

Jaipal Reddy is a Towering Peak in Indian Politics: CM Revanth

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Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy paid rich tributes to veteran leader Jaipal Reddy at the 'Jaipal Reddy Democracy Award' presentation ceremony held in Hyderabad on Saturday. Calling him a "towering peak in the country's politics", Revanth Reddy lauded the former Union Minister for his ideological integrity and unmatched contribution to democratic values. The Chief Minister highlighted Jaipal Reddy's vast political career that spanned multiple roles — from a student leader to MLA, five-time Lok Sabha MP, two-time Rajya Sabha member, and Union Minister. "He left a deep mark on the country's politics as a great parliamentarian," said Revanth, recalling that Reddy was first elected from Kalvakurthi constituency in 1969 and went on to serve as MLA four times.



Revanth said Jaipal Reddy was instrumental in introducing key reforms. As Information Minister, he brought in the Prasar Bharati Act, believing in giving a greater role to the opposition in a vibrant democracy. He also steered important reforms as Petroleum Minister. "He had no personal enmity with anyone — from those who opposed him in Parliament to intellectuals — he always stood tall," said the CM. The Chief Minister emphasised that Reddy remained committed to solving public issues until his last breath and had envisioned power infrastructure for Kalvakurthi even in his early days as MLA. "Jaipal Reddy tried to reduce the flow of money in politics. He never changed parties for power or positions, but only for ideological reasons," Revanth said, adding that Reddy's role in the formation of Telangana was decisive. "Without his intervention, Tel-

angana may not have been formed. He ensured the Telangana Bill passed in Parliament without debate. Sonia Gandhi herself acknowledged that Telangana was formed because of his initiative." In a strong criticism of current-day politics, Revanth Reddy said, "Ideological politics has faded and Swiggy politics has taken its place. Management politics has replaced activists. This is dangerous for the future of the country." He called for a revival of student politics in universities and reiterated the need to curb money power in elections. Revanth also said he has not suspended any opposition MLA since becoming Chief Minister, underscoring his commitment to democratic values. "We must draw inspiration from leaders like PV Narasimha Rao and Jaipal Reddy. Telangana's politics should reflect their vision," Revanth concluded.



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BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao has launched a scathing counterattack against Anakapalle MP CM Ramesh and Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, claiming both are engaged in a coordinated scam cover-up following the exposure of massive irregularities related to HCU lands and road contracts. Responding to CM Ramesh's recent comments, KTR said, "If CM Ramesh and CM Revanth come together, I am ready to discuss both the Rs. 10,000 crore HCU land scam and the Rs. 1,660 crore Future City road contract scam. Let them face me." He alleged that the duo is "fighting like rats caught in a net" after he exposed their secret dealings. "HCU lands were mortgaged and looted. A road was created solely to support their dirty business. Everything I said earlier has now been proven," he declared, accusing the Congress and BJP of spinning fake narratives to divert public attention. KTR further alleged that the Rs. 1,660 crore

road contract was a "return gift" given to CM Ramesh for helping Revanth Reddy "steal" public money. "Breaking the rules, a contract was forced in Future City, proving the nexus between Revanth and Ramesh," he added. Refuting any plans of merging BRS with the BJP, KTR firmly said, "BRS is a party born for Telangana people. There is no question of a merger with any party, now or ever. People of Telangana know the truth." He also urged party cadres and youth to intensify their activism through social media. "Social media is our weapon. Every youth should shine like KCR on digital platforms. Take videos or photos of any government failure in villages and post them online. Media organizations aren't working anymore—only slaughterhouses are," he said, taking a swipe at the press. KTR's sharp remarks come amid heated political crossfire over the distribution of contracts and alleged scams involving high-ranking politicians from rival parties.

KTR Fears BJP-TDP Alliance: CM Ramesh

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BJP MP CM Ramesh hit back strongly at BRS Working President KTR over allegations that the Congress government in Telangana awarded him ₹1,660 crore worth of road works in Future City. Dismissing the claims as baseless, CM Ramesh accused KTR of trying to tarnish the image of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy with false narratives. Responding to KTR's accusations, CM Ramesh said, "There is absolutely no truth in the claim that I received large contracts from the Telangana government. I challenge KTR to a public debate on this. These are deliberate lies being spread to defame Revanth Reddy." In a political counterattack, Ramesh claimed that KTR was worried about a potential BJP-TDP alliance in Telangana ahead of the next Assembly elections. "KTR is scared that BJP and TDP will contest together and that's why he's making such wild statements," Ramesh alleged. Escalating the political drama further, Ramesh brought up past dealings, saying, "When Kavitha was in jail, KTR came to my residence in Delhi. He said that if the cases were dropped, they were ready to merge BRS with the BJP. Has he forgotten that conversation?" The remarks have further intensified the political atmosphere in Telangana, with speculation rising over the possible realignments ahead of the 2028 elections.

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Jagruti Stood Against Insult to Telangana Dialect: Kavitha

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Telangana Jagruti is the only organisation that opposed the Nandi Award being given to someone who insulted the Telangana dialect during the statehood movement, said BRS MLC Kalvakuntla Kavitha. Speaking at the 'Leader' training programme organised by Telangana Jagruti, she made strong remarks on cultural preservation and leadership evolution. Kavitha stated that Telangana Jagruti has evolved with time and continues to play a crucial role in nurturing leadership. "We want to develop new leadership in the state. No one is born a leader. Only those who keep learning and adapting can become true leaders," she asserted. She noted that continuing with outdated approaches will not make anyone a successful leader. She emphasized the goal of the 'Lead-

Maoist Leader Narla Srividya Arrested

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Maoist woman leader and State Committee member Narla Srividya has been arrested by the Miyapur police in Hyderabad. Officials had been monitoring her movements after receiving intelligence that she was staying in Hafizpet and undergoing treatment for an illness. Acting on this information, Miyapur police took her into custody.

Initial concerns were raised by several civil rights groups after she was not presented before the court promptly. However, Madhapur Zone DSP Vineet later confirmed her arrest and disclosed that Srividya had a reward of ₹5 lakh on her head. She was later produced before the LB Nagar court and was remanded as per judicial orders.

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Two AP DSPs Killed in Choutuppal Road Accident

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A fatal road accident occurred near Kauthapuram in Choutuppal mandal of Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district, claiming the lives of two senior police officers from Andhra Pradesh. The incident took place as the officers were returning to Hyderabad from Vijayawada.

According to preliminary information, the police vehicle—carrying DSPs Chakradhar Rao, Shantha Rao, Additional SP Prasad, and the driver Narsing Rao—hit a divider at high speed and veered into the opposite lane before crashing into an oncoming lorry headed towards Vijay-

awada.

DSPs Chakradhar Rao and Shantha Rao died on the spot due to the impact. Both were reportedly serving in the Intelligence and Security Wing of the Andhra Pradesh police. The injured ASP Prasad and driver Narsing Rao were rushed to LB Nagar Kamineeni Hospital, where doctors confirmed the driver's condition as critical.

The local police inspected the accident site and have registered a case. An investigation is underway to ascertain the exact cause of the mishap. The sudden loss of the senior officers has deeply shocked the AP police department.

Maoist Leader Narla Srividya Arrested

Srividya, also known by the aliases Rupa and Karuna, hails from Tirumalapuram village in Peddakoththapalli mandal, Nagarkurnool district. An engineering graduate from JNTU, Srividya comes from a family with deep links to the Maoist movement—her father is a teacher while her siblings, Ravi Sharma and Sridevi, were earlier Maoist leaders. Influenced by her brother, she joined Chaitanya Mahila Samakhya in 1992 and later became part of the Maoist party in 2006.

She has operated in key Mao-

ist strongholds including Visakhapatnam, Malkangiri, Dantewada, Sukma, Narayanpur, and several other districts across Chhattisgarh. Srividya is currently an executive member of the Dandakaranya Special Zone Committee. She is married to Takkalapalli Vasudevarao alias Asanna, another Maoist leader allegedly involved in the murder of IPS officer Umesh Chandra. A criminal case had already been registered against Srividya in the LB Nagar police limits back in 2019.

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social awareness, she said a recent survey ranked it 11th among socially conscious states. Kavitha urged people to cultivate the ability to criticize constructively without crossing lines of decency and personal space. “Most criticism stems from lack of information,” she pointed out. Drawing inspiration from history, Kavitha noted, “Mahatma Gandhi was neither an MLA nor an MP, yet his legacy lives on because of his values.” She said Jagruti aspires to reinterpret ‘Gandhigiri’ in the Telangana context.

She remarked that no nation without a cultural foundation has sustained itself. “A nation without a cultural background is like a building without a foundation,” she said, adding that Telangana has a rich cultural heritage and Jagruti was formed to protect it. “Before Telangana was formed, Jagruti worked for its creation. Now, it’s working for its development. But if injustice is done to the state, Jagruti will not stay silent,” she concluded.

Key GHMC-Defence Meet on AOC Land

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GHMC Commissioner RV Karnan on Saturday chaired a high-level coordination meeting with defence officials, led by Brigadier S.K. Chetty, Director Land Legal, to discuss the transfer of 42.20 acres of defence land from the Army Ordnance Corps (AOC) Centre. The land is crucial for constructing alternative roads under the proposed H City project aimed at easing traffic congestion in the Secunderabad Cantonment Zone.

The Telangana government has already sanctioned ₹960 crore for the project, with tenders expected to be floated soon. During the meeting held at GHMC headquarters, defence officials requested equivalent land compensation as per prevailing norms to proceed with the transfer. Commissioner Karnan stated that the project would significantly improve connectivity for civilian commuters, while ensuring that the op-

erational needs of the armed forces remain intact. He emphasized that GHMC, in close coordination with defence authorities, is committed to completing the alternative road network within set timelines. This strategic infrastructure initiative is expected to relieve traffic pressure in and around the Secunderabad area without compromising defence security protocols. Key officials present included GHMC Chief Engineer (Projects) Bhaskar Reddy, Secunderabad Zonal Commissioner Ravi Kiran, Chief City Planner Srinivas Rao, Deputy Special Collector Land Acquisition Ram Naik, Project EE Rohini, AOC Centre Staff Officer Land and Legal Viju Sundaresha, and Nayeb Subedar Shabbir Khan.

₹5 Lakh for Incomplete 2BHK Houses: Ponguleti

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State Revenue, Housing, and Information Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy has announced that the government will provide ₹5 lakh financial assistance to eligible beneficiaries to complete their incomplete double-bedroom houses. He instructed district collectors to complete the allotment process by the August 15, giving priority to those without house plots in the Indiramma survey.

Speaking to media after a high-level review meeting, Ponguleti stated that the timeline of application submission would not hinder eligibility. “Even fresh applications must be considered to ensure no poor family is left without shelter,” he said. He also ordered smooth availability of sand, timely payments, and transparent beneficiary selection under the Indiramma housing scheme.

A toll-free number will be launched soon from the Housing Office in Hyderabad to address grievances and queries related to Indiramma houses. Ponguleti also mentioned that mass house entrances would begin in the auspicious month of Shravan.

Warangal to Become Telangana’s Second



Capital

Ponguleti, who is also the in-charge Minister for Warangal district, emphasized the government's commitment to transforming Warangal into the second capital of Telangana. He reviewed development works along with Ministers Seethakka, Konda Surekha, and CM's advisor Vem Narender Reddy. Key announcements made during the review meeting included the release of ₹205 crore for land acquisition at Mamunur Airport, with work set to begin immediately. For the Kakatiya Mega Textile Park, 1,398 beneficiaries have been identified, and 863 plots have already been allotted. The colony will be equipped with a school, hospital, and panchayat office by September. A ₹4,170 crore underground drainage project

for Warangal city will be launched in phases. The development of Bhadrakali Temple is also progressing, with a Kalyana Mandapam, priest quarters, ropeway, and glass bridge slated for completion by December. Additionally, land will soon be identified for a cricket stadium in Warangal, as announced by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. He added that dredging in Bhadrakali Tank yielded soil worth ₹2.06 crore and should resume post-monsoon. Steps are also being taken to mechanize temple food preparation and improve facilities in hostels and hospitals across Warangal. “Under the leadership of CM Revanth Reddy, we are working with determination to realize the full potential of Warangal,” Ponguleti affirmed.

Temple Demolition Sparks Outrage

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Tensions flared in Banjara Hills on Saturday after the demolition of the Peddamma Tali temple located in the MLA Colony. The action, carried out by Revenue officials and supported by police personnel during heavy rain, has sparked outrage from local residents, BJP leaders, and Bajrang Dal activists.

According to reports, Sheikhpet MRO Anitha Reddy personally oversaw the demolition, holding an umbrella as she instructed her staff to tear down the temple structure. The move came a day after Bonalu festivities ended, triggering emotional reactions from worshippers and locals who have long considered the temple sacred and historic. Despite earlier indications of backing down, officials proceeded with the



demolition under police cover. Hyderabad BJP district president Lankala Deepak Reddy, Chikoti Praveen, and several Bajrang Dal members protested at the Sheikhpet MRO office, demanding accountability. With no response from the officials, the protesters moved to the Collector's office, but were denied an appointment. While the protesters sought dialogue,

the MRO reportedly used the rain as an opportunity to execute the demolition discreetly, preventing locals from intervening. Some BJP workers were detained and shifted to the Bollaram police station. Vishwa Hindu Parishad's Rashtra Prachar Pramukh Pagudakula Balaswamy condemned the demolition, likening it to the days of the Razakars. “The anti-Hindu rule is continuing in Telangana. Hindus have no security under this government,” he said, demanding immediate suspension of the MRO and reconstruction of the temple. BJP leaders warned the state government that hurting Hindu sentiments could provoke statewide protests. They have called for the restoration of the demolished temple and a public apology from the officials responsible.

Indiramma Canteens To Offer Tiffins for ₹5 From August 15

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In a major expansion of the Indiramma Canteens initiative, the GHMC has decided to offer breakfast tiffins for just ₹5 starting August 15, coinciding with Independence Day. Until now, the canteens were known for serving mid-day meals at subsidized prices, but now they are set to provide a variety of morning meals as well.

As per officials, the tiffin menu will include millet-based idlis, upma, pongal, and puri with aloo kurma, served across 128 active centers. The decision follows a revamp of the canteen infrastructure, with new center designs introduced in sizes of 40/10 and 20/10 for better space management. A prototype of the upgraded model has already been installed at the Mint Compound in Khairatabad.

The GHMC has accelerated the process of launching the breakfast service and is currently completing final touches at several centers. Each tiffin will cost the government ₹19, of which ₹14 will be borne by GHMC and ₹5 will be paid by the beneficiary. The Hare Krishna Movement Charitable



Daily Menu Details:

- Day 1: Millet Idli (3 pieces), Sambar (150 ml), Powder (15 g)
- Day 2: Millet Upma (250 g), Sambar (150 ml), Chutney (25 g)
- Day 3: Pongal (250 g), Sambar (150 ml), Mixture (25 g)
- Day 4: Idli (3 pieces), Sambar (75 ml), Chutney (75 g)
- Day 5: Pongal (250 g), Sambar (150 ml), Mixture (25 g)
- Day 6: Puri (3 pieces), Aloo Kurma (100 g)

This expansion marks a new milestone in the government's efforts to provide subsidized nutritious food to the urban poor and working-class people across the city.

Godavari Nearing First Danger Mark at Bhadrachalam

TPN Correspondent | Bhadradri Kothagudem

The water level of the Godavari River is rising rapidly at Bhadrachalam, currently flowing at 35.06 feet with an inflow of approximately 4 lakh 80 cusecs. The surge began around Friday noon and is attributed to the heavy rainfall in the upper catchment areas of Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra. Adding to the rise, officials at the Tali River are releasing 14,000 cusecs of water downstream after lifting five gates, further con-

tributing to the swelling Godavari. Authorities have set danger alert levels at 43 feet for the first warning, 48 feet for the second, and 53 feet for the third. With the current rate of inflow, officials from the Central Water Commission (CWC) in Bhadrachalam have indicated that the Godavari may soon cross the first danger mark if the trend continues. District authorities are closely monitoring the situation and may issue warnings depending on the further rise in water levels.



Bhatti Vows to Make MCRD India’s Best Training Institute

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Deputy Chief Minister and Sub-Committee Chairman Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka has emphasized the government’s commitment to transforming the Dr. MCR HRD Institute (MCRD) into the country’s premier administrative training center. Addressing the Governing Body Sub-Committee meeting on Saturday, he assured full support from the government to achieve this goal. He stated that the institute, which spans over 30 acres and

is headed by former Chief Secretary Shanti Kumari, must be utilized to its full potential by officials and staff. “MCRD should strive for self-sufficiency and financial growth. All suggestions made by the ministers in this meeting must be implemented promptly,” Bhatti said. Key proposals included turning Telangana into the first state to integrate Artificial Intelligence (AI) in governance, with training to be given from Principal Secretaries down to village-level staff. Minister D.

Sridhar Babu suggested issuing completion certificates to officers undergoing AI training. Ministers also stressed the need to train college principals in acquiring NAC accreditation to improve eligibility for central funding. Bhatti proposed two-day training programs at mandal and district levels for Self-Help Group (SHG) leaders to boost their financial empowerment. The Deputy CM expressed concern over the neglect of the MCRD over the past decade. To monitor progress, the sub-committee will now convene every six months. He urged staff to be updated on the latest global advancements and suggested readiness to collaborate with international institutions such as the United Nations. During the meeting, Director General and Vice-Chairperson Shanti Kumari gave a comprehensive presentation on the institute’s evolution, facilities, training metrics, budgetary allocations, and future roadmap. Ministers Komatireddy Venkat

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BJP Will Rise in Mahabubnagar: Ramchandra Rao



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BJP State President Ramchandra Rao strongly criticized Chief Minister Revanth Reddy during the BJP Mahabubnagar District Activists Conference held on Saturday. He accused the Congress government of failing to address the longstanding issues of the Mahabubnagar region and predicted a sweeping victory for the BJP in the upcoming local body elections. Rao, who emotionally recalled his political beginnings in the Palamuru region, stated, “Palamuru gave me political alms. I will for-

ever be indebted to its people.” He highlighted that despite promises from BRS and Congress governments to end migration, people from Mahabubnagar continue to leave for Mumbai in search of livelihoods. He said Revanth Reddy, who hails from the region, has ignored its pressing problems. “Revanth Reddy keeps going to Delhi. Whether he goes for the Oscar or Bhaskar Award is his wish, but he must solve people’s problems,” Rao quipped, taking a dig at the CM. On the topic of BC reservations, Ramchandra Rao alleged that

Congress is trying to manipulate the figures. “They say BCs are 46% based on their caste census, but promise only 42% reservation. Even in that, they want to give 10% to Muslims and just 36% to BCs. This is cheating BCs.” He declared that if BJP comes to power, it would end religious reservations and provide rightful justice to the backward classes. “The BJP made a BC the Prime Minister, and today 27 BCs are in the Modi cabinet. But Telangana Congress gave only two cabinet seats to BCs,” he added. Criticizing the conditions in universities and Gurukuls, Rao alleged student deaths and illnesses are being ignored by the state. “The Center gave Rs. 100 crore to Palamuru University, but professors are unpaid, and even toilets for women are missing.” He claimed the people are losing trust in both BRS and Congress and are now looking to BJP for change. “This time, Mahabubnagar will become a BJP stronghold. We will win 5 ZP seats in the joint district and form the government in 2028.”

Banakacharla project a threat to Telangana’s water rights

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A massive gathering of Bharat Rashtra Samithi Vidyarthi (BRSV) activists marked the state-level conference at VNR Gardens in Mallapur on Friday, where senior BRS leader T. Harish Rao launched a blistering attack on Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu. Addressing thousands of students and party workers, Harish Rao alleged that both leaders are conspiring to damage Telangana’s identity and interests. “Revanth Reddy fears the slogan ‘Jai Telangana’. Even actors like Allu Arjun and Balakrishna chant it, but Revanth avoids it,” he said. He claimed that during the Telangana movement, Revanth submitted his resignation on Xerox paper, unlike BRS leaders who resigned and fought genuinely. Harish Rao accused Revanth of trying to erase the sacrifices and history of the movement from public memory. Rao also alleged that Chandrababu Naidu and Revanth Reddy are working hand-in-hand to destabilize Telangana. “Revanth is acting as an agent of Chandrababu,” he stated. Presenting a PowerPoint presentation, Harish Rao highlighted the illegal diver-



sion of Godavari water through the Banakacharla project to Andhra Pradesh, calling it a serious threat to Telangana’s irrigation interests. He alleged that Revanth Reddy is remaining silent on this crucial issue and failing to protect the state’s water rights. He reminded the audience that former CM KCR had fought for 14 years for Telangana’s formation and warned that if this generation remained indifferent, the very existence of Telangana could be endangered. The conference saw massive participation from BRSV units across the state and was marked by enthusiastic chants of “Jai Telangana.” Police were deployed in large numbers to manage the crowd and ensure law and order.

KTR Is Daydreaming on Returning to Power: MP Chamala

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Congress MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy lashed out at BRS working president K. T. Rama Rao, accusing him of indulging in daydreams about KCR returning as Chief Minister. Addressing the media in Delhi, Kiran Kumar Reddy said, “It has been eighteen months since BRS lost power, KTR doing dramas, attempting to poison public perception about the Revanth Reddy government.” He stated that the KCR family was unable to digest the failure of their anti-KSR (K Chandrasekhar Rao) campaign, and were desperately trying to stay politically relevant through misinformation. “KTR says he will do great things after coming to power. But what did he do when he was in power for a decade?” Kiran questioned. He accused the former CM of clinging to delusions about his power until the very end of his term and mocked that he “slept in a farmhouse after vacating office.” Kiran Kumar Reddy also pointed out that many of the 70 promises made by BRS in 2014 and 2018 remained unfulfilled. He further alleged that BRS is resorting to personal attacks to gain traction. “No one except KTR is tapping the phones of his own family,” he said. Taking a dig at Padi Kaushik Reddy, who recently joined BRS from Congress, Kiran said, “He is doing even more damage now, just to gain attention.” He condemned the BRS for trying to insult Chief Minister Revanth Reddy instead of engaging in constructive opposition.

Another Case Filed Against Kaushik Reddy

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A political controversy broke out after BRS leader and Huzurabad MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy allegedly made inappropriate comments against Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy. Following his remarks during a media interaction on Thursday, Congress workers strongly objected, leading to a police case. Rajendra Nagar Congress Party President Prabhakar Reddy filed a formal complaint at the Rajendra Nagar Police Station, citing Kaushik Reddy’s statements as objectionable and inflammatory. Acting on the complaint, the police registered a case under multiple sections. The specific sections invoked are yet to

be disclosed by authorities. The incident has created tension between the BRS and Congress cadres. In response to the controversy, large numbers of Kaushik Reddy’s supporters gathered at his residence in anticipation of potential political unrest. BRS activists claimed they were prepared to counter any move by Congress workers to protest or confront the MLA. With the situation turning sensitive, police forces have been deployed in the area as a precautionary measure. Officials said they are monitoring the developments closely and will not allow any disturbance of public order.

Cemetery in SC Basti to Be Fully Developed Soon

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Public Accounts Committee (PAC) Chairman Arekapudi Gandhi has assured the complete development of the Nallagandla SC Basti cemetery located in the Gachibowli Division of Serilingampally constituency. During a meeting with local residents and colony leaders, the PAC Chairman was briefed on the long-pending issues and lack of facilities at the cemetery. Responding positively, Gandhi promised that all necessary infrastructure will be sanctioned and the cemetery will be developed comprehensively. He stated that works will include the construction of a perimeter wall, provision of clean water, bathroom fa-

cilities, an electric lighting system, a proper cremation area, and the laying of CC roads. The cemetery, which is currently incomplete, will be upgraded with all amenities to ensure dignified last rites and better access for the community. PAC Chairman Gandhi assured residents that the work will be taken up without delay and completed at the earliest, ensuring that people face no difficulties in the future. Local leaders including Mantri Pragada Satyanarayana, and residents Rajendra, Prabhakar, Daniel, and Chander, along with several colony members, were present and thanked the Chairman for his swift assurance.

Eatala hails Mandakrishna as pride of Telangana

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Mandakrishna Madiga, the face of the Madiga Dandora movement and a Padma Shri awardee, was honored at the Alai Bhalai program held at Mallareddy Gardens in Old Bowenpally, Hyderabad. The event, organized under the aegis of Madhavaram Kantarao Mitra Mandal, was attended by Union Minister Kishan Reddy and Malkajgiri MP Etala Rajender, along with several community leaders. In a heartfelt speech, MP Etala Rajender described Mandakrishna as “a proud child

of Telangana” and a leader who “grew as tall as the Himalayas” through decades of struggle for the rights of the marginalized. Etala recalled his association with Mandakrishna dating back to 1986, sharing memories of their joint fight for children’s health rights and how those struggles contributed to the birth of the Arogya Sri scheme. “There is no one in Telangana who doesn’t know Mandakrishna’s history. The pensions, the welfare schemes... they were not given out of love, but were achieved through relentless



movements led by him,” Etala said. He credited Union Minister Kishan Reddy for taking the issue to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who responded with emotional support and assurance during his speech at LB

Stadium. Speaking at the event, Etala emphasized that Mandakrishna’s work was far from over. “He could have gone to Rajya Sabha, but he chose to continue the struggle for the promises made by the Con-

gress government, especially pensions,” he said. Mandakrishna’s unwavering dedication was celebrated by all present, with Etala stating, “He who lives for others is greater than the Himalayas. That is Mandakrishna Madiga.” Several leaders including Kantarao, Venkatesh, Ashok, Warangal Seenanna, Mitapalli Surrender, Gangamma and their friends also participated in the felicitation. The event served not just as a tribute but also as a renewed call to support ongoing movements for justice, equality, and dignity.

Tributes Paid to Kargil Martyrs on Vijay Diwas

Governor Jishnu Dev Verma lays wreath at Parade Ground



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Marking the 26th anniversary of India's victory in the Kargil War, solemn tributes were paid at the Martyrs' Monument at the Parade Ground in Secunderabad on Friday. Governor Jishnu Dev Verma led the remembrance by laying a wreath in honour of the brave soldiers who laid down their lives in the 1999 conflict with Pakistan. On the occasion of Vijay Diwas, former army officers and retired soldiers also gathered at the monument to pay their respects. Prayers were offered for the

peace of the souls of the fallen soldiers, and the gathering reflected on the immense sacrifices made by the Indian Army during the prolonged battle in the high-altitude terrain. Speakers and veterans recalled how the Indian Army bravely repelled Pakistan-backed infiltrators and restored India's territorial integrity, raising the national flag high with pride. The tribute event served as a powerful reminder of the courage, discipline, and selflessness of the Indian armed forces in protecting the nation.

GHMC Steps Up Dengue Prevention Efforts

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Following the detection of two dengue cases in Sanath Nagar, GHMC officials have been placed on high alert. Additional Commissioner (Health) C.N. Raghu Prasad has directed officials to take stringent measures to prevent the spread of dengue across Greater Hyderabad. On Saturday, Raghu Prasad visited the SRT Colony near Sanath Nagar bus stand, where the two dengue cases were reported. He personally interacted with the patients and reviewed their health condition. During his visit, he instructed medical officers and staff to conduct diagnostic tests for fever-related and suspected dengue cases in surrounding areas. He emphasized the importance of continuous awareness and mosquito control efforts by the GHMC entomology

teams. "Anti-larvae operations should be intensified, especially in slums, schools, and hostels," he said, adding that every possible mosquito breeding site must be identified and eliminated. Raghu Prasad also urged residents to ensure there is no stagnant water around their homes, as such conditions aid mosquito breeding. "Public participation is crucial in preventing the spread of dengue," he stressed. Joint Commissioner of Health Shankar, Assistant Medical Officer Chandra Shekhar Reddy, and several officials from the Health and Malaria Department accompanied him during the inspection. With monsoon conditions increasing the risk of mosquito-borne diseases, the GHMC has decided to enhance surveillance and preventive action in all vulnerable localities.

Rachakonda CP Reviews Traffic at Uppal Amid Heavy Rains

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In light of the continuous rainfall lashing Hyderabad, Rachakonda Police Commissioner G. Sudheer Babu, conducted a review of the traffic conditions at the busy Uppal X Roads. Concerned over the potential impact of waterlogging and congestion, the Commissioner personally assessed the situation on the ground. He directed the traffic police to remain vigilant round-the-clock and take proactive steps to ensure smooth flow of vehicles. Special emphasis was placed on public safety and immediate re-



sponse to any disruptions or hazards caused by the rains. Officials have been instructed to coordinate with the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) and emergency services wherever required. The Commissioner's visit comes as a precautionary measure to prevent untoward incidents and ease commuter difficulties during peak traffic hours. The Rachakonda police have also advised the public to avoid unnecessary travel during heavy downpours and co-operate with traffic personnel for their own safety.

Father-Daughter Duo Killed in Tanker Accident

TPN Correspondent | Rangareddy
A heartbreaking accident unfolded in Shadnagar of Rangareddy district on Friday morning, where a father and his young daughter were killed after their scooter was hit by a speeding tanker. The incident, which took place at the Shadnagar intersection, left locals shaken as the injured girl pleaded for help while trapped under the heavy vehicle. The deceased have been identified as Mahender, a resident of Shadnagar,

and his daughter Mythri. According to eyewitnesses, Mahender was on his way to drop Mythri near her college bus stop when a tanker rammed into their two-wheeler. Mahender died on the spot due to severe head injuries. Mythri, who got trapped beneath the rear tires of the tanker, suffered critical injuries and cried out for help. "Uncle, please save me," she reportedly pleaded with bystanders. Despite her grave condition, she managed to hand over her

Housing Board Officer Dies in Seizure Clash

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
Tension prevailed in front of the Mehdiapatnam RTC Depot on Saturday after a violent scuffle broke out between officials of the Telangana Housing Board Corporation and the management of a local function hall. The clash occurred when Housing Board officials attempted to seize the Mehdiapatnam Function Hall over non-payment of dues amounting to ₹50

lakh. The incident took place within the limits of Asif Nagar Police Station. According to reports, the Housing Board officials, armed with a court order, arrived at the function hall premises to enforce the seizure. However, the move was resisted by the hall's management, leading to a heated altercation. Amid the chaos, Assistant Estate Officer R. Jagadeeshwar Rao collapsed on the spot. Fellow employees

immediately rushed him to the hospital, but he succumbed while undergoing treatment. The Mehdiapatnam Function Hall has reportedly not paid rent or dues to the Housing Board for the past eight years, prompting legal action. Following the officer's death, Housing Board officials expressed strong displeasure over the inadequate police presence at the time of the operation, alleging that the sit-

uation escalated due to the lack of timely law enforcement support. The incident has sparked outrage among government employees and Housing Board members, who are now demanding a thorough investigation and action against those responsible for the scuffle that led to the officer's death. Police have registered a case and are investigating the circumstances surrounding the incident.

Special Pujas for Veeramallu Success at Ujjaini Mahankali Temple



TPN Correspondent | Secunderabad
Celebrating the successful release of Power Star and Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan's latest film Harihara

Veeramallu, Jana Sena Party leaders performed special pujas at the Sri Ujjaini Mahankali Temple in Secunderabad on Friday. Acting on the instructions of Pawan Kalyan himself,

party members including TTD board member and Jana Sena vice-president Mahender Reddy, Greater Hyderabad party president Radaram Rajalingam, and Kukatpally constituency in-charge Prem Kumar participated in the rituals. Along with other local leaders, they sought divine blessings from the goddess Mahankali. The temple priests conducted the special pujas in Pawan Kalyan's gotram and later honored the party leaders with blessings and traditional offerings. Speaking to the media after the ceremony, party leaders said, "We performed pujas at Sri Mahankali temple as per the instructions

of our god, Pawan Kalyan. These rituals were done in his gotram for the success of Harihara Veeramallu." They also shared that Pawan Kalyan is likely to visit the Ujjaini Mahankali Temple soon to offer his personal prayers. Responding to the criticism surrounding the film, the leaders remarked, "Some are trying to criticize this film unnecessarily. A movie should be watched like a movie. This negative commentary is unwarranted." They concluded by affirming that Pawan Kalyan will soon be more active in national politics, signaling a stronger political role for the Jana Sena chief beyond Andhra Pradesh.

Neglected Cemetery Wall Collapses Again



TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
Residents of Rahmat Nagar and SPR Hills joint settlements in Borabanda are once again expressing anguish over the collapsed wall of the local Hindu cemetery, which has remained unrepaired for the last three years. The issue, first caused by heavy rains, has become a recurring concern, especially during the monsoon season. Despite multiple complaints from residents and a visit by the then Jubilee Hills MLA Maganti Gopinath during the BRS regime, no restoration work has been initiated. Gopinath had assured the locals that the wall would be reconstructed and even instructed GHMC officials to allocate funds for the task. However, locals say that despite these instructions, no action has been taken by GHMC officials to date. With the rains returning, residents of Rahmat Nagar and the Borabanda Weaker Section are facing renewed distress. They complain of a severe foul smell emanating from the cemetery, worsening the living conditions in the surrounding areas. The broken wall has not only become an eyesore but is also raising concerns over public health and sanitation. In light of the change in government, local leaders are now urging the Congress administration to act swiftly. Corporator Baba Pasiuddin has demanded that the GHMC immediately address the issue and take up repairs of the cemetery wall in SPR Hills locality. Rahmat Nagar Corporator CN Reddy has also appealed to residents to stay patient and assured them that he will take up the issue with higher authorities.



Ganja, Unlicensed Toddy Seized in Separate STF Raids

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
In separate operations, the Special Task Force (STF) has seized ganja and unlicensed toddy in Hyderabad and Rangareddy districts. Acting on credible information, STF teams conducted raids and arrested multiple individuals involved in the illegal trade. In Doolpet, the STF team raided the stretch from Jiya-guda Kamlesh to Puranapul Bridge, including Sheela Mandir and Chota Krishna Mandir, based on intelligence inputs about ganja sales. During the raid, 1.522 kg of ganja was seized. STF team leader Anji Reddy confirmed that one accused, Nikhil Singh, was arrested, and another person, Akasha Singh, has also been booked in the case. The seized ganja and the accused were handed over to the Doolpet excise station for further action. In another operation in Chevella, the STF raided an unlicensed toddy shop in Indiranagar's Reddy Nacheri area. During the search, 101.4 litres of unlicensed toddy were seized. Anji Reddy stated that women involved in the illegal toddy trade were arrested during the raid. Samples were collected and the matter has been transferred to the Chevella excise station for further investigation. Officials reiterated that such operations will continue to curb illegal substance sales and warned that strict action will be taken against those involved.



Heavy rains to continue for two more days...



TPN Correspondent | Telangana
Heavy rains are set to continue across Telangana for the next two days, according to a warning issued by the Meteorological Department. The department has stated that a trough in the Bay of Bengal is causing the ongoing downpour, and several districts are likely to receive heavy rainfall accompanied by strong winds reaching speeds of 40 km per hour.

Nizamabad, Bhupalpally, Mulugu, Bhadradi Kothagudem, Adilabad, Asifabad, Mancherial, and Nirmal are among the districts expected to experience the heaviest impact. Moderate rains with thunder and lightning are also likely in other parts of the state on both Saturday and Sunday. The persistent rains have already led to significant inconvenience for farmers and the general public. With no respite since

morning, the state government has taken precautionary measures. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has instructed collectors and district officials to stay on high alert and ensure public safety. People in low-lying areas have been asked to move to safer locations, and emergency toll-free numbers are being made available for immediate help. The Meteorological Department has also issued safety guidelines for the public. People are

advised to avoid unnecessary travel and stay clear of electric poles and downed wires. Traveling through waterlogged areas should be strictly avoided. In case of emergencies, citizens have been urged to contact local authorities or disaster response teams. The situation continues to be monitored closely, and further updates are expected based on the movement of the weather system in the Bay of Bengal.

Party will Resolve Internal Matters in Due Course...

TPN Correspondent | Telangana
BJP MP Raghunandan Rao launched a counterattack on the Congress and BRS, accusing both parties of distorting facts regarding BC reservations and internal disputes. Responding to the recent war of words between BRS leader K.T. Rama Rao and Anakapalle MP CM Ramesh, he said the matter would be discussed internally in the BJP. The dispute began when KTR alleged that CM Revanth Reddy had granted a multi-crore project to a company linked to CM Ramesh. In response, Ramesh claimed that KTR was afraid of a potential BJP-TDP alliance in Telangana. Addressing this, Raghunandan Rao said the party will resolve internal matters in due course. Turning his focus on the Congress, Rao accused the party of spreading “misinformation” regarding BC reservations. “If the Congress has the courage, let them come for a public debate on the BC Bill,” he challenged. He added that it was absurd for Congress leaders to question the BJP’s commitment to BCs when one of the two Union Ministers from Telangana is from the BC communi-



ty. He also criticized the Revanth Reddy-led government for its low representation of BCs in the state cabinet. “Only three ministers out of a 56% BC population — is this the Congress’ sincerity?” he questioned, demanding a cabinet reorganization if the Congress was truly committed to social justice. Raghunandan also took aim at KTR over the HCU lands issue, accusing him of creating confusion and then blaming others. He condemned KTR’s allegations against him and BJP leader Konda Vishweshwar Reddy, calling them baseless and politically motivated.

Heavy Rains Flood Parigi, Inundate Homes and Streets



TPN Correspondent | Vikarabad
Heavy rains battered Parigi and surrounding areas in Vikarabad district on Friday, causing severe flooding in several localities. The downpour, which lasted for more than an hour, led to rainwater entering houses in Rapolu village of Parigi mandal, plunging families into darkness and chaos. In Parigi town, BC Colony was particularly affected, with knee-deep floodwaters disrupting daily life. Streets turned into flowing streams as water gushed through several colonies, catching residents off guard. The sudden flooding caused immense hard-

ship, especially for those living in low-lying areas. Locals reported that water entered homes and made it nearly impossible to step outside. With drainage systems overwhelmed and no immediate relief, many families spent hours trying to protect their belongings from the water. Officials have been alerted, and efforts are underway to assess the damage and restore normalcy. Residents are urging authorities to provide urgent assistance and take long-term measures to improve stormwater drainage in the area.

Ration Cards for All Eligible Families: Sridhar Babu



TPN Correspondent | Ranga Reddy
Ration cards will be distributed to every eligible family in the state, declared State IT Industries and Ranga Reddy District In-charge Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu. He participated as the chief guest in a ration card distribution programme held at Tara Convention Hall on Outer Ring Road, under Pedda Amberpet municipal limits on Saturday. Alongside Government Chief

Whip Patnam Mahender Reddy, MLA Mal Reddy Ranga Reddy, and District Collector C Narayana Reddy, the minister handed over new ration cards to beneficiaries from Abdullahpurmet Mandal and Pedda Amberpet Municipality. A total of 10,050 families received cards in this phase. Criticising the previous administration, Sridhar Babu said only 27 lakh ration cards were distributed in a decade, whereas the Congress-led government under Chief

Minister Revanth Reddy is actively reaching all eligible citizens within just a year and a half. He emphasized the importance of white ration cards, which ensure 6 kg of rice per person, and instructed officials to strictly verify eligibility. He reiterated that the state is bearing the financial burden to provide rice to every poor household and highlighted ongoing welfare schemes like Indiramma housing. “Free sand is being supplied, and loans up to ₹1 lakh are being facilitated through IKP and MEPMA,” he said. He also noted ₹22 crore is being spent to improve government schools, including drinking water and separate toilets for

boys and girls. The minister urged farmers to consider oil palm cultivation instead of traditional paddy for better returns. He also announced ₹100 crore for road development in Turkayanjal Municipality and ₹25 crore for Pedda Amberpet Municipality. District Collector C Narayana Reddy said 14,572 new ration cards have been issued district-wide and 1.51 lakh new members added to the ration list. He clarified that the distribution is being done in phases and asked eligible citizens to apply through MPDO offices. Strict verification is underway to eliminate ineligible applicants.

1,727 new ration cards issued in Husnabad

TPN Correspondent | Karimnagar
Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar participated in a large public outreach program at Maha Lakshmi Garden in Chiguru Mangodi Mandal Centre of the Husnabad constituency on Friday. On the occasion, he distributed new ration cards, Kalyana Lakshmi and CMRF cheques, interest-free loan cheques to women’s groups, Katamayya protective suits, and steel bank kits. Addressing the gathering, Minister Ponnamp said, “Not a single ration card was issued in the last ten years. Today, we are granting 1,727 new ration cards to eligible beneficiaries irrespective of political affiliation.” He added that 3,988 new people have registered for ration cards and more would be covered soon. In his speech, he further informed that cheques were being handed over to seven Kalyana Lakshmi beneficiaries and ₹21.35 lakh was sanctioned to 62 individuals under the Chief Minister’s Relief Fund (CMRF). Interest-free loan cheques amounting to ₹26.63 lakh were distributed to wom-

en’s organizations. “We are committed to fulfilling the housing needs of the poor. In Mulkanur, 284 double bedroom houses were sanctioned. In Husnabad constituency, 1,224 Indiramma houses were sanctioned, out of which only 400 have been built. We have now selected 341 more, and 105 are already under construction,” he said. To support those building Indiramma houses, the Minister said women’s groups are offering loans up to ₹1 lakh. As part of other initiatives, he announced free supply of eight tractors of sand to beneficiaries and distribution of Katamayya protective suits to 50 people. Ponnamp also emphasized plastic-free weddings by distributing steel bank kits and mentioned that 20 units have already been distributed in the mandal while 17 more will be given soon. “To safeguard the environment and health, steel utensils must replace plastic at all functions and hotels,” he urged, adding that a steel bank had already been launched in Koheda mandal through the Governor.



Rs 205 crore Released for Mamunur Airport land Acquisition

TPN Correspondent | Hyderabad
Government schemes should reach the people effectively in Warangal district, and officials must take special steps for its comprehensive development, said State Forest, Environment and Endowments Minister Konda Surekha. Speaking at the joint Warangal district review meeting held at the Secretariat on Saturday, she directed officials to prioritize field visits and monitor the implementation of welfare programmes. The review was attended by In-charge Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, Tribal Welfare Minister Seethakka, Government Advisor Vem Narendar Reddy, Board Deputy Chairman Banda Prakash, MLAs, MLCs, collectors and senior officials of the district. Minister Surekha highlighted the importance of visits by collectors to government schools, hostels, and Gurukul institutions at least once or twice a week, as per CM Revanth Reddy’s instructions. She emphasized that officials must pay attention to veterinary hospitals, especially during the rainy season, to protect livestock. Thanking the CM for allocating funds for Mamunur Airport, she noted that Rs 205 crore had been released just two days ago for land acquisition. “There are no financial hurdles. The works must begin on a war footing,” she said. She also stressed that the government is giving top priority to turning historic Warangal into Telangana’s second capital. “Officials must work in tune with the government’s vision,” she said, adding that DPRs, tenders and work orders for key development projects should be fast-tracked. The meeting covered key projects including Warangal Airport, Mega Textile Park, underground drainage worth ₹4,170 crore, the Outer Ring Road, and rail connectivity. Employment for local youth in the textile park should be a top priority, she said. Regarding the Bhadrakali temple, she asked officials to ensure that Mada streets, Kalyana Mandapam, the priest’s residence, and electric works are completed before Dussehra. She added that the ropeway and glass bridge projects must be finished by December and assured that she will personally monitor progress.

MLA Kavvampally Visits Journalist Anil’s Family



TPN Correspondent | Karimnagar
Manakondur MLA and Karimnagar District Congress Committee President Dr. Kavvampally Satyanarayana visited the residence of journalist Siricilla Anil Kumar in Algunur village on Saturday to offer condolences following the demise of Anil’s father, Narsaiah. Anil Kumar, a reporter for Prime 9 News Channel and executive member of the Telangana Union of Working Journalists (TUWJ) from Karimnagar district, recently lost his father due to illness. Dr. Kavvampally personally visited the grieving family and inquired about the circumstanc-

es surrounding the death. He expressed his heartfelt condolences and conveyed his deep sympathy to the family during their time of sorrow. The MLA was accompanied by several Congress leaders, including District Congress Party Office In-charge Gopu Mallareddy, Block Congress President Oggu Damodar, Thimmapur Mandal Congress President Bandari Ramesh, Tummanapalli Srinivasa Rao, Mukkisa Ratnakar Reddy, Siricilla Balayya, and others. The journalist community appreciated the MLA’s compassionate gesture and support during a difficult time.

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



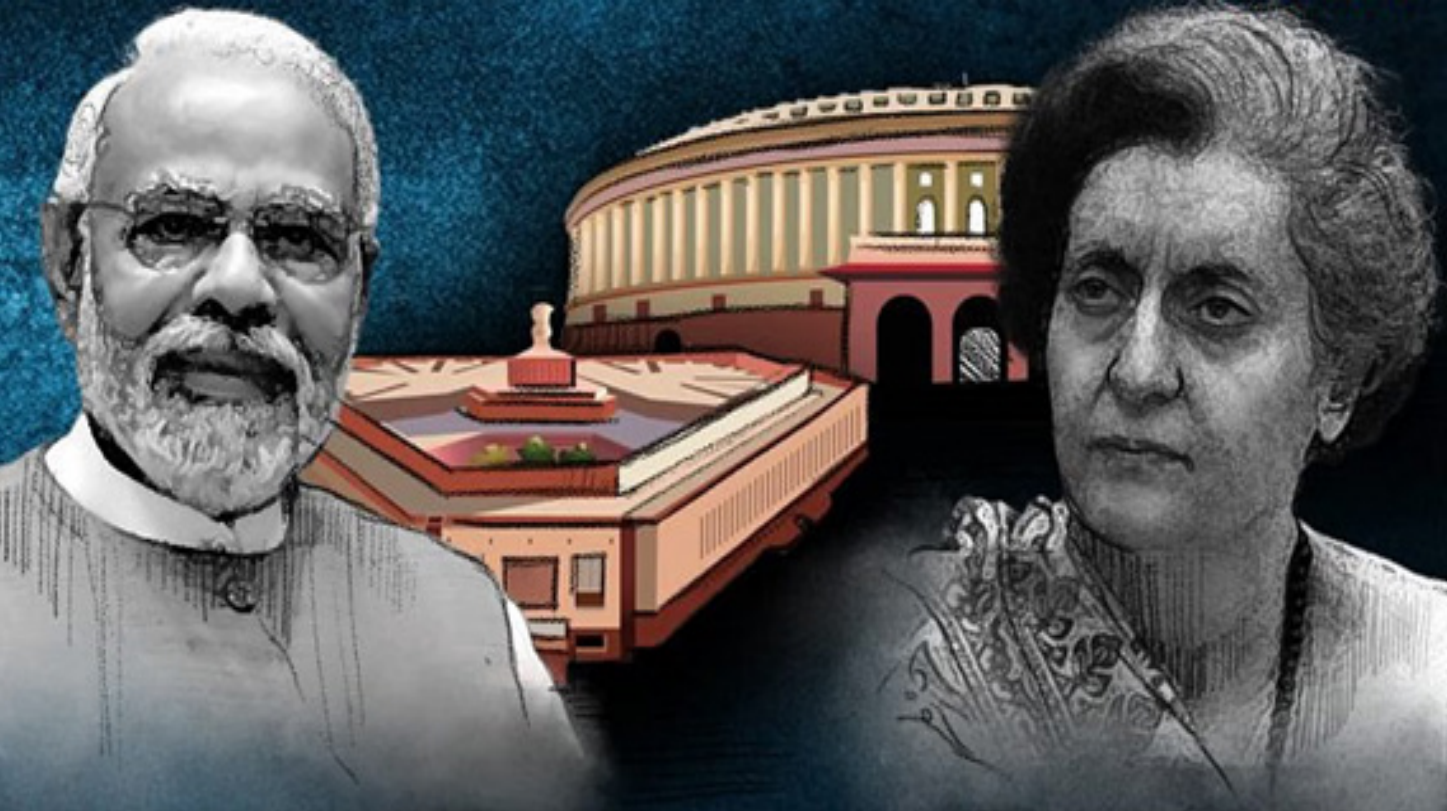
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involved and the proceedings. Breach of confidentiality by any member may lead to disqualification and legal consequences. Confidentiality ensures that the dignity and privacy of both the complainant and the respondent are protected, and the inquiry 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

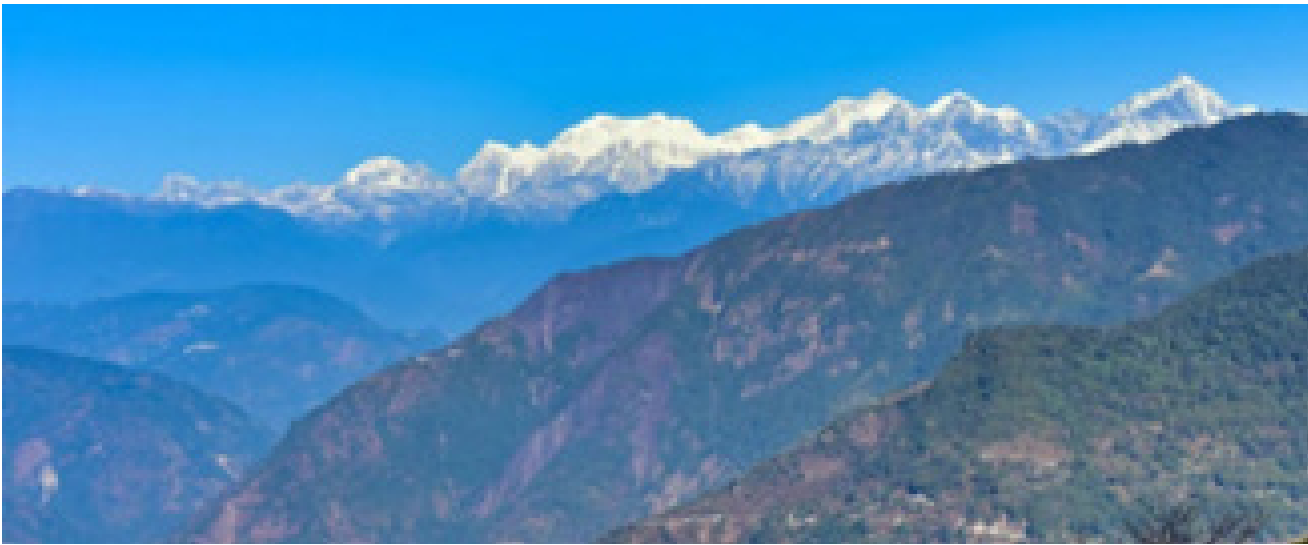


and fair opportunity to present his case.

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 tri-junction, 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.”



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



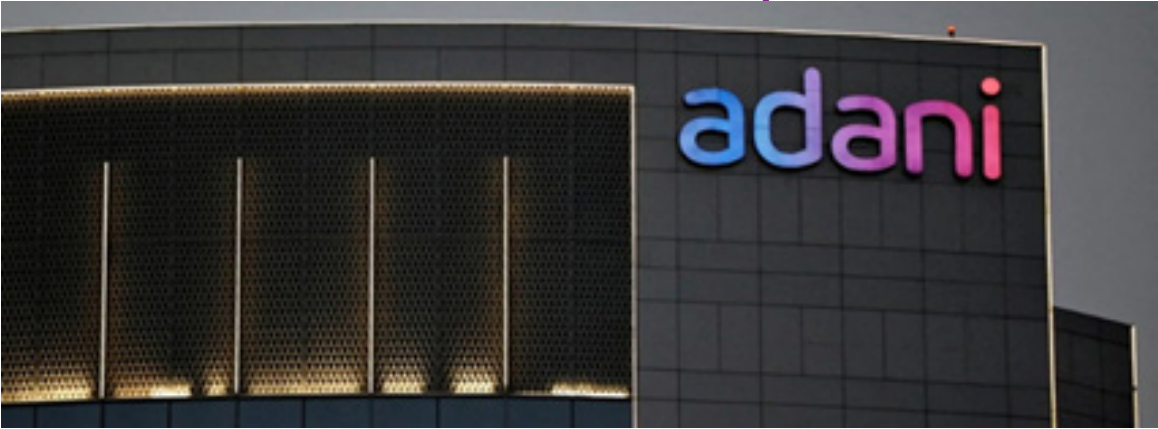
rocket and artillery fire near disputed sites such as the Ta Muen Thom temple. Cambodia accused Thailand of attacking civilian sites, including a school and pagoda, while Thailand accused Cambodia of using human shields.

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.

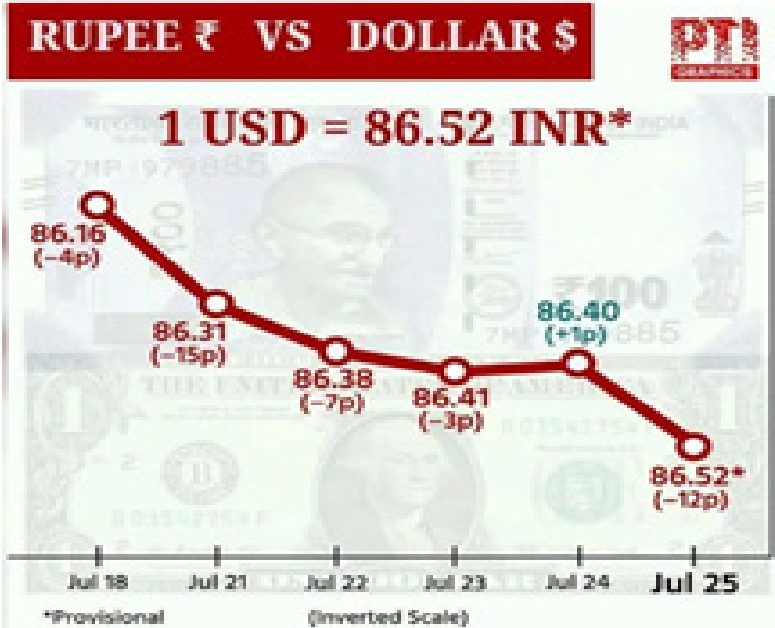


She noted that bilateral trade agreements are taking precedence over multilateral deals. India has recently signed FTAs with Australia, the UAE, and the UK, and is progressing in talks with the United States and European Union.

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.

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.

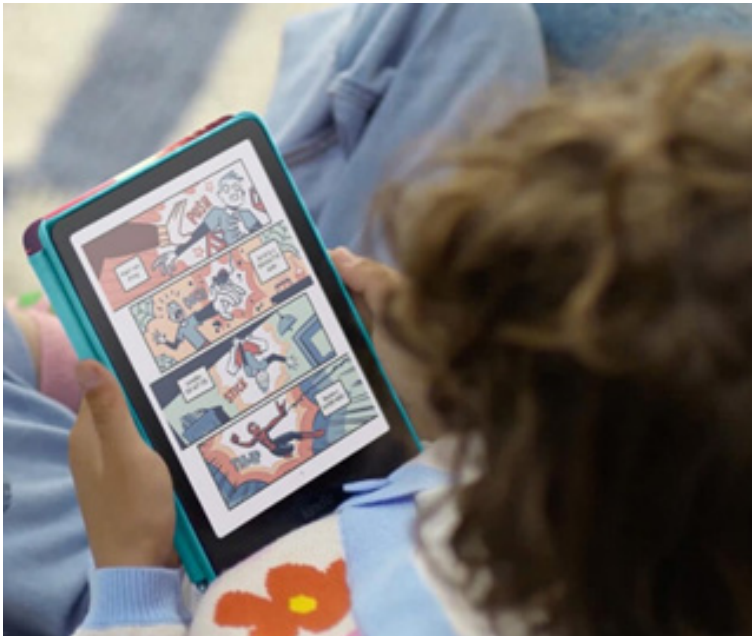
Delving deeper, the scientists detected a larger and more complex underground formation located between 5 to 10 meters beneath the surface. Its size and depth suggest it could be the entrance to something even more significant hidden below, possibly a tomb or an ancient chamber yet to be explored.

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.

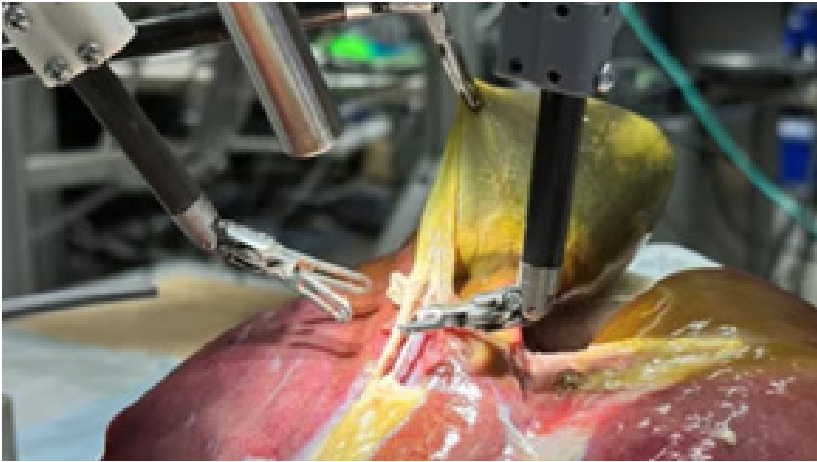
This model encourages more reading time with tools such as Vocabulary Builder, Word Wise, OpenDyslexic font, and Bluetooth support for audiobooks. Parents can monitor their children’s activity and manage controls through the Amazon Parent Dashboard. Kids can also personalize their devices with fun covers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

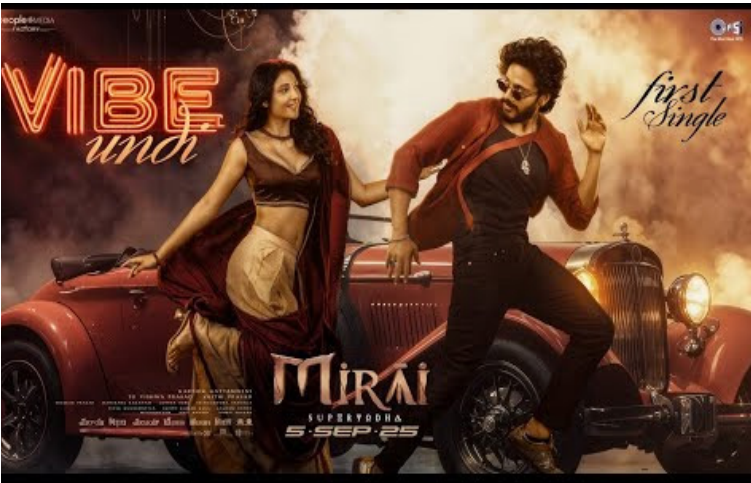
Cricket fans can expect a thrilling month of top-level T20 action, with the spotlight firmly on the India-Pakistan rivalry.



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.

