons in certain procedures.

EaseMyTrip Co-Founder Prashant Pitti Pledges Rs 1 Crore to Solve Bengaluru Traffic Jams

EaseMyTrip co-founder Prashant Pitti recently made headlines after spending over two hours stuck in Bengaluru traffic while covering just 11 kilometers. Frustrated but determined, he has pledged Rs 1 crore to help fix the city’s notorious traffic “choke-points” using Google Maps data and artificial intelligence (AI). Sharing his experience on social media platform X (formerly Twitter), Prashant highlighted a severe bottleneck at the Outer Ring Road (ORR) where he was stuck for nearly 100 minutes, noting the absence of traffic lights or police presence. Instead of just ranting about the situation, he is now focused on delivering a real solution. Prashant’s plan involves leveraging Google’s Road Management Insight tool, which offers detailed traffic data at the city level. By analyzing this data alongside satellite imagery, his team aims to identify exact choke-points and their peak congestion times. This will enable Bengaluru’s traffic authorities to target and resolve these problem areas effectively. He also committed to funding 1-2 senior AI/ML engineers and covering the expenses related to Google Maps API calls, GPU credits, and satellite tools. However, he set a key condition: the project will only proceed if the Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP) or



BBMP agree to provide raw traffic data and assign a committed team to act on the insights generated. Prashant called on the public to support the initiative by tagging government officials and encouraging AI/ML professionals to contribute part-time. His message: Bengaluru is India’s tech future, and its citizens deserve better infrastructure and smoother commutes.

The post quickly gained traction online, with many volunteers eager to join the effort. Meanwhile, the Karnataka government continues to explore infrastructure upgrades like flyovers and tunnels to ease congestion. Prashant’s data-driven approach offers fresh hope to Bengaluru’s chronic traffic woes, aiming for smarter and sustainable solutions.



Tim David Smashes Fastest T20I Century for Australia

In Series-Sealing Win Against West Indies

Australia clinched the T20I series against West Indies in emphatic fashion on Friday (July 25, 2025), thanks to a record-breaking century from Tim David, who blasted the fastest T20I hundred by an Australian, steering his team to a six-wicket win and an unassailable 3-0 lead in the five-match series at Warner Park, St. Kitts.

Chasing a formidable 215-run target, David came in with Australia reeling at 87/4, and turned the game on its head. His unbeaten 102 off just 37 balls, including 11 sixes and 6 fours, saw him reach the century milestone on the final delivery of the match, breaking Josh Inglis's previous Australian record of a 43-ball ton.

David's innings is now the third fastest T20I hundred among ICC member nations, behind only Rohit Sharma and David Miller, both of whom reached three figures in 35

balls.

David was brilliantly supported by Mitchell Owen (36* off 16 balls), as the duo stitched together an explosive 128-run unbeaten stand off just 48 balls. Their blitzkrieg helped Australia finish the chase in just 16.1 overs, with power-hitting that regularly cleared the small boundaries of Warner Park.

Earlier, West Indies captain Shai Hope played a lone hand, smashing an unbeaten 102 off 57 balls, guiding his side to a competitive 214/4. He became only the second West Indies male cricketer after Chris Gayle to notch centuries across all three international formats.

Despite Hope's heroics, the West Indies bowlers had no answer to David's onslaught. "You need 230 here, not 215," Hope admitted post-match, acknowledging the tough conditions for bowlers.

Tanvi Sharma and Vennala Kalagotla Win Historic Bronze Medals

At Badminton Asia Junior Championships

India celebrated a historic moment at the Badminton Asia Junior Championships 2025 as young shuttlers Tanvi Sharma and Vennala Kalagotla signed off with bronze medals in the women's singles category. This marks the first time two Indian girls have finished on the podium in the same edition of this prestigious event.

Both players showcased immense talent and grit throughout the tournament, capping India's campaign on a high note.

Vennala Kalagotla put up a valiant fight in her semifinal clash against China's Liu Si Ya, eventually going down 15-21, 18-21 in a 37-minute duel. In the second game, Vennala mounted a late comeback, saving three match points from 15-20. However, a crucial error at 18-20 handed Liu the win and a place in the final.

Meanwhile, Tanvi Sharma, the tournament's second seed, faced eighth-seeded Yin Yi Qing, also from China, in the other semifinal. Despite losing in straight



games 13-21, 14-21, Tanvi showed flashes of brilliance, especially in the second game where she raced to a 6-1 lead. However, Yin regained control to level the score and eventually pulled ahead to close out the match in 35 minutes.

Tanvi's bronze adds to her recent momentum, following her impressive runner-up finish at the US Open Super 300



last month.

The dual podium finishes represent a breakthrough for Indian women's badminton at the junior level and highlight the growing depth in the country's talent pipeline. With performances like these, Tanvi and Vennala have signaled that they are promising stars to watch in the coming years.

Emma Raducanu, Leylah Fernandez Reach DC Open Semis in Searing Heat

Emma Raducanu and Leylah Fernandez, the 2021 US Open finalists, are just one win away from another potential showdown—this time in the DC Open final. On a scorching Friday in Washington, Raducanu defeated Greece's Maria Sakkari 6-4, 7-5, securing her first WTA semi-final since Nottingham last year and moving closer to her first final appearance since her historic Grand Slam win.

Playing under extreme heat conditions of 95°F (35°C), Raducanu admitted it was one of the toughest matches of her career. "It felt like I had my head inside an oven," she said, describing the stifling humidity. The Brit needed a medical timeout in the second set after showing signs of physical strain but managed to rally, winning the last five games to seal the match.

Raducanu, who has struggled with multiple injuries over the past two years—in-



cluding surgeries on her hand and ankle—called the semi-final berth a "big

benchmark" in her comeback journey. Earlier in the tournament, she upset four-time Grand Slam champion Naomi Osaka in a straight-sets win.

Meanwhile, Leylah Fernandez, Raducanu's 2021 US Open rival, overcame Taylor Townsend 6-4, 7-6(4) to book her own place in the semis. Battling leg cramps and saving a set point in the second set, the Canadian left-hander showed grit and composure to close out the match in a tie-breaker. Fernandez will next face the winner between Elena Rybakina and Magdalena Frech, while Raducanu awaits either Clara Tauson or Anna Kalinskaya in her semi-final.

With both rising stars in top form and just one win away from a dream rematch, tennis fans may soon witness a repeat of one of the most memorable finals in recent Grand Slam history.

A Battle for Redemption and Glory in Euro 2025 Final



England's Lionesses will have more than a trophy on their minds when they take on Spain in the UEFA Women's Euro 2025 final on Sunday in Basel. The match, set to take place at St. Jakob-Park, pits the reigning European champions against the reigning world champions in a rematch steeped in history, emotion, and high stakes.

This clash brings back memories of the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup final, where Spain edged England 1-0, with Olga Carmona scoring the decisive goal. Now, England is out for revenge—and a chance to become back-to-back Euro champions under manager Sarina Wiegman, who led the Netherlands to the 2017 title before taking charge of England in 2021.

Midfielder Ella Toone, a key figure in England's journey, emphasized the magnitude of the occasion: "To make three consecutive finals for England is something we can all be proud of. We've shown belief and resilience throughout the tournament."

England's road to the final was anything but smooth. They suffered an early setback, losing to France in the group stage, but bounced back with dominant wins and dramatic comebacks—most notably a quarter-final shootout victory over Sweden and a semi-final win over Italy sealed in extra time by Chloe Kelly.

Spain, led by Ballon d'Or winner Aitana Bonmati, have looked formidable. Bonmati, who recovered from viral meningitis just before the tournament, scored the extra-time winner against Germany in the semi-finals. With stars like Alexia Putellas also hitting form, Spain aim to become the first nation since Germany to win the Women's World Cup and Euros consecutively.

With recent club clashes—like Arsenal's win over Barcelona in the Women's Champions League final—adding another layer of rivalry, this final promises to be an epic showdown between two of the best teams in women's football.

India-Pakistan Clash on September 14 in Dubai

Tournament Begins September 9 in UAE

The highly anticipated men's T20 Asia Cup 2025 will be held in the United Arab Emirates from September 9 to 28, with the much-awaited India vs Pakistan match scheduled for Sunday, September 14 at the Dubai International Stadium.

The Asian Cricket Council (ACC) confirmed the schedule and host venues in a statement released on Saturday, with the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) overseeing the tournament's organization at a neutral venue. The matches will be split between Dubai and Abu Dhabi, featuring eight participating teams divided into two groups.

Group A includes India, Pakistan, UAE, and Oman, while Group B features Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, and Hong Kong. Each team will face the others in their group once during the league phase. The top two teams from each group will qualify for the Super Fours, leading up to the final on September 28.

If both India and Pakistan qualify for the Super Fours, they are expected to face off again on September 21, potentially making it two high-stakes encounters between the arch-rivals. A third showdown could happen in the final, should both teams advance.

Asia Cup 2025 Group Stage Fixtures:



Sept 9: Afghanistan vs Hong Kong
Sept 10: India vs UAE
Sept 11: Bangladesh vs Hong Kong
Sept 12: Pakistan vs Oman
Sept 13: Bangladesh vs Sri Lanka
Sept 14: India vs Pakistan
Sept 15: UAE vs Oman
Sept 16: Sri Lanka vs Hong Kong
Sept 17: Bangladesh vs Afghanistan
Sept 18: Sri Lanka vs Afghanistan
Sept 19: India vs Oman

Super Fours:

Sept 20: B1 vs B2
Sept 21: A1 vs A2 (likely India vs Pakistan)
Sept 23-26: Remaining Super Four matches
Sept 28: Final

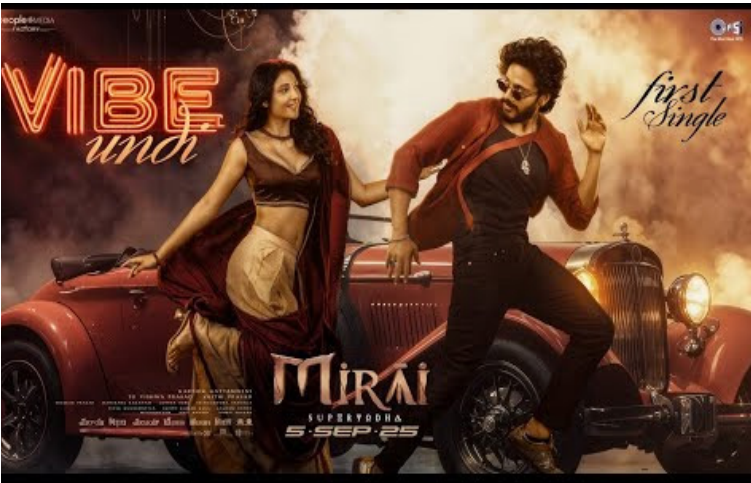
Cricket fans can expect a thrilling month of top-level T20 action, with the spotlight firmly on the India-Pakistan rivalry.



Teja Sajja Sets the Screen Ablaze : First Song from Mirai Unveiled

Teja Sajja, who has already made his mark on the Pan-India stage, is back with a bang in his upcoming sci-fi action entertainer *Mirai*. Directed by Karthik Ghattamaneni, the film promises a grand visual spectacle, and the first single from the movie, titled “Vibe Undi”, sets the tone perfectly.

Unveiled today, *Vibe Undi* is composed by Gowra Hari and delivers an electrifying musical experience. The track is a fusion of high-energy electronic beats with rich traditional saxophone elements, creating a unique soundscape that’s fresh and captivating. Lyricist Krishna Kanth adds a youthful flavor with catchy, upbeat lines, making the song instantly addictive. Lending his vocals is Armaan Malik, whose energetic and smooth rendition further lifts the mood of the track, aligning perfectly with its vibrant theme. Visually, the song is a treat. Set against a modern, stylized urban backdrop, Teja Sajja appears in a dashing new avatar, sporting a ponytail and exuding confidence and charisma. His sleek dance moves and effortless screen presence



command attention in every frame. Opposite him, Ritika Nayak adds grace and charm, enhancing the song’s appeal with her stylish presence. *Vibe Undi* is more than just a song—it’s a celebration of youth, energy, and style. Teja’s performance, combined with top-notch music and visuals, makes this track a potential chartbuster and a party anthem in the making. Backed by People Media Factory, with TG Vishwa Prasad and Krithi Prasad producing, *Mirai* is shaping up to be one of the most awaited releases of the year. The film is slated to hit theatres on September 5, 2025, and if *Vibe Undi* is any indication, audiences are in for a stylish, high-octane cinematic ride.

Vijay Deverakonda’s Kingdom Clears Censor with UA Certificate, Trailer Launch Soon

Tollywood heartthrob Vijay Deverakonda is all set to return to the big screen in a powerful new avatar with his upcoming pan-India action drama *Kingdom*. Directed by Gowtam Tinnanuri, the film has been generating strong buzz thanks to its intense promos and high production values.

In the latest update, *Kingdom* has successfully completed its censor formalities and received a UA certificate from the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC), clearing the way for its global theatrical release on July 31, 2025. The makers dropped a brand-new poster following the censor approval, showcasing Vijay Deverakonda in a fierce and aggressive look—unlike anything fans have seen from him before. The poster has only added to the anticipation around the film, which promises a blend of intense action, drama, and strong emotional undercurrents.

The film also features rising star Bhagyashree Borse



as the female lead. Her role is said to be pivotal, and her chemistry with Deverakonda is expected to be a highlight.

Adding to the excitement is the music, composed by Anirudh Ravichander, whose dynamic soundtrack is expected to elevate the film’s emotional and action sequences. The background score and songs are already creating buzz, even before release.

Produced by Naga Vamsi and Sai Soujanya, *Kingdom* is backed by a strong technical team and crafted with pan-India appeal in mind. With the release date around the corner, fans are now eagerly waiting for the theatrical trailer, which is expected to be unveiled very soon.

As the countdown begins, all eyes are on *Kingdom* to deliver a career-defining performance from Vijay Deverakonda and a thrilling cinematic experience for audiences across India.

Prabhas-Sandeep Reddy Vanga’s Spirit to Begin Filming in September

The long-awaited collaboration between Rebel Star Prabhas and blockbuster director Sandeep Reddy Vanga is finally gaining momentum. Their highly anticipated film, titled *Spirit*, is all set to go on floors in the last week of September, as officially confirmed by the makers.

Spirit marks a major milestone in both Prabhas’s and Vanga’s careers. The film has been generating tremendous buzz ever since it was announced, largely due to the powerhouse duo’s combination and the premise of Prabhas playing a fierce, no-nonsense police officer — a role that promises to showcase the actor in a raw and intense avatar. Adding to the excitement is the casting of Tripti Dimri as the female lead. The actress, who rose to fame with her breakout performance in Vanga’s *Animal*, will be pairing with Prabhas for the first time. Fans are eagerly waiting to see their on-screen chemistry, especially given Dimri’s growing popularity and impressive screen presence. Backed by Bhadrakali Pictures Productions and T-Series Films, *Spirit* is being produced on a massive scale with a big-budget, pan-world release planned. The film will hit theaters in nine languages, targeting a truly global audience. The

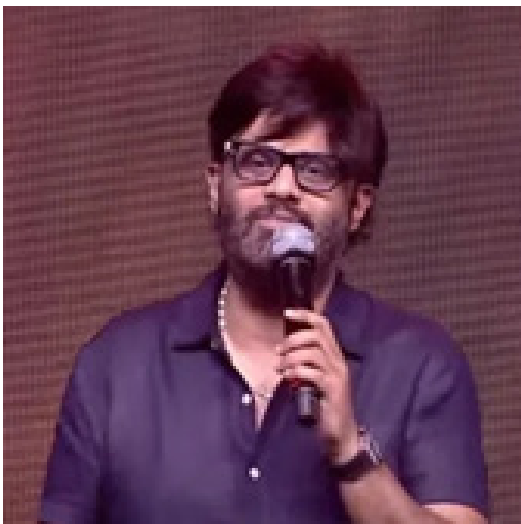


scale and ambition behind *Spirit* are expected to match, if not exceed, that of Vanga’s previous hit films. Currently, pre-production is in full swing, with script finalizations, set designs, and technical detailing underway. Prabhas is expected to join the first shooting schedule, which will roll out without major breaks to maintain momentum. With *Spirit*, audiences can expect a high-voltage action drama loaded with emotional intensity—something both Prabhas and Sandeep Reddy Vanga are known to deliver in abundance. All eyes are now on September, as this mega project finally takes flight.

Naga Vamsi Appeals to Audience Support at Kingdom Trailer Launch: “Industry Needs a Hit”

Producer Naga Vamsi made a candid appeal to moviegoers at the *Kingdom* trailer launch event in Tirupati on Saturday. The film, directed by Gowtam Tinnanuri under the Sithara Entertainments banner, stars Vijay Deverakonda and Bhagyashree Borse, with Satya Dev in a pivotal role. It is set to hit theatres on July 31.

During the event, Naga Vamsi addressed concerns about the current state of the Telugu film industry, which has been struggling with low box-office collections and dwindling theatre attendance. “The industry isn’t doing as well as people think. Audiences are staying away from theatres, and it’s affecting the entire ecosystem. If people don’t return to the cinemas, how can we continue making quality films?” he said. Vamsi revealed that director Gowtam Tinnanuri had been working on *Kingdom* for nearly five years since the release of *Jersey*. He described the film as a unique action-packed gangster



drama with emotional depth and intense performances, especially from Vijay Deverakonda. “Whatever was missing in Vijay’s recent films, you’ll find it here. The same intensity and raw emotion seen in Arjun Reddy will be felt again in *Kingdom*,” he said.

He further emphasized the need for a theatrical hit, not just for the film but for the morale of the industry itself.

“We want this movie to be a turning point, not only for Vijay but for all of us. *Kingdom* has the potential to bring back energy to theatres,” he added. Vamsi closed his speech by urging audiences to show their support by watching the film in cinemas. “You coming to the theatre is what motivates us to keep creating. Let’s make *Kingdom* a success together.”

Tamannaah Bhatia Dazzles in Dreamy Florals at Rahul Mishra’s Couture Festive 2025 Show

Actress Tamannaah Bhatia turned heads and stole the spotlight as she graced the runway at the Rahul Mishra Couture Festive 2025 show, showcasing a spellbinding floral creation from the designer’s latest collection, “Becoming Love.”

The celebrated actress, often referred to as the “milky beauty,” looked ethereal in a pastel-toned gown adorned with intricate 3D floral embroidery and delicate detailing. The soft color palette and flowing silhouette of the gown gave it a fairytale-like aura, perfectly blending elegance with whimsical charm. The craftsmanship of Rahul Mishra’s design stood out, with the florals almost appearing to bloom off the fabric.

What made Tamannaah’s look even more striking was its simplicity. She walked the ramp without any jewelry, allowing the focus to remain solely on the garment. Her makeup was subtle yet glamorous — pink lipstick, glossy eyeliner, and a natural glow — enhancing the floral theme without overshadowing it. With her confident stride and radiant smile, Tamannaah embodied the grace of a modern-day floral goddess.

Her appearance at the event was met with enthusiastic applause from the audience, and social media was quick to praise her poise and beauty.

Tamannaah, who was last seen in the thriller *Odela 2*, continues to remain one of the most stylish stars in Indian cinema. She is currently working on multiple Hindi film projects, including an upcoming untitled film with director Rohit Shetty.

Whether it’s acting or fashion, Tamannaah Bhatia consistently proves she can captivate audiences with ease. Her recent runway moment was yet another reminder of her versatility and enduring charm.

